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VIGNARAJAH OUTRAISES MAYORAL RIVALS COMBINED

Using public financing, campaign raises \$700K, more than Scott & Dixon combined

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With five weeks to Election Day, mayoral candidates published their fundraising reports yesterday. Democratic mayoral candidate and former Deputy Attorney General Thiru Vignarajah lapped his opponents, raising more than Brandon Scott and Sheila Dixon combined.

Vignarajah, the only candidate using public financing, shattered Maryland records with over \$700K in small donations and matching funds since he entered the race in late January 2024. During the same period, Dixon and Scott saw meager returns with only \$270K and \$230K in donations.

The incumbent mayor retains a cash edge with \$900K, with Vignarajah gaining ground and now in second at \$700K; Dixon has fallen further behind with only \$500K left in the bank.

Part of Dixon's shortfall is due to her massive spending as she hemorrhages cash, having already spent \$300K. "Is it any surprise that the mayor who notoriously misused and misdirected city funds is unable to manage her supporters' contributions?" asked Deputy Campaign Manager Joe Lorick.

Under public financing, the Vignarajah campaign can only accept contributions of up to \$150 and is not permitted to take donations from corporations, PACs, lobbyists, or developers. Vignarajah has secured donations from a network of over 800 city residents in ten weeks, which the campaign says has become the backbone of a growing grassroots movement.

The campaign notes it will continue to solicit small donations through Election Day and asks city residents to donate no more than \$150 by visiting www.thiruformayor.com.

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