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### **ELEC Seeks Sponsors for Primary Debates**

Thomas H. Prol, chairman of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has announced that the Commission is seeking sponsors for debates involving gubernatorial primary candidates.

"The gubernatorial debates are an important part of ELEC's efforts to educate voters and to encourage meaningful and informative dialogue on issues that affect the lives of all New Jersey residents," Prol said.

"ELEC encourages the submission of applications to sponsor these debates, which broaden access to information and help encourage engagement and robust voter participation in the upcoming primary and general elections," he added.

Potential sponsors must submit to ELEC a completed copy of "Application to Sponsor Gubernatorial Election Debate(s)" (Form DS). It is available at: <u>www.elec.nj.gov/publicinformation/gub\_man\_</u> <u>forms.htm</u>.

The form is used to obtain information such as whether the sponsor has overseen previous debates, will rebroadcast debates, will withhold any candidate endorsements until all debates air, will broadcast the debate in a foreign language, and will use a facility that accommodates persons with physical disabilities. Forms must be submitted no later than March 17, 2025. The bipartisan Commission is meeting April 8, 2025 to select sponsors.

ELEC's role in gubernatorial debates is limited to picking sponsors, ensuring they meet the requirements of the law, and resolving any differences that may arise between the sponsors.

By statute, the earliest a primary debate can be held this year is April 3, 2025. The latest date is May 30, 2025. The primary election is set for June 10, 2025.

Participation in two primary election debates is required as a condition of each candidate's receipt of public matching funds.

Participation also is possible for candidates who are not participating in the public financing program, but who have raised and spent the applicable threshold amount (\$580,000 in 2025) and completed required documentation.

The first ELEC-sanctioned debates were held in 1989 at Rutgers University.

Since that year, 37 gubernatorial debates have been held by ELEC-designated sponsors. The total includes 19 primary election debates and 22 general election debates. Four general election debates have featured candidates for lieutenant governor since 2009.

# ELEC Seeks Sponsors for Primary Debates (continued)

In 2021, there was a single Republican primary debate hosted by 101.5 (WKXW-FM) on May 25, 2021. A planned second debate was cancelled when one candidate refused to take part. There was no Democratic primary debate in 2021 because only one candidate- Governor Phil Murphy – sought public funds.

Since their inception, the debates have provided a forum for 115 candidates representing the two major

parties along with independent candidates who qualified for public funds.

New Jersey in 1973 was the first state in the nation to provide public financing of gubernatorial campaigns. In 1989, it became the first state to require publicly financed gubernatorial candidates to participate in primary and general election debates.

# **Political Communications**

As candidates gear up for looming elections, they must remember that certain communications, including communications distributed by their elected offices instead of their campaigns, may have to be disclosed on ELEC reports.

An important but sometimes misconstrued part of New Jersey campaign finance law is the so-called "90-day rule," which sets a date after which certain communications are deemed political and subject to reporting.

#### **Communications Subject to Disclosure**

Communications that contain an explicit appeal for the election or defeat of a candidate and are circulated to an audience substantially comprised of people eligible to vote for the candidate are subject to reporting regardless of timing. These communications contain words or phrases that directly relate to elections, such as "elect", "vote for", "vote against", "reject", "support", or "defeat".

Communications that do not contain such explicit wording will be subject to reporting under the following conditions:

- 1. The communication is made by or on behalf of a candidate within 90-days of an election except in the case of gubernatorial candidates in the primary election, who face a starting date of January 1;
- 2. The communication is disseminated to an audience "substantially comprised" of individuals eligible to vote for the candidate;
- 3. The communication refers to the governmental objectives or achievements of the candidate; and,
- 4. The communication is made with the cooperation or consent of the candidate.

In most instances, this rule has applied to communications produced by a governmental body, i.e., a municipal, county, or state government agency or office.

For instance, a mayor one month before the election might send out a newsletter touting the mayor's accomplishments and listing future goals along with a picture. Even if the newsletter does not directly urge voters to support the mayor, or implore them to oppose an opponent, the newsletter would be considered a political communication. The cost of producing and disseminating the communication must be reported by the candidate.

The Commission's role is the appropriate disclosure of the political communication. It has no jurisdiction over whether the town in this scenario may use public funds for these purposes.

#### Exceptions to the 90-Day Rule

There is no requirement to report the following communications that are considered exceptions to the 90-day rule:

- 1. A communication by an incumbent officeholder seeking re-election if the communication is in writing to a constituent and in direct response to a prior communication from the constituent;
- 2. A communication that is broadcast or circulated for the limited purpose of requiring constituents to make applications or take other actions before the date of the election, or providing information involving a public emergency; and,
- 3. A communication by a candidate running unopposed in the primary election.

