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Jimmy On My Mind, A Reflection On The 39th President

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By ELEC Chairman Thomas H. Prol, October 02, 2023 OPINION

From Left: Thomas H. Prol, former First Lady Eleanor Rosalynn Carter and former President James Carter



President Jimmy Carter's 99th birthday on October 1 is special for many reasons, but especially to remind us to reflect on the qualities of compassion and empathy his legacy represents. He inspires us to do more for others around us in need.

When I interned in the Conflict Resolution program at the Carter Presidential Center in the fall of 1990 during my senior year at Emory University, I was inexperienced in matters of international relations and politics and was assigned to assist with the Center's portfolio on the civil conflict in the horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.

Jimmy Carter was just a decade into his post-presidency humanitarian work then. He had a bold vision – unprecedented for a former U.S. President – to dedicate the rest of his life to eradicating disease, housing & feeding the poor, promoting democracy & voting rights/election monitoring, and pursuing peace in civil wars around the

world. On that latter effort, he observed that the United Nations could not involve itself in a civil conflict between a member state and a non-member faction. President Carter seized on that in the Center's Conflict Resolution Program, and brought the majesty of his former office with him around the world to negotiate conflicts & save hundreds of thousands of lives.

What an honor to be selected to join in that mission.

I spent three months researching, reading declassified regional FBIS / CIA journals, poring over Somali country reports, analyzing the movements and warfare between the five clans and the Somali president, Mohammed Siad Barre, and preparing my report. At the conclusion of my internship at the Carter Center, I was granted the privilege to sit down with President Carter one-on-one to brief

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him on my research and recommendations. I summarized my findings and concluded my presentation, a report infused with details of atrocities, moral judgment, and condemnation of the barbarism of that civil war.

President Carter paused, first offering congratulations and obligatory praise before telling me how he had been writing letters back-and-forth (a pen pal!) with the President Barre, whom he considered a friend. He explained that the goal of his work is achieving peace, and that if you walk into a room without honoring and pursuing that goal, it is a set up for failure. He cautioned that asserting moral judgment and condemnation as part of the conflict resolution process, even subtly, would defeat the effort before it even got started. It was a lesson in effective strategy and "getting to yes" that I will never forget.

At some point during my internship, I had asked the President to autograph a copy of his 1988 memoir, "An Outdoor Journal," for my mom, a voracious reader. It was a gift for her birthday, and I did not know how impactful that gift would be on her – and me. A few years later, in mid-1994, I was making plans to leave for a two-year stint as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer to teach sanitation and health in villages in the eastern hills of the Kingdom of Nepal. Nepal is a landlocked, impoverished nation sandwiched between the behemoth powers India and China, and my mother let me know how worried she was about my health and safety. However, what set her at ease (somewhat) was her reading the "A Visit to Nepal" chapter in the memoir I gave her, including the description of the scenery and President and Mrs. Carter's red carpet treatment by the Nepalese people when they visited there in 1985. Suddenly all was well, and she knew I would be okay.

A few months after my internship ended, I traveled down to Plains, Georgia, with my parents and visited President and Mrs. Carter where we took this picture together. My mother still gets a kick out of the lady who ran the bed & breakfast we stayed in remarking that President Carter "was conceived" in the very bedroom where they were sleeping during the visit, adding, "Jeeemmy told me it was okay for me to tell people that." I am so grateful to have crossed paths with this wonderful human & distinguished leader.

As I reflect on my interactions with President Carter and my time at the Carter Presidential Center, I am filled with inspiration. I now have the honor of chairing New Jersey's Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), a role that aligns with the principles of democratic ideals and free and fair elections that the Center tirelessly promotes. It is a poignant full-circle moment, to be sure.

Jimmy Carter's birthday is a moment to celebrate for so many reasons, but most especially because of his respect for the dignity of all and his contributions to the betterment of humankind.

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Heavy Spending Largely Targets Legislative "Battleground" Districts

A week before the November 7 election, seven state legislative districts had emerged as the focus of candidates along with special interest groups making independent expenditures, according to reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Topping the list is the 11th Legislative District, which includes Monmouth County. Spending there already is expected to exceed \$8.8 million. That would make it one of the five most expensive legislative races ever.

