

CHECKING IN

Monthly Informational Mailer for Local Election Officials

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CAN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGNS?

The [campaign finance law](#) prohibits appointed, compensated public employees from soliciting or receiving money for *any political purpose*. However, teachers, firefighters, police officers and other public employees get involved politically each election cycle.

What can they do? Here are a few examples:

- Public employees can contribute to candidates, up to \$1,000 per calendar year.
- Public employees can hold signs for candidates (on their own time).
- Public employees can host meet and greet campaign events at their homes, so long as there is no fundraising at the event.
- Public employees can support candidates on social media, so long as there's no fundraising. For example, a firefighter can use his personal Facebook page to say he is voting for a certain candidate for mayor. He can also encourage others to vote the same way.

NOTE: We recommend that public employees also contact the state's Ethic Commission prior to participating in campaigns.

JUNE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SEMINARS

Winthrop / EB Newton Cultural Center / June 3 / 6:30 PM

Brockton / City Hall / June 6 / 6:30 PM

Framingham / City Hall / June 11 / 6:30 PM

Revere / City Hall / June 18 / 6:30 PM

Candidates from surrounding cities/towns are invited

A **new regulation** that reduces contribution limits for certain entities, such as unions, went into effect May 31. The **reduced contribution limits** also apply to municipal candidates.

Please [click here](#) to read OCPF's statement of reasons for promulgating the regulation.



M-102 Signature Box

The signature box on the M-102 campaign finance report has been simplified.

Please [click here](#) to see the differences.

The primary change was to remove language that confused some filers.

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