

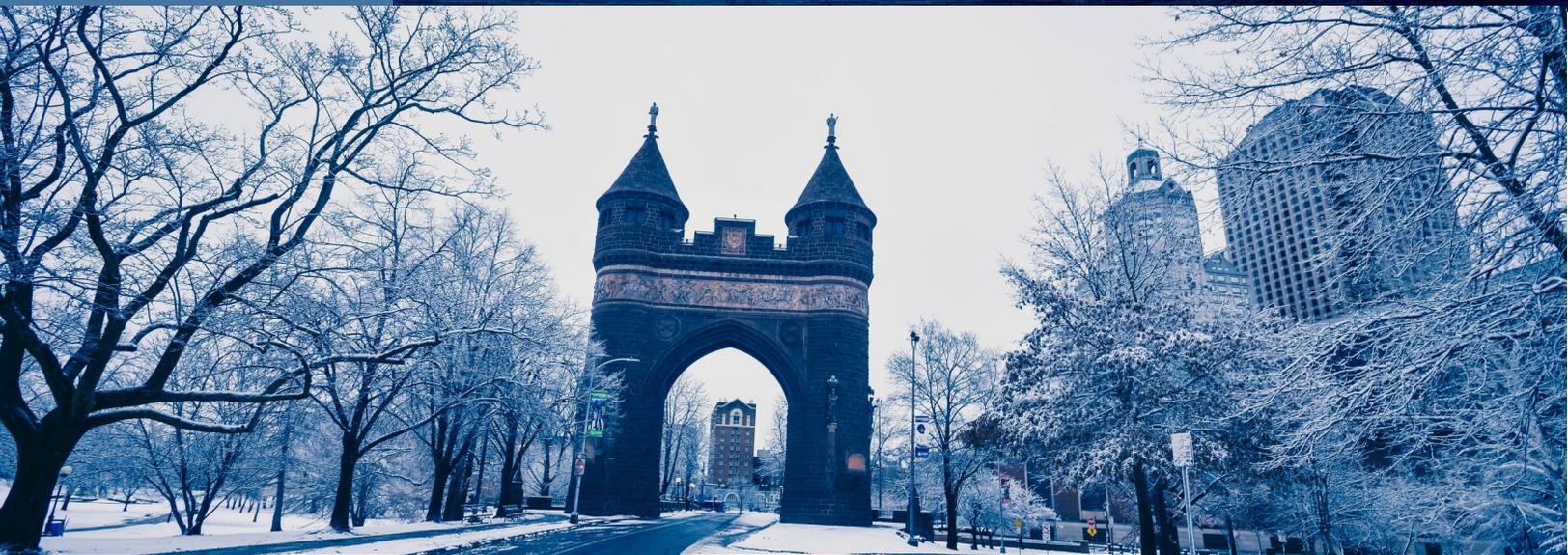


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## Pre-Application Reviews for CEP Campaigns

For candidates planning to participate in the Citizens' Election Program during the 2020 election season, the Commission is once again offering voluntary opportunities to submit documentation for a pre-application review (PAR) of potential qualifying contributions for those committees that have raised the qualifying contribution threshold plus an adequate buffer. This is a great opportunity for campaigns, as the Commission has seen that this early review program greatly increases the likelihood that campaigns will avoid continuances during the grant application season which begins in late May.

Further communications will be coming to all registered committees with detailed instructions.

## 2020 PAR CALENDAR/SCHEDULE

CEP treasurers: On your eCRIS Reporting Homepage for your 2020 candidate committee, there will be additional standard reports available for you to tailor your reporting schedule to accommodate a PAR.

