

Money and Politics

Political campaigns cost money, and even in a town the size of Alameda, it's expensive to run for public office. The League of Women Voters supports campaign finance practices that ensure full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures. The League of Women Voters of Alameda has developed tools to help the public see how much candidates for mayor and city council have raised, and, more importantly, the source(s) of the money. Our website LWVAlameda.org posts this financial information accompanied by charts and clear explanations. All the data comes from publicly available Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) required filings for the November 6, 2018 election.

Did you know that candidates for the Alameda City Council in the 2016 race spent an average of \$30,000.00 each? And the two winning candidates spent just under \$50,000.00 each? Would you like to know how much each candidate has received thus far in this year's race? The City Clerk hosts a website where candidates and local ballot measure committees are required to file the mandated reports at bit.ly/2E6TAwa.

Providing public access to the flow of money in politics empowers oversight and accountability in the government decision-making process. The League's commitment is to transparency and helping voters make informed decisions.

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