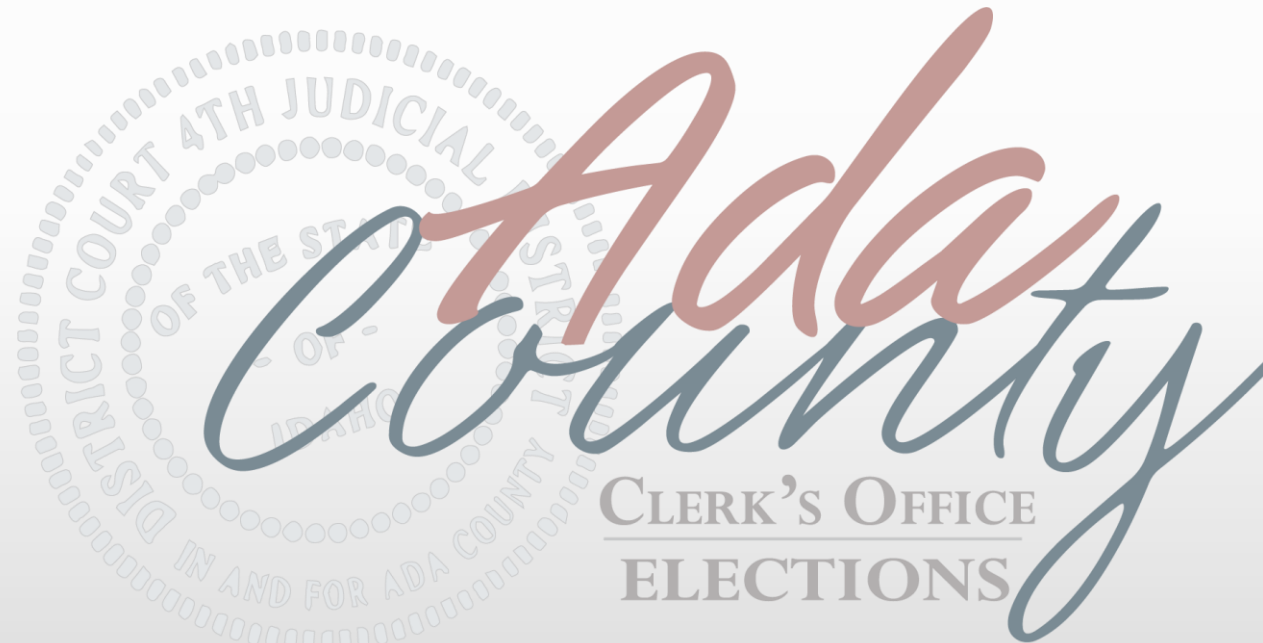


# 2021 Campaign Finance & Elections



# New Campaign Finance Laws

## WHERE TO BEGIN

### ✓ Treasurer Appointment & Reporting



Once a candidate has raised or spent \$500, a candidate must file the appointment of a political treasurer

and begin reporting the campaign finances, including the sources and expenses for the first \$500.

➡ The Declaration of Candidacy filed to run for office designates the candidate as the default political treasurer, for those who have not met the \$500 threshold, until an alternate is appointed.

## FILING DEADLINES

**10<sup>TH</sup>** of each month in the year of the election

Annual report due January 10th following non-election years

**\$50 FINE**

each day after 48 hours late

Campaign Finance Laws  
I.C. Title 67 Chapter 66

### ✓ Disclosures



All campaign material (signs, flyers, mailings, TV ads, etc.) should contain a disclosure statement. For

example: "Paid for Yosemite Sam for Governor, Elmer Fudd Treasurer".



A GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE

CITIES, SCHOOLS & LOCAL OFFICIALS

## REPORTING BASICS

All money raised or spent in relation to a campaign must be accounted for and tracked. This includes the use of the candidate's personal money.

### ✓ Where to Report

All candidates for all offices now report online via the Secretary of State's Campaign Finance Portal. The portal may be found at <https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/campaign-finance-filing/>

For local officials, all assistance, oversight and enforcement will be done by the County Clerk of the home county for the city, school or local district.



Remember: no one was ever fined for over-reporting

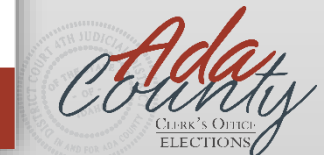
### ✓ Donation Limits

Maximum contribution is \$1,000 per individual, business\* or political committee per election. Any single contribution of \$1,000 must be reported within **48 hours** of receipt.

