
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

November 6, 2023

Dear Potential 2024 City Council Candidates:

Thank you for your interest in running for a position on the Beloit City Council for the 2024-2026 term. In this packet, you will find the information and forms necessary to properly declare candidacy and run for one of the four available seats on the City Council. Please note the following important dates:

- You may begin circulating nomination papers on **Friday, December 1, 2023**.
- All completed forms and nomination papers are due to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**.
- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**.

For questions about state laws regarding campaign finance and all state forms, please contact the Wisconsin Ethics Commission at (608) 266-8123 or via email at ethics@wi.gov. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission website is also an excellent source of information regarding campaign finance and elections:

<https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/CampaignFinance/CampaignFinance.aspx>

The documents in this packet are also available on the City's website: www.beloitwi.gov. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the City Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Best wishes for a successful campaign,

The Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer's office staff

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2024 City Council Election Information

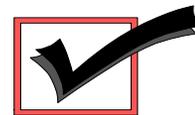
November 6, 2023 –The City of Beloit is launching the 2024 election process for a two-year term on City Council. Beginning Monday, November 6, 2023, anyone interested in running for City Council may pick up an information packet including nomination papers on the 2nd floor lobby during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm.

- There are seven members on City Council; **four** seats will be on the spring ballot.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is Friday, December 1, 2023.
- A minimum of 100 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted. Staff recommends that between 100 and 200 signatures be submitted to ensure ballot access.
- The deadline for declaration of noncandidacy for incumbents is Friday, December 22, 2023.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.
- The spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and/or raising any funds.
- Newly-elected City Council members will take office on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Nomination papers and forms are now available on the City’s website: www.beloitwi.gov in the Document Center in the City Council folder. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer’s office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at Grangerm@beloitwi.gov.

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**2024 Ballot Access Checklist:
Municipalities Where Nomination Papers are Used**



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for municipal office in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot at the **February 20, 2024 Spring Primary** and the **April 2, 2024 Spring Election**.

In the City of Milwaukee, the filing officer is the Milwaukee City Election Commission. In all other municipalities, the filing officer is the municipal clerk (town, village or city). Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

- Complete and Submit a Registration Statement (Form CF-1)** to the filing officer prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow postmarked no later than January 2, 2024. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.30(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.
 - New Candidates
File a campaign registration statement before campaign funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).
 - Continuing Candidates
Amend your current registration, indicating the office sought and the new primary and election dates. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).
- Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than January 2, 2024. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.
- Circulate and Submit Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Only original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) will be accepted. Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2023. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04(2).

The number of signatures required is as follows:

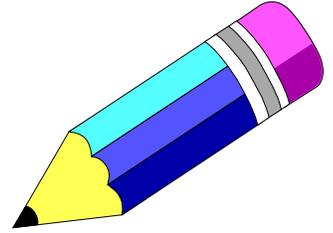
All village and town offices:		20 - 100
1 st Class Cities:	Citywide offices	1,500 - 3,000
	Aldersperson elected to district	200 - 400
2 nd and 3 rd Class Cities:	Citywide offices	200 - 400
	Aldersperson elected at large	100 - 200
	Aldersperson elected to district	20 - 40
4 th Class Cities:	Citywide offices	50 - 100
	Aldersperson elected to district	20 - 40

- Municipal Judge Candidates:**
Complete and submit a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) to the Ethics Commission using the website (<https://sei.wi.gov>). Incumbents will be emailed a notice about December 1. New candidates must sign up on the website so staff can set them up to file electronically. The SEI must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024, or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.30(3), 19.43(4). Candidates may also print the SEI form and instructions from the Ethics Commission website (<https://ethics.wi.gov>), and return those forms by email or fax. For more information, please contact the Ethics Commission at 608-266-8123 or ethics@wi.gov.

Important Note Regarding Statements of Economic Interests:

A municipality may enact an ordinance establishing a code of ethics for public officials that may require a candidate for municipal office, *in addition to the office of Municipal Judge*, to file a **Statement of Economic Interests (SEI)**. The ordinance may also provide that failure to timely file an SEI will prevent the candidate's name from being placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 19.59(1m),(3)(b). Please contact the filing officer to learn if this requirement applies to you.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHECKLIST FOR 2024 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES



Candidates should determine if they are required to make financial disclosure reports.

For Milwaukee City offices, the filing officer is the Milwaukee City Board of Election Commissioners. For all other municipal offices the filing officer is the municipal clerk. For school district offices, the filing officer is the school district clerk. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

If NOT claiming the exemption from reporting requirements:

- Obtain a copy of the ***Campaign Finance Overview – Local Candidates*** (Revised 2023) Manual from your filing officer and carefully review it with your treasurer.
- Complete and submit a ***January Continuing Campaign Finance Report (Form CF-2L)*** to the filing officer no later than **January 16, 2024**, if registered before January 1, 2024. This report covers activity from July 1, 2023, or the date of registration (whichever is later), through December 31, 2023.
- Complete and submit a ***Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Report (Form CF-2L)*** to the filing officer no later than **February 12, 2024**, if a primary is held. This report covers activity from January 1, 2024, through February 5, 2024.
- Complete and submit a ***Pre-Election Campaign Finance Report (Form CF-2L)*** to the filing officer, no later than **March 25, 2024**. This report covers activity from February 6, 2024, through March 18, 2024, if a primary is held, **or** January 1, 2024, through March 18, 2024, if no primary is held.
- Complete and submit a ***July Continuing Campaign Finance Report (Form CF-2L)*** to the filing officer no later than **July 15, 2024**. This report covers activity from March 19, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Committees must file “Continuing Reports” until a termination report (CF-2L) is filed.

For further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms, please contact:
Wisconsin Ethics Commission.



Regular meetings of the City Council occur on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month beginning at 7:00pm in the City Hall Forum at 100 State Street (Federal Holidays may alter the regular meeting schedule)

Agenda review workshops immediately precede the regular meetings of the City Council. Agenda review workshops begin at 6:30pm and are held in the 1st floor City Hall conference room

2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 2

Tuesday, January 16

Monday, February 5

Monday, February 19

Monday, March 4

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 1

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16 - Council Reorganization

Monday, May 6

Monday, May 20

Monday, June 3

Monday, June 17

Monday, July 1

Monday, July 15

Monday, August 5

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, September 3

Monday, September 16

Monday, October 7

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 4

Monday, November 18

Monday, December 2

Monday, December 16

Monday, January 6, 2025

Tuesday, January 21, 2025



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks and the Milwaukee County Elections Commission
Wisconsin Municipal Clerks and the Milwaukee City Election Commission

FROM: Elections Commission Staff

DATE: September 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Effect of Constitutional Amendment Barring Convicted Felons from Running for or Holding Elective Office in Wisconsin

In November 1996, the electors of the State of Wisconsin ratified a constitutional amendment which bars any person, who has been convicted of a felony for which they have not been pardoned, or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving a violation of public trust for which they have not been pardoned, from holding a state or local office. As a result of the adoption of this constitutional amendment, which took effect on November 5, 1996, local election officials may need to address a number of questions relating to convicted felons who seek to run for office or who are elected to office.

The constitutional amendment deals with two different types of crimes. The first involves felony convictions. Any person convicted of a felony in any federal or state court in the United States is barred from running for state or local office in Wisconsin, unless that person has been pardoned.

The second involves misdemeanor convictions involving a violation of public trust. The term, “misdemeanor involving a violation of public trust,” has not been defined by state law. Filing officers do not have to worry about individuals convicted of that category of crime until the term has been defined. At the present time, there is no such thing as a misdemeanor involving a violation of public trust.

The Declaration of Candidacy form (EL-162) reflects this constitutional change. Any person seeking to be a candidate for state or local office must file a Declaration of Candidacy. That declaration contains a sworn statement that the person has not been convicted of any felony for which they have not been pardoned, or any misdemeanor involving a violation of public trust for which they have not been pardoned. Any person who falsely signs this statement could be convicted of a violation of Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a), (am). If a person seeking to become a candidate advises you that they have been convicted of a felony, your best approach is to advise

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them that they cannot be a candidate and discourage them from filing ballot access documents, including nomination papers, a Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Registration Statement.

If it is brought to your attention that a person who is a convicted felon has filed ballot access documents, the matter needs to be resolved in consultation with your municipal or county attorney. It is the position of the Wisconsin Elections Commission that you should only act on information that has been presented to you, in the form of a sworn complaint, alleging that a person has been convicted of a felony and evidence is provided in support of that allegation. Your municipal attorney can assist you in verifying the basis of the complaint.

Once it has been determined that a candidate or an elected official has been convicted of a felony, your municipal attorney can assist you in removing the person's name from the ballot or take appropriate steps to have the person removed from office. A formal notice should be sent to the candidate or elected official informing that person of the filing officer's decision to remove his or her name from the ballot.

This change to Wisconsin law regarding candidate qualifications and the qualifications of elected public officials does not require the municipal clerk to verify that every elected official or candidate for elected public office has not been convicted of a felony for which they have not been pardoned. The clerk should rely on the sworn statement of the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy. No action should be taken unless there is evidence, in the form of a sworn complaint, setting forth allegations which establish that a candidate or elected official has been convicted of a felony for which they have not been pardoned.



CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE/CONDUIT REGISTRATION STATEMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Note: An amended registration statement must be filed within 10 days of any changes in information.

1. Is this an Amendment? No Yes If yes, please enter your committee number:	Committee Number
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SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

A1. Committee/Conduit Name		A2. Registrant Type (Choose One)			
A3. Email		A4. Phone		Candidate Referendum Recall Conduit Political Action (PAC) Independent Expenditure (IEC) Political Party Legislative Campaign Committee	
A5. Mailing Address			A6. City		A7. State
Depository Institution Information					
A9. Institution Name		A10. Street Address		A11. City	
A12. State		A13. Zip			
Treasurer/Administrator Information					
A14. Name		A15. Email		A16. Phone	
A17. Mailing Address			A18. City		A19. State
A20. Zip					
Other Officers (Optional)					
<i>Independent and local non-partisan candidates: Indicate by an asterisk (*) which officers are authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination due to death of candidate.</i>					
A21. Name		A22. Title		A23. Email	
A24. Phone					
A25. Name		A26. Title		A27. Email	
A28. Phone					
Filing Exemption				A29. Exemption Affirmation	
<i>Registrants that will not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations in an aggregate amount of more than \$2,500 in a calendar year are eligible for exemption from filing campaign finance reports. For committees registering with the Commission, exempt status is effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted. Those committees registering with the Commission that want to remain exempt must renew each year. Local candidate committees that do not anticipate accepting or making contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year may claim an exemption from filing campaign finance reports at any time. This exemption applies until the local candidate committee exceeds the \$2,500 aggregate activity threshold, amends its registration, or is terminated.</i>				Yes, this registrant is eligible for exemption. No, this registrant is not eligible for exemption.	

SECTION B: CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

B1. Office Sought (include District/Branch)		B2. Political Party		B3. Election Date	
Candidate Information					
B4. Name		B5. Email		B6. Phone	
B7. Mailing Address			B8. City		B9. State
B10. Zip					
Second Candidate Committee				B11. Is this your only registered candidate committee in Wisconsin?	
<i>An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a second candidate committee to pursue another state or local office.</i>				Yes, this is my only candidate committee in Wisconsin. No, this is my second candidate committee in Wisconsin.	
B12. Other Office Held or Sought (include District/Branch) Only complete B12 if you responded "No" to B11.					



