

# In two races for Mt. SAC board, money raised surpasses \$150,000

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If money is the mother's milk of politics, then races for two seats on the seven-member Mount San Antonio College board of trustees are thriving.

In what could be a record amount, challenger Jay Chen already has raised \$100,000 for his campaign to unseat Fred Chyr, a 20-year incumbent in the District's Area 5, which includes Hacienda Heights and La Puente.

Chyr is way behind in fundraising, collecting \$12,200, according to campaign records filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Chen's total contributions equaled \$97,680, but in an interview last week, the school board member with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School district said he has already surpassed the \$100,000 mark. The contributions account for the period between July 1 and Sept. 19. Candidates must file a second campaign expenditures report by Oct. 22.

"I'm deeply grateful for the outgoing of support. It shows constituents are pleased with my last eight years of service and want me to continue at a different level," Chen said.

Campaign filings for the others running in the newly segmented ward area as follows: Renee Chavez, \$0 monetary contributions, spent \$1,100; Garrett Terrones filed a Form 470, saying he will not raise nor spend more than \$1,000.

In Area No. 1 in northern Pomona, San Dimas, La Verne and parts of Glendora, eight-year incumbent Rosanne Bader of Pomona has raised \$41,101, according to campaign records filed by the candidate. Her lone challenger, activist John Mendoza, filed a Form 470 saying he will not raise nor spend more than \$1,000.

Bader supports Mt. SAC's effort to build a five-story parking garage on the northwestern side of campus despite being [blocked by a judge](#) after a lawsuit was filed by Walnut neighbors. She received \$1,000 from Tilden-Coil, the contractor awarded the contract for the project. Tilden-Coil is a frequent contractor working on or having completed the following projects: Student Success Center; food service building, a business and computer technology building. It is the construction manager for \$210 million in projects at the community college, part of the school's Measure RR building program, according to the Riverside company's website.

Other notable contributions to Bader include: \$1,000 from Majestic Realty Co., the Industry real estate/development firm run by billionaire Ed Roski Jr., who has attempted to put an NFL stadium in Industry near Walnut; \$1,000 from fellow board member David Hall; \$4,000 from the Mt. SAC Faculty Association.

Chen's campaign money comes from 220 individual donations. Some notable contributions include: \$8,000 from the Mt. SAC Faculty Association; \$1,000 from the Plumbers and Steamfitters.

Chyr also received \$8,000 from the Mt. SAC Faculty. After hosting a [candidate forum](#) in August, the group did not endorse in the Area 5 race. Members were leaning toward Chyr but then after the group learned of Chen's record in K-12 education, the tally ended up tied, said Joan Sholars, vice president. "So we ended up giving them each \$8,000," she said.