#### Political Communications (continued)

Reporting begins on different dates depending on the office sought and/or the election.

OFFICE/ELECTION	DATE OF ELECTION	STARTING DATE FOR POLITICAL COMMUNICA- TION REPORTING
Governor (Primary)	June 10, 2025	January 01, 2025
April School Board	April 15, 2025	January 15, 2025
May Municipal	May 13, 2025	February 12, 2025
Legislature or other Non-Gubernatorial Offices decided in the Primary Election	June 10, 2025	March 12, 2025

To determine whether a communication must be reported, consult Commission regulations at N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.10 and 10.11 at <u>www.elec.nj.gov/legalresources.htm</u>.

Commission compliance staff members are available to assist with questions related to the 90-day rule along with other issues. They can be reached at (609) 292–8700.

#### **Gubernatorial Candidates Have Raised \$15.6 Million**

Nine candidates for 2025 gubernatorial primary nomination already have raised a combined \$15.6 million and spent \$5.3 million, according to quarterly reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Candidates as a group also report having about \$9.3 million in reserves available as they gear up for the June 10 primary.

"The fact that candidates already have raised \$15.6 million with 145 days until the primary is a strong sign that this year's election will be record-breaking," said Joe Donohue, ELEC's Deputy Director.

# Table 01 · Campaign Finance Activity Reported by 2025 Gubernatorial Primary Candidate (Ranked by Funds Raised)

CANDIDATE	RAISED	SPENT	NET WORTH	PARTY
Stephen Fulop	\$3,174,706	\$640,720	\$2,304,270	Democrat
Jack Ciattarelli	\$2,934,567	\$1,356,818	\$1,536,899	Republican
Steve Sweeney	\$2,425,827	\$399,063	\$1,921,370	Democrat
Josh Gottheimer	\$1,658,774	\$147,745	\$1,501,099	Democrat
Jon Bramnick	\$1,535,631	\$1,131,937	\$384,494	Republican
Mikie Sherrill	\$1,392,060	\$387,734	\$604,326	Democrat
Ras Baraka	\$1,162,168	\$648,043	\$503,391	Democrat
Bill Spadea	\$1,126,655	\$534,029	\$470,797	Republican
Sean Spiller	\$182,884	\$64,253	\$73,890	Democrat
Roger Bacon	NA	NA	NA	Republican
Monica Brinson	NA	NA	NA	Republican
Robert Canfield	NA	NA	NA	Republican
Edward Durr	NA	NA	NA	Republican
James Fazzone	NA	NA	NA	Republican
Hans Herberg	NA	NA	NA	Republican
Totals	\$15,593,272	\$5,310,343	\$9,300,536	

#### Gubernatorial Candidates Have Raised \$15.6 Million (continued)

Donohue noted that 15 candidates excluding three independent candidates already are vying for the primary.

"This is the second largest number since 1981, when 21 primary contestants sought the nomination," he said. "That year was the first when public funds were available for New Jersey gubernatorial primaries."

The \$15.6 million in fundraising is preliminary and represents only what candidates themselves have raised so far from private contributors. Compared to spending totals from the 11 previous gubernatorial primary elections since 1981, the current year already ranks fifth without adjusting for inflation.

Under the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, qualifying candidates in 2025 can receive up to \$5.5 million if they raise about \$2.9 million from private sources under a 2-for-1 matching program. More public funds will be available in the general election.

"Except for the 2025 figure, which is based solely on candidate fundraising thus far, spending totals below are based on final candidate fundraising plus their public funds," Donohue said. "Candidates are still expected to raise substantial additional sums from private donors. And several may qualify to receive public funds."

YEAR	CANDIDATE PRIMARY SPENDING	INFLATION ADJUSTED
2017	\$34,494,741	\$44,144,178
2005	\$28,461,596	\$45,714,744
2001	\$23,019,458	\$40,796,332
2021	\$16,735,704	\$19,374,124
2025*	\$15,593,272	\$15,593,272
1989	\$15,034,503	\$38,033,534
2009	\$14,807,441	\$21,650,957
1981	\$14,751,459	\$50,906,165
1997	\$10,132,370	\$19,803,196
1993	\$9,967,456	\$21,637,933
2013	\$9,677,478	\$13,031,239
1985	\$6,224,289	\$18,145,827

#### Table 02 · 2025 Preliminary Fundraising Versus Final Candidate Spending in Past Primaries

\*Preliminary candidate fundraising only. Does not include public funds.

