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A MONTHLY CAMPAIGN FINANCE NEWSLETTER FOR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS



When the municipal election is approaching, your offices are occupied with nomination papers, poll workers, voting machines and other requirements, including campaign finance responsibilities.

We understand you're busy during the elections, so we decided to provide a list of the top campaign finance tips for local election officials. Please [click here](#) for our new "top tips" video.

The video addresses the information that needs to be provided to candidates and committees, as well as some of the things that should be done after reports are filed.

As always, please contact us with your questions.

In towns where municipal elections are still happening this year, please use the [clerk support page](#) for resources, such as forms and guides.

## 2020 STATE ELECTION

Until November, OCPF's primary focus will be on assisting candidates and ballot question committees appearing on the 2020 state election ballot.



Local election officials are not directly involved with the campaign finance tasks associated with the state election, but we thought it may be helpful to share our plan for your background knowledge:

1. This month, OCPF will determine who will appear on the 2020 ballot — based on information provided to us by the state's Elections Division. If a candidate is not organized with us, and is on the 2020 ballot, we will work with him or her to enter the [depository system of reporting](#).
2. We may reach out to you for contact information about state candidates from your community who have not yet organized with OCPF.
3. **If a new state candidate previously held a municipal office, OCPF may contact you for the most recent campaign finance report filed with your office.**
4. NEW: Campaign finance activity by House and Senate candidates is updated by the 5th of each month, and is available on our website by [clicking here](#). The 2020 filing schedule is different from past state elections, when House and Senate candidates filed eight days before the primary and general elections.

More than 300 **Democratic** and **Republican** local party committees organized with OCPF this year. [Click here](#) to see a list of recently organized ward, city and town committees. We anticipate hundreds more will organize in the coming weeks and months.

Public Resources  
and  
the  
Campaign Finance Law

*The topic of public resources being used for political purposes is often seen in municipal ballot question elections. [Click here](#) for OCPF's new 3-minute tutorial on the prohibited use of public resources, and "equal access" to municipal property and buildings.*

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