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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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SECTION C: RECALL COMMITTEES

C1. Name of Official Subject to Recall	C2. Office of Official Subject to Recall	C3. Support Oppose
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SECTION D: PAC, IEC, AND CONDUITS

D1. Sponsoring Organization	D2. Email	D3. Phone	
D4. Mailing Address	D5. City	D6. State	D7. Zip

SECTION E: POLITICAL PARTY & LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

E1. Political Party or Legislative Campaign Committee	E2. Does the Party or Committee have a Segregated Fund? No Yes		
Segregated Fund Depository Institution Information (if applicable)			
E3. Institution Name	E4. Street Address	E5. City	E6. State E7. Zip

SECTION F: REFERENDA COMMITTEES

F1. Nature of Referendum (if applicable)	F2. Support Oppose
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SECTION G: CERTIFICATION

Accurate Information

I certify that I am an authorized representative of the registrant and that to my knowledge all of the information contained within this registration is true, correct, and complete.

Timely Amendments

I am aware of the requirement to amend this registration statement within 10 days of any change of information contained within, as well as the requirement to register within 10 days of meeting the requirements to register under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Records Retention

I acknowledge the duty to maintain records in an organized and legible manner for three years from the date of the most recent election in which this registrant participates. If registering a candidate committee, I acknowledge the duty to maintain records in an organized and legible manner for the three-year period prescribed in s.11.0201(4).

Ongoing Compliance

This registrant shall continue to maintain its registration and comply with all applicable reporting requirements under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Treasurer/Administrator		
G1. Printed Name	G2. Signature	G3. Date
Candidate (if applicable)		
G4. Printed Name	G5. Signature	G6. Date



FORM INSTRUCTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE/CONDUIT REGISTRATION STATEMENT (CF-1)

Note: This form is used to register a committee or conduit under Chapter 11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Committees and conduits required to register and report with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission should register and report using the Commission's Campaign Finance Information System which can be found on line at cfis.wi.gov. Committees required to register and report with a local filing officer must register with this form. The Commission does not intend to use any personally identifiable information from this form for any purpose other than registering a committee or conduit. This form will be made available to the public upon request. All information you provide is available to the public.

Item 1. Is this an amendment? Check the appropriate box. If "Yes" is checked, enter the committee ID number if you have one. If "No" is checked, proceed directly to Section A.

Section A: General Information. All committees and conduits must complete section A. Candidates for local office may find the CF-1L form easier to use. Either form CF-1 or CF-1L is allowed.

Item A1: Committee/Conduit Name. All committees and conduits must have a name. It is not required that the name include the candidate or organization's name, but it is recommended. A political party committee wishing to operate under the same name as a state political party committee must receive authorization from that state party (Wis. STAT. § 11.0101(26)(a)1).

Item A29: Exemption Affirmation. Committees claiming exemption may not have more than \$2,500 of activity, in the aggregate per year. For example, in a calendar year, if you raise \$1,600 and spend \$1,000 you have \$2,600 of aggregate activity and are not eligible to claim exemption.

Depository Institution Information. All committees and conduits must designate a depository institution. While it is recommended that all committees have a designated campaign depository account, candidates who will serve as their own treasurer may designate a single personal account to serve as the committee depository account while claiming a filing exemption and may intermingle personal and campaign funds (Wis. STAT. § 11.0201(2)(b)).

Treasurer/Administrator Information. Each committee must appoint a treasurer and each conduit must appoint an administrator. Any adult may serve as a treasurer or administrator. A candidate may serve as his or her own treasurer. If a candidate is serving as their own treasurer, please enter 'Candidate' or 'Self' in the name, and then you can leave the other treasurer information blank.

Section B: Candidate Committees. All candidates register their committee to appear on the ballot. Candidate committees must complete section B. No other committee type should complete section B. Candidates for local office may find the CF-1L form easier to use. Either form CF-1 or CF-1L is allowed.

Section C: Recall Committees. Recall committees must complete section C. No other committee type should complete section C.

Section D: PAC, IEC, and Conduits. Political action committees, independent expenditure committees, and conduits must complete section D. No other committee type should complete section B. All fields in section D refer to the sponsoring organization's contact information.

Section E: Political Party and Legislative Campaign Committees. Only political party committees and legislative campaign committees should complete section E.

Item E2. A political party or a legislative campaign committee may establish a segregated fund for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee or making disbursements for express advocacy (Wis. STAT. § 11.1104(6)). If the political party or legislative campaign committee has a segregated fund, please indicate by checking "Yes."

Items E3 - E7. If the segregated fund is maintained with the same depository institution as the primary account, write "Same as primary account." in E3.

Section F: Referendum Committees. Only referendum committees should complete section F.

Section G: Certification. All committees and conduits must complete section G. If a candidate is serving as their own treasurer, they only need to sign the certification once as either the candidate or treasurer.

Declaration of Candidacy

(See instructions for preparation on back)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Is this an amendment?

Yes (if you have already filed a DOC for this election)

No (if this is the first DOC you have filed for this election)

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that
Candidate's name

I am a candidate for the office of _____
Official name of office - Include district, branch or seat number

representing _____
If partisan election, name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less (Candidates for nonpartisan office may leave blank.)

and I meet or will meet at the time I assume office the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.¹

My present address, including my municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

House or fire no.	Street Name	Mailing Municipality and State	Zip code	Town of <input type="checkbox"/>	Village of <input type="checkbox"/>	City of <input type="checkbox"/>
				Municipality of Residence for Voting		

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN } _____ (Signature of candidate)
County of _____ } ss.
(County where oath administered)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

**NOTARY SEAL
REQUIRED, IF OATH
ADMINISTERED BY
NOTARY PUBLIC**

Notary Public or other official _____
(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires _____ or is permanent.

The information on this form is required by Wis. Stat. § 8.21, Art. XIII, Sec. 3, Wis. Const., and must be filed with the filing officer in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), 887.01.

¹ A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to any office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a **Declaration of Candidacy**. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the filing officer no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the filing officer with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

Information to be provided by the candidate:

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any district, branch, or seat number** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line. *For legislative offices insert the title and district number, for district attorneys insert the title and the county, for circuit court offices insert the title, county and branch number, and for municipal and school board offices insert the title and any district or seat number.*
- Type or print the political party affiliation or principle supported by you in five words or less on the third line. *Nonpartisan candidates may leave this line blank.*
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust. These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.**
- Your current address, including your municipality of residence for voting purposes, must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include your entire mailing address (**street and number, municipality where you receive mail**) and the name of the municipality in which you reside and vote (town, village, or city of ___). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the filing officer. Wis. Stat. § 8.21. *Federal candidates are not required to provide this information, however an address for contact purposes is helpful.*
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, former legal surname, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, surname or nickname with last name.

Note: The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as “Red” or “Skip” are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as “Lower taxes,” “None of the above” or “Lower Spending” are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses. For example, John “Jack” Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county or municipal clerk. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.21(2), 887.01(1).

Information to be provided by the person administering the oath:

- The county where the oath was administered.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the notary seal is required and the date the notary's commission expires must be listed.

All candidates for offices using the nomination paper process must file this form (*and all school district candidates must file the EL-162sd*) with the appropriate filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 8.21, 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b). Candidates nominated for local office at a caucus must file this form with their municipal clerk within 5 days of receiving notice of nomination. Wis. Stat. § 8.05 (l)(j).

NOMINATION PAPER FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Candidate's name (required) ; no titles may be used.		Candidate's residential address (required) <i>No P.O. box addresses</i> Street, fire, or rural route number; box number (if rural route); and name of street or road		Candidate's municipality for <u>voting</u> purposes (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village _____ <input type="checkbox"/> City _____ (name of municipality)	
Candidate's mailing address, including municipality for mailing purposes (required) if different than residential address or voting municipality)		State (required) WI	Zip code	Type of election (required) <input type="checkbox"/> spring <input type="checkbox"/> special	
Election date (required) <i>Do not use primary date.</i> <u>Mo/Day/Year</u>		Title of office (required)		Branch, district or seat number (required) if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Seat	
				Name of jurisdiction or district in which candidate seeks office (required)	

I, the undersigned, request that the candidate, whose name and residential address are listed above, be placed on the ballot at the election described above as a candidate so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for him or her for the office listed above. I am eligible to vote in the jurisdiction or district in which the candidate named above seeks office. I have not signed the nomination paper of any other candidate for the same office at this election.

The municipality used for mailing purposes, when different than municipality of residence, is not sufficient. The name of the municipality of residence must always be listed.

Signatures of Electors	Printed Name of Electors	Residential Address <i>(No P.O. Box Addresses)</i> Street and Number or Rural Route <i>(Rural address must also include box or fire no.)</i>	Municipality of Residence Check the type and write the name of your municipality for voting purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	Date of Signing Mo/Day/Year
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
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CERTIFICATION OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____ certify: I reside at _____.

(Name of circulator) (Circulator's residential address - **Include number, street, and municipality.**)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. §6.03. I personally circulated this nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district the candidate seeks to represent. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this candidate. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

(Date) _____
(Signature of circulator)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

This is a sample nomination paper form. It conforms to the statutory requirements for nomination papers for nonpartisan office. All information concerning the candidate must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the appropriate filing officer. This form may be reproduced in any way. A candidate's picture and biographical data may also be added to this form. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on nomination papers. Candidates are advised to send a sample of their completed form to the filing officer for review before circulation.

Page Numbers – Number each page consecutively, beginning with “1”, before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

Candidate's Name - Insert the candidate's name. A candidate may use his or her full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials or nickname with last name. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as “Red” or “Skip” are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as “Lower taxes,” “None of the above” or “Lower Spending” are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John “Jack” Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

Candidate's Address – Insert the candidate's residential address (*no P.O. Box addresses*) and the municipality for voting purposes. Indicate if the municipality of residence is a town, village, or city. If a candidate's mailing address is different from the residential address or voting municipality, a complete mailing address must also be given.

Date of Election - Insert the date of the election. If the nomination paper is being circulated for a spring election, the date is the first Tuesday in April. If the election is a special nonpartisan election, the date of the special election must be listed.

Title of Office - The name of the office must be listed **along with any branch, district, or seat number** (if applicable) that clearly identifies the office the candidate is seeking. If necessary, the name of the jurisdiction that identifies the office, such as Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3, must also be listed.

Name of Jurisdiction - The nomination papers must also indicate the municipality or jurisdiction in which the signing electors are qualified to vote, as it relates to the office sought by the candidate named on the nomination paper. For example, for a statewide office the jurisdiction is the State of Wisconsin. Others may be the county, town, village, city, aldermanic district, school district, or town sanitary district, as required.

Signatures and Printed Name of Electors - Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction or the district the candidate seeks to represent may sign the nomination papers. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector must provide their **residential** address (*no P.O. Box addresses*), including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name, and municipality of residence. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The name of the Municipality of Residence must be listed for each signing elector and must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. The date the elector signed the nomination paper, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the papers are filed with the filing officer.

Signature of Circulator - The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. **THE CIRCULATOR MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT THE NOMINATION PAPER TO EACH SIGNER. THE NOMINATION PAPER MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.** The circulator's complete residential address including municipality of residence must be listed in the certification. **After** obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

Other Instructions - Candidates and circulators should review Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission §§ 2.05, 2.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

- *Original* nomination papers must be in the physical custody of the appropriate filing officer by the filing deadline. A postmark on the filing deadline is **NOT** sufficient. Nomination papers **CANNOT** be faxed to the filing officer. Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission § 6.04(2), Wis. Adm. Code.
- Nomination papers with the required number of signatures must be filed with the appropriate filing officer **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on the first Tuesday in January (or the next day if the first Tuesday is a holiday) before the spring election. Special elections may have different filing deadlines. Check with the filing officer.
- In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot, a candidate must file a *Campaign Registration Statement* (ETHCF-1), a *Declaration of Candidacy* (EL-162), and *Nomination Papers* (EL-169) containing the appropriate number of signatures for the office sought no later than the filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(3). Candidates for state office and municipal judge must also file a statement of economic interests with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission by the third business day after the nomination paper filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 19.43. If any one of these required forms is not filed by the deadline, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.30.
- If a candidate or circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the filing officer.

**CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Certain information required to be disclosed on this form may not be applicable to you, your spouse, or your minor children. Where not applicable, please write N/A (meaning not applicable). All spaces must be filled with the required information or N/A. Leave no space blank. If the space provided is not sufficient, attach additional sheets, making sure that you indicate to which item the information pertains.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

City public office held/Committee appointed to:

or office for which you are a candidate: _____

A. Name: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Name(s) of Minor Children: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Different Names used in business, if any: _____

B. List all corporations or other business interests doing business in the City of Beloit, Beloit Township or Turtle Township: (1) in which you, your spouse or minor children hold any significant interest, or, (2) with which you are otherwise associated.

Name of Business Entity City and State	Description of Interest (Example: common stock, limited partnership, etc.) You need not report dollar value, number of shares or fractional interests.	Held by whom (Enter X)	
		You	Spouse or Minor Child

C. List all the names of all employers of you or your spouse:

EMPLOYER	Brief Statement of Nature of Employment	You	Spouse

D. List all parcels of real estate within the City and adjoining cities, towns or townships in which you, your spouse or minor children beneficially own or control any interest, including an option to purchase.

Real Estate Parcels by Street Address or Legal Description	Owned by you (Enter X)	Spouse Or Minor Child

I declare under penalties of law that I have examined this statement (including attached sheets) and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of person required to file

Date

Date Received by Clerk's Office



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE OVERVIEW

Local Candidate Committees

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REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Who is Required to Register?

Under Wisconsin campaign finance law, a candidate for election to public office must register a candidate committee with the appropriate filing officer. A candidate for local office must register with the appropriate filing officer as soon as is practicable after any of the following occur:

- (a) The individual takes any of the following affirmative actions to seek nomination or election to a state or local office:
 - 1. Files nomination papers with the appropriate filing officer;
 - 2. Is nominated as a candidate for state or local office by a caucus or by a political party and the nomination is certified to the appropriate filing officer;
 - 3. Receives a contribution, makes a disbursement, or gives consent for another person to receive a contribution or make a disbursement in order to bring about the individual's nomination or election to a state or local office;
- (b) The individual holds a state or local office and is the subject of a recall petition; or
- (c) The individual holds a state or local office.
WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0101\(1\)](#), [11.0202\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Appropriate filing officers are as follows:

<u>Office:</u>	<u>Filing Officer:</u>
County Executive	County Clerk
County Supervisor	County Clerk
County Clerk or County Treasurer	County Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court	County Clerk
Coroner	County Clerk
Register of Deeds	County Clerk
Sheriff	County Clerk
Multi-Jurisdictional Judge*	County Clerk
Mayor, Village President	Municipal Clerk
Aldersperson, Village Trustee, Town Board Member	Municipal Clerk
Municipal Clerk or Municipal Treasurer [if elected]	Municipal Clerk
Municipal Judge	Municipal Clerk
School District Board Member	School District Clerk

If a multi-jurisdictional judge serves a district with municipalities in more than one county, the filing officer is the County Clerk in the county with the largest population within the district.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0102\(1\)\(b\)-\(g\)](#).

A candidate who receives no contributions, makes no disbursements, and incurs no obligations need not designate a campaign depository account until the first contribution is received, disbursement is made, or obligation is incurred. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0202\(1\)\(b\)](#). The only activities allowed prior to registration are: the minimum amount of money needed to open an account can be deposited at a financial institution, a

post office box can be rented, and contributions and disbursements needed for the production of nomination papers can be made. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0202\(2\)\(b\)](#).

After filing the registration statement, a candidate may begin receiving and disbursing campaign funds. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0202\(2\)\(a\)](#). The candidate committee's financial activities must be reported to the appropriate filing officer on campaign finance reports, unless the committee has claimed an exemption from filing reports. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0103](#), [11.0104](#). These reports will disclose information on the receipts, expenditures, incurred obligations, and loans of the campaign. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)](#).

Completing a Registration Statement

Registration statements are to be filed with the appropriate filing officer using the Ethics Commission's Campaign Finance Registration Statement ([CF-1 Local Candidate](#)). [WIS. STAT. § 11.1304\(1\)](#).

Required Information

1. The name and mailing address of the candidate committee.
2. The name and mailing address of the candidate committee treasurer and any other custodian of books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the commission, all mailings that are required by law or by rule of the commission shall be sent to the treasurer at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.
3. In the case of a candidate committee of an independent candidate for partisan office or a candidate for nonpartisan county or municipal office, a list of the members of the committee, if any, whom the filing officer shall recognize as eligible to fill a nomination vacancy if the candidate dies before the election.
4. The name and address of the depository account of the candidate committee and of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0203](#).

Guide for Filing the Campaign Finance Registration Statement (CF-1)

Section A. General Information

This section must be completed by all candidate committees. It contains the information identifying the candidate committee.

A1. Candidate Committee Name

This is the name used for the attribution/disclaimer statements on advertisements and yard signs. Common options include "First Name Last Name for Wisconsin" or "Friends of First Name Last Name."

A2-12. Contact and Depository Institution Information

If the candidate committee does not have a separate address/PO box, phone number, or email for the candidate committee, then the candidate should use their personal address, phone number, and email. Candidates claiming exemption may use a personal bank account as the committee depository account. Candidates not claiming the exemption are required to set up a separate bank account for their committee.

A13-19. Treasurer Information

If the candidate is serving as their own treasurer, they should include their own contact information here.

A20-27. Other Officers

This section is intended to list other individuals that are helping on the campaign and is entirely optional. Local non-partisan candidates can list an individual here with an asterisk by their name which indicates they are to fill a vacancy if the candidate were to pass away before the election.

A28. Exemption

Indicate whether the candidate committee will not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations in aggregate of more than \$2,500 in a calendar year and therefore is eligible to claim an exemption from filing campaign finance reports. If a committee raises \$1,600 and spends \$1,000, this is \$2,600 of aggregate activity, and it is not eligible to claim exemption.

Section B. Candidate Information

B1-3. Election Information

List the office sought, including the district and branch and the election date. If the race is nonpartisan, then “nonpartisan” or “N/A” can be listed in B2. An amended registration must be filed for every election, listing the correct election date in B3.

B4-10. Candidate Information

This section should list the personal contact information of the candidate.

B11-12. Second Candidate Committee

If the candidate currently holds an elective office and has an additional candidate committee, they should indicate it in this section.

Section C. Certification

Both the candidate and treasurer shall certify the initial registration here with their signatures. If the candidate serves as the treasurer, they only need to sign once, under “Candidate,” in C5. By signing the certification, the candidate and treasurer are certifying each of the following statements listed on the registration:

- I certify that I am an authorized representative of the candidate committee and that to my knowledge all of the information contained within this registration is true, correct, and complete.
- I am aware of the requirement to amend this registration statement within 10 days of any change of information contained within, including any change to the candidate committee’s eligibility for exemption from campaign finance reporting.
 - When any information reported on the registration statement changes, an amendment to the registration statement must be filed with the appropriate filing officer within **ten days**. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0203\(3\)\(a\)](#). The amended registration only requires either the candidate or treasurer to certify.
- I acknowledge requirement to maintain the records of the candidate committee in an organized and legible manner for three years from the close of the most recent contribution limit period (June 30 following the April election, December 31 following the November election).
 - The treasurer must maintain all records from each contribution limit period for 3 years following the end of each period. See the [Records Retention Requirement](#) section in this guide for more information.
- I acknowledge that I am required to continue to comply with all applicable requirements under Chapter 11 of the Wisconsin Statutes until this registration is terminated. I understand that I am not released from any liability simply because the election date has passed.

- A committee remains active until termination is requested pursuant to [WIS. STAT. § 11.0105](#). Even if the election has passed, the committee must continue to file reports and comply with all other requirements until the committee is terminated. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0207](#). See the [TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION](#) section in this guide for more information on termination.

Candidates Seeking More Than One Office

An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a second candidate committee to pursue another state or local office. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0202\(2\)\(d\)](#). If a second committee is established, that committee will register and file reports with the appropriate filing officer. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0102](#).

Failure to File a Registration Statement

Failure to file a registration statement by the deadline for filing nomination papers may prevent a candidate's name from appearing on the ballot. WIS. STAT. §§ [8.15\(4\)\(b\)](#), [8.30\(2\)](#). If a statement or amendment is not filed on time, the registrant may be subject to a civil penalty. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1400\(1\)](#).

EXEMPTION FROM FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

Eligibility

Committees may be eligible for an exemption from filing campaign finance reports if the committee anticipates that it will not accept or make contributions, make disbursements, or incur loans and other obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0104](#). This includes the candidate's personal funds contributed and spent on campaign expenses. For example, if a committee receives \$1,600 in contributions and spends \$1,000 in disbursements, the committee's aggregate activity is \$2,600, and it would not be eligible for exemption.

A local candidate eligible for exemption may claim exemption at any time. A local candidate claiming exemption can remain on exemption until they exceed the threshold or request termination. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0104\(1\)\(c\)](#).

Financial Records During Exemption

When a committee is exempt, it is not required to file any campaign finance reports until it requests termination. However, the candidate or treasurer is still required to keep financial records of all contributions to the committee and of all expenditures for three years after the end of the contribution limit period. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0201\(4\)](#). See the [Records Retention Requirement](#) section in this guide for more information.

A candidate committee that is exempt from filing campaign finance reports and for which the candidate serves as the treasurer may use a personal account as the campaign depository and intermingle campaign funds with personal and other funds. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0201\(2\)\(b\)](#). While permissible, intermingling funds can cause confusion about whether the funds were received or spent for personal or for campaign purposes. It can also make it more difficult to track contribution limits. Therefore, the best practice is to have a separate account for the candidate committee.

Revoking Exemption

If the committee exceeds the \$2,500 aggregate limit on contributions, disbursements, or obligations, the committee must amend its campaign registration statement by checking in Box A28, "No, this registrant is not eligible for exemption." An amendment to the registration statement must be filed with the appropriate filing officer immediately. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0104\(5\)\(a\)](#). The committee is then required to file campaign finance reports beginning with the next regular report due after the earlier of either the date that the amended registration was filed or the date that the committee exceeded \$2,500 in aggregate contributions, disbursements, or obligations. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0104\(3\)](#).

If an exempt committee receives and accepts a contribution that results in the committee exceeding \$2,500 in aggregate activity, the committee shall do one of the following:

1. Immediately file an amended registration revoking the exemption; or
2. Within 15 days of receiving the contribution, return the contribution to the contributor or donate it to the common school fund or to a charitable organization.
3. If the candidate had been serving as their own treasurer and using a personal account while the committee was on exempt status, the committee must open a separate bank account when exempt status is revoked and transfer all campaign funds in the personal account to the new account.

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

All candidates running for elected office must abide by contribution limits that vary depending on the office sought and the population of the district.

Receiving Committee	From an Individual	From a Candidate Committee	From a PAC	From a Corporation/ Union
Local Candidate	Greater of \$500 or 2¢ times the population in the district. Not to exceed \$6,000.	Greater of \$500 or 2¢ times the population in the district. Not to exceed \$6,000.	Greater of \$400 or 2¢ times the population in the district. Not to exceed \$5,000.	\$0; Illegal

Districts of 20,000 inhabitants or less have an individual or candidate committee limit of \$500 and a PAC limit of \$400.

Districts with 300,000 inhabitants or more will have an individual or candidate committee limit of \$6,000 and a PAC limit of \$5,000.

Districts with more than 20,000 but less than 300,000 inhabitants will have varying individual and candidate committee limits between \$500 and \$6,000 and PAC limits between \$400 and \$5,000.

WIS. STAT. §§ [11.1101](#), [11.1104](#).

The number of inhabitants in the jurisdiction or district is determined by the latest federal census or the census information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1101\(2\)\(h\)2](#).

Applicable Periods for Contribution Limits

For the purpose of calculating contribution limits, a new candidate's campaign begins on the date she or he becomes a candidate. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1103\(2\)](#). The campaign period includes both the primary and election. For a candidate at the spring election, the contribution limit period ends the June 30th immediately following the spring election. For candidates at the general election, the contribution limit period ends the December 31st immediately following the general election. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1103\(2\)](#).

