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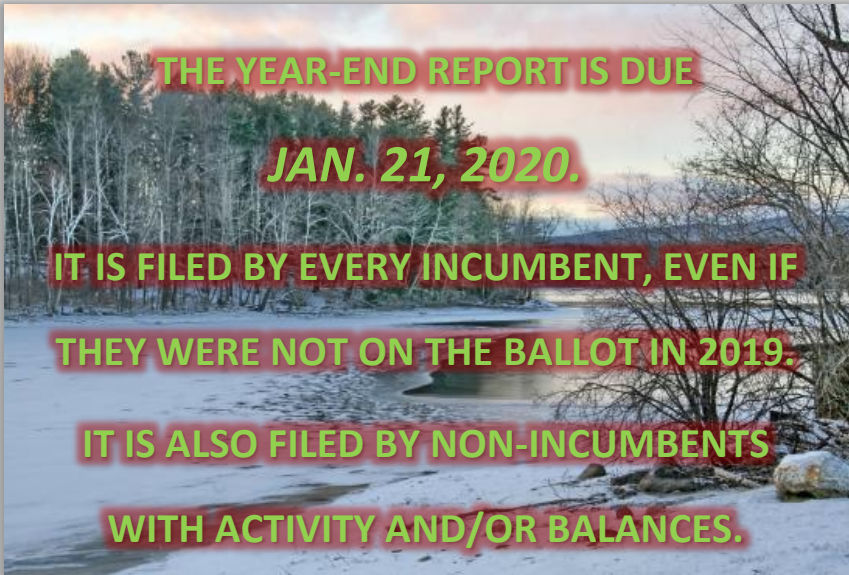


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Monthly Informational Mailer for Local Election Officials

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TIP: YEAR-END REPORT NOTICES

We recommend sending a notice to candidates and committees in early January about the requirement to file a year-end report. Ideally, the notice would be sent by e-mail.

Please include:

1. Date the report is due.
2. List the reporting period.
3. [The M102](#) campaign finance form.
4. [OCPF guides](#).
5. [OCPF video tutorials](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR A SAMPLE NOTICE.](#)

How does OCPF resolve campaign finance cases?

OCPF receives approximately 200 complaints a year alleging violations of the campaign finance law. We can also open cases based on the auditing of campaign finance reports.

Many of these cases involve municipal candidates and ballot questions. These case reviews may result in enforcement actions, such as:

Public resolution letters: A PRL may be issued when OCPF found that the subject of a review did not comply with the campaign finance law (they are sometimes issued when no violation is found). Many PRLs are issued in an informal fashion with an educational letter and a requirement that some corrective action be taken.

Disposition agreements: A voluntary written agreement entered into between the subject of a review and OCPF, in which the subject agrees to take certain specific actions. In most DAs, the subject makes a payment to the state to resolve the case.

Referral to the AG: OCPF has the option of referring matters to the Office of the Attorney General for further action.

[Click here](#) to view lists of OCPF's agency actions and resolutions.



FAQ

IF I LOSE MY ELECTION, CAN I KEEP MY CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OPEN TO RUN AGAIN?



New legislation that requires mayoral candidates in **all** cities to file with OCPF in the bank depository system has been signed into law. More info. is available at the [OCPF website](#).