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THE CITY OF CALGARY
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NOTICE OF MOTION

CC 661 (R2009-05)

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RE: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

COUNCILLOR DRUH FARRELL

WHEREAS as of 2 Feb 2010, City Council no longer has authority to enact an election finance bylaw;

AND WHEREAS City Council identifies accountability and transparency as critical to the wellbeing of the City of Calgary;

AND WHEREAS City Council has made great strides in transparency by posting calendars, meeting lists, and office expenses;

AND WHEREAS the City is also contributing to transparency with its Open Data policy;

AND WHEREAS the rules around campaign finance and reporting have become less restrictive rather than more restrictive due to changes made by the Province of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS there is no oversight to ensure accuracy in campaign reporting;

AND WHEREAS many cities across Canada have implemented spending limits and public disclosure rules to create fair elections and limit undue influence;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary is currently in negotiations with the Province of Alberta on Municipal Government Act and City Charter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council support legislative changes that would implement the following rules for Calgary:

1. Lower the maximum individual financial contribution per candidate per term from \$20,000 to \$5000,
2. Cap the maximum contribution from an individual to multiple candidates to \$10,000,
3. Impose spending limits to one dollar per resident for Mayor and Councillors,
4. Require disclosure of all donations prior to the election in a uniform format to be posted on the City of Calgary's website,
5. Require spot audits to ensure general compliance,

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6. Restrict personal campaign debt limit to \$5000,
7. Establish appropriate penalties for non-compliance,
8. Corporations or trade unions would be considered ineligible and may not make contributions to any candidate.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct Administration to investigate the City of Calgary's ability to implement any of the above rules independent of the Province of Alberta.



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