



New Haven Democracy Fund

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2023 MAYORAL ELECTION **Candidate Contract**

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Party Affiliation: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____

Phone (cell): _____ Fax/Scan: _____

E-Mail: _____

Candidate Committee Information

Name of Committee: _____

Address of Campaign Headquarters: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (cell): _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Treasurer's Information

Name of Treasurer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____

Phone (cell): _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDATE AND TREASURER

We _____ (*candidate*) and _____ (*treasurer*) of
_____ (*candidate committee*) hereby declare our

commitment to participate in the New Haven Democracy Fund program for the 2023
general election campaign. Date of Primary Election: September 12, 2023

Date of General Election: November 7, 2023

1. We certify that the candidate, committee, and treasurer contact information provided above is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge, and that we will immediately notify the Democracy Fund Administrator (“the Administrator”) of any changes in this information;
2. We understand that we are responsible for reading, understanding and knowing the contents of the New Haven Democracy Fund Ordinance (“the Ordinance”) and of any published regulations or formal interpretations of the Ordinance (“regulations and/or interpretations”) adopted by the Democracy Fund Board;
3. We certify that we will comply with all contribution, expenditure, and personal funds limits in the Ordinance;
4. We certify that we will comply with the provisions of, and accept the penalties, including personal liability, associated with noncompliance with the Ordinance, regulations, or interpretations;
5. We certify that the treasurer of the campaign committee will expend any funds received from the Democracy Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, regulations, and interpretations as well as in keeping with state election laws and regulations for Municipal races;
6. We certify that we will be personally and jointly and severally liable for, and shall repay to the Democracy Fund, any such funds that are not expended in accordance with the Ordinance, regulations, or interpretations;
7. We certify that, upon signing this candidate contract, we will immediately report to the Administrator amounts raised or spent prior to filing for participation, including any contributions received from improper sources or in improper amounts, as defined by the Ordinance;



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8. We certify that we will file on the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Electronic Campaign Reporting Information System (eCRIS) website, on the dates required by the state and city, copies of the reporting statements required under Conn. Gen. Statutes Sect. 9-608, including pre-participation and termination statements, as well as the reporting statements required by Ordinance §2-824(d)(8);
9. We certify that we will report to the Administrator as soon as the campaign has either raised or spent \$5,000 (that is, that the election is "contested" under the Ordinance's definition);
10. We certify that we will report to the Administrator as soon as the candidate obtains a party nomination or successfully or unsuccessfully petitions to be on a ballot, and when the candidate withdraws from the election;
11. We certify that all city contractors who give us an aggregate of \$100 or more in the primary election will identify themselves as city contractors on a contributor card;
12. We certify that we will also be subject to the record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Ordinance, as well as to audit and examination as provided in the Ordinance; including:
 - 12a. maintaining a spreadsheet or digital record to be made available to the Administrator upon request (within 48 hours) of all contributions and expenditures made by the campaign, including in-kind contributions. This will only be requested in the event of an audit or complaint.
 - 12b. Original copies of contribution cards and online contribution records with signatures.
 - 12c. Photos, copies or originals of any paper or physical advertisement (including mailers, walk cards, and palm cards), as well as all digital products (including social media advertisements, website links, campaign emails to distribution lists, etc.)

13. We certify that we will not accept campaign contributions from political action committees or business entities;
14. The candidate certifies that he or she will participate in at least one public forum to be designated by the Administrator, at which all candidates qualified for the relevant ballot are invited to participate;
15. We understand that the campaign must meet the threshold of qualifying contributions specified in the Ordinance (\$5,000) in order to be eligible to receive public matching funds, and must meet this threshold as well as other requirements to be eligible to receive a public financing grant;
16. We understand that the candidate cannot withdraw from participation in the Democracy Fund program for this election after making an initial application for public matching funds.
17. Should a candidate not participate in the election either by not obtaining ballot access or withdrawing from the race publicly before the date of the election, the campaign must return the grant in full. The Candidate Committee will return any excess matching funds that were not spent, with those Democracy Fund Dollars being considered the first dollars spent from the campaign coffer.

Both the Candidate and Treasurer must sign below.

Date

Candidate's signature

Date

Treasurer's signature

The Fund Administrator will certify and sign the original copy of this document and make a second copy available to the Campaign Committee.

Date

Administrator's signature