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Statewide candidate spending limits set

BOSTON — Nine candidates for statewide office who did not agree to campaign expenditure limits under the Commonwealth's public financing program and whose opponents have agreed to statutory spending limits for the upcoming general election have filed the required statements declaring the maximum amounts their campaigns will spend through Nov. 8.

The public financing program provides public funds, if available, to candidates for statewide office who agree to spending limits and meet the certification standards.

The candidates who filed statements with OCPF by the deadline of Sept. 9 and their self-imposed limits, are:

Maura Healey/Kimberley Driscoll (D): Governor/Lt. Governor	$6,900,000
Andrea Joy Campbell (D): Attorney General	$3,000,000
William Galvin (D): Secretary of State	$2,500,000
Rayla Campbell (R): Secretary of State	$1,000,000
Diana Dizoglio (D): Auditor	$2,500,000
Anthony Amore (R): Auditor	$1,250,000
Dominic Giannone (Unenrolled): Auditor	$25,000
Deborah Goldberg (D): Treasurer	$10,000,000

Healey and her running mate, Driscoll, were required to file one statement as a candidate team.

The spending limit statements are required from candidates who did not agree to statutory spending limits under the state's public financing law (they are not participating in the program for matching funds from the state). Though they did not agree to the limits, the candidates are still required to declare a self-imposed spending cap if they are opposed by candidates who have agreed to limit spending and participate in the public financing program.

The largest of the self-imposted limits declared by each of the filers is now the spending limit for candidates in each race:

Governor/Lt. Governor

Spending Limit: $6,900,000
Maura Healey / Kimberley Driscoll (D)*
Geoffrey Diehl / Leah Allen (R)**
Kevin Reed / Peter Everett (Unenrolled)**

Attorney General

Spending Limit: $3,000,000
Andrea Joy Campbell (D)*
James McMahon (R)**

Secretary of State

Spending Limit: $2,500,000
William Galvin (D)*
Rayla Campbell (R)
Juan Sanchez (Unenrolled)**

Auditor

Spending Limit: $2,500,000
Diana Dizoglio (D)*
Anthony Amore (R)
Dominic Giannone (Unenrolled)
Gloria Caballero-Roca (Unenrolled)**
Daniel Riek (Unenrolled)**

Treasurer

Spending Limit: $10,000,000
Deborah Goldberg (D)*
Cristina Crawford (Unenrolled)**

* Spending limit set by this candidate.
** Candidate is participating in the public financing program, if certified and funds are available.

The declared limits cover the general election campaign period: Sept. 7 through Nov. 8, except for unenrolled candidates, whose campaign period is Aug. 31 through Nov. 8.

The amount of money in the State Election Campaign Fund available to participating candidates is in excess of $500,000. The law calls for participating candidate teams for governor and lieutenant governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed evenly to candidates for the other statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing.

Two candidates received public finance funding for their primary races: Tami Gouveia for lieutenant governor ($183,191) and Quentin Palfrey for attorney general ($245,872). Both candidates were unsuccessful in the primary election.

In order to be certified by OCPF as eligible to receive public funds, a participating candidate must submit a minimum amount of qualifying contributions from individuals. The minimum level of qualifying contributions required for certification varies by office sought:

General Election

Governor/Lt. Governor: $125,000
Attorney General: $62,500
Secretary: $25,000
Treasurer: $25,000
Auditor: $25,000

Public financing for campaigns has been in place for every statewide election since 1978. The sole source of funding for public financing in Massachusetts is the State Election Campaign Fund, which allows taxpayers to direct $1 from their tax liability on their annual income tax returns to the fund.