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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: OCPF
SUBJECT: Procedure to Transfer a Candidate's Political Committee from the Municipal Level to the State Level

Massachusetts General Law chapter 55, section 5 states in part: "The statement of a political committee organized on behalf of a candidate shall also include the written consent of said candidate. No candidate shall give his consent to more than one such committee." (emphasis added).

Therefore, if you are a candidate whose political committee is currently filing with a city or town clerk or election commission, and you wish to seek an office requiring filing with OCPF¹, you must:

1. File a new Form CPF 101 (Statement of Organization Candidate's Committee) with OCPF.
2. File with OCPF a copy of your last CPF M102 (Campaign Finance Report) submitted to your local election official. The next filing with OCPF will report activity from the day following the ending date of such report.

If you continue to seek office at both the state and municipal level, your committee will have reporting requirements at both levels. OCPF should be contacted for assistance in such an instance.

If you are not initially required to appoint a depository bank and you decide to seek an office which causes you to be required to appoint a depository in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55,

¹ Candidate committees that file with OCPF are generally in the depository system of reporting. Depository candidates include state, county, and mayoral candidates and candidates for city council in cities with a population of 65,000 or more (currently Boston, Cambridge, Lowell, Springfield, Worcester, New Bedford, Brockton, Quincy, Lynn, Fall River, Newton, Lawrence, Somerville, and Framingham). See M.G.L. c. 55, § 19. The only candidates that file with OCPF who are not in the depository system are candidates for Barnstable Assembly of Delegates.

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§ 19, you will become subject to depository reporting requirements on whichever of the following dates is the earliest:

- (a) on the date you file a new statement of organization form; or
- (b) on the day you file a change of purpose form; or
- (c) on the date you first raise or spend money for the purposes of influencing the nomination or election for such office.

For more information on transferring a political committee, please contact OCPF.