

**DC OFFICE OF
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**



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**ABOUT THE
OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

The Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) is established within the D.C. Board of Elections. The OCF is responsible for the operations of the Board pertaining to the administration, interpretation, and enforcement of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, as amended. The OCF is also responsible for administering the Fair Elections Program including certifying and auditing all participating candidates and committees in the Fair Elections Program and for enforcing the Fair Elections Act through investigations and the informal hearing process.



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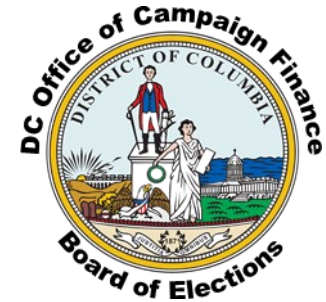
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**VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE THROUGH
EDUCATION AND DISCLOSURE**



MISSION of the OCF

The mission of the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) is to regulate and provide public disclosure of the financial operations of those candidates and committees in both the traditional private financing and the public financing programs, and the Constituent Service and Statehood Fund Programs to ensure public trust in the integrity of the election process and government service. The OCF administers and enforces the Campaign Finance Laws of the District of Columbia, as most recently amended by the Fair Elections Amendment Act of 2018.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The OCF provides an extensive public information and education service for persons subject to the Act, thereby increasing OCF's public disclosure capabilities.

The Director of Campaign Finance is committed to the delivery of an active outreach program which educates and provides information to candidates, committees, public officials, and the public.

The OCF Website offers features and services that are user friendly and in easily accessible formats, which include the following:

Data and Reports Links:

- ✓ Registration Disclosures
- ✓ Biennial Reports
- ✓ Financial Reports
- ✓ Contributions & Expenditures
- ✓ Affiliated Entity Search
- ✓ Active Candidates
- ✓ Active Committees List
- ✓ Summary of Campaign Finance Reports
- ✓ Quick Stats

Service Links:

- ✓ Contributions by Geography
- ✓ Download Campaign Finance Filer Data

The OCF also publishes News Releases, Audit Reports, Investigative Orders, and Educational Brochures at its Website.

The resources at the OCF Website are designed to increase the public's understanding of the Campaign Finance Laws.

RULES & REGULATIONS



CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT OF 2011

The Campaign Finance Act of 2011, as amended, **D.C. Official Code, Sections 1-1163.01 et seq. (2013), (Act)** was enacted to provide a means for monitoring and enforcing the campaign finance and disclosure requirements established for candidates, political committees, political action committees, independent expenditure committees, elected public officials, and Senators and Representatives in the District of Columbia.

The primary goal of this legislation is to require that local candidates seeking election to public office and the treasurers of all committees, and the Constituent Services and Statehood Fund Programs make complete and full financial disclosures.

THE FAIR ELECTIONS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018

The Fair Elections Act of 2018 was enacted to establish a Fair Elections Program to provide for publicly funded political campaigns. The Program is voluntary.

REGULATIONS

Various provisions of the Campaign Finance Act are clarified by regulations promulgated by the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) with the approval of the Board of Elections. **The OCF Regulations are cited under Chapters 30-43 & 99 of Title 3 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (January 2015).**

The OCF Regulations are available for review at the website.

ENFORCEMENT

In general, the OCF employs the informal hearings process as the initial stage of enforcement of the campaign finance laws when there is non-compliance. In the event that the matter is not resolved through the hearings process, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.9, the OCF may file a Petition for Enforcement with the Board of Elections (BOE).

If the matter remains unresolved after a pre-hearing conference and a contested hearing before the Board, the General Counsel for the Board may seek a judgment against the respondent in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia which sustains the petition.



Campaign Finance Laws Enforced:

- ◆ By processing and facilitating public disclosure of financial reports.
- ◆ By encouraging voluntary compliance with the contribution limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements.
- ◆ The Act as addressed through educational seminars; interpretative opinions; information placed at the agency website and social media platforms; and the conduct of audits, investigations, and hearings, facilitates mission and goal achievement.