Significant spending also has been aimed at legislative districts 16, 4, 38, 3, 2, and 8.

Independent groups typically spend most of their funds on "battleground" or "swing" districts. All seven "target" districts have drawn at least \$500,000 in independent spending. Final candidate totals based on 20-day post-election reports are slated to be released December 5. Some independent spending data may not be available until mid-January.

Table 1
Seven Legislative Districts Most
Targeted By Independent Spenders

	CANDIDATES			INDEPENDENT SPENDERS	
Districts	Raised	Spent	Cash	Spent*	Projected Totals**
11	\$ 6,062,235	\$ 5,580,917	\$ 481,318	\$ 2,748,117	\$ 8,810,352
16	\$ 3,880,863	\$ 3,710,543	\$ 170,320	\$ 2,185,205	\$ 6,066,069
4	\$ 2,690,886	\$ 2,248,319	\$ 442,567	\$ 2,397,909	\$ 5,088,795
38	\$ 4,025,784	\$ 3,464,024	\$ 561,759	\$ 505,041	\$ 4,530,824
3	\$ 2,683,842	\$ 2,088,551	\$ 595,291	\$ 1,526,101	\$ 4,209,943
2	\$ 1,687,388	\$ 1,275,713	\$ 411,675	\$ 590,589	\$ 2,277,977
8	\$ 1,041,661	\$ 805,981	\$ 235,680	\$ 642,232	\$ 1,683,892
Totals- Seven Districts	\$22,072,658	\$19,174,047	\$ 2,898,611	\$10,595,194	\$32,667,852
Percentage of All Districts	45%	62%	16%	61%	

^{*}Spending specifically targeted for district.

"Already, more than \$32.7 million has been committed to the seven "battleground" districts where the two major parties are engaged in their most intense competition," said Jeff Brindle, ELEC's Executive Director, in an October 31, 2023 analytical press release.

"Nearly half the money raised for all 40 legislative districts has been targeted for these seven districts. About two-thirds of candidate and independent committee spending also has focused on these contests," he said.

Brindle said special interest groups have assumed a bigger role in state elections since 2009 by spending money on their own instead of just making contributions to candidates and parties. These include unions, businesses, ideological organizations, trade associations and others that are not supposed to coordinate their spending with candidates or parties.

"This election has brought a key change. Under legislation signed by Governor Phil Murphy in April, independent groups involved in the campaign now face a statutory obligation to disclose contributors as well as their expenses," Brindle said. "ELEC first made a bipartisan recommendation for this requirement in 2010."

During this year's general election, at least 22 independent groups already have pumped more than \$17 million into the election.

^{**}Assumes all cash reserves will be spent.

¹ The next highest district received only \$27,000 in independent spending.

Table 2
Spending by Independent Committees on 2023 Legislative General Election

GROUP	SPENT
Middle Ground	\$ 2,649,658
Brighter Future Forward	\$ 1,950,958
Stronger Foundations Inc (Operating Engineers)	\$ 1,939,954
Garden State Forward (NJEA) ²	\$ 1,900,000
Prosperity Rising NJ Inc	\$ 1,638,551
Working for Working Americans (Carpenters) ³	\$ 1,500,000
Growing Economic Opportunities (Laborers) ⁴	\$ 1,159,374
Carpenters Action Fund ⁵	\$ 1,000,000
American Representative Majority	\$ 737,128
Strengthen Our State	\$ 675,254
Women for a Stronger New Jersey ⁶	\$ 597,127
Republican State Leadership Committee	\$ 582,897
New Jersey Coalition of Real Estate	\$ 351,492
Progress for NJ PAC	\$ 250,000
Garden State Success ⁷	\$ 209,742
South Jersey Strong	\$ 173,209
Planned Parenthood NJ Super PAC Inc	\$ 44,284
Jersey Freedom	\$ 35,226
Patriots for Progress	\$ 18,802
NRA Political Victory Fund	\$ 7,497
NJ Right to Life PAC	\$ 7,320
NJ Family Policy Center	\$ 6,089
Grand Total	\$17,434,564

That sum already is the second most by independent spenders in a New Jersey legislative election except for 2017, when outlays by these so-called "outside" groups topped \$27 million.

