

JANUARY 2023

# OCPF REPORTS

Massachusetts Office of Campaign  
and Political Finance Newsletter



*Happy New Year*

**TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REPORTS WILL BE FILED IN 2023, BUT THIS  
EDITION FOCUSES ON THE IMMEDIATE TASK: THE  
YEAR-END REPORT.**

**CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YEAR-  
END REPORT AT [OCPF@MASS.GOV](mailto:OCPF@MASS.GOV) OR  
617-979-8300.**

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## OCPF DEPOSITORY FILERS: YEAR-END REPORTS ARE DUE BY JAN. 20

[Click here](#) for additional information on how to file the year-end report, for depository candidates and committees. You can begin filing the year-end report

Jan. 6 ([log into Reporter 7](#) and click the light blue tile).

Depository committees include all candidates who file with OCPF, as well as PACs and state parties.

## WHAT ABOUT US?

*Local party committees,  
independent expenditure political action committees and  
statewide ballot question committees*

*E-file year-end reports in the non-depository system, using Reporter 7.  
[Log in here to file.](#)*

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### Form CPF M 102: Campaign Finance Report Municipal Form

Office of Campaign and Political Finance



File with: City or Town Clerk or Election Commission

dates:

Beginning Date:

5/5/2022

Ending Date:

12/31/2022

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Local municipal filers  
file a year-end report with local  
election officials by Jan. 20, 2023

The form is filed on paper. [Click here for guidance.](#)

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**OCPF DEPOSITORY FILERS:  
OUR TECH TEAM LAUNCHED  
A NEW SELF-AUDITING TOOL, WHICH  
WE HOPE ALERTS COMMITTEES TO  
ISSUES BEFORE THEY  
BECOME ISSUES.**



## SELF-AUDIT TOOL

1. Each month, you receive an e-mail alert that your bank has filed a report. This e-mail now displays expenditures and deposits (including missing deposits) that may need review.
2. Deposit reports now have an "audit items" button, which alert you to potential issues before you e-file a deposit report. See the image below.

**THE "AUDIT ITEMS" BUTTON WILL ALERT YOU TO  
POTENTIAL ISSUES, BEFORE YOU E-FILE A DEPOSIT  
REPORT**

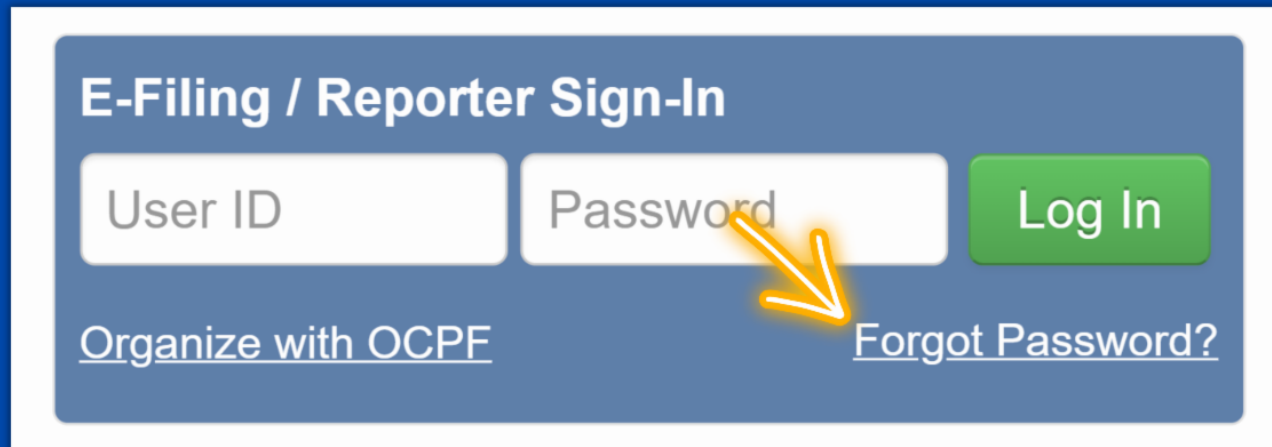
**12/21/2022 Deposit (#551)** *Depository, Committee (40024)*

This report is a draft. It will not be considered e-filed until you complete and file it. When you click the "Audit Items" button, you will be able to review the report and make any necessary corrections.

**Summary** Deposit Items Fees CC Contributions

Export to PDF Upload Data Delete Audit Items

**IF YOU FORGOT YOUR REPORTER 7 PASSWORD, CLICK THE  
"FORGOT PASSWORD" LINK AT WWW.OCPF.US.  
FILERS CREATE PASSWORDS: OCPF CAN'T PROVIDE THEM.**



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## New auditor joins OCPF

Chloe Rosette joined OCPF as an Auditor/Analyst in November. Prior to starting at OCPF, she worked for a political consulting firm and was engaged in campaign finance data entry, analysis and research. She will now perform audits and analysis of reports filed with OCPF to ensure compliance and provide guidance to candidates and committees in meeting the campaign finance requirements. Chloe is a graduate of Stony Brook University in New York with a degree in political science.

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## Independent expenditure PACs report spending nearly \$8 million to support or oppose 2022 candidates

Independent expenditure PACs, also known as Super PACs, reported nearly \$7,979,215 in spending to support or oppose candidates in 2022, a statewide election year with an open seat for governor.

Most spending from Jan. 1 through Nov. 30 was directed to communications, such as social media and TV advertisements, direct mail, and text messaging. Money was also spent on canvassing and other personnel hours. The candidates identified in the advertisements included a wide range of legislative, statewide and county candidates.

The Massachusetts Majority Independent Expenditure PAC recorded the highest expenditure total of \$2 million, mostly to support legislative candidates.

Two other Super PACs exceeded \$1 million in spending – Leadership for Mass (\$1,221,927) and the Environmental League of Massachusetts (\$1,169,105).

The top donor to Massachusetts Super PACs was the Massachusetts Teachers Association (\$821,727), followed by the Environmental League of Massachusetts organization (\$335,000).



Independent expenditure PACs may make unlimited expenditures to support or oppose candidates, but may not coordinate their efforts with candidates and parties. They may also accept unlimited contributions from corporations, unions, individuals and other entities.

The spending record for Super PACs is \$20.5 million set in 2014, a statewide election year with an open seat for governor.

[Click here for the full study.](#)

## 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 full documents.

**Massachusetts Majority IEPAC:** 12/8/2022 (Did Not Comply). The independent expenditure political action committee distributed an invitation to a fundraising event that featured a candidate for statewide office as a special guest. OCPF determined that the committee's apparent purpose hosting the event and advertising the candidate's involvement featuring the candidate was to encourage invitees to contribute to the IEPAC. A candidate may not "finance" - or raise funds - for a PAC. To resolve the issue, the IEPAC made a payment to the state's general fund for \$17,500, the amount raised as a result of the event.

[AGENCY ACTIONS](#)

## OCPF REPORTING TIP

### Late December Contributions

Depository committees that receive money in December, but deposit the funds in January, will check a box on the deposit report indicating that the funds were 2022 contributions.

This is done for the purposes of ensuring annual contribution limits are not exceeded.



*OCPF focuses on an educational theme each month.*

*For the month of January, it's "Getting Started," a focus on the first steps candidates and committees take*

to comply with the campaign finance law. Type "Getting Started" into the search engine at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us) for resources.

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