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PROCESS OF REPORTING

- ID and Password is given once proper paperwork has been filed with SOE office
- Treasurer will log into finance program (link can be found on Supervisor's website)
- Treasurer will enter contributions and expenditures in the "green" current reporting period – always making sure date is correct for each entry
- To **Preview** report
 - o Prepare totals, prepare totals (again)
 - o Press PREVIEW
 - o Draft report will be shown
- Treasurer continues entering transactions until the end of reporting period
- To Submit a Report
 - o Create Final Report for Review
 - o Treasurer and Candidate or Committee person reviews report for completeness and correctness
 - $\circ\,$ If complete and correct, PINS are entered and "Assign PIN" button is pressed to file the report

CANDIDATES: The final report that is filed is the Termination Report. Each candidate will be sent a certified letter as to the name of that termination report and when it will be due.



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What's shown in an online financial report?

As you know, Florida law requires that candidates and political committees file campaign treasurer's reports with the Supervisor of Elections. These reports detail all contributions received and expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate/committee. The **Voter Focus Campaign Financial Reporting** system gives campaign treasurers an easy way to complete and, optionally, file these required reports, online.

Each report generated by the **Campaign Financial Reporting** system is a PDF file that can be viewed in Adobe® Acrobat® Reader. Sumter County requires electronic filing, the PDF can be submitted online, signed by the candidate's and treasurer's electronic personal identification numbers (PINs).

Once a report is accepted by the Supervisor of Elections, it will appear on the elections website and can be viewed by the public. Along with the financial reports, you have the option of providing a short description (or "bio") of the candidate/committee and a photograph.

First, there's a summary page ONLINE SUBMISSION Address (number and street) CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED (3) ID Number: Check appropriate box(es): S Candidate (office sought): County of Political Committee Committee of Continuous Existence CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS Party Executive Committee ■ Electioneering Communication Cover Period: From 4/1/2009 To 7/1/2009 (7) Full Name (Last Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code Barbex , Anna Lee ☑ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report (6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT (7) EXPENDITURES Cash & Checks \$ CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES (1) Name_Carolyn_J. Casadonte Kirk, Marsha 7/1/2009 Total Monetary \$ Total Other Distribution (9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date // certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete. I certify that I have exam correct, and complete. fual (only for Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Car 11 X // Then, an itemized list of // contributions 11 11

Here's an example of a quarterly report:

SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND CODE VALUES

What do I need to create reports online?

A computer equipped with:

- An Internet connection.
- A web browser configured to accept cookies and with pop-up blockers disabled. In this document, the examples shown use Internet Explorer.
- Adobe® Acrobat® Reader, which you will need to view and print your reports. If you don't have the Reader software on your computer, you can download it free of charge from:
 - a link in the Campaign Financial Reporting System (see page 15)

or

- www.adobe.com
- A printer, if you want a hard copy of the report for your records.

A candidate ID and password.

This will be provided to you by the elections office.

Candidates need a new ID each time they run for office, even when they are running for reelection to the same office. Committees also need a new ID for each election.

The password can be changed after you log in, if you wish.

PINs for the candidate and campaign treasurer password.

If your county permits electronic submission of financial reports, two 4-digit PINs will be provided to you by the elections office. You can change the PINs after logging in, if you wish. (See page 38 for instructions.)

How do I start?

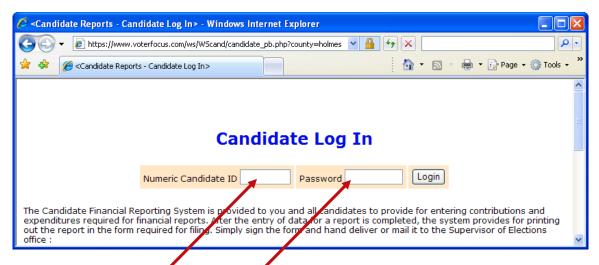
Log into the Campaign Financial Reporting system like this:

1 Type this web address into your browser:

www.sumterelections.org

Click On: LOGIN TO FINANCE REPORTING
Link can be found on the left side of the page under CANDIDATES

