

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

We, the undersigned, registered and duly qualified voters residing within the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, pursuant to Article VII, Sections 6(f) and 11, of the Illinois Constitution and 10 ILCS 5/28-1, *et seq.*, of the Illinois Election Code, do hereby petition that the following binding question of public policy be placed on the ballot for submission to the voters of the City of Chicago for their approval or disapproval, by referendum, at the next regular election occurring not less than 92 days after the filing of these petitions.

Shall the City of Chicago adopt a Small Donor Matching Program whereby candidates for Chicago Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Alderman may choose to receive public matching funds from the City of Chicago in exchange for complying with more stringent limits on who may contribute to their campaign and how much they may contribute (details of the Small Donor Matching Program are set forth on the reverse page of this petition)? Yes No

Voter's Signature	Printed Name	Residence Address (No P.O. Box) House # and Street or RR #	City, County, State
1.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
2.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
3.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
4.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
5.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
6.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
7.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
8.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
9.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
10.			Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Circulator's Affidavit

State of Illinois)
) ss.
 County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name), being first duly sworn, do hereby certify that I reside at _____ (Residence Address), in the City/Town/Village (circle one) of _____,

Zip Code _____, County of _____, State of _____, that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were, at the time of signing the petition, duly registered and qualified voters of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and that their respective residence addresses are correctly stated, as set forth above.

 Signature of Circulator

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me this _____ day of _____, 2018.
 (Circulator's Name) (Day) (Month)

(seal) _____
 Signature of Notary

Ordinance is hereby enacted as Chapter 1-25 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago, as follows:

The Small Donor Matching Program (the "Program") shall be administered by the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago (the "Board"), and the Board shall have the authority to implement regulations pursuant to its established procedures to adopt regulations governing the administration of the Program.

(a) Public Matching Funds. Participating candidates for nomination or election in a municipal election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer or Alderman may obtain payment from public matching funds for qualified campaign expenditures. No public matching funds may be paid to a participating committee until the candidate has qualified to appear on the ballot and filed a sworn statement with the Board electing to participate in the public financing system and agreeing to abide by the requirements of this Ordinance and related regulations.

(b) Availability of Public Matching Funds. The participating committee of each participating candidate is entitled to six dollars in public matching funds for each one dollar obtained, up to \$175 per contributor, and reported to the Board in accordance with this Ordinance.

(c) General Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for public matching funds under this section, each candidate for nomination or election must: (1) elect to participate in the public financing system established by this section by filing a written certification in such form as may be prescribed by the Board, which sets forth his or her acceptance of and agreement to comply with the terms and conditions for the provision of such funds; (2) obtain and furnish to the CFEC Board any evidence it may reasonably request relating to his or her political campaign expenditures or contributions and furnish such other proof of compliance with this section as may be requested by the Board; (3) not form or use more than one political committee; (4) meet all requirements of law to have his or her name on the ballot; (5) not accept, either directly or by transfer, any contribution, loan, guarantee, or other security for such loan from any other political committee or party; (6) not accept, either directly or by exchange, any contribution, loan, guarantee, or other security for the loan from any corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or partnership.

(d) Minimum Required Public Contributions for Eligibility. To become a Participating Candidate under this Ordinance, the threshold for eligibility for public matching funds for candidates in primary, run-off or special elections for the following offices shall be: (1) mayor in an election, not less than \$200,000 from at least 1200 matchable contributions made up of sums of up to \$175 per individual contributor, each of whom must reside in the City of Chicago; (2) clerk or treasurer in an election, not less than \$20,000 from at least 150 matchable contributions made up of sums of up to \$175 per individual contributor, each of whom must reside in the City of Chicago; (3) alderman in an election, not less than \$5,000 from at least 100 matchable contributions made up of sums of up to \$175 per individual, and in which 60 of those 100 contributors must reside in the ward in which the seat is to be filled and the other 40 must reside within the City of Chicago;

(e) Maximum Limit on Individual Contributors. Every candidate in Chicago's municipal election beginning in the 2023 election cycle for mayor must not accept any contributions from any person or entity in excess of \$2,500. Every candidate in Chicago's municipal election beginning in the 2023 election cycle for City Clerk, City Treasurer or Alderman must not accept any contributions from any person or entity in excess of \$1,000. Separate contributions from the same contributor shall be aggregated for the purpose of applying this limit as well as all other provisions of this Ordinance. Only contributions from natural persons over the age of 18 who reside within the City of Chicago are eligible for the small donor matching program created by this Ordinance.

(f) Overall Limitations on the Receipt of Public Funds. No Participating Candidate may receive in total in any election cycle more than the following: (i) For Mayor, the sum of \$2,000,000 in connection with the general municipal election and \$2,000,000 in connection with any supplemental/run-off election; (ii) For City Clerk or Treasurer, the sum of \$500,000 in connection with the general municipal election and \$500,000 in connection with any supplemental/run-off election; (iii) For Alderman, the sum of \$200,000 in connection with the general municipal election and \$200,000 in connection with any supplemental/run-off election. The total amount of private funds a Participating Candidate may receive is not limited under this Ordinance.

(g) Implementing Regulations. Within one year after this referendum passes, the Board shall, with broad public input, adopt regulations regarding (1) the application for and processing of matching funds; (2) the rules for Participating Candidates to report contributions to the Board; (3) candidate compliance, audit and enforcement; (4) disposition of unused matching funds.

(h) Funding. The Small Donor Matching Program, including matching funds and the costs of administering the Program, shall be funded by the Chicago City Council.