

Yes on Portland Question 2: Make Candidates Report Their Donors

Portland Municipal Candidates Disclose Donors

Eight candidates voluntarily complied with the 42-day pre-election report being voted on this November 6th.

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Portland - Advocates supporting Portland Question 2 released the campaign finance reports filed by candidates for municipal offices. Eight city council, school board and water district candidates, more than half of the candidates on the November ballot, voluntarily disclosed their donors on the date that will be required if Question 2 is approved by Portland voters.

The reports can be read at <https://www.maineckleanelections.org/transparencyportland>

“We are glad to see these councilors, school board members and candidates show their commitment to transparency and accountability by disclosing their donors on September 25th, 42 days before the election,” said Anna Kellar, Executive Director of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections.

Currently, municipal candidates are required to disclose their donors 11 days before the election. However, by that time, many voters will have already cast early absentee ballots without the benefit of this information. Question 2 aims to fill this gap by making candidates also disclose their funders 42 days before the election. This additional report would match what state level candidates are required to file.

“Transparency is essential to building trust in elected officials. Voters rightfully want to know who funds the candidates asking for their vote. I’m looking forward to reading the reports as I think about how I want to vote this November” said Scott Vonnegut, a member of the Transparency Portland Steering Committee.

Yes on Portland Question 2 has been endorsed by Maine Citizens for Clean Elections and the League of Women Voters of the Portland Area, and is led by Transparency Portland, a volunteer citizen steering committee concerned about the influence of money in our city’s elections. ###

