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CHECKING IN

A MONTHLY CAMPAIGN FINANCE NEWSLETTER FOR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS



Upcoming Zoom Training

Please let your local candidates know about upcoming campaign finance training sessions: **Monday, June 7, at 9 a.m.; Monday, June 14, at 6 p.m.; and Thursday, July 8, 9 a.m.** Your candidates or their campaign volunteers can e-mail Jason at jtait@cpf.state.ma.us for a Zoom invitation to the session of their choice. The training lasts about an hour and covers reporting requirements on the local level.

This training is designed for candidates who file locally, such as school committee, city council in cities with fewer than 65,000 residents, and town candidates.

FAQ: HOW CAN I FIND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL?

ANSWER: TRY YOUR CITY OR TOWN CLERK'S WEBSITE.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, THE LAW REQUIRES LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS TO SCAN AND POST CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS, IF THE REPORT HAS MORE THAN \$1,000 IN ACTIVITY.

HOWEVER, IF YOU NEED TO POST EVEN ONE REPORT TO YOUR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE, OCPF STRONGLY RECOMMENDS POSTING ALL REPORTS — EVEN THOSE WITH LITTLE OR NO ACTIVITY.

WHY POST THEM ALL?

IF RESIDENTS SEE SOME REPORTS POSTED, BUT NOT OTHERS, THEY MAY ASSUME THAT A CANDIDATE WITHOUT A POSTED REPORT FAILED TO FILE. OCPF'S MEMO ON POSTING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS TO THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE HERE.



Mayoral candidates, and city council candidates in cities of more than 65,000, have been organizing with OCPF for several months. [Click here](#) to see our list of mayoral candidates, and [click here](#) for city council candidates.

We are very aware that you've been referring municipal candidates to our office and we appreciate your efforts. This is the best guide to provide candidates who file with OCPF: [GUIDE](#). Thank you for your assistance.