\*Businesses sharing controlling ownership may only contribute \$1,000 combined.



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# \$500 Threshold for Local Candidates

- Local candidates that do not raise or spend \$500, do not need to create a Campaign Finance account or file monthly reports. See Idaho Code 67-6608(1)
- **All** candidates must keep track and records of **any** money raised or spent (including personal money)
- Declaration of Candidacy contains appointment of a political treasurer that is defaulted to the candidate until they reach the \$500 threshold.

# Filing Dates

- 10<sup>th</sup> of every month during the year of the election, annually during non-election years
- Any contributions of \$1,000 must be reported within 48 hours
- \$50 fine for every day late, See Idaho Code 67-6625A

# Contribution Limits

- \$1,000
  - Per person
  - Per company\* or political committee
- No limits for the candidate contributions to own campaign
- Candidates may not coordinate on independent expenditures

# Disclosures

- Materials should indicate:  
“Paid for by Yosemite Sam for Governor, Elmer Fudd Treasurer”
- The goal is transparency
- No one was ever fined for over-disclosure

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Idaho Secretary of State's Office website. The header includes the Great Seal of the State of Idaho and the text "IDAHO Secretary of State's Office". Navigation icons for Business Services, Elections Division, Government Services, and Press Releases are present. A teal banner contains a COVID-19 notice: "OUR LOBBY IS CLOSED, BUT WE ARE STILL OPEN". Below this, it states: "In keeping with the recommendations for social distancing and group size, we have moved our lobby services to over the counter services at this time. Our staff will continue to answer questions over the phone from 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING." A "Coronavirus Updates" button is also visible. The Elections Division menu is open, showing options like Election Results, Campaign Finance Portal, and Campaign Finance Reports. At the bottom, there is a section for "IDAHO VOTER EDUCATION video series" with a link to a video series.

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**IDAHO VOTER EDUCATION**  
video series

Have you ever wondered how elections work in Idaho? Join us in this educational video series where we go into detail on the systems and processes behind Idaho elections.

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Election Results  
Campaign Finance Portal  
Campaign Finance Reports (Public)  
2020 Expenditure Reports  
Lobbyist Information  
Agency Lobbyist Information  
Vote Idaho - Voter Information  
Civic Resources



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GOVERNMENT SERVICES



PRESS RELEASES

## Campaign Finance Filing



### Campaign Finance Portal

Campaign finance management system for candidates and treasurers. Use this portal to create an account, appoint a treasurer, file reports online, and more.



Campaign Finance Portal Login

User Guide: Create A Campaign Finance Account

2021 Reporting Schedule

[Steps to Create a Campaign Finance Account](#)

### Candidate/PAC Listings



Candidates



Political Action Committees

### Helpful Resources



Sunshine Law Manual [PDF]



Expenditure Codes List [PDF]







Beg. Balance

*(Initial Cash on Hand)*

\$4,866.15

**PLUS** Contributions

*(Contributions, In-Kinds, Loans)*

\$0.00

**MINUS** Payments

*(Expenditures, In-Kinds, Debt Payments)*



\$1,648.90

**EQUALS** Cash on Hand

*(Current Cash on Hand for Period)*

\$3,217.25



## CAMPAIGN PORTAL

2020 Annual Report ↶

CHOOSE CAMPAIGN

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| USER GUIDES

| NEW CAMPAIGN

| LOGOUT



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Launchpad

Contributions

Expenditures

Loans

In-Kind

Credit Card

Pledges

48 Hour Notice

ELEC COMM

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IND Expenditures

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Submit Reports

Contributors





## CAMPAIGN PUBLIC PORTAL

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### Summary

View top contributors and companies

### Candidates

View and search candidates

### Committees

View and search committees

### Contributions

Search for campaign contributions

### Expenditures

Search for campaign expenditures

#### Top Spending Contributors

PhRMA	\$137,900.00
IDLCC	\$125,991.47
Thyra Stevenson	\$124,683.45
John Grimm	\$101,278.86
Arizona Democratic Party	\$100,800.00
Robert Ballard	\$98,411.06
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	\$76,751.87

#### Top Recipient Campaigns

Idaho State Democratic Party	\$616,557.91
Reclaim Idaho	\$351,492.73
Idaho Republican Party	\$344,882.57
Kootenai County Republican Central Committee	\$261,394.93
Idaho Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee	\$254,338.74
Diana Lachiondo	\$248,304.10
Idaho Prosperity Fund	\$207,500.30