Legislative candidates recently filed reports that update fundraising and spending. It shows Democrats, who control both legislative houses, continue to hold a fund-raising advantage of nearly three-to-one.

Table 3
Party Breakdown of Legislative Campaign
Finance Activity Through October 24

PARTY	RAISED		SPENT		CASH		
Democrats		\$35,638,322		\$22,179,442		\$13,458,880	
Republicans	\$12	2,956,181	\$ 8	3,498,992	\$ 4,	457,190	
Independent candidates	\$	20,167	\$	13,122	\$	7,045	
Grand Total	\$48	3,614,670	\$30),691,556	\$17,	,923,114	

² Contributed \$1 million to Prosperity Rising and \$900,000 to Middle Ground.

³ Contributed to Brighter Future Forward.

 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ Contributed \$450,000 to Prosperity Rising and \$400,000 to Middle Ground.

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ Contributed to Brighter Future Forward.

⁶ Total includes spending only on legislative candidates.

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Incumbents have raised more than twice as much as challengers, spent nearly two times more and have nearly five times larger cash reserves than challengers.

Table 4
Campaign Finance Activity
Incumbents Versus Challengers

PARTY	RAISED	SPENT	CASH	
Incumbents	\$33,604,685	\$18,860,110	\$14,744,575	
Challengers	\$15,009,985	\$11,831,446	\$ 3,178,539	
Grand Total	\$48,614,670	\$30,691,556	\$17,923,114	

This analysis is based on candidate 11-day pre-election day reports reflecting activity between October 7 and 24, 2023. They were due October 27, 2023. Independent spending totals were based on 11-day reports as well as "72/24 notices" that detail last-minute contributions and expenditures above \$200.

Jeff Brindle Retires After 38 Years at ELEC, Including More Than 14 Years as Executive Director



Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle and Former Chairwoman Jerry English

Jeff Brindle, ELEC's fifth Executive Director since its creation in 1973, was honored on October 25, 2023 following the announcement of his retirement.

His last day was October 31. Brindle was first hired as deputy director in 1985, then was named as executive director in 2009.

About 70 people, including most of ELEC's staff, attended a sendoff held in the Commission's conference room.

"I've been blessed in terms of having been involved in government and politics, and to be able to have a job for so many years that I didn't have to dread coming in on Monday morning. That certainly has been the case here at ELEC...I always enjoyed coming here," Brindle told the audience.

"Any kind of national reputation that I've always heard that we have is because of all of you," he said, referring to the staff. "It's very humbling for me. I don't think I've ever had an experience like this."

ELEC Chairman Thomas Prol expressed the Commission's appreciation for Brindle's long-time public service.

"You've dedicated your life to this noble work. I think there's something so profound and beautiful about that. On behalf of the Commission, people here thank you for what you've done," Prol said.

The Chairman also read from a proclamation signed by Senate President Nicholas Scutari.

He read in part: "Whereas Jeffrey M. Brindle has continuously exhibited an uncommon measure of knowledge and dedication through exemplary tenure as Executive Director having previously served with distinction as Deputy Executive Director, and the depth of his knowledge and breadth of his experience have significantly advanced the efficient functioning of all Commission programs and upheld the tradition of fair administration of this State's financial disclosure laws."

Former ELEC Chairwoman Jerry Fitzgerald English also offered praise to Brindle's service and the agency he led. "Having something like this institution, starting here and setting the standard throughout the country has given all of the commissioners, all of the staff and I think the people of New Jersey great comfort," she said.

Others in attendance along with Prol and English included Commission Counsel Ed Matthews, former ELEC Chairmen Eric Jaso and Ronald DeFilippis, and former commissioner Steven Holden.

Also in attendance was former State Treasurer and New York City Council member Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, and veteran lobbyists Dale Florio and Richard Kamin, also the former Assemblyman and DMV Director.

Also in the audience are several former staff members, including Fred Herrmann, who served 25 years as Executive Director before Brindle, along with personal friends.