For an incumbent candidate whose office is elected at the spring election, the new contribution limit period begins on July 1 following the spring election. For an incumbent candidate whose office is elected at the general election, the new contribution limit period begins January 1 following the general election. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1103\(1\)](#). The contribution period runs through the primary and election for the next term of that office. For an incumbent candidate whose office is elected at the spring election, the period ends June 30th following the spring election. For an incumbent candidate whose office is elected at the general election, the contribution limit period ends December 31st following the general election. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1103\(2\)](#)

For a candidate at a special election, the campaign period runs from the date an individual becomes a candidate through the 22nd day after the election. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1103\(3\)](#).

Records Retention Requirement

The treasurer of a candidate committee is required to maintain all records of the candidate committee in an organized and legible manner for three years following the end of each contribution limit period. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0201\(4\)](#) For example, a candidate is running for office at the Spring 2024 election. The applicable period runs from the date they become a candidate until June 30, 2024. The treasurer must maintain all records from that period until June 30, 2027. The candidate wins the election for a four-year term. The next applicable contribution limit period runs from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028. The treasurer must maintain the records from that period until June 30, 2031. This requirement also applies to committees on exemption.

Exceptions to Contribution Limits

The following contributions to candidate committees may be made in unlimited amounts:

1. Contributions that a candidate makes to his or her own candidate committee from the candidate's personal funds or property; ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1104\(7\)](#));
2. Contributions made by a political party committee or legislative campaign committee to a candidate committee ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1104\(5\)](#)); or
3. Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred as a result of a recount or petitions to recall an officer. To qualify for this exclusion, recall expenses must occur before the recall election is ordered, or in contesting or defending the order ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1104\(9\)-\(11\)](#)). Contributions used to pay these recount or recall expenses must be reported on the regular campaign finance reports. Both the contributor and the candidate should indicate which contributions are being used for this purpose.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Candidate committees are required to make full reports of all contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. Each report needs to include information covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Contributions

“Contribution” means any of the following:

1. A gift, subscription, loan, advance, or transfer of money to a committee;
2. With the committee's consent under [WIS. STAT. § 11.1109](#), a transfer of tangible personal property or services to a committee, valued as provided under [WIS. STAT. § 11.1105](#);
3. A transfer of funds between committees; or
4. The purchase of a ticket for a fundraising event for a committee regardless of whether the ticket is used to attend the event.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)\(a\)](#).

“Contribution” does not include any of the following:

1. Services that an individual provides to a committee, if the individual is not specifically compensated for providing the services to the committee;
2. Any unreimbursed travel expenses that an individual incurs to volunteer his or her personal services to a committee;
3. The costs of preparing and transmitting personal correspondence;
4. Interest earned on an interest-bearing account;
5. Rebates or awards earned in connection with the use of a debit or credit card;
6. A loan from a commercial lending institution that the institution makes in its ordinary course of business;
7. The reuse of surplus materials or the use of unused surplus materials acquired in connection with a previous campaign for or against the same candidate, political party, or recall if the materials were previously reported as a contribution;
8. The cost of invitations, food, and beverages in connection with an event held in a private residence on behalf of a candidate committee;
9. Any communication that does not expressly advocate for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate;
10. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its members. In this subdivision, a member of an organization means a shareholder, employee, or officer of the organization, or an individual who has affirmatively manifested an interest in joining, supporting, or aiding the organization;
11. Any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service providers, and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet, but not including professional video production services purchased by the individual; or
12. Any news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an

Internet or other electronic publication unless a committee owns the medium in which the news story, commentary, or editorial appears.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)\(b\)](#).

Required Information for Contributions

1. The date, full name, and street address of each person who has made a contribution to the candidate committee, together with the amount of the contribution. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)1](#).
2. The occupation, if any, of each individual contributor whose cumulative contributions to the candidate committee for the calendar year are in excess of \$200. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)3](#).
3. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the candidate committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the candidate committee shall specify whether the candidate committee donated the contribution to the common school fund or to a charitable organization and shall include the full name and mailing address of the donee. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)4](#).
4. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received and contributions donated. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)5](#).

In-Kind Contributions

An in-kind contribution is any good, service, or property offered to the candidate committee free of charge or at less than the usual cost, or payment of the candidate committee's obligations for such goods, services, or property. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)\(a\)2](#). Before making an in-kind contribution, the contributor is required to notify the candidate, candidate's agent, or the administrator or treasurer of the committee, and obtain either oral or written consent to the contribution. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1109](#). In-kind contributions are subject to the same itemization thresholds and the same contribution limits as monetary contributions. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)](#). Monetary contributions and in-kind contributions from a single contributor are added together for the purposes of determining compliance with contribution limits and the year-to-date amount for a specific contributor. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0101\(8\)](#), [11.1103](#). If the contributor does not know the actual value of the contribution, a good faith and reasonable estimate of the fair market value should be provided to the candidate committee before the closing date of the next campaign finance report in which the contribution is required to be listed. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1105](#), [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.20\(5\)](#).

For example, if a campaign worker purchases stamps that are used for a mailing and is not reimbursed for the cost of the stamps, the value of the stamps is an in-kind contribution to the candidate committee from that campaign worker. When an individual is paid to work on behalf of a candidate by a person other than the candidate committee, the payment for those services is an in-kind contribution to the candidate committee. If a person offers to provide food and beverages for a fundraiser at less than the ordinary market price, the difference between the ordinary market price and the cost to the candidate committee is an in-kind contribution from the person. If another person pays for a newspaper, radio, or TV ad, and coordinates with the candidate committee about the content, timing, or other details of that ad, that ad would be an in-kind contribution.

Reporting In-Kind Contributions

An in-kind contribution received by the campaign committee is reported by the committee as **both a receipt and expenditure**. Reporting the amount of the in-kind contribution as a contribution allows the campaign to disclose the receipt of the contribution on its campaign finance report along with monetary contributions received and track year-to-date and campaign period totals. To keep the committee's cash

balance accurate, the amount of the in-kind received is also reported as an expenditure. The two entries offset each other so as to not affect the committee's cash balance.

If an estimate of the value of an in-kind contribution is the only value available at the time the candidate is required to file a report, the committee must report the estimated value of the contribution. [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.20\(7\)](#). When the actual value of the estimated in-kind contribution is known, the actual amount is reported as an amendment to the original campaign finance report. *Id.*

Reporting of Joint Advertisements

When committees engage in joint advertising with other committees, there is an exchange of in-kind contributions between the committees. The committees are receiving something of value from the other committee: they are receiving the full value of the ad, but they are only paying for a portion of it. Each committee will report giving in-kind contributions in the amount that they paid and receiving in-kind contributions in the amount paid for by the other committee.

For example, Committee A and Committee B split the cost of a \$500 ad, paying \$250 each to the vendor. Each committee will report a \$250 disbursement to the vendor covering their half of the ad. Each committee must also report an in-kind contribution received from the other committee and an outgoing in-kind disbursement to the other committee. Committee A will report making an in-kind disbursement of \$250 to Committee B and receiving a \$250 in-kind contribution from Committee B. Committee B will report likewise.

These in-kind contributions count towards the contribution limits. For instance, if the contribution limit for Committee A is \$500, Committee B has now contributed \$250 to Committee A, assuming this is their first contribution. Committee B can contribute a maximum of \$250 more to Committee A for the applicable period. See the [CONTRIBUTION LIMITS](#) section in this guide for more information.

The in-kind contributions likewise count towards determining whether a committee has reached the threshold to remain on exempt status. In this example, each committee has reported \$500 of disbursements and \$250 of contributions, for a total of \$750 of aggregate activity. Joint advertising can cause a committee to rapidly reach the contribution limit and the exemption threshold, so be careful when considering such activity.

Contributions and Other Income from Businesses

Businesses may make contributions under some circumstances, but the restrictions vary by the type of business. A candidate should never list the name of a business as the contributor unless it is reported as "other income."

1. Corporations **may not contribute** to local or state candidates in the State of Wisconsin. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1112](#).
2. Sole proprietorships may contribute. The contribution must be reported under the name of the individual owner. This contribution counts toward the contribution limits from that individual to the candidate. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1113\(1\)](#).
3. Partnerships may contribute. The contribution must be reported under the names of the individual partners. The partnership may agree beforehand on how to allocate a portion of the contribution to each partner. If the partnership does not inform the candidate how the contribution should be allocated

between the partners, then the contribution should be divided up according to each partner's share of the partnership's profits. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1113\(2\)](#).

4. LLCs taxed as a sole proprietorship or partnership may contribute. The contribution must be reported under the name(s) of the individual owner(s). If there is more than one owner, contributions should be allocated as described in the partnership section above. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1113\(3\)](#). However, a candidate committee may not accept a contribution from an LLC taxed as a corporation.

Occasionally, a candidate committee may receive other income, like interest on a savings or checking account, or a refund of a security deposit, from a business. This other income is not a contribution and may be accepted from any type of business. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)\(b\)](#). The income should be reported as "Other Income" in campaign finance reports. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)10](#).

Contributions Transferred through Conduits

A conduit is any individual, committee or group that receives contributions from individuals, deposits those contributions in a financial institution, and then transfers the contributions to a candidate or political committee selected by the original contributor. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(7\)](#). The conduit may not exercise any discretion over the amount or ultimate recipient of the contributions. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0701\(3\)](#). A conduit is required to register with the Ethics Commission. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0702](#).

Reporting Conduit Contributions

Conduits are required to provide a transmittal letter with contribution checks sent to a receiving committee. The transmittal letter must identify the organization as a conduit, and list the individual contributors, the amount of each individual's contribution, and the date the individual authorized the contribution. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0704\(1\)](#). Contributions transferred through conduits are reported as contributions received from the individuals listed in the transmittal letter. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1106\(2\)](#). These contributions are reported under the individual's name. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1106\(1\)](#). They are subject to itemization on the same basis as other individual contributions. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Returned Contributions

A committee may return a contribution at any time before or after it has been deposited. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1110\(1\)](#), [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.26](#). Any contribution a committee returns to the donor after depositing it in the campaign account must be reported as a returned contribution to the contributor. A committee that accepts an unlawful contribution, reports that contribution, and returns that contribution within 15 days of the filing date for that report does not violate the contribution or source limits. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1110\(2\)\(b\)](#). For example, a candidate receives a contribution from an individual on October 1, 2023. The candidate committee properly reports the contribution on the January 2024 Continuing Report, which was due and was filed on January 15, 2024. While preparing the January 2024 Continuing Report, the candidate realizes that the individual had already contributed the maximum amount for that contribution limit period. So, the candidate committee returns the contribution to the contributor on January 20, 2024. In this instance, the committee would not be in violation for exceeding the contribution limits. However, if the committee did not return the contribution until February 1, 2024, the subsequent return of the illegal contribution would not constitute a defense to the violation. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1110\(2\)\(a\)](#).

Prohibited Contributions

Certain contributions are prohibited by Wisconsin law. A candidate committee may not accept the following types of contributions:

1. Anonymous contributions of more than \$10 ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1108](#));
2. Contributions in cash of more than \$100 ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1107](#));
3. Contributions given in the name of someone other than the contributor ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1204\(1\)](#));
4. Contributions from corporations, associations organized under ch. 185 or 193, labor organizations, or federally recognized American Indian Tribes ([WIS. STAT. § 11.1112](#));
5. Contributions in excess of the aggregate limits set by law (WIS. STAT. §§ [11.1101](#), [11.1204\(3\)](#)); or
6. Contributions from foreign nationals. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1208\(4\)](#).

Licensed lobbyists can make personal contributions to candidates for local office and their candidate committees, provided that the local candidate is **not** currently holding or a candidate for a partisan state elective office. [WIS. STAT. § 13.625\(1m\)](#). Lobbyists are prohibited from making campaign contributions to state candidates for partisan state office except between the first day authorized to circulate nominations papers and the day of a special or general election. Additionally, if the legislature is in session during that period, lobbyists may not make contributions to legislators or candidates or legislative office. *Id.* For further information on lobbyist contributions, visit the [Campaign Finance Prohibited Contributions](#) page on the Ethics Commission's website (<https://ethics.wi.gov>) or contact the Ethics Commission.

