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## Paper Filers - You Must Convert to eCRIS for the July 2017 Quarterly Filing!

Reminder to all committees who are still filing by paper – the deadline to convert to eCRIS is fast approaching. The upcoming April quarterly filing is the **last time** you can file by paper. By July 1, 2017, you must be ready to file by eCRIS unless you fall under one of the limited exceptions or demonstrate good cause for not being able to comply with this requirement, as determined by the Commission.

In order to assist treasurers in making this transition, Commission staff is offering one-on-one eCRIS trainings as well as 24 - 7 phone support from the eCRIS Helpdesk. Please visit our eCRIS homepage to sign up and/or contact Elections Officer Sarah Clark at [seec.training@ct.gov](mailto:seec.training@ct.gov) or 860-256-2985 to set up a one-on-one training.





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## April Filings Due Soon

The filing period for the April quarterly report commences April 1, 2017 and ends April 10, 2017. All town committees, state central committees, and traditional and independent expenditure political committees must file this report. Candidate committees that were selected for a post-election review and have not yet terminated must file this report as well.

Candidate committees that were not selected for a post-election review are required to distribute their surplus by March 31, 2017 and file a termination within seven days of their surplus distribution, no later than April 7, 2017.

## ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

If you anticipate you will be resigning from serving as chairperson, please work with your committee members to ensure the committee has a replacement chairperson lined up and knows to file an amended registration statement appointing that new chairperson.

## Note to eCRIS Filers

The upcoming April quarterly filing may be submitted anytime between Saturday, April 1, and Monday, April 10. We encourage filers not to wait until the last minute! Lately we have found that over twenty percent of eCRIS filers are waiting until the very last day to file their disclosure statements. While eCRIS staff members are available through midnight of the filing date, it can be difficult to get through if too many wait to the last minute to ask their questions. eCRIS does allow you to save drafts and we strongly encourage folks to begin entering early and ask questions as they arise in order to avoid the last minute rush.

## 2018 Candidate and Exploratory Committees in Full Swing

Seven candidate committees and ten exploratory committees have already registered with the Commission for the 2018 election. If you are thinking about running in 2018, please contact Elections Officer Sarah Clark to set up a meeting with our staff. If you anticipate accepting contributions online, please remember to contact us so that we can approve your website before it goes live and ensure all of your contributions will be compliant.





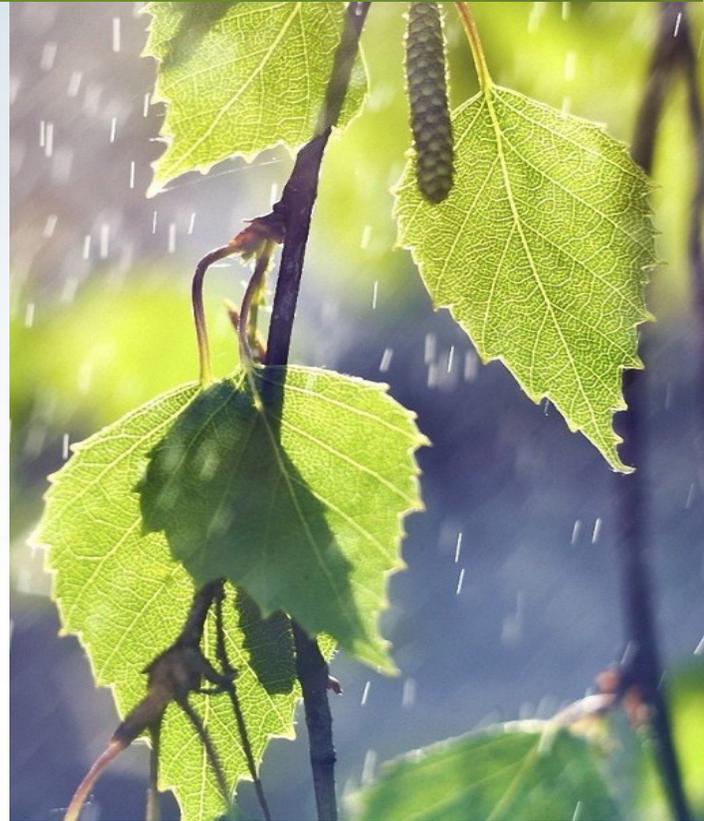
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## 2016 Candidate Committees Selected for Post-Election Review

Those candidate committees selected for post-election review were required to submit, with their January quarterly report, all documents related to the committee's transactions since its inception through December 31, 2016. (If the committee terminated before December 31, 2016, then all of its documentation was due already as well.) For committees that remain open, if you have any additional documentation relating to transactions that have occurred since January 1, 2017, please submit them when you terminate, which can be no later than July 7, 2017.

The documents provided through December will be reviewed for completeness and committees will be given feedback regarding any missing documents. Please note, however, that the actual review cannot begin until the committee has fully terminated and provided the remainder of the documents, including bank statements, through termination.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Candidate Services Unit.



## Staff Spotlight

Elections Officer Lisa Nightingale has returned from her maternity leave. Welcome back, Lisa, and congratulations again on the latest addition to your family!



*Ella*

## Municipal Campaign Finance Filing Pilot Program Update

The Pilot Program is under way and we have had 15 candidates from the participating towns register with the Commission thus far. All of their filings are publicly available on eCRIS. If you would like to see filings from a certain town, eCRIS has been updated so you can search by municipality, and if you want to search by office sought, all of the municipal offices are now included as well. Several candidates completed their registrations electronically and we expect to have our first disclosure statements filed through eCRIS for the upcoming April quarterly statement.

Under the Municipal Campaign Finance Filing Pilot Program, the Commission will serve as the filing repository for candidates and committees in the following towns during the 2017 election cycle: Cheshire, Colchester, East Haddam, East Haven, Hamden, Killingworth, Manchester, Meriden, Middletown, Monroe, New Britain, New Hartford, Norwich, Pomfret, Scotland, Simsbury, Stonington, Trumbull, West Hartford, and Westport.





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## Staff Spotlight

Elections Officer Andrew Cascudo departed the agency in February to pursue a legal career in private practice. The Commission thanks him for his nine years of service and wishes him well!



# eCRIS NEWS

## New eCRIS Member Home!

In the continuing effort to improve eCRIS and incorporate user feedback, we have updated the eCRIS Member's Homepage. Our goal is to create a clean, modern user experience on both desktop computers as well as mobile devices. We will continue to modernize the eCRIS user experience, working our way through the entire application.



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