2 You'll then see the Candidate Log In page:



3 Enter your candidate ID and password here.

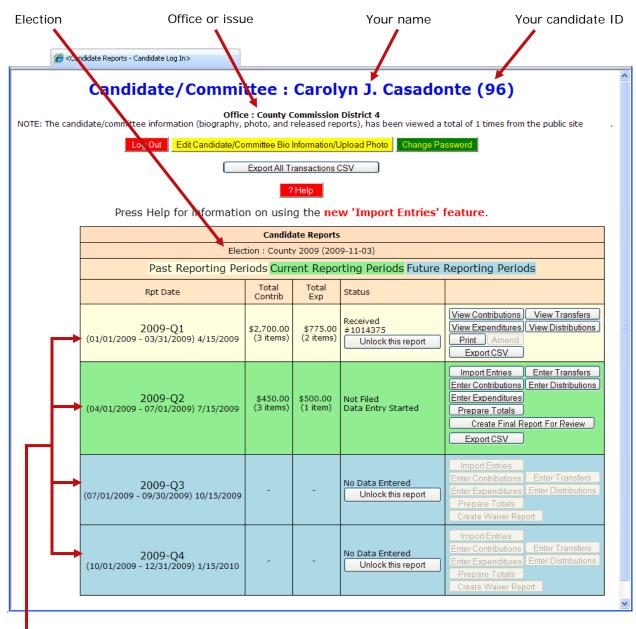
The password is case-sensitive. That means you have to enter the password in exactly the form given to you by the elections office: if a letter is uppercase, you must enter it in uppercase; the same goes for lowercase letters. Your password might also have numbers.

By the way...you can change your password once you get on the system. We'll explain how to do this on page 38.

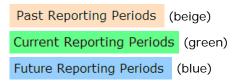
4 Click Login

What you see when you log in.

This is the main page of the Campaign Financial Reporting System. It shows the reporting periods for the campaign. We call this page the *Report List*.



Time periods when financial reports are required. Colors indicate reporting periods:



The reporting periods are color-coded to help you choose the correct period for reporting data.

The past and future reporting periods are locked to prevent you from inadvertently entering current data into a past or future report. If you need to enter past or future data, you can easily unlock the report by clicking Unlock this report.

The colors of the reporting periods switch automatically at midnight on the due date of the current report.

If any of your reports are overdue or the due date is less than 10 days away (that is, 9 or fewer days from today), you'll see a message like this at the top of the page:



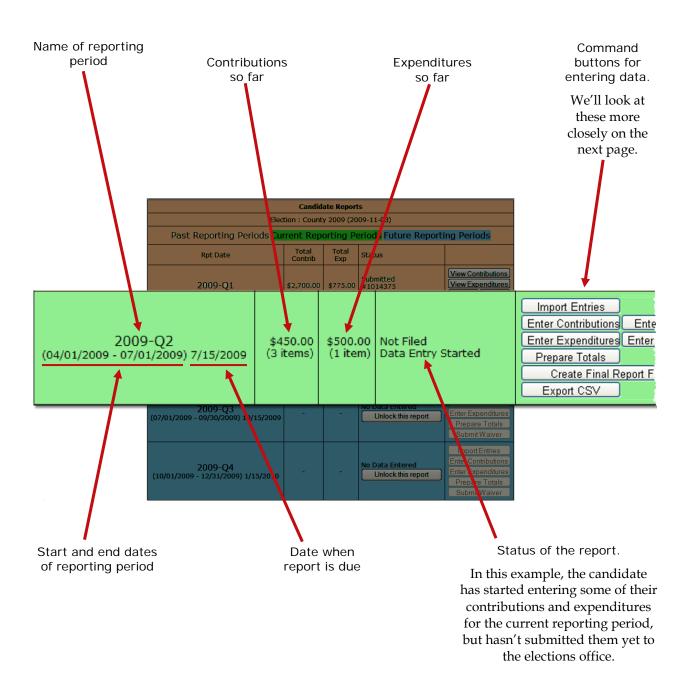
And the due/overdue report(s) will be highlighted as well.

After 180 days, overdue reports are no longer highlighted as late.

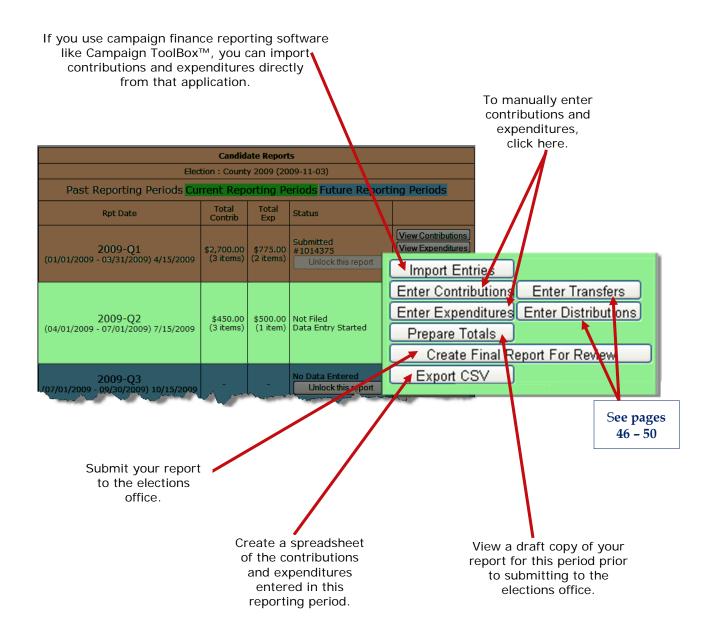


If a report is overdue, you need to take immediate action to file the report.

