

# CHECKING IN



Monthly Informational Mailer for Local Election Officials

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## ELECTION 2019: Reporting Dates

### WHO FILES WHAT? WHEN?

Your local filers, such as school committee and city council candidates in cities with populations of less than 65,000, may have up to three reports to file this election year. The pre-preliminary report is only filed by candidates who appear on a preliminary ballot.

The pre-election report is filed by all 2019 candidates, including those who lost in the preliminary. If there was no preliminary, the reporting period is Jan. 1 to Oct. 18.

The year-end report is due Jan. 21, 2020, and filed by your 2019 candidates and all incumbents. Reporting periods will vary (please [click here](#) for guidance).

All mayoral candidates file reports with OCPF.

Mayoral candidates in cities with populations of 65,000 or less are listed on the OCPF website [here](#).

### Sept. 10 Preliminary

Pre-Preliminary report due: Sept. 3 (period of Jan. 1 to Aug. 23).

Pre-Election report due: Oct. 28 (period of Aug. 24 to Oct. 18).

### Sept. 17 Preliminary

Pre-Preliminary report due: Sept. 9 (period of Jan. 1 to Aug. 30).

Pre-Election report due: Oct. 28 (period of Aug. 31 to Oct. 18).

### Sept. 24 Preliminary

Pre-Preliminary report due: Sept. 16 (period of Jan. 1 to Sept. 6).

Pre-Election report due: Oct. 28 (period of Sept. 7 to Oct. 18).

### Oct. 8 Preliminary

Pre-Preliminary report due: Sept. 30 (period of Jan. 1 to Sept. 20).

Pre-Election report due: Oct. 28 (period of Sept. 21 to Oct. 18).

There are currently 952 local party committees organized in Massachusetts, and all of them will need to reorganize during the 2020 presidential primary. [Click here](#) for a list of local party committees.

### Candidacy for state or local political party office

OCPF is frequently asked whether candidates for state or local political party committee office are required to organize and file campaign finance reports. **The answer is no.** The funds raised and spent to run for a state or local political party committee position are not "contributions" or "expenditures" subject to the disclosure requirements of the campaign finance law.

However, candidates for state or local political party office may not accept contributions from corporations, LLCs, LLPs and partnerships, and public employees are prohibited from soliciting or receiving contributions for party committee office campaigns. [Click here](#) for OCPF's memo on the issue.



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