A candidate committee should monitor contributions carefully. If the candidate committee is aware that a contribution was received from a potentially prohibited source, the committee should confirm that the contribution is lawful. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1204\(3\)](#). It is recommended that a committee not accept any contributions if the committee cannot determine whether the contribution is lawful.

Disbursements

“Disbursement” means any of the following:

1. An expenditure by a committee from the committee's depository account;
2. The transfer of tangible personal property or services by a committee;
3. A transfer of funds between committees; or
4. The purchase of a ticket for a fundraising event for a committee regardless of whether the ticket is used to attend the event.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(10\)\(a\)](#).

“Disbursement” does not include any of the following:

1. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its members. In this subdivision, a member of an organization means a shareholder, employee, or officer of the organization, or an individual who has affirmatively manifested an interest in joining, supporting or aiding the organization;
2. A communication or Internet activity by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting on behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service

- providers, and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet, but not including professional video production services purchased by the individual;
3. Any news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an Internet or other electronic publication unless a committee owns the medium in which the news story, commentary, or editorial appears; or
 4. A nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(10\)\(b\).](#)

Required Information for Disbursements

1. The date, full name, and street address of each committee to which the candidate committee has made a contribution, together with the amount of the contribution. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)2.](#)
2. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)8.](#)
3. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)10.](#)

Obligations and Loans

Candidate committees are required to make full reports of all obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The committee needs to include in each report information covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\).](#) A loan received by a committee from any person or committee, other than a loan of money by a commercial lending institution in the ordinary course of business, is considered a contribution while outstanding and counts towards the contribution limit of the creditor. After repayment, the loan is no longer counted towards the limit. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(8\)\(a\)1.](#), [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.25.](#)

“Obligation” means any express agreement to make a disbursement, including the following:

1. A loan or loan guarantee;
2. A promise to purchase, rent, or lease tangible personal property; or
3. A promise to pay for a service that has been or will be performed.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(23\).](#)

Required Information for Obligations

1. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value, together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was incurred must be reported in campaign finance reports. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)9.](#)
2. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the reporting period. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)11.](#)

Required Information for Loans

Each loan of money made to the candidate committee must be reported with all of the following:

1. The full name and mailing address of the lender;
2. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution;
3. The date and amount of the loan;
4. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any;
5. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor; and
6. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the reporting period.

[WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)7.](#)

Cash Balances

Candidate committees are required to provide a statement of the cash on hand at the beginning and end of each reporting period. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)6.](#) The beginning cash balance should match the ending cash balance of the prior report. The ending cash balance should equal the beginning cash balance plus all receipts and minus all expenditures.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

All registrants that are not exempt from filing must file campaign finance reports. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0103\(1\)](#).

The information listed on the campaign finance report discloses the financial activity of the candidate committee. The law requires disclosure of income, disbursements, and incurred obligations. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)](#). For all contributors, the report must disclose the individual's name and address. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)1](#). If the individual's year-to-date total exceeds \$200, the report must also provide the individual's occupation. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(a\)3](#). Treasurers and candidates are required to make a "good faith effort" to obtain all information required on the reports. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0103\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Types of Reports

Candidates on the ballot must file a pre-primary and a pre-election report which is due eight days before the primary or general election. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0204\(3\)\(a\)](#), [\(5\)\(a\)](#). Candidates for local nonpartisan office do not have to file pre-primary reports if they do not appear on a primary ballot. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(2\)\(a\)](#). Candidates that lose in the primary or general election must continue to file reports until they are eligible for, and request, termination of their committee. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0207](#). Candidates must also file continuing reports in January and July of each year until they terminate their candidate committee, even if not on the ballot. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0204\(3\)\(b\)](#), [\(5\)\(b\)](#), [\(c\)](#).

With some restrictions, candidate committees that will not spend or receive more than \$2,500 in a calendar year may amend their registration and claim "exempt" status, which means they do not have to file campaign finance reports. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0104](#). See the [EXEMPTION FROM FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS](#) section in this guide for more information.

All candidates wishing to terminate are required to file a termination report. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0105\(1\)\(a\)](#). If a candidate claims exemption and wishes to terminate after the election, they must file a report showing all contributions and all disbursements for the calendar year. See [Id.](#)

Reporting Periods and Elections

Spring Primary: A candidate at the spring primary must file: (1) a pre-primary report; (2) a pre-election report; and (3) annually in each year of an election cycle, a report on January 15 and July 15. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(2\)](#).

Spring Election: A candidate at the spring election must file: (1) a pre-election report; and (2) annually in each year of an election cycle, a report on January 15 and July 15. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(3\)](#).

Partisan Primary: A candidate at a partisan primary must file: (1) a pre-primary report; (2) a pre-election report; (3) in an odd-numbered year, a report on January 15 and July 15; and (4) in an even-numbered year, a report on January 15, July 15, and September 30. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(4\)](#).

General Election: A candidate at a general election must file: (1) a pre-election report; (2) in an odd-numbered year, a report on January 15 and July 15; and (3) in an even numbered year, a report on January 15, July 15, and September 30. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(5\)](#).

Special Election: A candidate at a special election must file: (1) a pre-primary report if a primary is held; (2) a pre-election report; (3) a report on January 15 and July 15; and (4) unless a continuing report is required within 45 days after the special election, a post-election report.

Reporting deadlines can be found on the Ethics Commission’s website at: <https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/CampaignFinance/ReportPeriods.aspx>.

How to Complete Campaign Finance Reports

The Ethics Commission requires local candidate committees to file all necessary reports with the appropriate filing officer with the Local Campaign Finance Report (<https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/CF-2L>) or the Electronic Local Campaign Finance Report (<https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/CF-2LE>), if the filing officer accepts reports in an electronic format. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0204\(1\)\(a\)](#), [11.1304\(1\)](#).

When completing the reports, each schedule shall begin with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0204\(1\)\(b\)](#). All contributions received by the committee must be reported in Schedule 1 (Receipts) of the campaign finance report. Contributions and loans from individuals are listed in Schedule 1-A (Contributions Including Loans from Individuals). Contributions from other committees, such as political action committees, political party committees, and other candidate committees, are reported in Schedule 1-B (Contributions from Committees). All other income, such as loans from financial institutions, contributions returned from other registrants, refunds, returns of deposits or interest on investments are reported in Schedule 1-C (Other Income and Commercial Loans). The date which must be provided for all contributions is the date the committee **received** the contribution, that is, the date it acquired possession and control of the contribution, **not** the date of deposit or date on the check (unless all dates are the same). [WIS. STAT. § 11.0103\(2\)\(a\)1](#).

All money spent by the committee is reported in Schedule 2 (Disbursements) of the campaign finance report. General operating expenditures are listed in Schedule 2-A (Gross Expenditures). Contributions to other political committees are listed in Schedule 2-B (Contributions to Committees).

Additional information required to be disclosed is reported in Schedule 3 (Additional Disclosure) of the campaign finance report. All obligations of the committee such as unpaid debts are listed in Schedule 3-A (Incurred Obligations Excluding Loans). Loans and the individuals who guarantee loans for the committee are listed in Schedule 3-B (Loans).

A Termination Request ([CF-13](#)) is used for requests to terminate a committee. This form should be filed along with the candidate’s final report. See the [TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION](#) section in this guide for more information.

No-Activity Report (“Postcard Report”)

If a candidate committee receives no contributions, makes no disbursements and incurs no obligations during a reporting period, the committee may file a “No-Activity Report,” or “Postcard Report,” (https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/CF-2NA_Statement_of_No_Activity.pdf). This form should be used **only** when there has been no financial activity and the cash balance remains unchanged during the reporting period. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0103\(3\)\(d\)](#).

ATTRIBUTION STATEMENTS (DISCLAIMERS)

Attribution statements, commonly referred to as disclaimers, are statements required to be placed on any communication containing express advocacy in order to identify the person(s) who paid for and/or authorized the communication. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(2\)](#).

Express advocacy refers to a communication that references a clearly identified candidate and unambiguously relates to the election or defeat of that candidate. Examples include “Vote for John Doe,” “Reelect your Incumbent Mayor,” or “Doe for City Council.” [WIS. STAT. § 11.0101\(11\)](#).

No disbursement by a candidate committee may be made anonymously and no contribution or disbursement may be made in a fictitious name or by one person or organization in the name of another. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(1\)](#).

Every printed advertisement, billboard, handbill, sample ballot, television or radio advertisement, or other communication containing express advocacy which is paid for by any contribution or disbursement shall clearly identify its source. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(2\)\(a\)](#).

Every communication containing express advocacy the cost of which is paid for or reimbursed by a committee, or for which a committee assumes responsibility, whether by accepting a contribution or making a disbursement, shall identify its source by the words "Paid for by" followed by the name of the committee making the payment or reimbursement or assuming responsibility for the communication and may include the name of the treasurer or other authorized agent of the committee. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(2\)\(b\)](#).

Attribution statements are not required on communications containing express advocacy printed on small items on which the information required cannot be conveniently printed, including text messages, social media communications, and certain small advertisements on mobile phones. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(2\)\(f\)](#). Attribution statements are also not required on business cards, buttons, pencils, pens, pins, skywriting, tickets, or small online ads and similar electronic communications where the language required could not conveniently be included, and that either link directly to a website that includes the required attribution, or provide an automatic display that includes the attribution. [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.96\(5\)](#).

Formats for Disclaimers

When a communication is paid for by a candidate committee, the disclaimer must include the words “Paid for by,” followed by the name of the committee:

“Paid for by Friends of Mary Smith.”

The disclaimer may also include the name of the treasurer or other authorized agent:

“Paid for by Friends of Mary Smith for Mayor, James Jones, Treasurer.”

When a communication is paid for by another in coordination with a candidate committee, both the person making the payment and the committee accepting the in-kind contribution should be listed:

“Paid for by Citizens for Government, Authorized by Mary Smith for Governor.”

Attribution statements must be readable, legible, and readily accessible. [WIS. STAT. § 11.1303\(2\)\(g\)](#). That is, each individual letter or character must be clearly printed so that it can be easily understood, it can be read easily, and it can be seen without much difficulty. [WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH § 1.96\(1\)](#). A disclaimer is evident to be readable, legible, and readily accessible if it meets all of the following requirements:

1. It appears in a sans-serif font.
2. The font is sufficiently large. On a written communication no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches, it is printed in at least 10-point font. On a written communication larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches but smaller than 24 inches by 36 inches, it is printed in at least 12-point font. On a larger written communication, the letters are at least four percent of the vertical height of the written communication.
3. It appears in black text on a white background, or the contrast between the background color and the text color is at least as great as between the background color and text color of the largest text in the communication.
4. It remains visible for a period of at least four seconds.

[WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 1.96\(3\)](#).

All attribution statements shall be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner that gives the recipient of the communication adequate notice of the identity of the person making the payment or reimbursement or assuming responsibility for the communication. [WIS. ADMIN CODE ETH 1.96\(2\)](#).

TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION

A candidate committee may terminate its registration if it meets the following requirements [WIS. STAT. § 11.0105](#):

1. Determines that all financial activity will stop, and that she or he will no longer receive contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations;
2. Files a termination campaign finance report showing that all incurred obligations have been paid or satisfied, and that the cash balance has been reduced to zero; and
3. Completes a request for termination using the Termination Request Form, [CF-13](#).

A candidate may not terminate his or her registration before a primary or election in which he or she is a candidate. If a candidate loses a primary, he or she may terminate before the election. [WIS. STAT. § 11.0105\(1\)\(b\)](#). Within 10 days after losing an election, the candidate or other authorized person should either: 1) Amend the registration statement to update the office sought or election date if the candidate would like to run for office at a future election; or 2) terminate the candidate committee.

