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Post-Primary Requirements for candidates who will not advance to the General Election

Candidates who ran for election in the Primary but did not advance to the General Election ballot are required to file a Post-Primary C-5 campaign financial report, due for election year 2018 on or before June 25. This report is required to cover all contributions received and expenditures made by the campaign after the ending date of the candidate's previous financial report. Please remember to properly report all contribution information received by the campaign and to include the proper level of disclosure detail required to describe all expenditures.

If the candidate has no debt or outstanding loans, this financial report should be filed as a Closing report and can be filed at any time prior to June 25. Any excess campaign funds must be disposed of, and the associated expenditure activity must be reported. The COPP recommends these funds be donated to a non-profit organization, as excess funds cannot be contributed to another campaign (including any future campaigns) nor can they be used for the personal benefit of the candidate or a member of the candidate's family.

If the campaign still has outstanding debts or loans, the campaign may be kept open until these obligations are paid off. Contributions may still be accepted by the candidate, but keep in mind that the contribution limits still apply, and these funds may be used **only** to pay off the obligations owed by the campaign. Until all outstanding debts or loans have been paid off, the candidate would be required to continue filing C-5 reports detailing all campaign financial activity.