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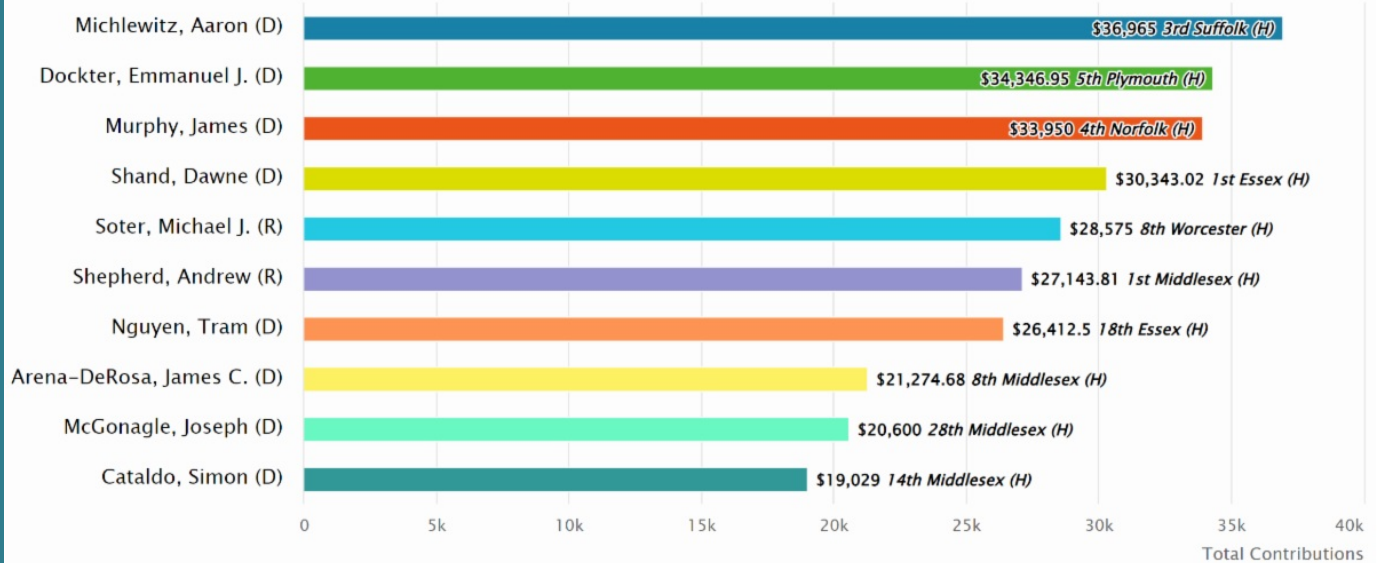
**ELECTION
2022**



