

OCPF Reports



Special 2018 Election Edition

OCPF is working with 507 candidates for the 2018 election cycle

In this special edition of the OCPF newsletter, we summarize the reporting requirements for candidates and committees, and offer educational materials for complying with the campaign finance law.

OCPF is assisting candidates and committees with preparing and filing their campaign finance reports for the Sept. 4 primary and Nov. 6 general elections.

There are 507 candidates for the 2018 election, in addition to five ballot question committees, 254 political action committees, 19 independent expenditure PACs (Super PACs), and 942 local party committees.

The 21 [statewide candidates](#) are in the depository system of reporting, which requires their banks to

file reports twice monthly on their behalf.

There are 94 county candidates and 18 candidates for Governor's Council, who are also in the depository system.

The 374 [House and Senate candidates](#) are in the non-depository system and will file reports eight days before the primary and general elections.

Of the 374 House and Senate candidates ...

- 271 are Democrats.
- 81 are Republicans
- 22 are unaffiliated
- 15 are write-in campaigns. Of those 15, five are seeking election to the 6th Middlesex House seat due to the death of an incumbent, and five are seeking the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester Senate seat due to the resignation of an incumbent.
- 140 House incumbents are running for re-election.
- 36 Senate incumbents are running for re-election.

Please call OCPF with your campaign finance questions. OCPF staffers will be available by phone until 8 p.m. on Aug. 27, the pre-primary filing deadline. We are also available by e-mail at ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us.

House & Senate Reporting Schedule

Pre-Primary: Due Aug. 27, complete from Jan. 1 to Aug. 17

Pre-Election: Due Oct. 29, complete from Aug. 18 to Oct. 19

Year-End: Due Jan. 22, complete from Oct. 20 to Dec. 31

Statewide incumbents lead all challengers in cash-on-hand heading into the election

Banks for statewide candidates file reports twice monthly

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Expenditures (1/1-7/31)</i>	<i>Balance (As of 7/31)</i>
Governor		
(R) Charles Baker #	\$1,657,453	\$8,447,780
(D) Jay Gonzalez	\$408,736	\$431,660
(R) Scott D. Lively	\$104,546	\$12,987
(D) Robert Massie	\$318,102	\$109,057
Lt. Governor		
(D) Quentin Palfrey	\$134,703	\$76,714
(R) Karyn Polito #	\$973,968	\$3,753,736
(D) Jimmy Tingle	\$108,457	\$28,230
Attorney General		
(D) Maura Healey #	\$383,458	\$2,127,678
(R) James R. McMahon	\$58,588	\$3,457
(R) Daniel Shores	\$62,170	\$5,026
Treasurer		
(D) Deborah Goldberg#	\$144,426	\$680,620
(U) Jamie Guerin	\$128	\$1,401
(R) Keiko Orrall	62,227	\$45,557
Secretary		
(R) Anthony Amore	\$17,649	\$14,972
(D) William F. Galvin#	\$78,148	\$2,785,805
(U) Juan Gabriel Sanchez-Gabriel	\$0	\$865
(D) Joshua Zakim	\$368,729	\$585,230
Auditor		
(R) Helen Brady	\$10,644	\$7,689
(D) Suzanne Bump #	\$101,307	\$191,998
(L) Daniel Fishman	\$17,521	\$657
(G) Edward Stamas	\$154	\$1,193

Expenditure totals cover from Jan. 1 until July 31. The ending balance represents cash on hand as of July 31. # = Incumbent.

In the depository system of reporting, banks file reports twice monthly to itemize all expenditures and to provide a summary total of receipts during the period. Bank reports are due by the 5th and 20th of each month. Candidates file deposit reports to disclose their contributors.

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State Ballot Question Committees

Campaign finance reports are due Sept. 7, Sept. 20, Oct. 5, Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and Nov. 20, and a year-end report is due Jan. 22, 2019.

The campaign finance law requires ballot question committees to provide disclaimers for some communications.

Please review our bulletin on disclaimers, [IB-10-01](#).

DARK MONEY

During the last state election in 2016, OCPF identified several instances of prohibited “[dark money](#)” contributions that were made to ballot question committees. Dark money is the term used to describe disguising the true source of a political contribution. *Example:* Individuals and businesses give money to a non-profit group *for the purpose of supporting a ballot question*. The non-profit group then transfers the money to a ballot question committee that supports the ballot question. The ballot question committee discloses that it received funds from the non-profit group, but not from the original donors to the non-profit group. This frustrates disclosure because the true source of the funds is not disclosed.

If an entity is raising funds to support or oppose a question, they are a ballot question committee and should organize with OCPF.

