

Lisa Lewis Supervisor of Elections County of Volusia

To: All 2026 Candidates

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Supervisor of Elections

Re: Disposition of Campaign Funds

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated or elected to office, he or she may expend funds from the campaign account to purchase "thank you" advertising, pay for items which were previously obligated, and pay for expenditures to close a campaign office.

Prior to disposing of the surplus funds, a candidate may be reimbursed by the campaign for any previously reported contributions or loans by the candidate.

Those candidates who filed an oath stating that he or she was unable to pay the election assessment or fee for verification of petition signatures without imposing an undue burden, or those who qualified by the petition process and were not required to pay an election assessment, must reimburse the state and/or county, whichever is applicable, for waived assessment or fee or both, prior to disposing of funds. Reimbursements are made first for the cost of petition verification and then, if funds remain, the amount of the election assessment.

Finally, if any additional funds remain on deposit, the candidate must dispose of such funds as provided in section 106.141, F.S. and file a final campaign treasurer's report (termination report) within 90 days of withdrawing, becoming unopposed, being eliminated or elected. The candidate termination report schedule is as follows:

Period Covered	<u>Due Dates</u>
After April Qualifying	July 23, 2026
After June Qualifying	September 10, 2026
After Primary Election	November 16, 2026
After General Election	February 1, 2027

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