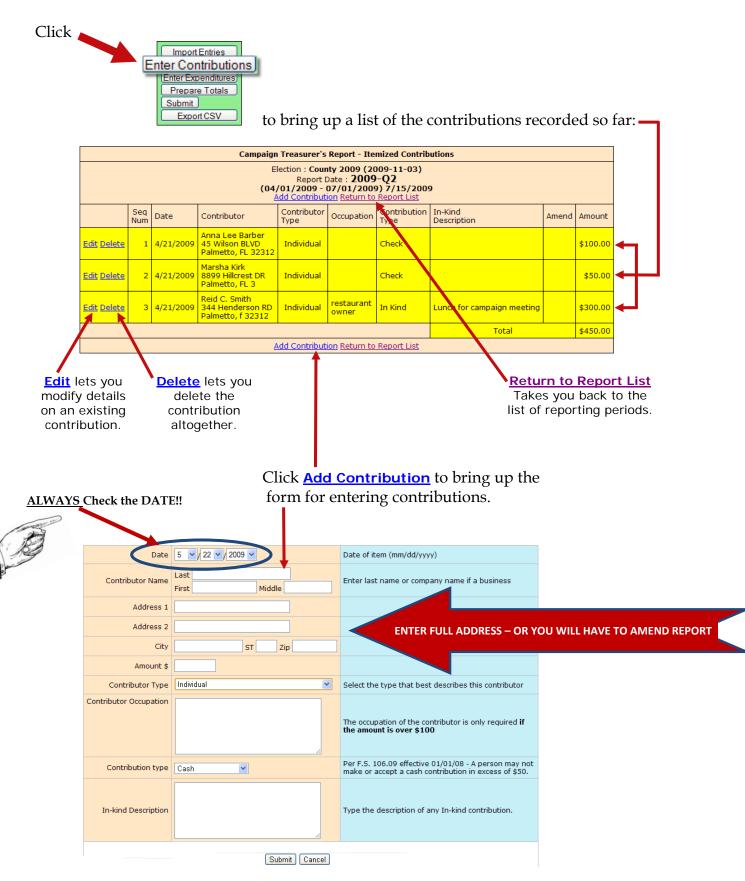
Let's look at the current reporting period.



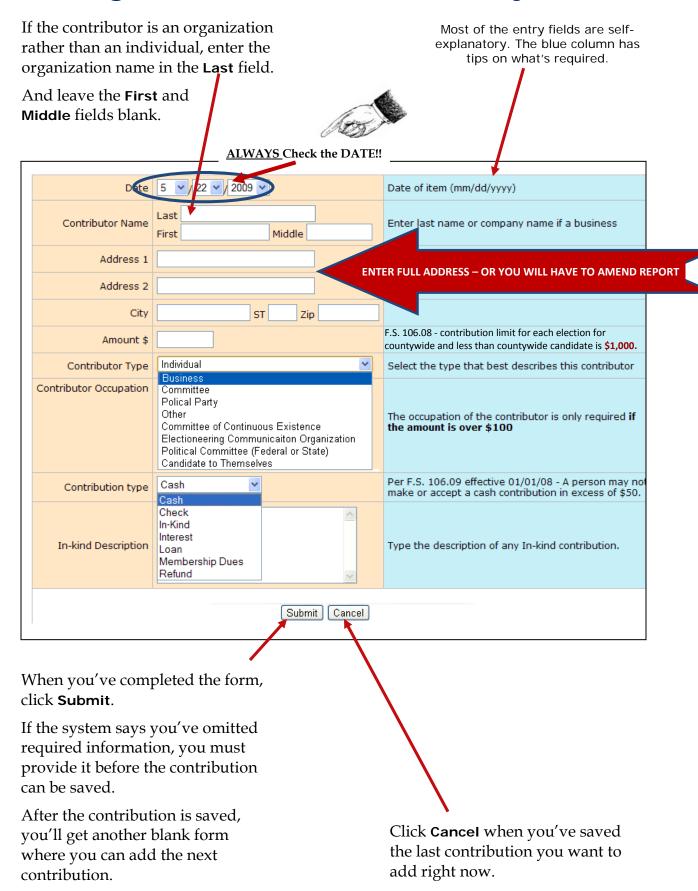
About those command buttons...