In 1974, New Jersey became the first state to authorize distribution of public matching funds to gubernatorial candidates starting with the 1977 general election.

Reports filed by candidates can be obtained on ELEC's website at <u>www.elec.nj.gov</u>.

## "Big Six" Committees Head into State Election Year with Healthy Reserves

With a key state election year looming, the six top fund-raising committees of the two major parties are reporting their heftiest cash reserves in years, according to reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

The two state parties and four legislative leadership committees have banked a combined total of \$3.4 million. That is more than any previous year since 2014 and is 114 percent above the average collective war chest for that period.

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YEAR	BOTH PARTIES	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
2014	\$1,662,052	\$667,584	\$994,468
2015	\$979,220	\$338,245	\$640,975
2016	\$1,667,465	\$624,725	\$1,042,740
2017	\$738,454	\$484,264	\$254,190
2018	\$1,546,522	\$1,069,437	\$477,085
2019	\$660,067	\$454,940	\$205,127
2020	\$1,378,385	\$996,336	\$382,049
2021	\$1,017,094	\$895,341	\$121,753
2022	\$2,820,447	\$2,195,548	\$624,898
2023	\$1,773,148	\$1,600,536	\$172,612
2024	\$3,432,424	\$2,586,332	\$846,092
2014-2024 Average	\$1,606,843	\$1,083,026	\$523,817
2024 Versus Average	114%	139%	62%

#### Table 01 · Year-End "Big Six" Cash-on-Hand Totals 2014-2024

Ample cash reserves will be critical in a year when Democrats are trying to maintain the governor's seat for the third term in a row while also keeping their majority in 80-member state Assembly. The full Senate is not on the ballot this year.

However, at least one state Senate seat will be subject to a special election.

The three Democratic committees combined reported nearly \$2.6 million in the bank at year end. That represents a high for the decade and 139 percent above the average year-end total during the same time span.

Democrats reported three times more cash than Republicans.

The GOP reported \$846,092 in cash-on-hand at the end of 2024. That still is the party's largest hoard since 2016 and is 62 percent more than the decade-average for the party.

Looking back four years earlier, fundraising and spending totals for Republicans were down but cash totals were up. Democratic totals have increased across the board.

## "Big Six" Committees Head into State Election Year with Healthy Reserves (continued)

Table 02 · Campaign Finance Activity by "Big Six" Committees for 2024 Versus 2020

REPUBLICANS	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH*
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$743,878	\$596,289	\$175,218	\$175,218
Senate Republican Majority	\$349,671	\$123,272	\$300,275	\$300,275
Assembly Republican Victory	\$384,984	\$ 85,492	\$370,599	\$370,599
Total – Republicans – 2024	\$1,478,533	\$805,053	\$846,092	\$846,092
2020 Totals	\$1,659,042	\$1,482,120	\$382,049	\$382,049
Versus 2020 (Percent)	-11%	-46%	121%	121%

DEMOCRATS	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH*
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$1,740,288	\$1,719,545	\$155,280	\$ (16,439)
Senate Democratic Majority	\$805,284	\$389,880	\$1,307,740	\$1,307,641
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$1,330,499	\$780,850	\$1,123,312	\$1,092,873
Total – Democrats – 2024	\$3,876,071	\$2,890,275	\$2,586,332	\$2,384,075
2020 Totals	\$2,601,886	\$2,060,490	\$996,336	\$931,928
Versus 2020 (Percent)	49%	40%	160%	156%

BOTH PARTIES	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH*
Total Both Parties- 2024	\$5,354,604	\$3,695,328	\$3,432,424	\$3,230,167
2020 Totals	\$4,260,928	\$3,542,610	\$1,378,385	\$1,313,977
Versus 2020 (Percent)	26%	4%	149%	146%

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

Big Six campaign finance activity tends to lag in federal election years and then doubles or even triples or more in state election years, particularly when there is a gubernatorial campaign.

For instance, the Big Six raised \$5.3 million in 2024. The total in 2023, a state election year, was three times higher.

Spending in 2024 was \$3.7 million. It was more than four times higher in 2023.