# Oversight/Roles

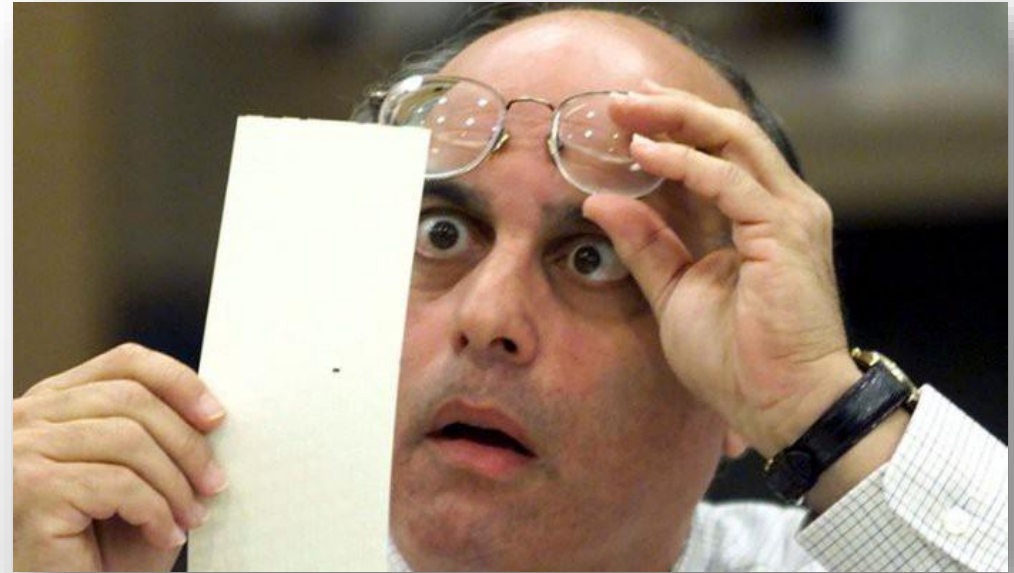
## Campaign Finance

- Filing occurs via the Secretary of State's website
- Oversight, assistance, and enforcement provided by County Clerk/Elections Office

# Oversight/Roles

## Elections

- Candidate filing and ballot questions prepared by **Clerk of the District**
- Election administration, verification of qualifications, conduct of election, certification of results by **County Clerk**





# November Election

## Key Dates

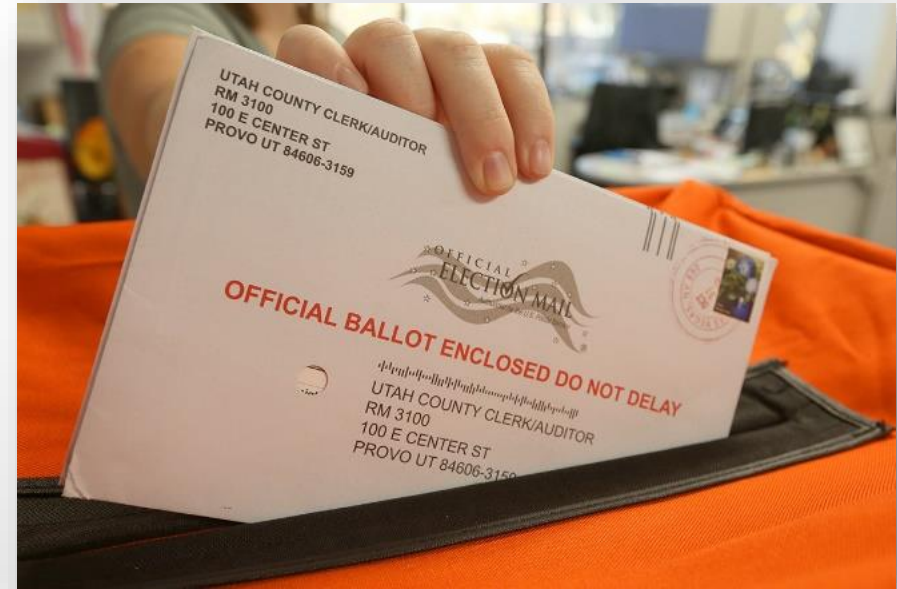
- September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Candidate Filing Deadline
- September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Write-in Deadline
  - Final Candidates Due to Clerk
- September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Ballot Question Deadline



