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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Persons
From: William C. Campbell, Director
Subject: Indexing of Certain Contribution Amounts

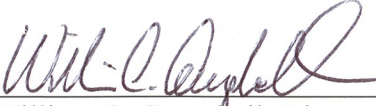
Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 55, the campaign finance law, requires the director of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to adjust two specific contribution limits every two years based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated for the Greater Boston area.

The first is the limit on the amount an individual may contribute to a people's committee during a calendar year (M.G.L. c. 55, §1). The second is the amount of any individual contribution that may be collected, i.e. bundled, by a regulated intermediary or conduit before certain disclosure requirements of the campaign finance law are triggered (M.G.L. c. 55, §10A). Both limits were set at \$100 per calendar year when first enacted by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1994, which also required OCPF to index those figures biennially.

OCPF has computed the new limit for both amounts at \$210, effective January 1, 2024. For calendar years 2024 and 2025, the maximum amount that an individual may contribute to a people's committee is \$210; the maximum amount of any individual contribution that may be gathered with other contributions and delivered to a candidate or candidate committee by a regulated intermediary or conduit without triggering reporting requirements is \$210.

This indexing was accomplished by using the most recent Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH area ("CPI-U, Boston") as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The base figure of \$100 is adjusted by the increase (or decrease) in CPI-U, Boston for the last available period for which the data are gathered. Thus, the biennial index is compiled by dividing the CPI-U, Boston figure from November 2023 (328.362) by the CPI-U, Boston figure from November 1994 (156.70). This result is multiplied by the base figure of (\$100) to reach the new adjusted contribution limit of \$209.548, which is rounded to the nearest dollar amount of \$210.

This memorandum supersedes M-97-05, as revised December 14, 2021. For further information and guidance regarding this memorandum, please contact OCPF.



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