

# O'Day, Patel early leaders in election fundraising

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**CITY HALL** A handful of Santa Monica City Council and school board candidates opened up big fundraising leads during the first half of the year while most hopefuls in November's election had yet to begin raising money, campaign disclosure statements show.

In the City Council race, Terry O'Day, who was appointed to the body in February after the death of Mayor Ken Genser, was the early money leader with \$19,975 raised between Jan. 1 and June 30, putting him way ahead of the second-place fundraiser, challenger Ted Winterer, who brought in \$11,655.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis, who along with O'Day is running for a two-year council seat, raised \$3,200 during the period and loaned her campaign an additional \$2,500.

Incumbents Kevin McKeown and Bob Holbrook, meanwhile, had yet to begin seeking donations in earnest. McKeown received no donations during the period and Holbrook received just one — a \$250 gift from Mayor Bobby Shriver, whose council term lasts until 2012. (Holbrook, though, had a campaign balance of \$3,241.31.)

Four-term council incumbent Pam O'Connor received zero donations during the period but had a campaign balance of \$1,245.40, records showed.

Rent Control Commissioner Robert Kronovet, another candidate for a two-year seat on the council, raised \$3,835 during the period. Jean McNeil Wyner, a candidate for a four-year term, raised \$600.

Only candidates who raise at least \$1,000 are required to file disclosure forms. Many candidates for the council didn't reach that limit in the first six months of the year.

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