### Dates to Submit SEEC 30

February 1-10, 2020

March 1-10, 2020

April 1-10, 2020

### Period Covered

1/1/20 – 1/31/20

1/1/20 – 2/29/20

1/1/20 – 3/31/20



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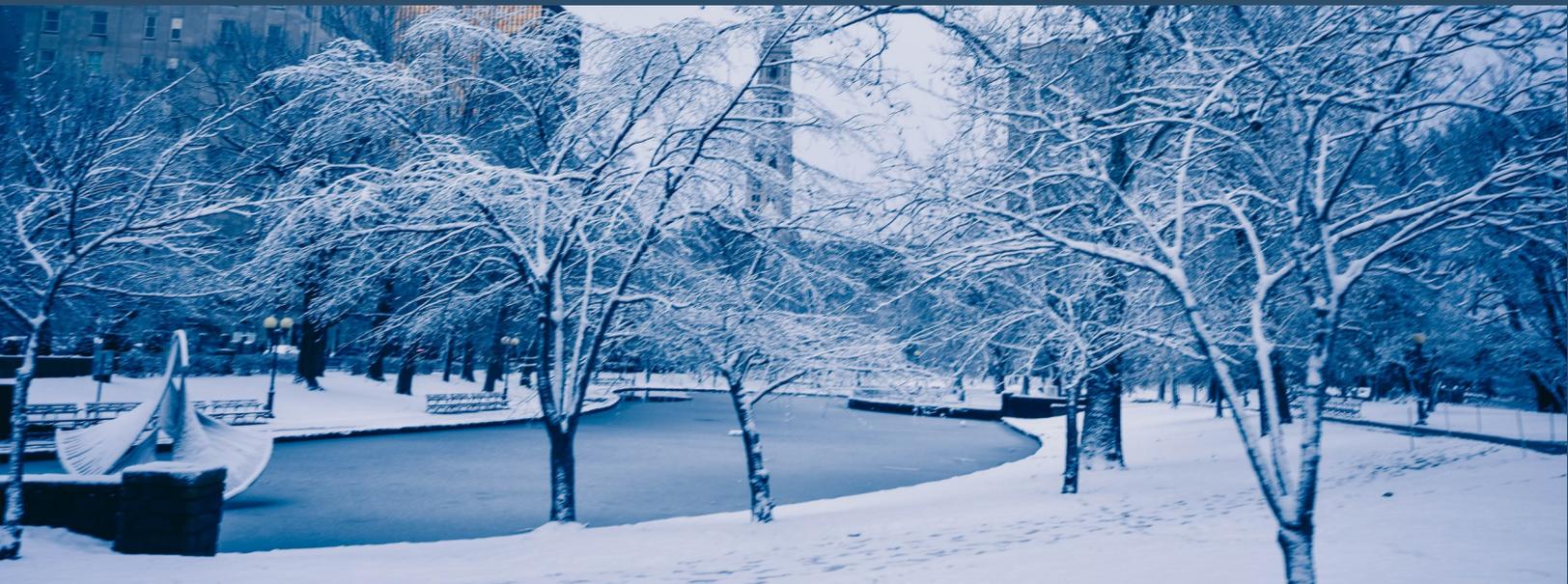
## 2020 Filing Calendars Now Available!

The 2020 filing calendars for state central committees, town committees, candidate committees, and political committees have now been posted. 2019 filing calendars remain available for durational committees that were opened for the 2019 election cycle and are set to terminate in 2020. Please click [here](#) to be brought to our filing calendars page.

As always, we encourage you to print the calendar and/or input the dates into your own personal calendar. While we do send out courtesy filing notices, most

of the filings are mandatory and therefore subject to a \$100 late fee regardless of the circumstance for lateness.

Since our notices are sent out electronically, please ensure we have the proper email address for your chairperson/candidate, treasurer, and deputy treasurer by checking your most recent registration statement on eCRIS. If any are incorrect or have changed, please submit an amended registration with the correct information.



### Attention 2019 Municipal Candidate Committees and Political Slate Committees

A post-election and termination fact sheet is now available to assist you in wrapping up your campaign and terminating if you have not yet done so. Please click [here](#)!



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## Online Contribution Reviews for 2020 Committees

If you are setting up an online contribution page for your committee's website, please contact Commission staff and we would be happy to review your website before it goes live to make sure it captures the relevant information and complies with campaign finance law. The best practice is to model your online contribution page after the sample online contribution forms provided on the Commission's website. Please contact the Candidate Services Unit at 860-256-2985 (or email your URL to [public.finance@ct.gov](mailto:public.finance@ct.gov)) for further assistance.

### CONTACT US

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## Upcoming Quarterly Filing Due January 10, 2020

The January quarterly filing is due Friday, January 10, 2020, and is required of all state central committees, town committees, political committees, and open candidate committees and slate committees registered for the 2019 and 2020 election cycles.

For committees registered with the SEEC, the above mentioned filings must be electronically submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date. If you are exempt from using eCRIS, your paper filing must be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Open municipal exploratory, candidate, and slate committees, as well as political committees registered at the local level, file with their town clerk's office. The filing must be postmarked on or before the deadline date or dropped off with the town clerk's office by close of business on the deadline date. If a 2019 committee has already filed a termination statement, it need not file a January quarterly statement.

As always, check the posted [Filing Calendars](#) on our website for more details.





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## Staff Spotlight

On October 11, 2019, Agency Information Technology Manager Douglas Frost received the Chief's Letter of Appreciation (Civilian) from Acting Chief Keith John Zengel at the State Capitol Police Department's annual awards ceremony. Earlier this year, Doug, along with Elections Officer Richard Gebo, Sr., Legal Investigator Scott Branfuhr, and Former Legal Investigator Alfonso Vazquez assisted in saving the life of another employee in the building who had become unresponsive due to a medical issue. The team was able to provide lifesaving emergency care for the employee until emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

Also in October, the Commission welcomed Legal Investigator Stephanie Fish into the Enforcement Unit.

In November, Staff Attorney Marianne Sadowski left the agency to pursue other career opportunities after serving the Commission for 13 years. Marianne was the first staff attorney hired to help implement and run the Citizens' Election Program and had been a crucial member of the Compliance team. The Commission is grateful for Marianne's dedication and years of service and wishes her well in her new position.



**We recognize and thank the following staff members for their years of state service:**

**Information Technology Analyst Amjad Mahmood – 35 years**

**Associate Fiscal Administrative Officer Shauna Khang – 15 years**

**Staff Attorney Ryan Burns – 5 years**

**Accounts Examiner Krysta Palozie – 5 years**

**Accounts Examiner Nicole Petit – 5 years**