

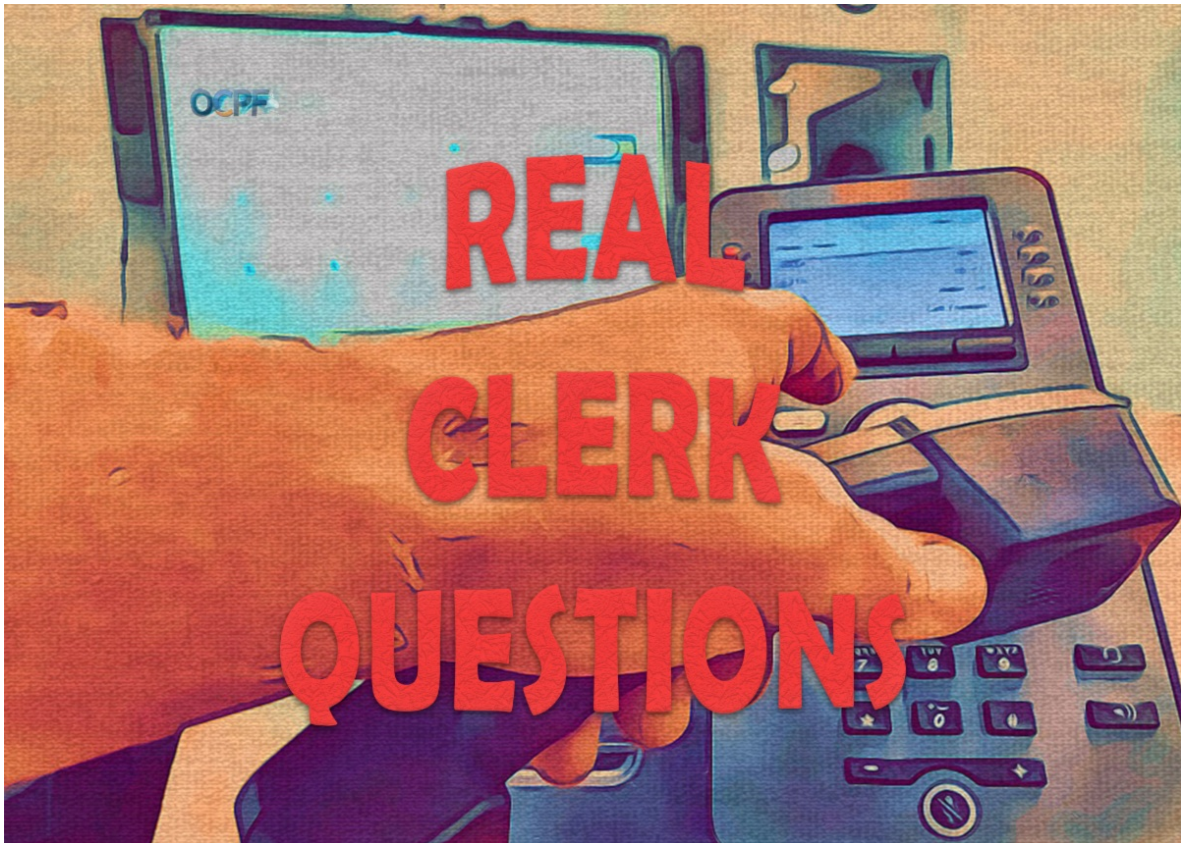
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OCTOBER 2022

OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE NEWSLETTER FOR
LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS

- OCPF will send you campaign finance information for distribution to city and town candidates. Materials will arrive by mail and e-mail after the November election.
- City and town candidates have already been contacting us about the 2023 municipal elections. We direct them to **guides and forms**, and to our **registration page** for online training.
- Please remember to ask your new candidates to complete the **M101** organizational form (even those who are not raising or spending money). More about this issue below.
- Depository Municipal Candidates: If they ask you about running, please encourage them to contact OCPF (all mayoral candidates, and city council candidates in cities with populations of more than



Q: Can the text of a municipal ballot question be included in a mailing to residents? (For example, in a town's tax bill mailing).

A: **Yes.** The unsolicited distribution of ballot question information is prohibited. However, a time, date and place election announcement, with the text of a question, is permitted. We recommend asking our legal team to review the message before distribution (ocpf@mass.gov).

Q: Can a candidate without a committee collect contributions?

A: Generally, yes. To accept funds, a committee is not required, unless the candidate is also an appointed public employee - in that case, in order to collect contributions, the candidate would need to have a committee. All candidates file the **M101** organizational form, however. A candidate without a committee is required to have a separate, dedicated bank account to deposit contributions. If candidates have questions about the name on the account that can't be answered by the bank, they can contact OCPF for guidance.

Q: Are there any campaign finance documents a state representative candidate needs to file with me?

A: No. All campaign finance filing requirements for House and Senate candidates are with OCPF. They may have to file certain paperwork with you to appear on the ballot, so please check with the state's Elections Division on those requirements.

**UPDATED VIDEO: How to dissolve
a committee on the local level**



HOW TO DISSOLVE A COMMITTEE ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with: City / Town Clerk or Election Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 55A, § 2B, a candidate's committee as follows:

NEW CANDIDATE ONLY BOX	CANDIDATE:	Full Name:	John Tavner
	Residential Address:	12345 Main Street	
	City / State / Zip:	ANYTOWN	
	E-Mail Address:	johntavnerengineering@gmail.com	
	Party Affiliation:	NA	
OFFICE SOUGHT/PURPOSE:	Title:	Selectboard	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candidate without committee (check if applicable). date and file with clerk or local election official.	



2023 NEW CANDIDATE REMINDER

All candidates who file locally, even those without a committee, must have a M101 organizational form on file with your office, according to new 2022 state regulations. If a candidate does not have a committee, the "candidate without committee" box is checked (see image).

[CLICK HERE](#) for the M101.





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