How do I view and maintain contributions?



Adding a new contribution is easy.



Contribution type

should be one of these:

Cash Cash or cashiers check.

Check Traditional paper check, wire transfer,

Paypal, credit card, or another type of

electronic funds transfer.

An item of value other than money or

volunteer services.

In-kind Description: Enter a specific description of the in-kind contribution.

Example: Food and beverage

Interest Money earned on campaign or interest-

bearing accounts.

Loan Money loaned to the campaign rather than

given outright.

Membership Membership dues regardless of the form

Dues (cash, check, etc.).

Refund

Bad checks or contributions returned (in

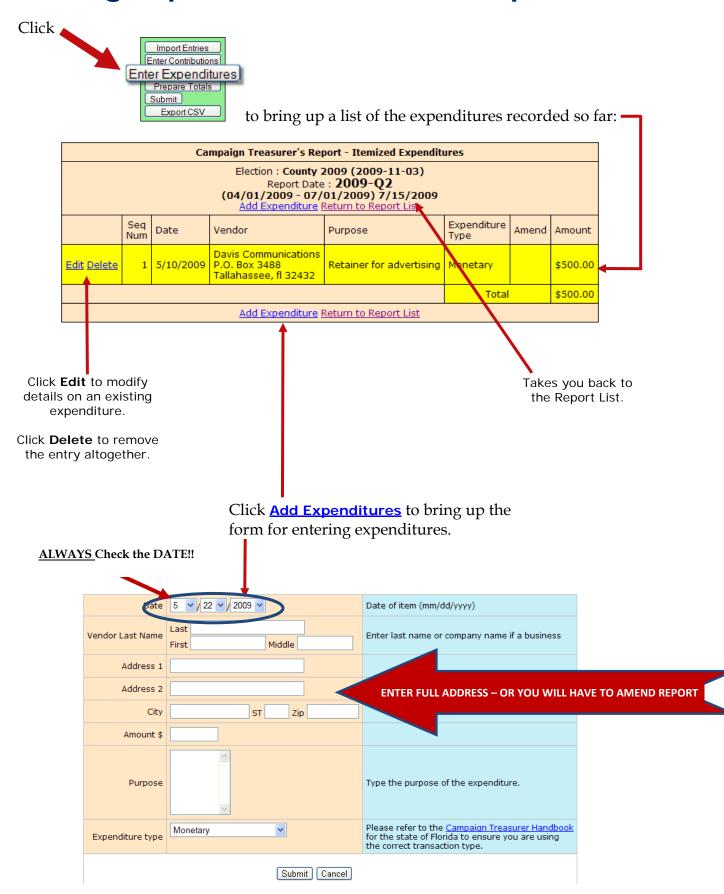
whole or in part) to the contributor.

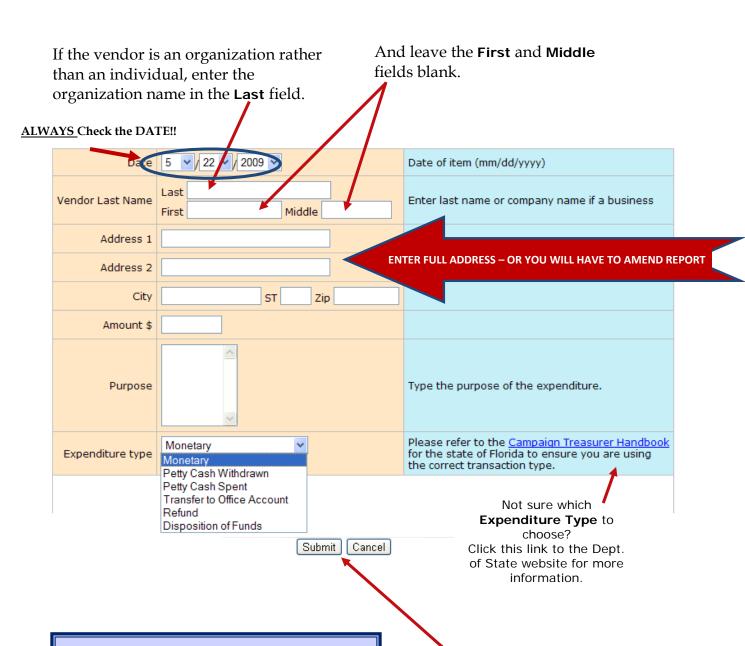
Refunds must be entered as a negative

amount.

