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**COMING SOON:**

**ONLINE**

## **Municipal and Town Committee Training**

Due to popular demand, the SEEC staff is compiling a series of short videos on the subjects covered in the 2019 Municipal and Town Committee Training. These videos will be posted online for treasurers, candidates and anyone interested to access via the website. Stay tuned!

## **Save the Dates: 2019 Municipal and Town Committee Trainings Announced**

The temperatures are finally warming up and so are the 2019 municipal elections! We have redesigned the training program to suit both municipal candidates and town committees. The first training sessions have been scheduled for this spring/summer. Head to our website, <https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/training/Landing>, to reserve your seat at a training today!

Wednesday, May 15, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	SEEC 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Monday, July 22, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	Westport Public Library 20 Jesup Rd, Westport, CT 06880
Wednesday, July 24, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	Torrington City Hall 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790
Saturday, July 27, 2019	10:30am-12:30pm	Durham Public Library 7 Maple Ave, Durham, CT 06422
Monday, July 29, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	SEEC 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Wednesday, July 31, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	Colchester Town Hall, Room 1 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT 06415
Thursday, September 5, 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	SEEC 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106





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## Final Steps for 2018 Candidate Committees

Committees who were formed for the 2018 general election should be looking to finalize their financial transactions and terminate the committee if they haven't already done so.

Judge of probate candidate committees and statewide office and General Assembly candidate committees that were not selected for a post-election review must distribute any surplus by March 31, 2019 and file a termination statement within seven days of surplus distribution, no later than April 8, 2019.

For statewide office and General Assembly candidate committees that were selected for post-election review, your next filing is the April 10th filing, due Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (see below for more information) as your termination deadline is not until July 8, 2019. Please keep in mind that you may terminate in lieu of your April 10 filing! 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 filing a termination report).

We have provided a [Termination Fact Sheet](#) for your use. Remember, if you were selected for a post-election review – please get your documents to our office as soon as possible!

## April 10 Filing Reminder

To all registered statewide office and General Assembly candidate committees selected for a post-election review that have not yet terminated, and state central committees, town committees, and political committees (PACs), remember that your April 10 financial disclosure filing needs to be electronically filed by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. If you are exempt from using eCRIS, then your paper filing needs to be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Open municipal candidate and slate committees also have a filing due April 10, 2019 with their local town clerk's office. The filing must be postmarked by the April 10th deadline date if mailing or dropped off with the town clerk's office by close of business on that date.

State central committees – your next standard filing after the April 10 filing is the 12th day preceding May general election filing due April 24, 2019. Town committees in towns with May elections – your next standard filing will be the 7th day preceding the May election, due April 29, 2019. Town committees in towns with November elections and PACs – your next standard filing after the April 10 filing is the July 10 report unless you spend or receive in connection with any elections or primaries before then – i.e., a May municipal election or the May 7, 2019 state representative special election.

As always, check the posted 2019 [Filing Calendars](#) on our website for more details.



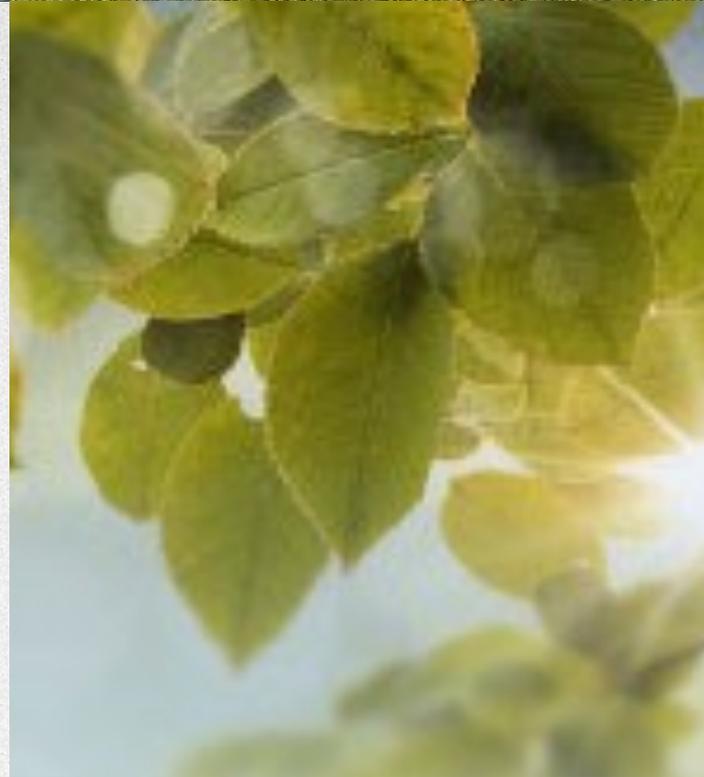
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## 2019 Special Elections

In February, April and now also in May, the SEEC is administering the Citizens' Election Program to support special elections for the state house and senate.

