AT A GLANCE ...

- ⇒ Each inaugural committee must file a Statement of Organization within 10 days of organization.
- ⇒ The treasurer of each inaugural committee must electronically file Reports of Receipts and Expenditures on or before filing dates prescribed by The Campaign Finance Act.
- ⇒ No person, including a business contributor, may make any contribution to an inaugural committee, and the Mayor may not receive a contribution from any person which, when aggregated with all contributions received from such person, exceeds \$10,000 in an aggregate amount.
- ⇒ Any remaining funds of an inaugural committee may be transferred only to a nonprofit organization, or to a Constituent-Service Program.
- ⇒ An inaugural committee must terminate no later than 45 days from the start of the term of the new Mayor.

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EDUCATION AND DISCLOSURE

Organization of Inaugural Committees

An inaugural committee means a person, or group of persons, organized for the purpose of soliciting, accepting, and spending funds and coordinating activities to celebrate the election of a new Mayor.

An inaugural committee is deemed "organized" when any person, or group of persons, formally agree, orally or in writing, to solicit, accept, and spend funds and coordinate activities to celebrate the election of a new Mayor.

Registration and Training Requirements of Inaugural Committees

Each inaugural committee must file with the Director of Campaign Finance a Statement of Organization within 10 days after its organization. In the Statement of Organization, the inaugural committee must list a chairperson and a treasurer, and may elect to list a designated agent.

An inaugural committee must amend its Statement of Organization within 10 days of any change in the information previously reported on its Statement of Organization. The treasurer of each inaugural committee must attend mandatory in person training in the Office of Campaign Finance within fifteen(15) calendar days of filing the Acceptance of Treasurer form.

Reporting Requirements of Inaugural Committees

The treasurer of each inaugural committee must electronically file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures on the 10th day of March, June, August, October, and December in the seven (7) months preceding the date on which, and in each year during which an election is held for which the candidate seeks office and the political committee supports a candidate for office, and on the 8th day preceding the date of the election, and also on the 31st day of January of each year. Reports should also be filed on the July 31st of each nonelection year.

Contributions to Inaugural Committees

No person, including a business contributors, may make any contribution to or for an inaugural committee which, and the Mayor may not receive any contribution to or for an inaugural committee from any person which, when aggregated with all other contributions to or for the inaugural committee received from such person, exceeds \$10,000 in an aggregate amount. The inaugural committee contribution limitation does not apply to contributions made by the Mayor for the purpose of funding his or her own inaugural committee within the District of Columbia.

Fund Balance Requirements for Inaugural Committees

Any remaining funds of the inaugural committee must be transferred only to a nonprofit organization, within the meaning of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, operating in good standing in the District of Columbia for a minimum of one calendar year before the date of any transfer, or to a Constituent-Service Program.

Duration of Inaugural Committees

An inaugural committee must terminate no later than 45 days from the beginning of the term of the new Mayor, except that the inaugural committee may continue to accept contributions necessary to retire the debts of the committee.

If an inaugural committee that has filed at least one (1) Statement of Organization disbands or determines that it will no longer receive contributions or make expenditures during a calendar year, it must notify the Director immediately and file a final Report of Receipts & Expenditures.