# "Big Six" Committees Head into State Election Year with Healthy Reserves (continued)

Table 03 · Campaign	<b>Finance Activity b</b>	y "Big "Six"	January	1 thought December 31

BOTH PARTIES	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	STATE OR FEDERAL	ELECTION TYPE
2014	\$4,872,907	\$4,048,955	\$1,662,052	Federal	S/H
2015	\$8,027,793	\$8,661,126	\$979,220	State	А
2016	\$4,518,172	\$3,842,223	\$1,667,465	Federal	P/H
2017	\$12,243,328	\$13,348,131	\$738,454	State	G/S/A
2018	\$6,194,632	\$5,393,169	\$1,546,522	Federal	S/H
2019	\$7,155,435	\$8,016,939	\$660,067	State	А
2020	\$4,260,928	\$3,542,610	\$1,378,385	Federal	P/S/H
2021	\$16,892,473	\$17,046,596	\$1,017,094	State	G/S/A
2022	\$5,872,014	\$4,071,602	\$2,820,447	Federal	Н
2023	\$15,797,733	\$16,809,781	\$1,748,148	State	S/A
2024	\$5,354,604	\$3,695,328	\$3,432,424	Federal	P/S/H

*P*=*Presidential;* S=US or State Senate; H=House; G=Gubernatorial; A=Assembly

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 at <u>www.elec.nj.gov</u>.

## New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission Honors the Memory of President James "Jimmy" Earl Carter on this National Day of Mourning January 09, 2025

On behalf of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Chairman Thomas H. Prol issued the following statement:

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) honors the profound legacy of President Jimmy Carter and joins in this National Day of Mourning today, January 9, 2025. It is fitting that we pause to reflect on the values President Carter exhibited - humanitarianism, compassion and empathy – which defined his post-presidency legacy, the longest in American history. With First Lady Rosalynn Carter by his side, President Carter was unwavering in dedication to promoting democracy, the rule of law, and free & fair elections around the world.

In addition to saving millions of lives by efforts to eliminate and eradicate six of the most pernicious diseases on the globe, since 1982, President Carter's leadership has seen The Carter Center bring justice and peace to the most troubled corners of the world. Especially meaningful to ELEC's mission, the Carter Center has observed 125 full and limited observation missions in 40 countries and three Native American nations related to elections and conflict resolution. In addition, The Carter Center has undertaken 18 expert missions in 16 countries to export the promise of democracy's freedoms, often to people who have only known authoritarianism and dictatorships since birth.

It was my honor to intern in The Carter Center Conflict Resolution Program when I was an undergraduate student at Emory University where President Carter served as a "Distinguished Professor." I was assigned the portfolio analyzing the civil war in Somalia, on the horn of Africa, and then had the opportunity to brief President Carter on my research. In reality, it was he who taught me. My memories of my interactions with him are filled with both awe and gratitude, not just for his personal attention to instilling wisdom and knowledge in me, my fellow Emory students, and my colleagues at The Carter Center, but for his relentless dedication to a more just and fairer world. Indeed, President Carter "served the people and left the world better than he found it."

When Jimmy Carter accepted the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, he closed his remarks with this statement, a poignant reflection of his legacy: "War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children. The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices. God gives us the capacity for choice. We can choose to alleviate suffering. We can choose to work together for peace. We can make these changes – and we must."

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and the staff of ELEC, we thank and honor President James "Jimmy" Earl Carter and join the nation today in mourning this profound loss of our 39th President. May his memory be a blessing that lives on in each of us through renewal of our mutual respect for each other and our commitment to justice, peace, democratic elections, and the rule of law.

# Key Dates - 2025 Gubernatorial Primary Election

EVENT	DATE
First Date Candidates Can Seek Public Matching Funds (Twice Monthly Until March 31)	January 7, 2025
Quarterly Candidate Filings	January 15, 2025
Due Date for Debate Sponsor Applications	March 17, 2025
Deadline for Form G-1A Candidate Certification for Public Financing Debate Participation. Also, Due Date for Forms P-1 And/or P-2	March 24, 2025
Candidates Can Seek Public Matching Funds Every Tuesday Until Election	April 1, 2025
Due Date for Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure Forms	April 3, 2025
Earliest Date Debates Can Be Held	April 3, 2025
Deadline for Commission to Select Debate Sponsor.	April 14, 2025
Quarterly Candidate Filings	April 15, 2025
29-Day Preelection Reports	May 12, 2025
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts	May 28, 2025
Latest Date Debate Can Be Held	May 30, 2025
11-Day Preelection Reports	May 30, 2025
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts	June 3, 2025
2025 Primary Election	June 10, 2025
20-Day Postelection Reports	June 30, 2025
Quarterly Candidate Filings	July 15, 2025
Final Date Candidates Can Seek Public Matching Funds for Primary	November 5, 2025