Top 10 fundraising totals in October
Massachusetts House & Senate

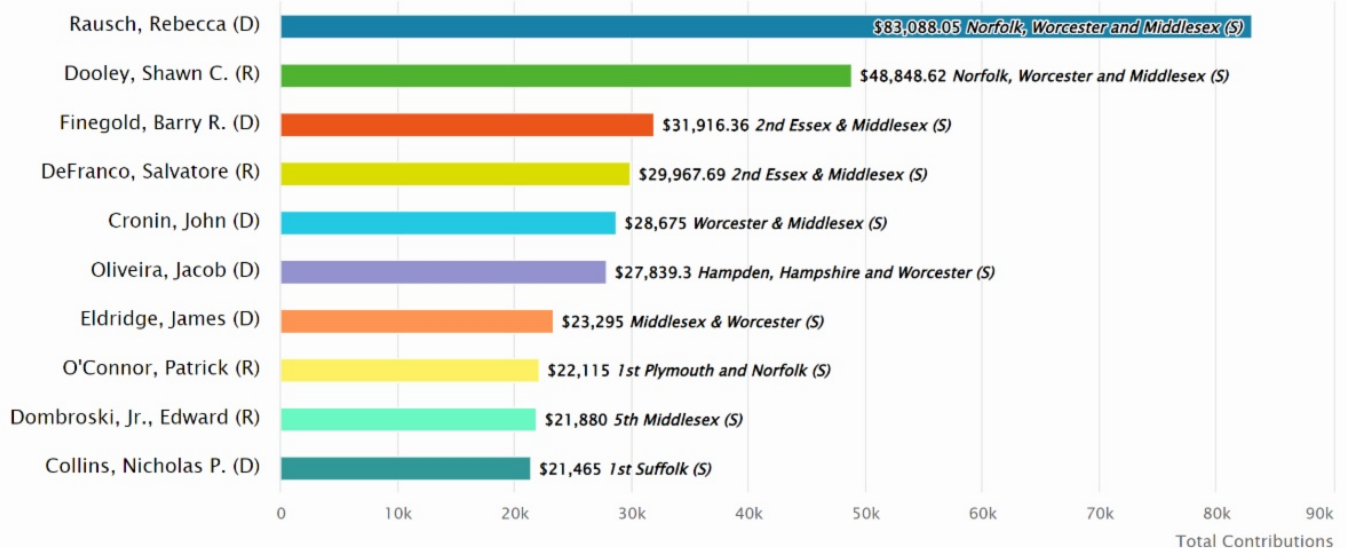
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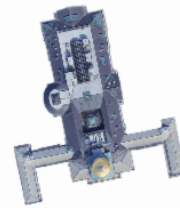


A majority of candidates and committees complied with the campaign finance law during the 2022 state election year. However, our office found that the following five issues need more attention:



LESSONS FROM THE STATE ELECTION

AN OCPF AFTER-ACTION REVIEW



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EXPENDITURES**

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IEPAC (Super PAC) spending exceeds \$7.7 million

Massachusetts Independent Expenditure PACs, also known as Super PACs, reported spending more than \$7.7 million from Jan. 1 through Nov. 8 to support or oppose candidates.

Super PACs may make unlimited expenditures to support or oppose candidates, but may not coordinate with candidates.

[SUPER PAC REPORTS](#)

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.

Shaunna O'Connell, Taunton: Did not comply (spending outside the depository system of reporting); 9/14/2022.

Donnie Palmer, Boston: Did not comply (did not file campaign finance reports disclosing donors); 10/4/2022.

William Morgan, Mattapan: Did not comply (did not file campaign finance reports disclosing donors); 10/4/2022.

AGENCY ACTIONS

ADVISORY OPINION

AO-22-03: An organization that is not a political committee is permitted to make contributions to Massachusetts candidates and candidate committees, political action committees, or political party committees from its general treasury prior to exceeding an incidental threshold. The threshold is exceeded when the organization makes contributions in any calendar year that exceed, in the aggregate, either \$15,000 or 10 percent of the organization's gross revenues for the previous year, whichever is less. Once the organization exceeds the incidental threshold, the organization must register as a political action committee and report activity.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER \(IT'S EASY\)](#)

Municipal candidates have already started the process of running in 2023, a city and town election year. We recommend that candidate teams, new and old, attend a 45-minute training class with us.

Depository training classes are held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. via Zoom for all mayoral candidates, as well as city council candidates in cities with populations of more than 65,000. Registration is also available for municipal candidates who file locally, such as school committee and selectboard candidates.

SO THAT



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DEPOSITORY COMPLIANCE

When we share educational information with candidates and committees, it's **SO THAT** mistakes and other problems can be avoided.

[Click here for our top "SO THAT" guidance.](#)

OCPF LEGAL

Candidates can be disqualified

from appearing on a ballot for failing to file campaign finance reports (MGL Chapter 55, Section 3). [Click here](#) for a short tutorial.

**CAN A CANDIDATE
BE DISQUALIFIED
FROM APPEARING
ON A BALLOT?**

OCPF focuses on an educational theme each month. For the month of November, it's public disclosure.

Type "[sunlight](#)" into the search engine at www.ocpf.us for public disclosure resources and campaign finance data.

**"Sunlight is said to be the best of
disinfectants."**

Louis Brandeis



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