

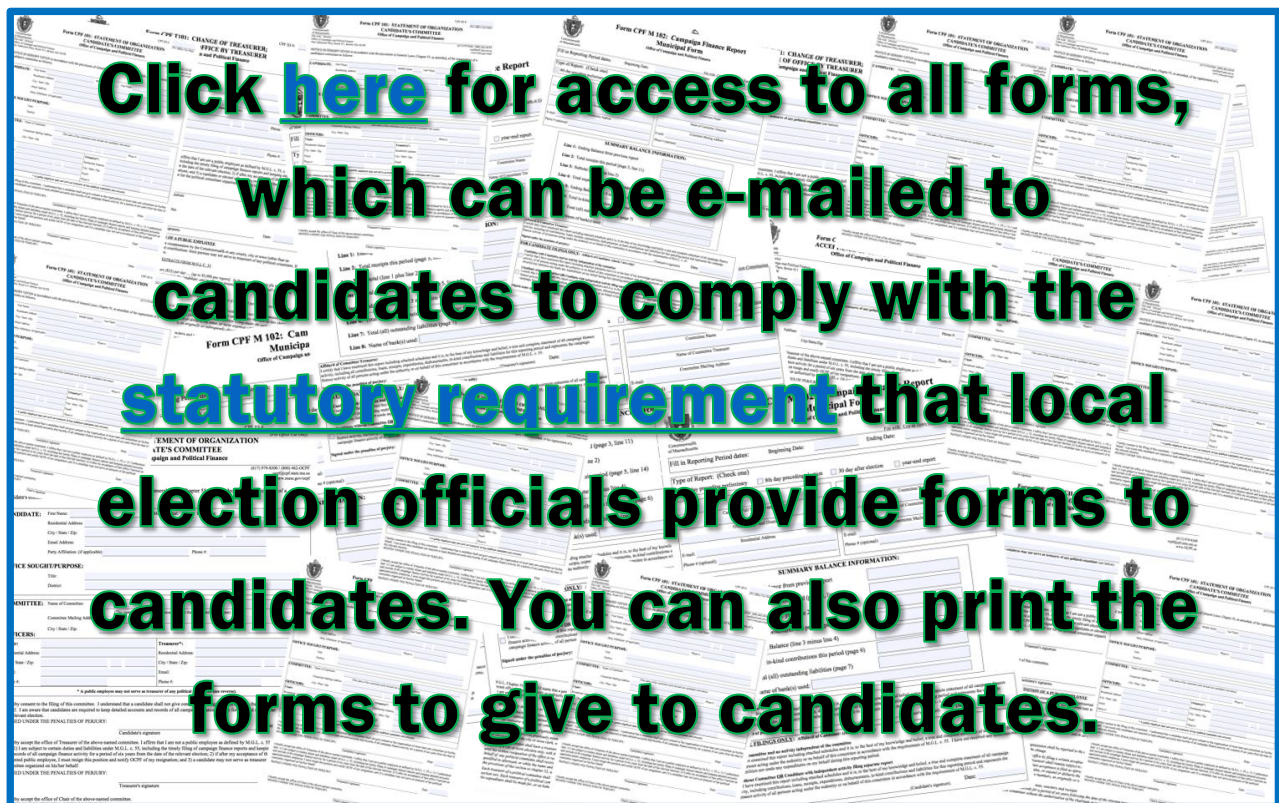
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Monthly Informational Mailer for Local Election Officials

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Public officials: Can they support city or town ballot questions?

It's one of the most frequent calls we get from municipal officials – “What can I do to support the ballot question?”

The initial answer is usually “not much,” because public resources can't be used to support or oppose ballot questions.

However, appointed local officials are able to do some things, such as speak to the media, conduct an analysis of the question, post that analysis to the city or town website, and support the question on his or her personal social media accounts. OCPF has created a list of permissible activities by public officials, [available here](#). Please feel free to share this document with your city or town co-workers if a ballot question is coming up.