# 2025 Contribution Limits for Non-Gubernatorial Candidates and Committees

ENTITIES MAKING CONTRIBU- TIONS	CANDIDATE COMMITTEE	POLITICAL COMMITTEE	CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE	LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE	STATE POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE	COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE	MUNICIPAL POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE
Individual	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Corporation or Union	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Association or Group to:	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Candidate Committee	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Political Committee	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Continuing Political Committee	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Legislative Leadership Committee				No Limits			
State Political Party Committee				No Limits			
County Politi- cal Party	No I	imits, except thos	se set forth in N.J	.A.C. 19:25-11.7	for a County Poli	tical party Comm	ittee
Municipal Political Party				No Limits			
National Politi- cal Party	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$152,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Housekeeping Accounts <sup>5</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$39,500 per year	\$39,500 per year	N/A

<sup>5</sup>Housekeeping account limits are equal to half the amount implemented for state or county political party committees. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-10.2.

# 2025 Reporting Dates

	INCLUSION DATES	REPORT DUE DATE			
Fire Commissioner - February 15, 2025					
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* - 01/14/2025	01/17/2025			
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	01/15/2025 - 02/01/2025	02/04/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	02/02/2025 - 03/04/2025	03/07/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 02/02/20	25 through 02/07/2025				
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 02/08/20	25 through 02/15/2025				
April School Board - April 15, 2025					
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* - 03/14/2025	03/17/2025			
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	03/15/2025- 04/01/2025	04/04/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	04/02/2025 - 05/02/2025	05/05/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 04/02/20	25 through 04/07/2025				
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 04/08/20	25 through 04/15/2025				
May Municipal - May 13, 2025					
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* - 04/11/2025	04/14/2025			
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	04/12/2025 - 04/29/2025	05/02/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	04/30/2025 - 05/30/2025	06/02/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 04/30/20	25 through 05/05/2025				
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 05/06/20	025 through 05/13/2025				
Runoff (June) ** - June 10, 2025					
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	No Report Required for this Period				
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	04/30/2025 - 05/27/2025	05/30/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	05/28/2025 - 06/27/2025	06/30/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 05/28/20	25 through 06/02/2025				
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 06/03/20	025 through 06/10/2025				
Primary (90-day start date: March 12, 202	5)*** - June 10, 2025				
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	Inception of campaign* - 05/09/2025	05/12/2025			
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	05/10/2025 - 05/27/2025	05/30/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	05/28/2025 - 06/27/2025	06/30/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 05/28/20	25 through 06/02/2025				
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 06/03/2025 through 06/10/2025					
General (90-day start date: August 06, 2025)*** - November 04, 2025					
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	06/28/2025 - 10/03/2025	10/06/2025			
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	10/04/2025 - 10/21/2025	10/24/2025			
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	10/22/2025 - 11/21/2025	11/24/2025			
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 10/22/20					
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 10/28/20	25 through 11/04/2025				

#### 2025 Reporting Dates (continued)

	INCLUSION DATES	REPORT DUE DATE
Runoff (December)** - December 02, 2025		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date	No Report Required for this Period	
11-day Preelection Reporting Date	10/22/2025 - 11/18/2025	11/21/2025
20-day Postelection Reporting Date	11/19/2025 - 12/19/2025	12/22/2025
72-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 11/19/2025 through 11/24/2025		
24-Hour Notice Reporting Starts on 11/25/2025 through 12/02/2025		
PACs, PCFRs & Campaign Quarterly Filers		
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	01/01/2025 - 03/31/2025	04/15/2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	04/01/2025 - 6/30/2025	07/15/2025
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	10/15/2025
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	01/15/2026
Governmental Affairs Agents (Q-4)		
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	01/01/2025 - 03/31/2025	04/10/2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	04/01/2025 - 06/30/2025	07/10/2025
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	07/01/2025 - 9/30/2025	10/10/2025
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	01/12/2026

\*Inception Date of Campaign (first time filers) or from January 01, 2025 (Quarterly filers).

\*\*A candidate committee or joint candidates committee that is filing in a 2025 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 03, 2025 for Primary Election Candidates and June 13, 2025 for Independent General Election Candidates. Note: A fourth quarter 2024 filing is needed for Primary 2025 candidates if they started their campaign prior to December 12, 2024. A second quarter 2025 filing is needed by Independent/Non-Partisan General Election candidates if they started their campaign prior to May 06, 2025.