The following is a list of chief accomplishments by Brindle while serving as executive director.

- The first issue of ELEC-Tronic newsletter appears in July 2009. There have now been 184 editions.
- For the first time, ELEC website users in 2009 gained the ability to search contributions to local candidates and committees.
- ❖ In 2010, ELEC's website was recognized as "Best Official NJ Web Site" by Documents Association of NJ.
- In 2014, Jeff won support for a special \$2 million appropriation for an overhaul of ELEC's website, computer equipment and software. He did so by gaining bipartisan backing from Republican Governor Chris Christie and State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon- Eristoff as well as Democratic legislative leaders Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto along with several other legislators from both parties.
- The appropriation enabled the agency to update its website. It enabled lobbyists as well as candidates, parties, traditional continuing political committees (PACs) and independent expenditure committees to file annual reports electronically with ELEC.
- ELEC was one of first campaign finance regulatory agencies nationally to use Twitter and Facebook to distribute information about the agency's activities.
- Copies of advisory opinions and minutes dating back to 1973, and press releases dating to 1983, are now available online.
- * Based on an ELEC recommendation, Governor Chris Christie signed a bill that saved hundreds of thousands of dollars every four years by ending printed ballot statements of gubernatorial candidates and moving them online.
- ❖ In December 2017, ELEC offices were relocated to the current state-owned building, saving millions in avoided rent payments over time.
- During the pandemic, Brindle reported almost every day to the office. On some days, he was the only one.
- Despite his commitment to being in the office, Brindle had the foresight to develop a plan for how ELEC should evolve to a new work-at-home era.
- Significant sections of legislation enacted by Governor Murphy in April that overhauled ELEC's main statute were based on ELEC recommendations developed by Brindle.



THE SENATE

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

SENATE RESOLUTION

By Senator ZWICKER

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of New Jersey is pleased to salute Jeffrey M. Brindle, a highly esteemed

Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle and Chairman Thomas H. Prol.

resident of the Garden State, upon his retirement from a superb career as Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Brindle has continually exhibited an uncommon measure of knowledge and dedication throughout his exemplary tenure as Executive Director, having previously served with distinction as Deputy Executive Director, and the depth of his knowledge and breadth of his experience have significantly advanced the efficient functioning of all Commission programs and upheld a tradition of fair administration of this State's financial disclosure laws; and,

WHEREAS, An illustrious graduate of Rutgers University with a master of arts in political science from Villanova University, Jeffrey M. Brindle has lent his vast expertise as an Adjunct Professor with the College of New Jersey and Raritan Valley Community College, as a Public Information Officer with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and as Deputy County Clerk for Somerset County, among other professional roles, and this former candidate for the New Jersey General Assembly who served as Municipal Chairman for the Republican party has given further of his time and energies as a volunteer with the Hamilton Township YMCA and as a coach for his local basketball and baseball leagues; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Brindle is deeply appreciated for his extraordinary efforts in furtherance of an engaged, astute, and informed citizenry, and by repeatedly demonstrating his outstanding work ethic to the benefit of his fellow New Jerseyans, he has earned the abiding respect and admiration of his colleagues and all who know of his many accomplishments; and,

WHEREAS, It is both fitting and right for the members of this House to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Jeffrey M. Brindle and to praise him as an individual of strong character and remarkable determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby commends and congratulates Jeffrey M. Brindle upon his retirement, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for his continued success in all future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to Jeffrey M. Brindle.



Nicholas P. Scutari President of the Senate

Attest:

Linda Metzger

Secretary of the Senate



Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle and Deputy Director Joseph Donohue

Major Party Committees Continue to Thrive Under New State Law

Third-quarter reports submitted by the two state parties and four legislative leadership committees reveal healthy fundraising and cash reserves compared to most of the past decade.

Reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) by the so-called "Big Six" committees indicate their combined fund-raising through September 30 was \$9.1 million.

While smaller than in 2021, the last state election with both houses running, it is 36 percent above the average for all election years since 2013.

Spending of \$8.2 million is 38 percent higher than average while a cash reserve total of \$3.6 million is 45 percent above average.