2018 Questions

Question 1: Patient-to-Nurse Limits

Question 2: Commission on Limiting Election Spending and Corporate Rights

Question 3: Repeal of Transgender Bill

OCPF will post campaign finance reports on the agency website for the ballot question committees in support or opposition to these questions.

The reports will be available by [clicking here](#).

COUNTY RACES

County Commissioner: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Norfolk and Plymouth

District Attorney: Berkshire, Bristol, Cape & Islands, Eastern, Hampden, Middle, Norfolk, Northern, Northwestern, Plymouth and Suffolk

Register of Deeds: Barnstable, Berkshire Middle, Berkshire Northern, Berkshire Southern, Bristol Northern, Bristol Southern, Dukes, Essex Northern, Essex Southern, Fall River, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex Northern, Middlesex Southern, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, Worcester and Worcester Northern

Clerk of Courts: Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk-Criminal, Suffolk-Civil, Suffolk-Supreme Judicial and Worcester

To Fill Vacancies: Norfolk County Treasurer and Dukes County Register of Probate

County candidates are in the depository system of reporting.

Reports are filed twice monthly by a candidate's committee bank, disclosing itemized expenditures and a summary of receipts for the period. Candidates file deposit reports to disclose contributors.

[Click here](#) for a list of county candidates who are on the 2018 ballot. Their campaign finance activity can be found on the OCPF database [here](#). [Click here](#) for the Secretary of the Commonwealth's primary candidate list.

Governor's Council

The 18 candidates for Governor's Council in 2018 file in the depository system.

Their campaign finance reports are available on the OCPF database, [here](#).

Thomas Keyes, Republican, 1st District

Joseph Ferreira, Democratic, 1st District

Robert Jubinville, Democratic, 2nd District

Marilyn Petitto Devaney, Democratic, 3rd District

Nicholas Carter, Democratic, 3rd District

Aaron Hutchins, Republican, 3rd District

Mark Rooney, Democratic, 4th District

Christopher Iannella, Democratic, 4th District

Eileen Duff, Democratic, 5th District

Marc Mercier, Libertarian, 5th District

Nicholas Torresi, Democratic, 5th District

Richard Baker, Republican, 5th District

Terrence Kennedy, Democratic, 6th District

Vincent Dixon, Unenrolled, 6th District

Jennie Caissie, Republican, 7th District

Paul DePalo, Democratic, 7th District

Mary Hurley, Democratic, 8th District

Michael Franco, Unenrolled, 8th District

2018 REPORTER 7 LAUNCH

OCPF has created the latest version of *Reporter*, the e-filing system used by candidates and committees

OCPF will launch the latest version of Reporter – *Reporter 7* – **after the Nov. 6 state election.**

Reporter 7 operates under the same basic concept of data entry and e-filing, but has a much different appearance.

The new version is easier to use and will minimize common mistakes for candidates and committees.

Candidates and committees do not need to do anything extra for access to *Reporter 7*. You will be directed to *Reporter 7* the first time you log into the system after the launch date. All of your data from *Reporter 6* will be there.

[Click here](#) to see images of *Reporter 7*.

Subvendor Reporting

All committees are covered by the subvendor disclosure statute

The [subvendor reporting requirement](#) requires a vendor who receives **\$5,000 or more from a political committee to provide the committee with a detailed account of all subsequent expenditures of \$500 or more that the vendor makes on behalf of the committee. The committee is then required to disclose the subvendor expenditures on campaign finance reports.**

Please [click here](#) for more information about subvendor reporting.

We also recommend calling your OCPF auditor at 617-979-8300 for assistance with disclosing subvendor expenditures.

[Click here](#) for a list of House and Senate candidates. Their reports will appear as they are filed, starting Aug. 18.

Late Contribution Reports

Late contribution reports are filed when candidates and committees **receive and deposit** contributions of \$500 or more during the period. The reports are due within 72 hours of deposit.

