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A MONTHLY CAMPAIGN FINANCE NEWSLETTER FOR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS

If your local election was postponed, reporting dates will change



Due to the coronavirus emergency, some towns have postponed their spring elections.

In these cases, the campaign finance reporting schedule will also change. Reports will now be due eight days prior to the new election date, and 30 days afterward.

Please contact OCPF at jtait@cpf.state.ma.us for assistance with determining the revised reporting schedule. We also recommend e-mailing your candidates to notify them of the due date changes.

OCPF staffers are working from home (for now)

OCPF staffers have been working from home since Gov. Baker directed executive branch employees to do their jobs remotely. As of the publication of this newsletter, it's uncertain when we will return to the Boston office — but we'll let you know via Twitter. Meanwhile, we have continued to accomplish our mission:

- We have assisted municipal candidates with their campaign finance questions.
- We contacted local party committees to provide information about organizing. They file the organizational form in four locations: 1. OCPF 2. Local election official 3. Elections Division 4. State party. We expect to process hundreds of forms during the month of April. Click here for a running list.
- Mike Sullivan has been acting as director during the current health emergency. A new OCPF director has not yet been appointed.
- House and Senate candidates have continued to e-file their deposit reports. Special elections, too.
- Our IT folks are developing a mobile website, to make it easier to access www.ocpf.us on phones.

Please e-mail us with your campaign finance questions and/or issues at ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us

Reminder: Your candidates and committees can file campaign finance reports with your office by fax or e-mail. They only need to make sure they sign the report before transmitting it to your office.

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