Incumbent office holders are candidates. Because candidates are required to file a campaign finance registration statement, an incumbent officer holder cannot terminate his or her campaign finance registration prior to leaving office. WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0101\(1\)\(c\)](#), [11.0202\(1\)\(a\)](#). Incumbents with limited financial activity may file for “exempt” status, which means they would not have to file campaign finance reports during that time. See the “[EXEMPTION FROM FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS](#)” section in this guide for more information.

Disposal of Residual Funds

Residual funds may be used for any purpose that is not for an individual’s strictly personal use and is not prohibited by law, including:

1. Repay any outstanding loans. If loans are not repaid, they must be forgiven before the committee can request termination;
2. Returning money to contributors in amounts that are not more than the contributor’s original contribution (note: the candidate or treasurer may choose which contributors to refund. The committee is not required to pro-rate and return a portion to all contributors);
3. Donating money to any tax-exempt charitable organization or the Common School Fund;
4. Transferring money to another registrant within the permitted contribution limit; or
5. Using any combination of the above.

WIS. STAT. §§ [11.0105](#), [11.1208\(2\)\(a\)](#).

Prior to making these disbursements of residual funds, make sure the committee does not have any pending settlement offers.

Campaign Finance Reporting Schedule

Report Name	Filing Deadline	Schedule A: Local Candidate Committees	Schedule B: General Election Candidate Committees	Schedule C: Conduit Committees and Mid-Term Partisan Incumbents	Schedule D: Committees not Participating in Elections
January Continuing 2022	01/18/2022	07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
Spring Pre-Primary 2022	02/07/2022	01/01/2022 – 01/31/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring Pre-Election 2022	03/28/2022	02/01/2022 – 03/21/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A
July Continuing 2022	07/15/2022	03/22/2022 – 06/30/2022	01/01/2022 – 06/30/2022	01/01/2022 – 06/30/2022	01/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
Fall Pre-Primary 2022	08/01/2022	N/A	07/01/2022 – 07/25/2022	N/A	N/A
September Report 2022	09/27/2022	N/A	07/26/2022 – 08/31/2022	07/01/2022 – 08/31/2022	N/A
Fall Pre-Election 2022	10/31/2022	N/A	09/01/2022 – 10/24/2022	N/A	N/A
January Continuing 2023	01/17/2023	07/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	10/25/2022 – 12/31/2022	09/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	07/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
Spring Pre-Primary 2023	02/13/2023	01/01/2023 – 02/06/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring Pre-Election 2023	03/27/2023	02/07/2023 – 03/20/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
July Continuing 2023	07/17/2023	03/21/2023 – 06/30/2023	01/01/2023 – 06/30/2023	01/01/2023 – 06/30/2023	01/01/2023 – 06/30/2023
January Continuing 2024	01/16/2024	07/01/2023 – 12/31/2023	07/01/2023 – 12/31/2023	07/01/2023 – 12/31/2023	07/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Spring Pre-Primary 2024	02/12/2024	01/01/2024 – 02/05/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring Pre-Election 2024	03/25/2024	02/06/2024 – 03/18/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
July Continuing 2024	07/15/2024	03/19/2024 – 06/30/2024	01/01/2024 – 06/30/2024	01/01/2024 – 06/30/2024	01/01/2024 – 06/30/2024
Fall Pre-Primary 2024	08/05/2024	N/A	07/01/2024 – 07/29/2024	N/A	N/A
September Report 2024	09/24/2024	N/A	07/30/2024 – 08/31/2024	07/01/2024 – 08/31/2024	N/A

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT
LOCAL COMMITTEES OF WISCONSIN**

Is This Report an Amendment: Yes No

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

COMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION

Name of Committee

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY

Please check if address is different than previously reported, and complete the Campaign Registration Statement in the back of this form.

NAME OF REPORT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January Continuing _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Primary _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall | <input type="checkbox"/> Special | <input type="checkbox"/> Termination Report
<i>attach CF-13,
Termination Request</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July Continuing _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Election _____ | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September Continuing _____ | | | | | |

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1. RECEIPTS

	Column A This Period	Column B Calendar Year-To-Date
1A. Contributions (Including Loans) from Individuals	\$	\$
1B. Contributions from Committees (Transfers-In)	\$	\$
1C. Other Income and Commercial Loans	\$	\$
TOTAL RECEIPTS (Add totals from 1A, 1B and 1C)	\$	\$

2. DISBURSEMENTS

2A. Gross Expenditures	\$	\$
2B. Contributions to Committees (Transfers-Out)	\$	\$
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (Add totals from 2A and 2B)	\$	\$

CASH SUMMARY

Cash Balance Beginning of Report	\$
Total Receipts	\$
Subtotal	\$
Total Disbursements	\$
CASH BALANCE END OF REPORT	\$
INCURRED OBLIGATIONS (Balance at the Close of This Period-3A)	\$
LOANS (Balance at the Close of This Period-3B)	\$

I certify that I have examined this report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Candidate or Treasurer	Signature of Candidate or Treasurer	Date:
	Email	Daytime Phone:

NOTE: The information on this form is required by ss. 11.0204, 11.0304, 11.0404, 11.0504, 11.0604, 11.0804, 11.0904, Wis. Stats. Failure to provide the information may subject you to the penalties of ss.11.1400, 11.1401, Wis. Stats.

Instructions for Completing Summary Page of Form ETHCF-2L

Instructions for Completing Schedules are on the Back of Each Schedule

Committee Identification

- ▶ Print or type the complete name and mailing address of your committee.
- ▶ If the report is an amendment to a previous report filed, check the “yes” box. If the report is NOT an amendment, check the “no” box.

Name of Report

- ▶ Check the box next to the name of the report being filed, and enter the correct calendar year. For information concerning filing dates and report names, refer to the CFIS website – <https://cfis.wi.gov>.

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

- ▶ Committees should complete the detailed pages in Schedules 1-A through 3-B before completing this summary section of the report form.

Receipts

- 1A. Contributions (Including Loans) From Individuals:** Enter the amount of Total Contributions from Individuals (Schedule 1-A) in Column A of the Summary page. Add the amount entered in Column A to contributions previously reported for this calendar year, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.
- 1B. Contributions From Committees (Transfers-In):** Enter the amount from Total Contributions (Transfers-In) Received From Committees (Schedule 1-B) in Column A of the Summary page. Add the amount entered in Column A to contributions previously reported for this calendar year, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.
- 1C. Other Income and Commercial Loans:** Enter the amount of Total Other Income (Schedule 1-C) in Column A. Add the amount entered in Column A to other income previously reported for this calendar year, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.
- Total Receipts:** Add the amounts entered on lines 1-A, 1-B and 1-C, in Column A and enter the total in Total Receipts. Add the amount of Total Receipts previously reported, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.

Disbursements

- 2A. Gross Expenditures:** Enter the amount from Total Expenditures (Schedule 2-A) in Column A of the Summary page. Add the amount in Column A to expenditures previously reported for this calendar year, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.
- 2B. Contributions to Committees (Transfers-Out):** Enter the amount from Total Contributions (Transfers-Out) Made to Committees (Schedule 2-B) in Column A of the Summary page. Add the amount in Column A to contributions previously reported for this calendar year, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.
- Total Disbursements:** Add the amounts entered on lines 2-A and 2-B in Column A and enter the total in Total Disbursements. Add this amount to Total Disbursements previously reported, if any, and enter the amount in Column B, Calendar Year-to-Date.

Cash Summary

- Cash Balance Beginning of Report:** If this report is the first report filed by the committee, the cash balance will be zero. If this is not the first report filed by the committee, enter the cash balance from the end of the last report period. The beginning cash balance of a report must *always* be the *same* as the ending cash balance of the prior report.
- Total Receipts:** Enter the amount from Total Receipts in Column A of the Summary page.
- Subtotal:** Add Cash Balance Beginning of Report to Total Receipts and enter the amount.
- Total Disbursements:** Enter the amount from Total Disbursements in Column A of the Summary page.
- Cash Balance End of Report:** Subtract Total Disbursements from Subtotal and enter the amount. The cash balance at the end of the report period should *equal* the reconciled balance in the checking account *plus* any savings or investment accounts.
- Incurred Obligations:** Enter the amount from Total Incurred Obligations (Schedule 3-A) in Column A of the Summary page. Incurred obligations must be carried forward on *each* report until paid in full.
- Loans:** Enter the amount from the Total Outstanding Loans (Schedule 3-B) in Column A of the Summary page. Loans must be carried forward on *each* report until paid in full.

Sign and Date the Report

The treasurer or candidate must sign and date each report filed. Each report must be complete, correct, and in compliance with the reporting format. Please include a daytime phone number and a contact person if someone other than the treasurer prepares the report.

RECEIPTS
Contributions (Including Loans) From Individuals

Complete Committee Name _____

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

Date	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code Of Contributor	Occupation (if year-to-date total exceeds \$200)	Amount of Contribution	Y-T-D Total
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit – Ethics ID# _____			

SUBTOTAL ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PAGE

\$

TOTAL ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

\$

TOTAL ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS \$10 OR LESS

\$

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS

\$

Instructions for Completing Schedule 1-A

RECEIPTS - Contributions (Including Loans) From Individuals

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report contributions, including loans from individuals, on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 1-A pages in the upper right corner of the form.

Date: Enter the date (month, day, year) each contribution was **RECEIVED**. *Do not* enter the date that appears on the contributor's check or the date deposited, unless it is the same as the date received (*is in committee's possession and control*).

Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code:

1. Enter the full name and address of the contributor.
2. For single or cumulative contributions totaling over \$200 in a calendar year: Enter the full name and address of the contributor. Enter the **occupation**.

Calendar Year-to-Date Total: Add contributions previously received this calendar year, from this contributor to the contributions received in this report period. The Calendar Year-to-Date Total for an individual must always be entered. The Current Amount and Year-to-Date Total will be identical on the first report period of the calendar year. Once the individual's Calendar Year-to-Date Total exceeds \$200, you must enter the contributor's occupation.

Subtotal Itemized Contributions this page: Enter the total of all the contributions listed on this page. If additional pages are used, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Itemized Contributions: Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 1-A. If more than one page, enter the total on only the last page of Schedule 1-A.

Total Anonymous Contributions \$10 or less: Enter the total of anonymous contributions of \$10 or less only on the last page of Schedule 1-A.

Total Contributions Received from Individuals: Add the total **Itemized** contributions to the Total **Anonymous Contributions \$10 or Less** and enter the amount **only** on the last page of Schedule 1-A.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ Contributions and loans from individuals on Schedule 1-A include any cash, personal or individual loans, purchase of tickets to fundraising events, memberships, gifts, advances, in-kind contributions, and all other personal contributions from an individual **including** the candidate. An in-kind contribution is any goods, property, or services provided to the committee free or for less than the fair market value. (*Volunteer services are not a contribution*).
- ◆ **In-kind contributions from individuals must also be reported as in-kind expenditures on Schedule 2-A to avoid distortion of the cash balance.**
- ◆ When the contribution is in-kind, a loan, or is received through a conduit, check the appropriate box in the section where the contribution is listed. If you receive a personal check or cash, no box needs to be checked.
- ◆ Contributions from individuals transferred through conduits are reported on Schedule 1-A under the individual contributor's name with the name of the conduit listed. The transmittal letter accompanying the conduit check, identifies the conduit and lists the individuals who are the original sources of the contributions. These contributions are subject to itemization on the same basis as other individual contributions; if over \$200, the occupation must be provided.
- ◆ Any individual loans, either from the candidate or from another individual, must be reported on Schedule 1-A **and** on Schedule 3-B, Additional Disclosure, Loans, until paid in full. Loans from individuals are subject to individual contribution limits (see Campaign Finance Overview).
- ◆ Each contributor's name, address, and amount must be listed separately. Contributions from joint accounts shall be reported as coming from the individual signing the check, unless the signor indicates otherwise. If the amount is divided, each individual must be itemized separately. Do not report a contribution as coming from more than one individual.
- ◆ All receipts, including those from raffles, auctions, garage sales or other similar events must be itemized unless the contribution is anonymous and totals \$10 or less.
- ◆ Do **not** report contributions from political action committees, political party committees, or other candidate committees on Schedule 1-A. These contributions must be reported on Schedule 1-B.

