

Unique rules for City of San Diego candidate-controlled committees:

- (1) Checking account must be at bank with branch in California
- (2) Online filing required if committee receives or spends \$10k or more
- (3) Contribution limits for candidate-controlled committees
- (4) Anonymous contributions: committees may not accept more than \$200 in anonymous contributions for each election
- (5) No contributions from businesses or organizations (other than political parties); no need to deal with aggregation rule to candidate-controlled committees
- (6) Contributions may not be deposited until contributor info (name, street address, occupation, employer) is received (NOTE: some local treasurers have made it clear in their contracts that this is the responsibility of fundraisers and/or campaign staff)
- (7) Special “cure” provisions for returning unlawful contributions: (a) no penalty if deposited unlawful contribution is returned within 10 calendar days or before the filing deadline, whichever occurs first; and (b) no penalty if excessive contribution is accepted based on mistaken identity and returned before the filing deadline
- (8) When reporting contributions, must code “P” or “G,” along with cumulative amount contributed per election – (applies to all committees)
- (9) Contributors must be listed in alphabetical order
- (10) 3rd pre-election filing (filed Friday before election covering blackout period) for candidate-controlled committees
- (11) Fundraising time limits (January 1 of odd numbered year and 180 days post-election) for candidate-controlled committees
- (12) Candidate-controlled committees must pay debts within 180 days
- (13) Paid for by disclosures on literature, phone banks, billboards, mass media ads may be somewhat different from other jurisdictions (12 point type, etc.)
- (14) Unique procedural rules for establishing a candidate’s professional expense committee (legal defense fund)
- (15) Recall elections are treated as candidate elections, not ballot measure elections

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