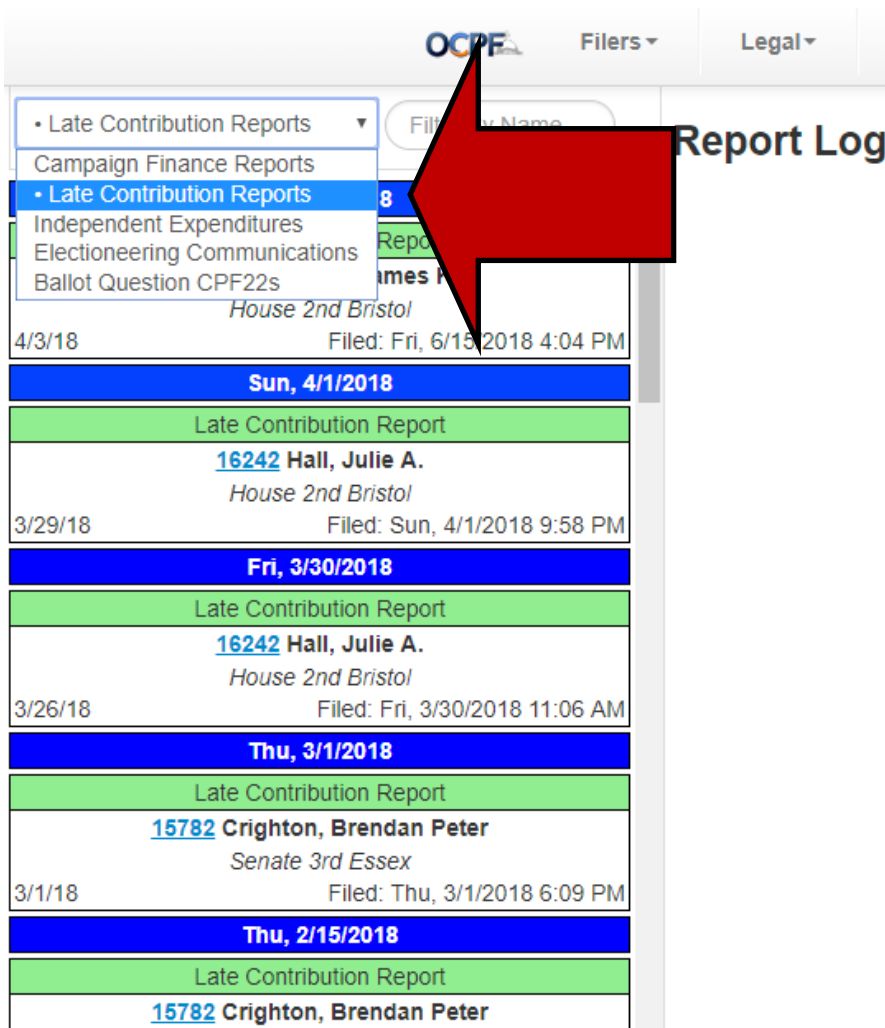
Pre-Primary: Aug. 18-31 (**candidates**). Candidates who are not enrolled in a political party are not required to file late contribution reports for the primary election.

Pre-Election: Oct. 20-Nov. 2 (**candidates and ballot question committees**).

Other LCR Issues

- Depository candidates are not required to file late contribution reports if they file deposit reports within three days of deposit.
- In-kind contributions of \$500 or more require late contribution reports.
- If a candidate loses in the primary, he or she is not required to file late contribution reports for the general election, but will file a pre-election campaign finance report.

To view late contribution reports, click on the OCPF Report Log and choose “Late Contribution Reports” from the drop-down.



The screenshot shows the OCPF website's 'Report Log' section. A red arrow points to the 'Late Contribution Reports' option in a dropdown menu. The menu also includes 'Campaign Finance Reports', 'Independent Expenditures', 'Electioneering Communications', and 'Ballot Question CPF22s'. The main table displays a list of reports filed, with columns for the date, the report type, the candidate's name and district, and the filing date and time.

Date	Report Type	Candidate Name & District	Filing Date & Time
4/3/18	Late Contribution Report	16242 Hall, Julie A. House 2nd Bristol	Filed: Fri, 6/15/2018 4:04 PM
Sun, 4/1/2018			
3/29/18	Late Contribution Report	16242 Hall, Julie A. House 2nd Bristol	Filed: Sun, 4/1/2018 9:58 PM
Fri, 3/30/2018			
3/26/18	Late Contribution Report	16242 Hall, Julie A. House 2nd Bristol	Filed: Fri, 3/30/2018 11:06 AM
Thu, 3/1/2018			
3/1/18	Late Contribution Report	15782 Crighton, Brendan Peter Senate 3rd Essex	Filed: Thu, 3/1/2018 6:09 PM
Thu, 2/15/2018			
	Late Contribution Report	15782 Crighton, Brendan Peter	

OCPF has created several instructional videos to assist candidates and committees. Please click the links below to view.



Non-Depository Candidates and Committees

[How to create and e-file a campaign finance report](#)

[How to file a late contribution report](#)

[How to amend a campaign finance report](#)

Depository Candidates and Committees

[Create and e-file a deposit report](#)

[How to report credit card contributions](#)

[How to clarify an expenditure](#)

Statewide Ballot Question Committees

[How to file a campaign finance report](#)

General information for all Candidates and Committees

[Public employees and the campaign finance law](#)

[The use of public buildings and property for a political purpose.](#)

[How can local party committees provide financial assistance to candidates?](#)