RECEIPTS
Contributions from Committees
(Transfers-In)

Complete Committee Name

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

Date	Full Name of Committee, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Amount of Contribution
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan	
SUBTOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Transfers-In) THIS PAGE		\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Transfers-In) RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES		\$

Instructions for Completing Schedule 1-B RECEIPTS

Contributions From Committees (Transfers-In)

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report contributions from committees (transfers-in) on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 1-B pages in the upper right corner of the form.
- ▶ Each contribution received from a committee **must be itemized** regardless of the amount.

Date:

Enter the date (month, day, year) each contribution was **received**. **DO NOT** enter the date which appears on the contributor's check or the date deposited, unless it is the same as the date received.

Complete Name and Address of Committee:

Enter the full name and address of each contributor.

Amount:

Enter the amount of the contribution this period.

Calendar Year-to-Date Total:

Add contributions previously received this calendar year, from this committee to the contributions received in this report period. The Calendar Year-to-Date Total for a committee must always be entered. The Current Amount and Year-to-Date Total will be identical on the first report period of the calendar year.

Subtotal Contributions (Transfers-In) This Page:

Enter the total of all the contributions (transfers-in) listed on this page. If additional pages are needed, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Contributions (Transfers-In) Received from Committees:

Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 1-B. If more than one page, enter the total on only the last page of Schedule 1-B.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ Contributions transferred through **conduits** are reported as **individual contributions** on Schedule 1-A.
- ◆ In reporting contributions from committees, provide the **complete** name and address of each committee making a contribution.
- ◆ Contributions From Committees (Transfers-In) consist of any funds received from a political party committee, political action committee, candidate committee or a legislative campaign committee.
- ◆ In-kind contributions from a committee must also be reported as an in-kind offset in Schedule 2-A to avoid distortion of the cash balance. An in-kind contribution is any goods, service, or property provided to the committee free or for less than the fair market value. (*Volunteer services are not a contribution.*)
- ◆ When the contribution is in-kind, check the in-kind box in the section where the contribution is listed.
- ◆ Contributions received from sole-proprietorships, partnerships, or qualifying LLCs, must be reported as individual contributions in Schedule 1-A. Contributions from partnerships must reflect the partners' share in the partnership unless otherwise specified.
- ◆ Contributions may not be accepted from corporations, cooperatives, associations, unions, or tribes.

Instructions for Completing Schedule 1-C RECEIPTS

Other Income and Commercial Loans

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report other income and commercial loans on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 1-C pages in the upper right corner of the form.

Date:

Enter the date (month, day, year) other income and commercial loans were **RECEIVED**.

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Source of Income:

Identify the source of income by providing the name and address of the commercial lending institution. Provide the name and address of any person or business from which other income was received.

Describe Type of Income:

Describe the type of income, e.g., loan from commercial lender for campaign expenses, refund from utility, refund of an over-payment to a vendor, interest on savings, or returned or lost contribution checks previously listed on Schedule 2-B, etc. Use more than one box or attach an additional sheet if needed.

Amount:

Enter the amount of other income and commercial loans for this period only.

Subtotal Other Income This Page:

Enter the total of all the other income itemized on this page. If additional pages are used, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Itemized Other Income:

Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 1-C. If more than one page, enter the total on only the last page of Schedule 1-C.

Total Other Income:

Add the Total Other Income and enter the amount on only the last page of Schedule 1-C.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ **Personal loans** from individuals (including the candidate) must be reported on **Schedule 1-A**.
- ◆ Other income and commercial loans include loans received from any financial institution. Loans must also be listed on Schedule 3-B, Additional Disclosure-Loans, until paid in full.
- ◆ When a contribution given by your committee to another committee is returned to you, report the receipt of the returned contribution in this schedule. Please indicate (under the Type of Income box) the original date your contribution was given.
- ◆ When a loan from a commercial lending institution is guaranteed by individuals, the full name and mailing address of each guarantor and the balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the reporting period must be reported on Schedule 3-B. The amount of the guarantee is considered a contribution from the guarantor and subject to individual contribution limits until the amount is repaid to the lending institution.
- ◆ Other income includes refunds and interest received. Receipts from fundraising events (auctions, dinners, etc.) and from the sale of commercial items for the purpose of raising funds for political purposes are contributions and must be reported on Schedule 1-A or 1-B.

SCHEDULE 2-A

**DISBURSEMENTS
Gross Expenditures**

Complete Committee Name

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

Date	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code Of Person or Business to Whom Payment is Made	Specific Purpose of Expenditure	Amount
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Offset		
SUBTOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES THIS PAGE			\$
TOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES			\$
TOTAL UNITEMIZED EXPENDITURES			\$
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$

Instructions for Completing Schedule 2-A

DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Expenditures

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report gross expenditures on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 2-A pages in the upper right corner of the form.

Date: Enter the date (month, day, year) the disbursement was made.

Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code of Person or Business to Whom Payment Is Made: Enter the name and complete address of the person or business to whom payments were made.

Specific Purpose of Expenditure: Enter the specific purpose of the expenditure. A complete description of the **type** of expenditure or reimbursement must be given (i.e., food for fundraiser or campaign T-shirts for resale). You may use more than one box or attach an additional sheet if needed.

Subtotal Itemized Expenditures This Page: Enter the total of all the expenditures listed on this page. If additional pages are used, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Itemized Expenditures: Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 2-A. If more than one page, enter the total itemized on only the last page of Schedule 2-A.

Total Unitemized Expenditures: Enter the total of unitemized expenditures that are specifically exempted by statute from the normal itemization requirements. (For example, expenses of \$20 or less (§11.0204(1)(a) 8.); expenses for a PAC or independent expenditure committee's fundraising or administrative expenses (§11.0101 (10)(a)); and spending on express advocacy before reaching the \$2,500 threshold (§11.0505(2)(a) and §11.0605(2)(a)). Place the total on only the last page of Schedule 2-A. Note: If you choose to itemize an expenditure, **DO NOT** include that amount **again** in the total of unitemized expenditures.

Total Expenditures: Add the Total **Itemized** Expenditures to the Total **Unitemized** Expenditures, and enter the amount on the last page of Schedule 2-A.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ Only expenditures of **more than \$20** must be itemized. Expenditures of **\$20 or less** should be totaled and reported as unitemized expenditures.
- ◆ Expenditures for general services, such as consulting, data processing, or reimbursement, should be broken down into the specific services rendered, e.g., salary, travel, data entry, polling.
- ◆ In-kind contributions reported in Schedule 1-A or 1-B, must also be reported as in-kind offsets in Schedule 2-A.
- ◆ Expenditures incurred for in-kind contributions to other registrants must be reported in Schedule 2-B, **NOT** 2-A. See instructions on Schedule 2-B.
- ◆ All expenditures must be made from the campaign depository and must be used for political purposes only.
- ◆ It is permissible for a candidate or an agent of a committee to pay for items from personal funds as long as receipts are submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement from the depository. Reporting of a reimbursement must include information that describes the nature of the original expenditure, and the original vendor of the good(s) or service(s).
- ◆ It is permissible to maintain a petty cash account to pay for minor items provided that funds for the petty cash account are drawn from the campaign depository and that a record of the transactions is kept. Expenditures over \$100 must be paid by negotiable instrument, and be itemized on the report. Expenditures of \$20 or less may be included in unitemized expenditures. If itemized, the purpose of each expenditure must be provided. Only the specific expenditures are reported. Contributions received, deposited, and later returned to the original contributor must be reported as an expense in Schedule 2-A.

SCHEDULE 2-B

DISBURSEMENTS
Contributions To Committees
(Transfers-Out)

Complete Committee Name

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

Date	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Amount	Y-T-D Total
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
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	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Loan		
SUBTOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Transfers-Out) THIS PAGE		\$	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Transfers-Out) MADE TO COMMITTEES		\$	

Instructions for Completing Schedule 2-B

DISBURSEMENTS Contributions to Committees

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to use this form to report Contributions to Committees (Transfers-Out). Enter the number of Schedule 2-B pages in the upper right corner of the form.
- ▶ Each contribution made to another committee **must be itemized regardless of the amount.**

Date:

Enter the date (month, day, year) that each contribution was made to another committee.

Complete Name and Address of Committee:

Enter the full name and address of each committee.

Amount:

Enter the amount of the contribution given in this period.

Calendar Year-to-Date Total:

Add contributions previously given this calendar year to this committee, to the contributions given in this report period. The Calendar Year-to-Date Total for a committee must always be entered. The Current Amount and Year-to-Date Total will be identical on the first report period of the calendar year.

Subtotal Contributions (Transfers-Out) This Page:

Enter the total of all the contributions (Transfers-Out) listed on this page. If additional pages are used, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Contributions (Transfers-Out) Made to Committees:

Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 2-B. If more than one page, enter the total on only the last page of Schedule 2-B.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ If a contribution is made to a candidate for local office, please print the word “Local” in the space for the ID#. This would include candidates for municipal, school district, and county office. Note: District Attorney and Circuit Court Judge are considered state offices.
- ◆ Contributions to Committees (Transfers-Out) consist of any funds contributed to a political party committee, political action committee, political group (referenda), candidate committee, or legislative campaign committee.
- ◆ When the contribution is in-kind, check the in-kind box in the section where the contribution is listed.
- ◆ When the contribution is a loan, check the loan box in the section where the contribution is listed.
- ◆ For each in-kind contribution, the name and address of the candidate or committee receiving the contribution must be listed, along with the name and address of the person or business to whom payment was made and the amount and date of the in-kind contribution.
 1. *If the committee purchases goods or services and gives them to another committee in the same reporting period as an in-kind contribution, the amount must be reported only once as an expense on Schedule 2-B.*
 2. *If the committee already possesses goods or services and gives them to another committee as an in-kind contribution, please note that this is a non-monetary contribution.*

**Incurred Obligations Excluding Loans
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE**

Complete Committee Name

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

		Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period	New Obligations or Additions This Period	Cumulative Payments This Period	Outstanding Balance At Close of This Period
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			
Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Creditor				
		Nature of Debt (Purpose)			

SUBTOTAL ITEMIZED OBLIGATIONS THIS PAGE

\$

TOTAL ITEMIZED OBLIGATIONS

\$

TOTAL UNITEMIZED OBLIGATIONS \$20 OR LESS

\$

TOTAL INCURRED OBLIGATIONS

\$

Instructions for Completing Schedule 3-A

Incurred Obligations Excluding Loans

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report incurred obligations on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 3-A pages in the upper right corner of the form.

Date: Enter the date (month, day, year) the obligation was incurred.

Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code of Creditor:

Enter the complete name and address of the creditor.

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Describe the specific purpose for which the obligation was incurred (See Schedule 2-A for instructions).

Balance Columns:

In the first column, enter the amount, if any, at the beginning of this report period. If this is a new obligation, there is no beginning balance. If this is an existing obligation, the beginning balance should equal the previous report period's closing balance. In the second column, enter the amount of any new obligations or additions to existing obligations. In the third column, enter any payments made this report period (payments this period must also be reported in Schedule 2-A). In the fourth column, enter the outstanding balance at the close of this report period. Note: If there is a remaining balance, it must be carried forward to the next report's beginning balance.

Subtotal Itemized Obligations:

Enter the total of all the incurred obligations listed on this page. If additional pages are used, enter the subtotal for each separate page.

Total Itemized Obligations:

Add the subtotals from all pages of Schedule 3-A. If more than one page, enter the total on only the last page of Schedule 3-A.

Total Unitemized Obligations \$20 or less:

Enter the total unitemized obligations of \$20 or less on only the last page of Schedule 3-A.