Money Order Contribution made by money order.

Adding expenditures is a similar process.





About Petty Cash

In *Expenditure Type*, notice that there are two types for petty cash:

- Use Petty Cash Withdrawn when withdrawing funds from the campaign account for petty cash. This will add an expenditure of the entered amount to your report.
- Use Petty Cash Spent to record an expense out of petty cash.

Petty Cash Spent does not add an expenditure to the report because the expenditure was already recorded as Petty Cash Withdrawn.

It's important to keep accurate petty-cash records so your final report will balance.

When you've completed the form, click **Submit**.

After the expenditure is saved, you'll get another blank form where you can add the next expenditure.

Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last expenditure you want to add right now.

should be one of these:

Monetary General expenditure type used when a

specific type does not apply.

Petty Cash Withdrawn Petty cash withdrawn during a reporting

period.

Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not

included in the total.

Petty Cash Spent Petty cash spent during a reporting

period.

Expenditures made from petty cash are not required to be reported individually.

Refund A refund of money from a vendor or other

source.

Refunds must be entered as a negative

amount.

Transfer to Office Account

Funds transferred to an office account when the candidate has been elected.

Disposition of Funds

(see page 36)

Pro-rata refunds to contributors, donations to charitable organizations, contributions to political parties, donations to the State general revenue fund, or the return of matching funds to the State.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are used only on TERMINATION REPORTS. They are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary

amounts.

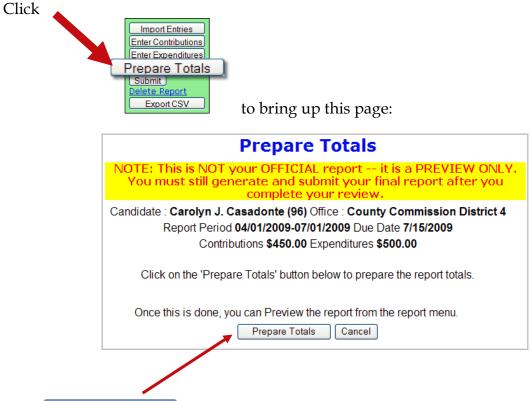
Want to see how the report is adding up? Just do a preview.

Previewing of reports isn't required. But it's a good idea to preview the report before you submit it, to catch any data entry errors, missing transactions, or other anomalies.

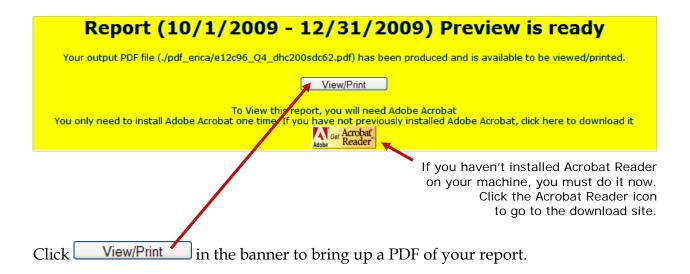
You can preview a report as many times as you like, make changes, and preview it again until you are confident it is correct and complete. Then you can submit the finished report to the Supervisor. Once a report has been submitted, it cannot be changed, so you want to be sure you preview each report carefully.

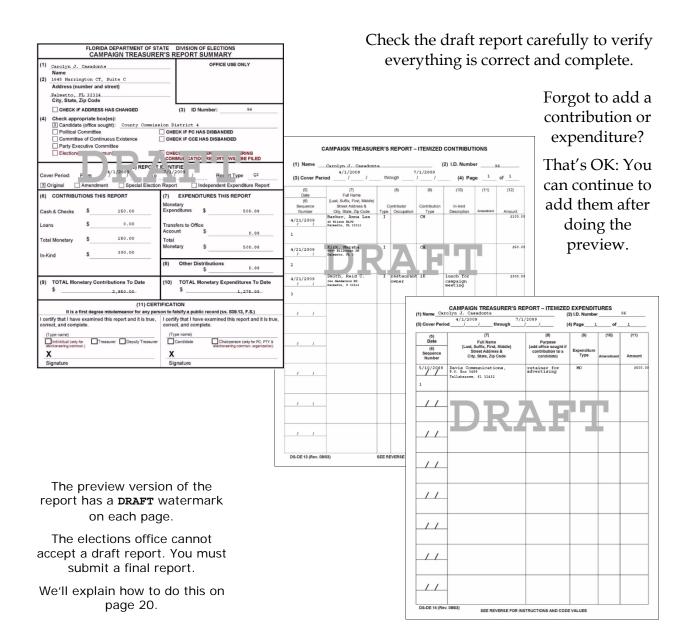
Previewing a report DOES NOT submit the report to the Supervisor.

