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### Unenrolled candidates opt for spending limits and public financing eligibility

BOSTON – Six unenrolled candidates who are seeking statewide office this year have filed statements saying whether they intend to limit their spending in the November general election, according to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

All six candidates agreed to abide by statutory spending limits by the deadline of 5 p.m. today, which was also the deadline for submitting nomination papers to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The declarations, which candidates were required to file with OCPF in order to get on the ballot, are binding for the general election. Democratic and Republican candidates, whose primaries are Sept. 14, submitted similar statements in June covering both the primary and general campaigns.

The unenrolled candidates who agreed to limit spending by today's deadline are: **Timothy Cahill** and **Jill Stein**, candidates for governor; **Paul Loscocco** and **Richard Purcell**, candidates for lieutenant governor; **James Henderson**, candidate for secretary of state; and **Nathanael Fortune**, candidate for auditor.

The state's system of public financing offers public funds to statewide candidates in return for their agreeing to spending limits, which vary according to the office sought. For example, participating gubernatorial candidates are limited to expenditures of \$1.5 million for the general election campaign. In return, a candidate is eligible for up to \$750,000 in matching funds for the general election, subject to availability of funds.

State law calls for gubernatorial candidates to receive any available funds first, with the remainder spilling over proportionately to the other statewide races. In addition, the statutory spending limits are also subject to adjustment if a participating candidate is opposed by a non-participant, who is required to set a self-imposed ceiling.

A total of about \$1 million is available to candidates in the general election, though the final allotment to individual candidates will not be known until after the primary election when the actual roster of candidates will be known.

Four candidates have already received public finance funding for their respective primary races (Republican Mary Connaughton and Democrats Suzanne Bump and Mike Lake in the auditor race, and Democratic treasurer candidate Stephen Murphy).

The statewide candidates and their decisions on spending limits are:

Governor	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> Timothy Cahill (U) and Jill Stein (U). <i>Did not agree:</i> Charles Baker (R) and Deval Patrick (D).
Lieutenant Gov.	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> Paul Loscocco (U) and Richard Purcell (U). <i>Did not agree:</i> Timothy Murray (D) and Richard Tisei (R).
Attorney General	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> Martha Coakley (D).
Treasurer	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> Stephen Murphy (D). <i>Did not agree:</i> Steven Grossman (D) and Karyn Polito (R).
Secretary	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> William Campbell (R) and James Henderson (U). <i>Did not agree:</i> William Galvin (D).
Auditor	<i>Agreed to limits:</i> Suzanne Bump (D), Mary Connaughton (R), Nathanael Fortune (U) and Mike Lake (D). <i>Did not agree:</i> Guy Glodis (D) and Kamal Jain (R).

*Note: Candidates who have agreed to spending limits and have an opponent are eligible to receive public finance funds. Candidates who have not agreed are not eligible.*