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Big bucks infuse east-side council races

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The hustle for cash in the east-side Salt Lake City Council contest is at warp speed, while west-side incumbent Van Turner has yet to pass go.

The three District 6 hopefuls have raised nearly \$50,000 collectively, according to campaign finance disclosures filed Friday, while Turner's donation column shows a goose egg.

The primary election, pitting three candidates in District 6 and three more in District 2, is Sept. 13. The top-two vote-getters in each contest will advance to the Nov. 8 general election.

In the seemingly lopsided mayor's race, incumbent Ralph Becker reports \$418,000 compared to \$2,000 from little-known opponent Allen Kimball. Becker netted another \$11,000 in August and still has \$241,000 in the bank. The Qwest and Questar political action committees gave the mayor a combined \$3,500 in late August.

In the east-bench District 6 chase, incumbent J.T. Martin reports nearly \$18,000 with \$4,300 left to spend. He loaned his campaign \$3,000 last month and scored another \$1,000 from The Boyer Co.

Challenger Charlie Luke, a lobbyist and member of the Salt Lake City Planning Commission, has amassed more than \$19,500 and still has nearly \$7,000 in the bank. Luke piled donations from unions and the Salt Lake Board of Realtors, along with \$1,000 from the Salt Lake Police Association. He also snatched \$40 from Ben Winchester, who led last year's charge against designating Yalecrest as a local historic district.

District 6 hopeful Tracey Harty, a passionate supporter of Yalecrest preservation, has notched \$10,500, with just shy of \$3,000 left in her campaign coffers. Harty's latest donations, ranging from \$25 to \$500, came from private residents.

In District 2, comprising Glendale and Poplar Grove, Kyle LaMalfa may be the new face, but he has a \$10,000 edge over Turner, the three-term incumbent. LaMalfa reports \$10,400 with \$2,200 left. His donors range from residents and family members to a labor union.

Michael Clara, mounting his third attempt at unseating Turner, has raised \$2,700, and spent all but \$350. With one exception, all of Clara's donations fall under the \$50-and-under category.

Turner's disclosure lists zero donations this year. But he had a \$1,500 campaign-fund balance from the previous election. Turner spent nearly half that total in August and has \$800 left in the bank.

In the central-city District 4 showdown, incumbent Luke Garrott holds a substantial financial lead — nearly

\$6,000 to \$300 — over challenger Jack Gray. Garrott snagged \$500 from Comcast and another \$100 from a labor union. He has \$1,700 left to spend while Gray has \$3.

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Counting the cash

SLC mayor

Ralph Becker (i)

Raised • \$418,486

Cash on hand • \$241,242

Allen Kimball

Raised • \$2,000

Cash on hand • \$1,122

City Council District 2

Michael Clara

Raised • \$2,760

Cash on hand • \$358

Kyle LaMalfa

Raised • \$10,420

Cash on hand • \$2,215

Van Turner (i)

Raised • \$0

Cash on hand • *\$804

*(reflects \$1,500 balance from previous campaign cycle)

District 4

Luke Garrott (i)

Raised • \$5,875

Cash on hand • \$1,724

Jack Gray

Raised • \$309

Cash on hand • \$3

District 6

Tracey Harty

Raised • \$10,590

Cash on hand • \$2,814

Charlie Luke

Raised • \$19,530

Cash on hand • \$6,791

J.T. Martin (i)

Raised • \$17,767

Cash on hand • \$4,356

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