To preview your report so far:

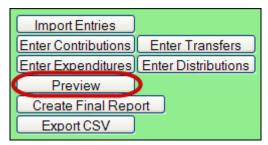


Click Prepare Totals to total the contributions and expenditures for this reporting period. You'll be returned to the Report List, which now has a banner like this:





On the Report List, notice that the **Prepare Totals** button is now labeled **Preview**.



You can click **Preview** at any time you want to look at the report. If transactions are added, the button label will switch back to **Prepare Totals**, which means you need to total the new transactions into the report before you can preview it again.

How do I import data from my campaign application?

Candidates or committees using campaign finance reporting software such as Campaign ToolBoxTM can import contribution, expenditure, distribution, and fund-transfer data from a file created by the application directly into the Campaign Financial Reporting system.

Import File Requirements

The system can import any file that meets the Division of Elections Campaign Finance Reporting File Specification:

http://doe.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/filing-campaign-reports.shtml#fileSpec

For a list of State-approved software vendors for electronic filing, see:

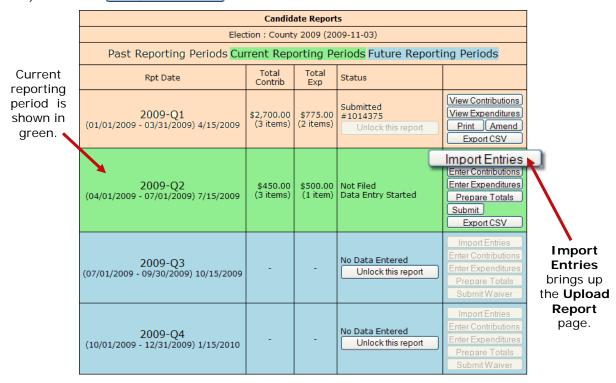
https://doe.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/filing-campaign-reports.shtml#software

When you import data from a file, the transactions are added to the report you are working in. Be sure to review the report prior to submission to verify the data matches what you intended to import, and make any adjustments manually.

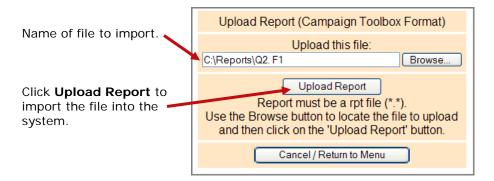
Don't worry if you happen to import the same file more than once. The system will import only the transactions it doesn't already have. It won't duplicate existing transactions.

To import data for the current reporting period:

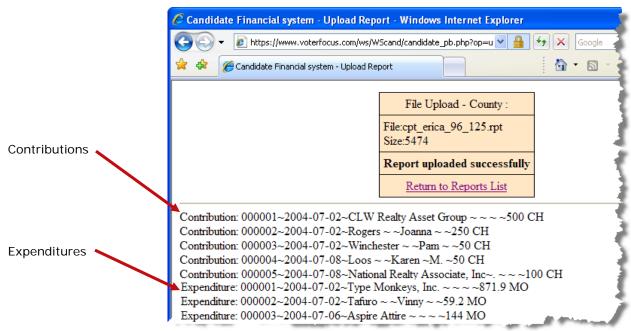
On the main page, locate the row for the current reporting period (look for the green row) and click ImportEntries.



On the **Upload Report** page, click **Browse**... and find the file you want to import. Then click **Upload Report**.



You'll see a display of the transactions imported from the file, as in this example:



When you've finished importing entries for the reporting period, preview and submit the report.

To import data for a past reporting period:

If you've already submitted the report for the past reporting period, you'll need to unlock it and create an amendment. Then you'll need to unlock the amendment and do an Import Entries command, following the instructions beginning on page 18.

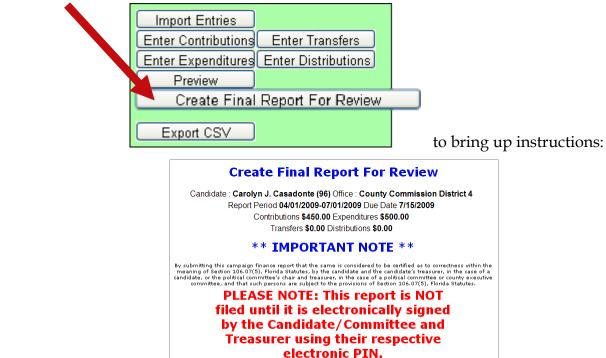
To import data for a future reporting period:

Unlock the reporting period and do an Import Entries command, following the instructions beginning on page 18.

