

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL CODE 2001 EDITION
DIVISION I. GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT.
TITLE 1. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.**

CHAPTER 11. ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; LOBBYING; CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

SUBCHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

PART D. CONSTITUENT SERVICES.

§ 1-1104.03. Constituent services.

(a) The Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council may establish citizen-service programs within the District of Columbia. The Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council may finance the operation of such programs with contributions from persons, provided, that contributions received by the Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council do not exceed an aggregate amount of \$40,000 in any 1 calendar year. The Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council may expend a maximum of \$40,000 in any 1 calendar year for such programs. No person shall make any contribution which, and neither the Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, nor any member of the Council shall receive any contribution from any person which, when aggregated with all other contributions received from such person, exceed \$400 per calendar year, provided, that such \$400 limitation shall not apply to contributions made by the Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, or any member of the Council for the purpose of funding his or her own citizen-service programs within the District of Columbia. The Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council shall file a quarterly report of all contributions received and monies expended in accordance with this subsection with the Director of Campaign Finance. No campaign activities shall be conducted nor shall campaign literature or paraphernalia be distributed as part of citizen-service programs conducted pursuant to this subsection.

(a-1) Upon the request of any member of the Council, the Mayor shall provide the member with suitable office space in a publicly owned building for the operation of a citizen-service program office located in the ward represented by the member. Each at-large member of the Council shall be offered citizen-service office space located in a ward of the member's choice. Members shall be provided with space of approximately equivalent square footage, and in similar proximity to commercial corridors and public transportation where practicable. The space provided shall also be easily accessible by persons with disabilities or persons who are elderly. Any space so provided shall not be counted as an in-kind contribution. Furnishings, equipment, telephone service, and supplies to this office space shall be provided from funds other than appropriated funds of the District of Columbia government.

(b) Repealed.

(c) Contributions of personal property from persons to the Mayor or to any members of the Council or contributions of the use of personal property shall be valued, for purposes of this section, at the fair market value of such property not to exceed \$1,000 per calendar year at the

time of the contribution. Contributions made or received pursuant to this section shall not be applied against the limitation on political contributions established by § 1-1131.01.

(d) All contributions and expenditures made by persons to the Mayor, Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council as provided by subsection (a) of this section, and all expenditures made by the Mayor, Chairman of the Council, and each member of the Council as provided by subsection (a) of this section, shall be reported to the Director of Campaign Finance quarterly on forms which the Director shall prescribe. All of the record keeping requirements of this subchapter shall apply to contributions and expenditures made under this section. At the time a program of services as authorized in subsection (a) of this section is terminated, any excess funds shall be used to retire the debts of the program, or shall be donated to an organization operating in the District of Columbia as a not-for-profit organization within the meaning of § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

(e) Activities authorized by this section may be carried on at any location in the District of Columbia, provided that employees of the District of Columbia government do not engage in citizen-service fundraising activities during normal business hours.

(Aug. 14, 1974, 88 Stat. 461, Pub. L. 93-376, title IV, § 402; Oct. 10, 1975, D.C. Law 1-21, § 7(b), 22 DCR 2069; Oct. 30, 1975, D.C. Law 1-27, § 3(c), 22 DCR 2471; Sept. 2, 1976, D.C. Law 1-79, title VII, § 702, 23 DCR 2050; Apr. 23, 1977, D.C. Law 1-126, title I, § 102(d), 24 DCR 2372; Mar. 16, 1982, D.C. Law 4-88, § 3(h), (r), 29 DCR 458; Jan. 28, 1988, D.C. Law 7-66, § 2, 34 DCR 7439; Apr. 12, 2000, D.C. Law 13-91, § 124(b), 47 DCR 520; Apr. 24, 2007, D.C. Law 16-305, § 7, 53 DCR 6198.)