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OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE NEWSLETTER FOR
LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS

Congratulations on another
successful state primary election
day.

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HOW TO DISSOLVE A COMMITTEE ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

Office of Campaign
and Political Finance

Q: How do local candidates dissolve their accounts?

A: Please watch our [new tutorial](#) on how to dissolve a committee on the local level.

Q: Who usually dissolves?

A: Unsuccessful local candidates who don't plan to run again, as well as former office-holders with balances, such as a former school committee member who did not to run for re-election.

Candidates currently holding office should not dissolve until after they leave office, even if they don't intend to have activity.

Running as a "slate" of candidates

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SHORT TUTORIAL](#)

Q: How can I run on a candidate team, or slate, in the coming city or town election?

A: There's no official political committee type that allows candidates to run as a team. If two or more candidates call themselves a "slate," each committee raises money separately, pays its share of any costs, and files campaign finance reports individually.



RECENT CLERK QUESTION: The local party paid for a mailer for a candidate. Does the candidate need to report something on the M102?

A local party may make unlimited in-kind contributions to support candidates. The local party should send a notice to that candidate of the amount and purpose of the expenditure. The candidate will report this as an in-kind contribution on their M102 campaign finance form.

Local parties file with OCPF, but this is an issue you will see occasionally on your local candidate forms.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Please let your city or town human resources directors know that OCPF offers public employee training the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom. HR directors can ask their employees to sign up for training at [this link](#).

The 40-minute training covers what public employees can and can't do concerning political campaigning, and is a good opportunity to prevent unwanted campaign finance legal issues for city or town workers.



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