# November Election

## Key Dates

- September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Withdrawal Deadline
  - Recall Deadline
- October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Absentee Ballot Mailing Deadline\*
- October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Pre-Registration Deadline



# November Election

## Key Dates

- October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Early in-person voting begins
- October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Poll watcher deadline
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Absentee Request Deadline
- October 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Day of Early Voting





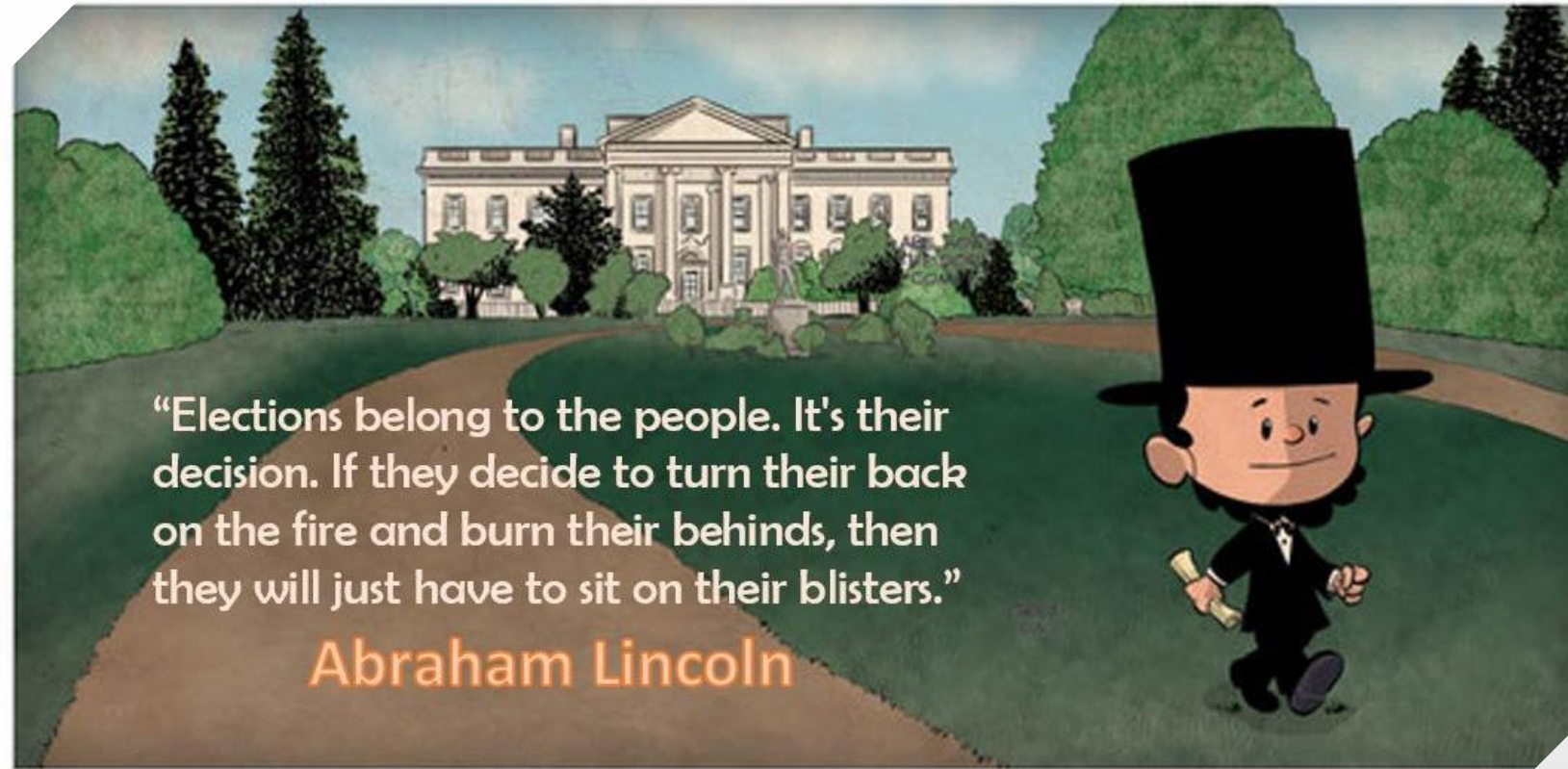
# November Election

## Key Dates

- November 2nd
  - Election Day!!!
  - Deadline for absentee ballots
- November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Canvass Deadline
  - Certification of Results
  - Certificate of Election (By District)



# Questions



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

Abraham Lincoln

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