Total Incurred Obligations:

Add the Total **Itemized** Obligations to the Total **Unitemized** Obligations \$20 or Less and enter the amount on only the last page of Schedule 3-A.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ Incurred obligations are to be reported when an enforceable agreement has been reached. If the exact amount of the obligation has not yet been defined then the amount of the obligation must be estimated. Although the committee may not have received a bill, the amount recorded should be a good faith estimate of the amount owed.
- ◆ The balance of all incurred obligations should be reported from the time incurred until paid in full.
- ◆ Each obligation must be carried forward on subsequent reports until the obligation has been reduced to zero.
- ◆ When a payment is made on an obligation, the transaction should be reported as a payment on Schedule 3-A and as an expenditure on Schedule 2-A.
- ◆ If the committee has a dispute over the amount owed to a vendor, this must be noted in the "purpose".

**Loans
Individual, Committee or Commercial
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE**

Complete Committee Name

Instructions for completing schedules are on the back of each schedule.

Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Loan Source	Outstanding Obligations Beginning of This Period	New Loans This Period	Cumulative Payments This Period	Outstanding Obligations End of This Period

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (if any)

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Guarantor	Occupation
	Amount Guaranteed Outstanding \$
Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Guarantor	Occupation
	Amount Guaranteed Outstanding \$

Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Loan Source	Outstanding Obligations Beginning of This Period	New Loans This Period	Cumulative Payments This Period	Outstanding Obligations End of This Period

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (if any)

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Guarantor	Occupation
	Amount Guaranteed Outstanding \$
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	Amount Guaranteed Outstanding \$

Date / /	Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Loan Source	Outstanding Obligations Beginning of This Period	New Loans This Period	Cumulative Payments This Period	Outstanding Obligations End of This Period

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	Amount Guaranteed Outstanding \$

SUBTOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS THIS PAGE \$

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS \$

Instructions for Completing Schedule 3-B

Loans – Individual, Committee or Commercial

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

General Instructions:

- ▶ Print or type the complete name of your committee in the box provided.
- ▶ Duplicate as many pages as you will need in order to report loans on this form.
- ▶ Enter the number of Schedule 3-B pages in the upper right corner of the form.

Date:

Enter the date (month, day, year) the loan was made.

Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code of Loan Source:

Enter the complete name and address of the loan source.

Balance Columns:

In the first column, enter the actual amount at the beginning of this reporting period. If this is a new loan, the outstanding beginning balance is zero and the amount of the loan is recorded under the section “New Loans This Period”. If this is an existing loan, the outstanding beginning balance should equal the previous report period’s closing (outstanding) balance. In the third column, enter any payments made during this report period (payments made this period must also be reported in Schedule 2-A). In the fourth column, enter the outstanding balance at the end of this report period. Note: If there is a remaining balance, it must be carried forward to the next report’s beginning balance.

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If Any):

In the space provided on the form, provide the full name, mailing address and zip code of any guarantors of loans. Enter the amount guaranteed which is outstanding at the end of the reporting period for each guarantor. See the notes below on how to apportion loan guarantees. If the amount guaranteed exceeds \$200, enter the guarantor’s occupation.

Special Instructions:

- ◆ A loan guarantee is considered a contribution from the guarantor until the loan is repaid.
- ◆ If more than one person guarantees a loan, the amount of the loan is assigned to the guarantors in equal shares, in the proportion that the guarantors bear to the total amount guaranteed unless a different share is specified in the loan instrument.
- ◆ When a payment which reduces the unpaid balance of the loan is made to the lending institution, the amount assigned to each guarantor is reduced in equal shares, unless a different share is specified in the loan instrument.
- ◆ The outstanding amount of a loan or loan guarantee **plus** the total contributions to the campaign by the guarantor may not exceed the individual contribution limit.
- ◆ Any reductions in loans which are not offset by expenditures in Schedule 2-A must be explained (e.g., candidate forgives self loans).



CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT—STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Note: Use of this form is required by the Ethics Commission for reporting no activity in a campaign finance filing period. Completion of this form is mandatory for committees that file on paper. It is not the Commission’s intention to use any personally identifiable information from this form for any other purpose.

SECTION A: REGISTRANT INFORMATION

A1. Name of Committee/Conduit (in full)

A2. Committee/Conduit ID Number (if applicable)

A3. Email

A4. Phone

A5. Mailing Address

A6. City

A7. State

A8. Zip

SECTION B: REPORT INFORMATION

B1. Report Type (Choose One)

January Continuing

Spring Pre-Primary

Fall Pre-Primary

Special Pre-Primary

July Continuing

Spring Pre-Election

September

Special Pre-Election

Fall Pre-Election

Special Post-Election

B2. Special Election Date (if applicable)

Reporting Period

The start date for your campaign finance report should be the day following the end date of your previous campaign finance. Example: If your previous report had a start date of January 1 and an end date of June 30, this report should have a start date of July 1.

Review the filing calendar with reporting periods online at: <https://Ethics.wi.gov/FilingCalendar>

B3. Reporting Period Start Date

B4. Reporting Period End Date

Party and Legislative Campaign Committees Only

B5. Is This Report for Your General Fund or Segregated Fund Account? (Choose One)

General Fund

Segregated Fund

SECTION C: LIMITED ACTIVITY REPORTING EXEMPTION (OPTIONAL)

Filing Exemption

Registrants which do not anticipate accepting or making contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year may claim an exemption from filing campaign finance reports. This exemption applies until the registrant exceeds the \$2,500 aggregate activity threshold, amends its registration, or is terminated.

C1. Exemption Request and Affirmation

Yes, this registrant is eligible for exemption.

No, this registrant is not requesting exemption

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above named registrant has not engaged in any financial transactions during the period covered by this report and that the cash balance remains the same as previously reported. This report fulfills the requirements under Wis. STAT. § 11.0103(3)(d).

Authorized Representative

D1. Printed Name

D2. Signature

D3. Date

TERMINATION REQUEST

Complete Committee Name

Ethics ID Number

- A committee may terminate its registration and reporting requirements if the committee will no longer receive contributions, make disbursements or incur obligations, and the cash balance and obligations have been reduced to zero.
- Candidates may not terminate prior to the election in which they are participating.
- Non-candidate committees registered with the state must pay the \$100 filing fee if they have over \$2,500 in total expenses for the calendar year.
- Please read carefully and, if necessary, indicate how residual committee funds have been disposed of or if outstanding loans or obligations have been forgiven. Sign and date the termination request at the bottom of this page.
- If you have any transactions since your last report (other than final distribution of funds, or loan forgiveness), be sure to complete the full finance report. (ETHCF-2)
- Please note: An audit must be completed and all obligations with the Board, including settlement offers, fulfilled before termination can be granted. All records must be maintained until 3 years after the date of an election in which the registrant participates, even if termination is granted. (Per Wis. Stats. 11.0201(4), 11.0301(4), 11.0401(4), 11.0501(4), 11.0601(4), 11.0801(4), 11.0901(4))

DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL FUNDS

THIS INFORMATION SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED ON SCHEDULE 2-A AND/OR 2-B.

Date	Recipient	Amount

LOAN OR DEBT FORGIVENESS

I hereby forgive all personal loans or have assumed responsibility for any and all debts of my campaign committee.

Date	Endorser, Guarantor, or Creditor	Amount

- This is a non-candidate committee registered with the state and the committee made over \$2,500 in disbursements in the last calendar year. I have paid the \$100 filing fee.
- I do not owe the \$100 filing fee.

Signature of Candidate or Treasurer_____
Date

TERMINATION REQUEST. I hereby request that the committee registration be terminated. I declare that the committee has not incurred any obligations and does not anticipate incurring any. The committee does not anticipate receiving any further contributions or making any disbursements. I further state that the cash balance has been reduced to zero and that all remaining funds have been disposed of in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTE: The information on this form is required by s. 11.0105, Wis. Stats. Failure to provide the information may subject you to the penalties of ss.11.1400, 11.1401, Wis. Stats.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NOTIFICATION OF NONCANDIDACY

I, _____, state that I am currently the
(please print name)

incumbent officeholder for the office listed below.

I will not be a candidate for this office at the next election. I understand that the timely receipt* of this notice will avoid an extension of the deadline for filing ballot access documents.

TITLE OF OFFICE: _____
(print current office, including district #, if any)

NEXT ELECTION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE OF SIGNING: _____

**Notification must be received by the proper filing officer no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for filing ballot access documents to avoid an extension of time for filing such papers.*

The information on this form is filed in accordance with §§.8.05(1)(j), 8.10(2)(a), 8.15(1), 8.20(8)(a), 120.06(6)(b), Wis. Stats. This form is prescribed by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, 212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984, (608) 266-8005, FAX (608)267-0500, <http://elections.wi.gov> Email: elections@wi.gov.

City of Beloit Municipal Code: Chapter 30 – Outdoor Sign Regulations

30.33 POLITICAL SIGNS.

- (1) DEFINITIONS.
 - (a) *POLITICAL SIGN.* A political sign is an outdoor sign referring to a candidate or issue involved in a public election or to a noncommercial cause or issue of public concern or interest. A political sign is not considered an off-premises or on-premises sign in this chapter.
- (2) REGULATIONS. Political signs shall:
 - (a) Not require a sign permit or permit fee.
 - (b) Be permitted in all zoning districts.
 - (c) Not exceed 32 square feet in area in any zoning district. No "on-premises, sign area bonus" applies to political signs.
 - (d) Not exceed 5' in height in residential districts and 10' in height in other zoning districts.
 - (e) Not be limited in number.
 - (f) Not be located within 100' of a polling place or within 10' of each lot line of the premises on which they are located.
 - (g) Not be subject to time limits.
 - (h) Not be included as part of the maximum sign area allowed by §30.09 for the premises where the sign is displayed.
 - (i) Not be counted as on-premises or off-premises signs.

Additional Notes:

- Signs may not be placed on **private property** without the express permission of the property owner.
- Signs may not be placed on **public property**. Public property includes the terrace (the area between the sidewalk and the street), the public road right-of-way, public parking lots, public parks, or any other public facility.
- A committee should identify itself as the source of a communication by the words "Paid for by" followed by the name of the committee. The attribution may also include the name of the committee's treasurer or other authorized agent of the committee. Whether a committee directly pays for a communication or accepts a communication as an in-kind contribution, the committee is responsible for the communication and should be listed in the attribution (§11.1303(2)(b))
- The attribution must be readable legible, and readily accessible (§11.1303(2)(g))
- A candidate committee may not use an abbreviation to identify the committee (§11.1303(2)(e)).

Example: Paid for by Mary Smith for Governor

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- When a committee places a communication for express advocacy that is not in coordination with a candidate, that committee should include the words “Not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s agent or committee” in the attribution (§ 11.1303(2)(d)).

Example: Paid for by Citizens for Government, Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Candidate’s Agent or Committee

Other Persons

- Communications for express advocacy costing more than \$2,500 and paid for by any person other than a committee shall identify its source by the words “Paid for by” followed by the name of the person (§11.1303(2)(c))
- The communication should also include the words “Not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s agent or committee” in the attribution (§11.1303(2)(d))
- The attribution must be readable, legible and readily accessible (§11.1303(2)(g))

Example: Paid for by John Smith, Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Candidate’s Agent or Committee

Campaign Finance: Contributions Limits for Local Offices

Contribution limitations apply cumulatively to the entire primary and election campaign in which the candidate participates, whether or not there is a contested primary election.

Local Offices

Individual Contributor

For Districts with a population
Of 25,001 or greater, \$.02 times the
Population, up to \$6,000

Candidate Committee

For districts with a population of 25,001 or greater,
\$.02 times the population, up to \$6,000

Political Action Committee and Other Persons

For districts with a population of 20,001 or greater,
\$.02 times the population, up to \$5,000

*The latest Federal census or the census information on which the district is based should be used to Determine population (§11.1101(1)(h)(2))