Finished entering all data? Then submit your report.

To finalize the report:

Click



Are your entries for this reporting period finished?

Create Final Report For Review Cancel

If not, click Cancel.

If you are ready to file, click Create Final Report For Review

Clicking Create Final Report For Review brings up the Electronic Signature PINs page with a reminder that the report has not yet been submitted...

Report created for your final review.

Preview Report Created: 2011-03-21 11:45:21 (Eastern)

Scroll down to see the report

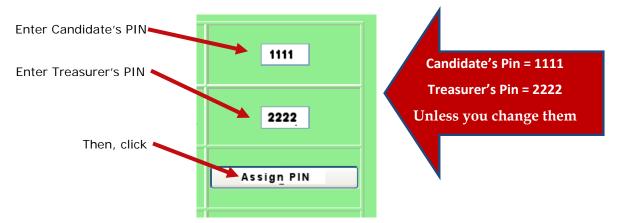
This report has not yet been submitted to the Supervisor of Elections.

Керо	rting Period: Q2 (1/1/2011 - 3	3/31/2011)
Electronic	Signature PINs	
	al of this report, enter your PIN in the appropriate f been assigned, the report will be submitted to the S	
	ent, both PINs can be assigned now. Or you can a neirs later during their own session.	ssign your PIN now and th
If you do not want to a	ssign a PIN at this time, click Later.	
•	dification, click Undo Final Report . This will unloc anges and recreate a new final report for PIN assig	
Candidate/Committee Electronic Signature	As required in F.S. 106.0705(4), I, as candidate or political committee chair, certify that I have	
PIN	examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.	
PIN Treasurer Electronic	complete. As required in F.S. 106.0705(4), I, as campaign treasurer for this candidate/committee, certify that I have examined this report and it is true,	Assign PIN
PIN Treasurer Electronic	complete. As required in F.S. 106.0705(4), I, as campaign treasurer for this candidate/committee, certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete. Click Assign PIN to assign the PIN you entered above to the report. When both PINs have been entered in the above fields, clicking Assign PIN	Assign PIN Later

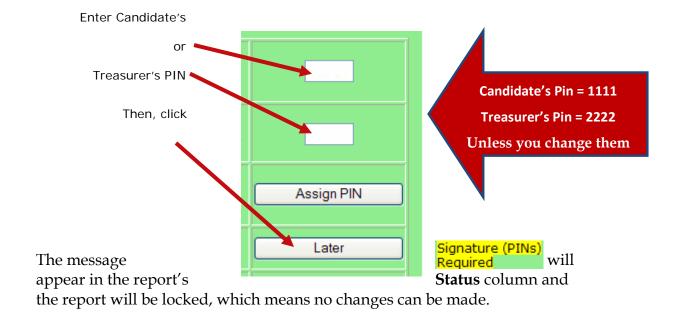
...followed by a view of the report.

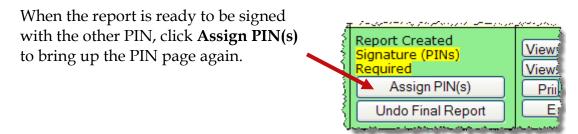
On the PINs page, you have these options:

• Enter both PINs in the space provided and click **Assign PIN** to submit the report to the Supervisor of Elections.



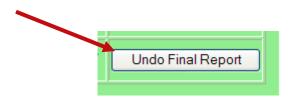
• Enter just one of the PINs and click **Later**. This will return you to the report list.





Enter the missing PIN and click **Assign PIN** to submit the report to the Supervisor of Elections.

