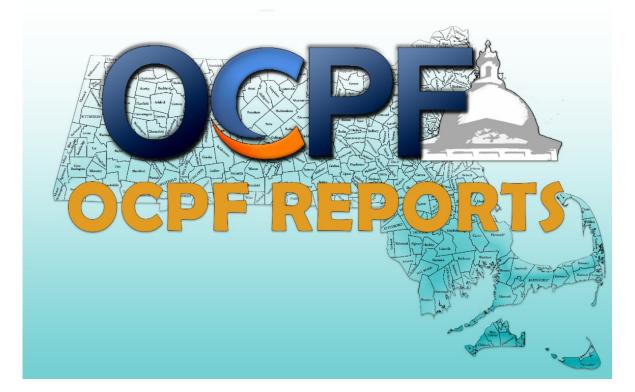
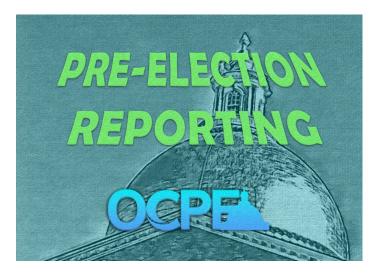
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HOUSE & SENATE:

DEPOSIT REPORTS ARE DUE BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION



House and Senate candidates must e-file deposit reports to disclose donors (guide).

DEPOSIT REPORT REQUIREMENT: Deposits made between Aug. 20 and Oct. 21 must be disclosed by Oct. 31.

DEPOSIT REPORT REQUIREMENT: Additionally, any contributions of \$500 or more that are received and deposited between Oct. 22 and Nov. 4 must be disclosed within three days of deposit (we call these <u>"late contributions"</u>). This requirement includes monetary and <u>in-kind contributions</u>.

If your campaign files deposit reports within three days of making a deposit, you can ignore the deposit report filing schedules above for monetary contributions.

STATEWIDE, COUNTY AND GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL CANDIDATES

CONTINUE TO FILE DEPOSIT REPORTS ON THE REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULE THROUGH THE 2022 ELECTION

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SPENDING

As the 2022 general election approaches, it's important that depository candidates and committees clarify their expenditures in a timely manner.

Clarification is <u>required</u> when purpose information is missing from the expenditure. For example, when the committee debit card is used the purpose must be added. Additionally, wire transfers need the vendor and purpose, and checks with illegible writing must be corrected.

Please include the "for" with the purpose:

- Dinner "for" literature drop volunteers
- Travel "for" western Mass. political rally
- Sponsorship shirts "for" youth soccer program

CLICK HERE FOR AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE ON HOW TO CLARIFY EXPENDITURES

Each month OCPF sends an email notifying depository candidates and committees that their bank report has been filed, disclosing activity for the prior month. This is a good opportunity to review the expenditures, and if necessary, clarify the vendor name and the purpose of expenditures.

Once the bank report is filed, only the candidate or committee can make clarifications (OCPF and bank employees can't clarify bank reports).



Statewide ballot question committees file two disclosure reports in October

(By the 5th and 20th)



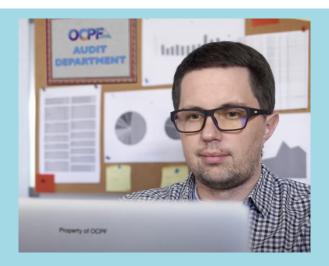
Click here for the ballot question disclosure charts.



#ELECTION2023

EARLY REMINDER FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN WORKERS TO ATTEND OCPF TRAINING (LOCAL AND OCPF FILERS)

CLASSES HELD VIA ZOOM. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.



OCPF focuses on an educational theme each month on our website and social media platforms. For the month of October, it's "OCPF AUDIT." We will provide information on how to successfully navigate the audit process.

OCPF's auditors are the primary contacts for candidates and committees who file with our agency. They will assist you with your disclosure requirements.

<u>Click here for an overview of OCPF's</u> <u>audit process</u>



ALL REPORTS

Click the button for the following reports: Statewide Candidates Sheriff Candidates District Attorney Candidates Other County Candidates Governor's Council Candidates House and Senate Candidates Independent Expenditure "Super" PACs Traditional PACs State party committees



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