TABLE 1
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY BY "BIG SIX"
THROUGH 3RD QUARTER BY YEAR

YEAR	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	STATE ELECTIONS
2013	\$ 7,203,008	\$5,917,331	\$2,970,203	Governor and Both Houses
2014	\$ 2,444,799	\$1,887,661	\$1,388,946	
2015	\$ 3,896,539	\$3,579,018	\$1,984,629	Assembly
2016	\$ 2,195,300	\$1,985,370	\$1,188,706	
2017	\$ 5,835,574	\$5,354,876	\$2,317,953	Governor and Both Houses
2018	\$ 3,846,796	\$3,293,435	\$1,298,934	
2019	\$ 3,767,926	\$3,717,128	\$1,476,354	Assembly
2020	\$ 2,577,166	\$2,173,600	\$1,063,632	
2021	\$10,105,364	\$8,878,871	\$2,597,809	Governor and Both Houses
2022	\$ 3,081,272	\$2,480,441	\$1,620,865	
2023	\$ 9,070,722	\$8,206,918	\$3,624,080	Senate and Assembly
Average- Six Election Years	\$ 6,646,522	\$5,942,357	\$2,495,171	
Difference- %	36%	38%	45%	

Jeff Brindle, ELEC's Executive Director, said the six major party committees may be benefiting from a new law (P.L. 2023, Chapter 30) enacted by Governor Phil Murphy in April. One of its major changes involved raising contribution limits for party committees, including the Big Six, for the first time since 2005.

Brindle said ELEC long believed it was important to strengthen the parties because they are highly accountable and strong parties will help offset the influence of special interest groups spending independently of parties and candidates.

The old law limited the two state parties and four legislative leadership committees from accepting more than \$25,000 annually from a single contributor.

For all the "Big Six" committees, donors now can give \$75,000 each year to organizational campaign accounts that pay for media costs, direct mail, staff salaries, get-out-the-vote and related costs. The same donors can give an additional \$37,500 annually to new "housekeeping" accounts created by the two state parties- \$112,500 in total. These new accounts are earmarked solely for administrative expenses, including mortgages, rent, taxes, compliance costs, legal bills and collective bargaining outlays. County parties also can create housekeeping accounts.

"Even compared to most election years during the last decade, the current receipts for the Big Six committees are up substantially," Brindle said. "Party committees seem to be benefiting from the higher limits."

Year-to-date totals for 2023 versus those of 2019 show the coffers of both parties are in better shape.

Fund-raising by Republican committees is up 105 percent. Democratic fund-raising is up 163 percent. Cash-on-hand totals are also better.

TABLE 2 FUNDRAISING BY "BIG SIX" COMMITTEES JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

REPUBLICANS	RAISED	SPENT**	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH*
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$1,288,050	\$ 979,003	\$ 330,729	\$ 330,729
Senate Republican Majority	\$ 761,964	\$ 470,948	\$ 482,506	\$ 459,116
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 910,220	\$ 542,631	\$ 779,315	\$ 779,315
Sub-Total- Republicans	\$2,960,233	\$1,992,582	\$1,592,549	\$1,569,160
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Dollars)	\$1,516,791	\$ 736,087	\$ 928,518	\$ 925,884
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Percent)	105%	59%	140%	144%
DEMOCRATS				
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$2,035,377	\$1,928,561	\$ 327,705	\$ 282,298
Senate Democratic Majority	\$1,834,749	\$1,628,228	\$1,149,026	\$1,149,026
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$2,240,363	\$2,657,547	\$ 554,799	\$ 524,360
Sub-Total- Democrats	\$6,110,488	\$6,214,336	\$2,031,530	\$1,955,684
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Dollars)	\$3,784,005	\$3,753,702	\$1,123,194	\$1,127,205
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Percent)	163%	153%	124%	136%
Total- Both Parties	\$9,070,722	\$8,206,918	\$3,624,080	\$3,524,844
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Dollars)	\$5,300,796	\$4,489,789	\$2,051,712	\$2,053,089
Difference Versus Third Quarter 2019 (Percent)	141%	121%	130%	139%

^{*}Net worth is cash-on-hand adjusted for debts owed to or by the committee.

