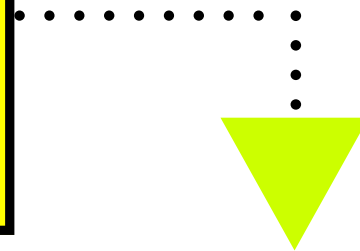


What is an “off-election year” and how does that apply to gathering contributions?



“**Off-election** years” are those calendar years, or portions of calendar years, before and after an election year where there is an overall “cap” or “limit” on the total amount of contributions that can be gathered in a single year.

Why is it important for a candidate to know when an off-election year begins and ends? It is important so a candidate is aware of when contribution gathering must be restricted, or when the restriction is lifted. What are the limits?

\$25,000 per off-election year for the office of Council Member or Candidate
\$50,000 per off-election year for the office of Mayor or Candidate

When exactly do off-election years begin and end? Off-election years are established around the year of the election for the particular office. In the City of Sacramento, elections for city offices are staggered with odd-numbered district elections in a particular year and even-numbered district elections (and mayor) two years later.

An election year is: 1) the year of the election; and 2) the last six months of the year preceding the election. An election year is extended to the last six months of the election year if a general (run-off) election is held. This applies only to those candidates involved in the general election.

An off-election year is: 1) the first six months of the year preceding the election; and 2) the six months after the primary election in which a candidate prevails. Each of the two years following the election is an off-election year.



For more detailed information on the provisions of election periods refer to the Sacramento City Code on line at:

http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/view.php?topic=2-2_13-i&frames=on