Candidate Interest in New York's Public Campaign Finance Program is High

Over two hundred committees have registered since the launch of the Program.

ALBANY, N.Y. (02/01/2024) On Wednesday, January 31, 2024, the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board (PCFB) doubled the number of committees registered in New York State's Public Campaign Finance Program since September of 2023. The New York State Public Campaign Finance Program now has two hundred registered committees.

The New York State Public Campaign Finance Program provides candidates running for statewide or state legislative office the ability to qualify for public matching funds based on small donations from residents in their district. Since November of 2022, the PCFB has provided candidates and committees with extensive outreach initiatives and training materials. These efforts have contributed to the expansion and success of the program to date.

"2024 is a year of major milestones. The New York State Board of Elections is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and the New York State Public Campaign Finance Program, in its first implementation of the public matching funds program, has received two hundred registrations from candidates running for state legislative office. The deadline for candidates to register and certify in the program for this election year is February 26, 2024. We expect to see high interest in the program this February," stated PCFB Co-Director Cheryl Couser.

"This milestone speaks to a growing public interest in the PCFB. This year, there has been a tremendous number of inquiries about joining the PCFB ahead of the 2024 elections. The work we have put into the program thus far creates a solid framework for future participation in the public matching funds program," said PCFB Co-Director Carl Zeilman.

For more information about the Public Campaign Finance Program, visit https://pcfb.ny.gov. If you have any questions about this press release, please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the New York State Board of Elections Public Information Office at 518-474-1953 or info@elections.ny.gov.

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