

December 2022

OCPF REPORTS

Massachusetts Office of Campaign
and Political Finance Newsletter



**THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER PROVIDES
INFORMATION ABOUT TYPICAL ISSUES
CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES FACE AT
THE END OF A CALENDAR YEAR**



DEPOSITORY YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN DECEMBER BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD, BUT DEPOSITED IN JANUARY

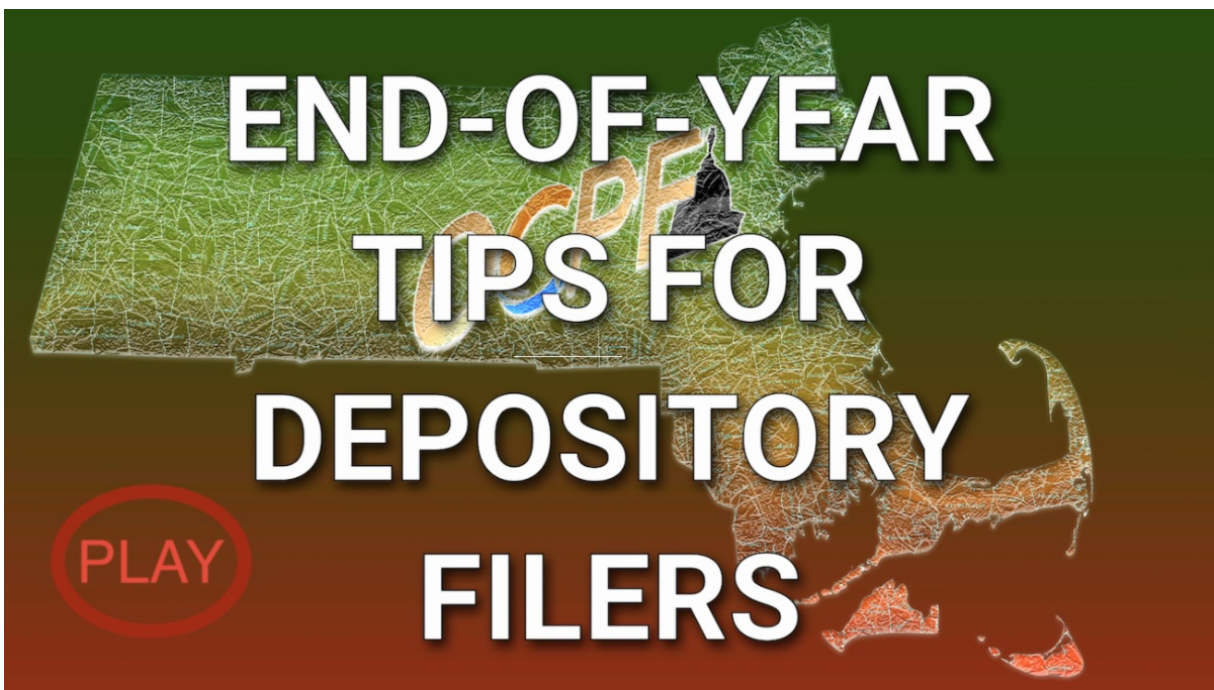
CREDIT & DEBIT

A CONTRIBUTION MADE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD IN DECEMBER, BUT NOT DEPOSITED INTO THE CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT UNTIL JANUARY, COUNTS AS A DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION.

REPORTING

AFTER DEPOSITING THE FUNDS IN JANUARY, 2023, FILE A DEPOSIT REPORT WITH OCPF. THE DEPOSIT REPORT WILL ALLOW YOU, VIA A CHECK BOX, TO IDENTIFY THE CONTRIBUTION AS BEING MADE IN 2022, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS DEPOSITED IN 2023.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BASIC RULES ABOUT DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CHECK](#)