State parties and legislative leadership committees are required to report their financial activity to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

The reports are available on ELEC's website www.elec.nj.gov. ELEC also can be accessed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NJElectionLaw) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/elecnj).

^{**}Some spending totals may exceed fundraising totals because the committee dipped into reserves or incurred debt.

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FIRE COMMISSIONER – FEBRUARY 18, 2023		'
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* – 1/17/2023	1/20/2023
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	1/18/2023 – 2/4/2023	2/7/2023
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	2/5/2023 – 3/7/2023	3/10/2023
48–Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 2/5/2023 through	2/18/2023	
SCHOOLBOARD – APRIL 25, 2023 – UPDATED PER CHA	NGE BY THE COMMISSION OF EDUCATION	
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* – 3/24/2023	3/27/2023
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	3/25/2023 – 4/11/2023	4/14/2023
20–Day Postelection Reporting Date	4/12/2023 - 5/12/2023	5/15/2023
48-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 4/12/2023 through	n 4/25/2023	
MAY MUNICIPAL – MAY 9, 2023		
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* – 4/7/2023	4/10/2023
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	4/8/2023 – 4/25/2023	4/28/2023
20–Day Postelection Reporting Date	4/26/2023 – 5/26/2023	5/30/2023
48-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 4/26/2023 through	n 5/9/2023	
RUNOFF (JUNE)** – JUNE 13, 2023		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	No Report Required for this Period	
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	4/26/2023 – 5/30/2023	6/2/2023
20–Day Postelection Reporting Date	5/31/2023 - 6/30/2023	7/3/2023
48–Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 5/31/2023 through	n 6/13/2023	
PRIMARY (90 DAY START DATE: MARCH 8, 2023)*** - J	UNE 6, 2023	
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* – 5/5/2023	5/8/2023
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	5/6/2023 -5/23/2023	5/26/2023
20–Day Postelection Reporting Date	5/24/2023 - 6/23/2023	6/26/2023
48–Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 5/24/2023 through	n 6/6/2023	
GENERAL (90 DAY START DATE: AUGUST 9, 2023)*** -	NOVEMBER 7, 2023	
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	6/24/2023 – 10/6/2023	10/10/2023
11–day Preelection Reporting Date	10/7/2023 – 10/24/2023	10/27/2023
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	10/25/2023 -11/24/2023	11/27/2023
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 10/25/2023 throug	h 10/30/2023	
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 10/31/2023 throug	h 11/7/2023	
RUN-OFF (DECEMBER)** – DECEMBER 5, 2023		
29–day Preelection Reporting Date	No Report Required for this Period	
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	10/25/2023 – 11/21/2023	11/24/2023
20–day Postelection Reporting Date	11/22/2023 – 12/22/2023	12/26/2023
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 11/22/2023 throug	<u>'</u>	

PACS, PCFRS & CAMPAIGN QUARTERLY I	FILERS	
1 st Quarter	1/1/2023 – 3/31/2023	4/17/2023
2 nd Quarter	4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023	7/17/2023
3 rd Quarter	7/1/2023 – 9/30/2023	10/16/2023
4 th Quarter	10/1/2023 – 12/31/2023	1/16/2024
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1 st Quarter	1/1/2023 – 3/31/2023	4/10/2023
2 nd Quarter	4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023	7/10/2023
3 rd Quarter	7/1/2023 – 9/30/2023	10/10/2023
4 th Quarter	10/1/2023 – 12/31/2023	1/10/2024

^{*}Inception Date of Campaign (first time filers) or from January 1, 2023 (Quarterly filers).

Note: A fourth quarter 2022 filing is needed for Primary 2023 candidates if they started their campaign prior to December 8, 2022. A second quarter 2023 filing is needed by Independent/Non-Partisan General Election candidates if they started their campaign prior to May 10, 2023.

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^{**}A candidate committee or joint candidates committee that is filing in a 2023 Runoff election is not required to file a 20-day postelection report for the corresponding prior election (May Municipal or General).

^{***}Form PFD-1 is due on April 6, 2023 for Primary Election Candidates and June 19, 2023 for Independent General Election Candidates.