If you have questions related to the CEP rules and deadlines for these special elections, please head to our website and find links under "What's New."

History was made during the February 26th special election when Green Party candidate Mirna Martinez qualified for clean elections financing to obtain a partial grant and subsequently earned enough votes in the 4-way election to qualify for a full grant.

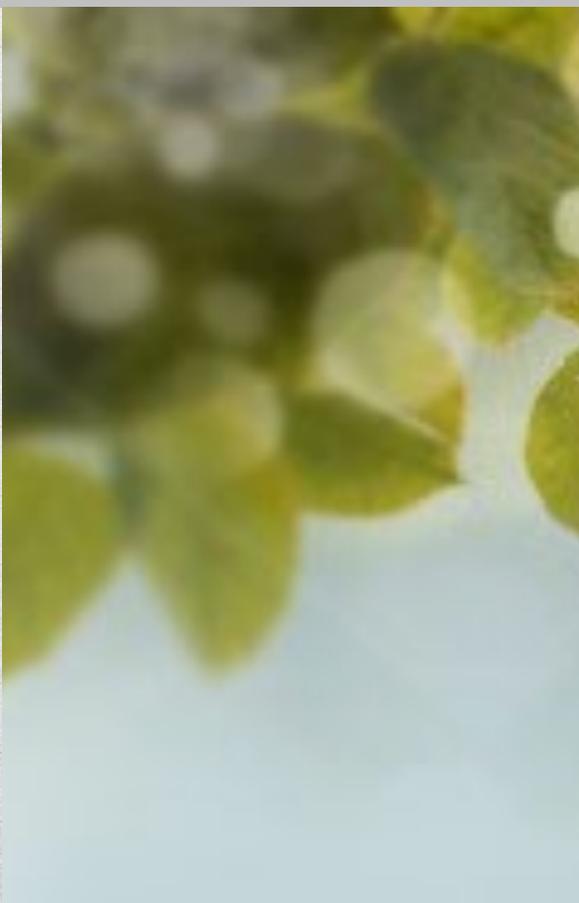


## Online Contributions Meet Legislative Proposals

With the feedback from candidates and treasurers from the 2018 elections, SEEC has drafted a legislative proposal that would allow for the creation of a standardized online contribution format and specifications.

Having a uniform template for all committees to use and specifications for the documentation service providers give to candidate committees will eliminate common errors and the drawn out review process. Not only will this free up staff to handle other aspects of the election cycle, but it will get committees up and running sooner!

Track the progress of Senate Bill 1045 [HERE](#).





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## SEEC Submits Report on the Municipal Campaign Finance Filing Pilot Program

This past February, the Commission submitted a report to the legislature summarizing its findings and recommendations concerning the pilot program under which SEEC served as the filing repository for 20 towns during the 2017 municipal election cycle. The report can be reviewed in full [HERE](#). In short, the Commission found the program to be successful and recommended it be made permanent across all 169 towns provided: (1) electronic filing be mandatory for the vast majority of candidate and committee registration and financial disclosure statements; (2) any permitted paper filings be submitted directly to the Commission's office; (3) the identifying information on candidates' endorsement paperwork be required to include their telephone numbers and email addresses to ensure more immediate communication; (4) there be a phasing in of the towns into the program; and (5) additional Commission staff members be hired due to the increased workload.

The program will not be running in 2019. As such, all candidates and committees registering for the 2019 municipal election cycle file with their local town clerks. The Commission hopes to see the program again in some form in 2021, perhaps at a larger and more permanent scale.

## Staff Spotlight

The SEEC welcomed Subrina Persaud to the Law Enforcement Unit in February 2019. One of her responsibilities will be supporting the Enforcement Unit and Commission by drafting and preserving official documents. Subrina has been a bright addition to the staff and we are happy to have her on board.

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