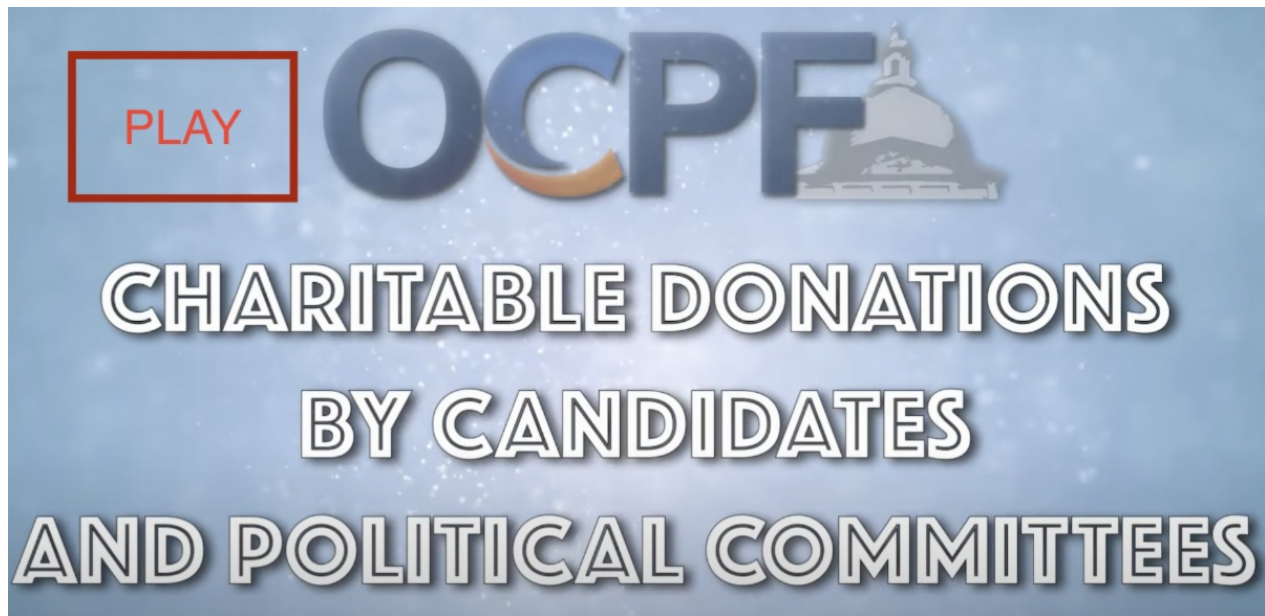
All candidates who file with OCPF are in the depository system of reporting campaign finance activity, as well as PACs and statewide parties.

DECEMBER - JANUARY

HOLIDAY AND YEAR-END GIFTS

GIFTS AND FLOWERS OF REASONABLE VALUE MAY BE GIVEN TO CAMPAIGN WORKERS, PROVIDED THE GIFT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE EFFORTS THOSE WORKERS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CANDIDATE'S OR COMMITTEE'S CAMPAIGN. IN ADDITION, THE GIFT MUST BE MADE IN A TIMELY FASHION SUCH THAT THE GIFT IS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS INTENDED PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR WORK DONE ON BEHALF OF THE CAMPAIGN.

OTHER GIFTS CAN BE MADE IF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR CANDIDATE RECEIVES PUBLICITY AND FOSTERS POLITICAL GOODWILL AS A RESULT OF MAKING THE GIFT. GIFTS MUST BE APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION, AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE BUT FOR THE INTEREST IN IT ENHANCING THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE CANDIDATE OR PRINCIPLE FOR WHICH THE COMMITTEE WAS ORGANIZED.



LOCAL FILERS

LOCAL CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES FILE YEAR-END REPORTS WITH THEIR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS, USUALLY CITY OR TOWN CLERKS.

EVERY INCUMBENT MUST FILE A YEAR-END REPORT.

ADDITIONALLY, NON-INCUMBENTS WITH A BALANCE OR ACTIVITY, INCLUDING EXISTING LIABILITIES, MUST FILE.

CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES USE THE CPF M102 FORM.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR FILING INFORMATION.

Form CPF M 102: Campaign Finance Report
Municipal Form
Office of Campaign and Political Finance

Reporting Period dates:

Beginning Date: 5/5/2022

Ending Date: 12/31/2022

File with: City or Town Clerk or

day preceding preliminary

☒ year-end report

IF YOUR CAMPAIGN HAS A HOLIDAY PARTY, PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPENDITURE PURPOSE:

"FUNCTION HALL FOR HOLIDAY PARTY"

"INVITATIONS TO CAMPAIGN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"

"CATERING FOR SEASONAL FUNDRAISER"

"DJ SERVICES FOR NEW YEAR APPRECIATION EVENT"

Agency Actions and Opinions

PUBLIC RESOLUTION LETTERS

The following list is a summary of agency actions issued recently by OCPF. Click the "agency actions" button below to view the documents.

Western Mass Republican PAC, West Springfield: 11/10/2022 (Did not comply). Corporate contribution.

Gregory Antonelli, Everett: 11/17/2022 (Did not comply). Disguising the true source of \$2,000 in contributions to a candidate by donating in the names of other individuals.

Nicola Williams, Cambridge: 11/17/2022 (Did not comply). Deposit reports not filed, expenditure not clarified.

Khrystian King, Worcester: 11/17/2022 (Did not comply). Deposit reports not filed, non-disclosure of a PAC contribution, excess PAC contribution, expenditure not clarified.

AGENCY ACTIONS

Cash Education

CASH

THE CASH LIMIT IS \$50 PER YEAR PER INDIVIDUAL. THE CASH LIMIT ALSO APPLIES TO CANDIDATES CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR OWN CAMPAIGNS.



CASH APPS

PEER TO PEER CASH APP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PERMITTED, UP TO \$50 PER YEAR PER INDIVIDUAL.



OCPF focuses on an educational theme each month. For the month of December, it's "[Bye2022](#)," a look at end-of-year issues common to candidates and committees.

Type "[BYE2022](#)" into the search engine at www.ocpf.us for resources. Additionally, we'll post information for candidates and committees about end-of-year issues to our social media pages.