



CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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2022 General Assembly and statewide office candidates, treasurers, and deputy treasurers should have received electronic notice in mid-December regarding whether they will be subject to a post-election review. If you have not received this email, please check your spam folder and/or contact your elections officer. We will be happy to give extensions for submitting your documents upon request.



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2023 Municipal Campaigns

Local candidates – if you are ready to get started on your campaign, our 2023 municipal candidate guide will be available on our website sometime in January so please check back or send us an email and we will let you know once it is posted. In the meantime, our 2021 guide is available [here](#). We also have municipal online training videos available [here](#) that you should find very helpful as well.

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have at 860-256-2940 or seec@ct.gov.

Please Note – Town clerks are the filing repositories for all municipal candidate committees and political slate committees. Town committees file with SEEC.

2023 Filing Calendars Now Available!

[CLICK HERE](#)

We urge you to print out the pertinent calendar and put it on your fridge or somewhere you look frequently or to input the filing dates into your personal calendar so that you remember these deadlines. We will continue to send filing reminders but the more reminders you have, the more likely you will be to file timely!

January Quarterly Filing Due Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The filing period for the January quarterly report (January 10 Filing) commenced January 1, 2023 and ends January 10, 2023. All state central committees, town committees, political committees, and open candidate committees* must file this report regardless of financial activity. The filing must cover the period starting with the first day after the period covered by the last filing through December 31, 2022.

Please note that committees that registered on or after January 1, 2023 are not required to file the January quarterly statement unless they had financial activity that occurred on or before December 31, 2022.

As always, please review the posted Filing Calendars on our website for more details.

*Important Note: Candidate committees of candidates who never made it onto the ballot but remain open are required to file the January quarterly report.



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Wrapping up the 2022 Election

As the 2022 election cycle comes to a close, committees should be looking to finalize their financial transactions and terminate. While the election is over, treasurers are still obligated to complete financial disclosure filings on the regular filing calendar until they terminate the committee (by submitting a termination filing). We have termination fact sheets available to assist you! Statewide office and General Assembly candidates can find theirs [here](#), judge of probate candidates can find theirs [here](#). Below are some things to keep in mind as you close down the campaign:

Are you ready to terminate?

You may terminate the committee as soon as you can demonstrate a \$0.00 balance on hand in eCRIS and have no outstanding expenses incurred. While you still have some time before the ultimate deadlines, it would be best to finish your final pieces of business while the information is fresh in your mind and while you are still in regular contact with your candidate and staff/vendors. You can terminate any time by submitting the “Termination Filing for Candidate and Exploratory Committees” available in the nonstandard reports menu.

Do you have any outstanding checks?

Contact the payees and determine if they need to still deposit the check you issued, or if you need to issue a replacement check. Contact the Candidate Services Unit (860-256-2985) for guidance on how to report a replacement check in eCRIS. Give people a deadline to deposit checks and let them know you are closing the committee account.

Are you in deficit?

The deadline for a deficit filing is February 7, 2023. If you believe your committee is in deficit, contact the Candidate Services Unit (860-256-2985) for guidance or refer to the termination section of your applicable guidebook. If you participated in the CEP and believe you are in deficit, please contact your elections officer as soon as possible.





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2022 Post-Election Reviews

Thank you to the treasurers and deputy treasurers of the 2022 election cycle! Whether this was your first time as a treasurer or your fifth, we appreciate your time and effort. Having qualified, diligent treasurers helps make Connecticut's campaign finance system one of the best in the nation.

Committees selected for a post-election review have been notified.

Below are the five major steps to preparing for review:

Step One – Collect your Documents.

Step Two – Organize your Documents. Be sure to print copies of documents you need from the bank (statements, copies of checks, etc.) before you close your account. We have found that some banks charge a fee for copies of records once the account is closed and it can be trying to obtain them, so be sure to do this step before you close your account.

Step Three – Provide all documents from the inception of the committee (including any exploratory committee) through December 31, 2022 to the Commission with your January filing, which is due January 10, 2023. If you need an extension, please contact your elections officer.

Step Four – Terminate the committee no later than July 7, 2023 and provide the documents covering the timeframe from January 1 through your termination.

Please Note: You are required to terminate within seven days of surplus distribution and may terminate earlier than the July 7, 2023 deadline. If you file a termination statement on or before January 10, 2023, you can provide all of your documents at once and will not be responsible for any further filings.

Step Five – Make sure we have up-to-date contact information for you.

To assist committees in preparing for the review and wrapping up your committee, we have created a list of materials along with guidance on how to submit your materials. This list was sent to you by email. If you have any questions after reading through this document, you may contact your elections officer at (860) 256-2985 or public.finance@ct.gov.

Not Selected for a Post-Election Review?

Committees not selected for post-election review must distribute their surplus by March 31, 2023 and file a termination statement within seven days, no later than April 7, 2023. You may terminate now or any time before this deadline and must do so within seven days of distributing your surplus. Keep in mind that regardless of whether you have been selected for review, committees may only terminate if they have a zero balance and no outstanding expenses incurred. Also remember to keep your documentation for four years. Thanks for a great election cycle!



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Staff Spotlight

In 2022, we celebrated the following staff members for their milestone years of state service:

- * DP Technical Analyst Richard Bramande – 30 years
- * Director of Campaign Audit & Disclosure Salman Munir – 15 years
- * Legal Investigator Stephanie Fish – 15 years
- * IT Analyst Geetha Natarajan – 15 years
- * Executive Director & General Counsel Michael Brandi – 10 years
- * Accounts Examiner Dinorah Collado – 10 years

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