Click

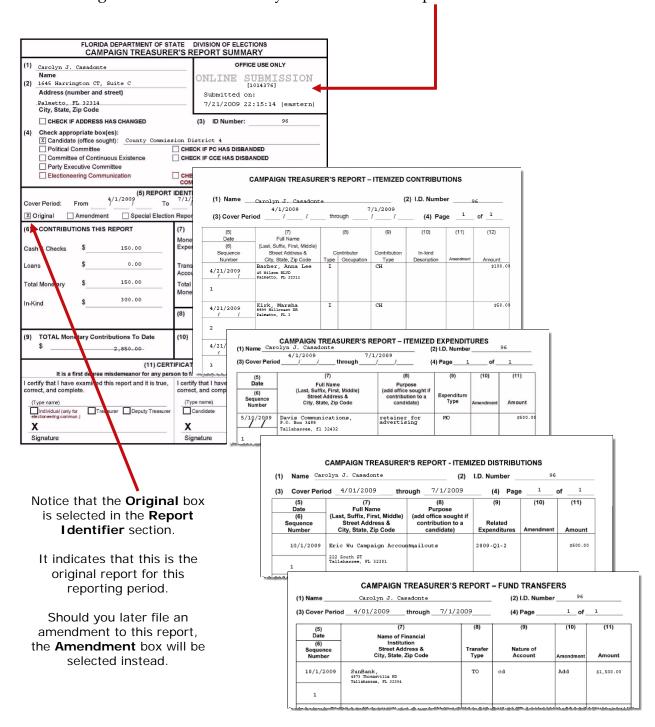


Do this if you want to remove the PINs and unlock the report so you can make changes.

Let's look at a submitted report.

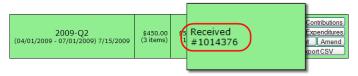
The DRAFT watermarks are gone...

and your confirmation number is displayed in the **Office Use Only** box along with the date and time you submitted the report.

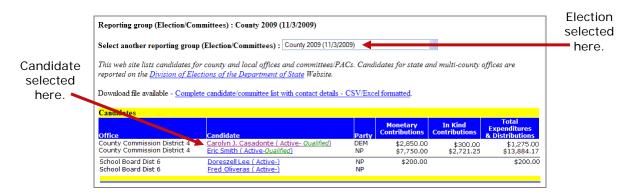


When will my report appear on the elections website?

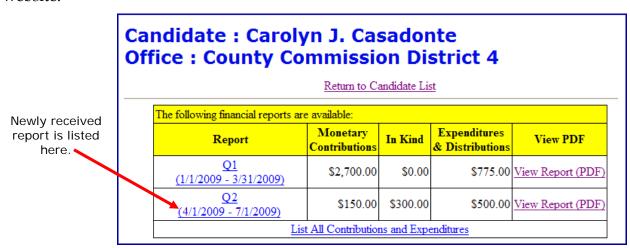
That depends on your county's procedures. Most counties reserve the right to review reports before releasing them to the public. Typically, when the report status changes to **Received**, the report is available on the website, but this can vary, so check with your county to find out what you can expect.



To get to your candidate page, website visitors select your name from the list of candidates running in a selected election.



Your candidate page will list all reports that the elections office has released to the website:





Website visitors can click <u>View Report (PDF)</u> to see the report in PDF format or <u>List All</u> <u>Contributions and Expenditures</u> to bring up a list of all transactions reported so far:

	Report Date : ALL									
		Cam	paign Treasi	urer's Report - Ite	mized Contri	butions				
Seq Num	Date	Contributor	Contributor Type	Occupation	Contribution Type	In-Kind Description	Amend	Amount		
1	1/10/2009	Harold F Qualls 6979 Standing Pines LN Tallahassee, FL 32312	Individual	systemdesigner	Loan			\$500.00		
2	2/5/2009	BB Alford 1645 Hedgefield CT Palmetto, FL 32304	Business	privateattorney	Loan			\$2,000.00		
3	3/12/2009	Cina Smythe 4550 Waterfront DR Eastpoint, FL 32847	Individual	mrse	Check			\$200.00		
4	4/21/2009	Anna Lee Barber 45 Wilson BLVD Palmetto, FL 32312	Individual		Check			\$100.00		
ana,	American .	Marsha Kirk			James	Janes Land	dr			

Contributions from persons with protected-address status are not shown in reports.

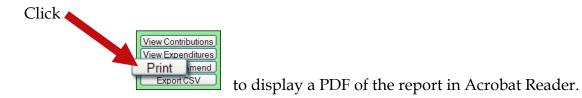
Instead, the notation ***Protected*** will be seen in place of the address.

The Campaign Financial Reporting system scans the county's voter registration database for voters with protected addresses and automatically redacts those addresses from campaign reports, so they cannot be seen by the public or the Supervisor's staff. If you are aware of a contributor with a protected address who is not in your local county's voter database, please advise your Supervisor of Elections.

How do I save a copy of the report on my computer?

A copy of all the reports you file will continue to be available on the Campaign Financial Reporting system. If you want to keep a copy on your local computer, just save the PDF to a folder on your computer or network.

To save copy of the report to your computer:



Click . Save the PDF to a location on your computer or network. You might consider giving the copy a different file name: names assigned by the system are cryptic.

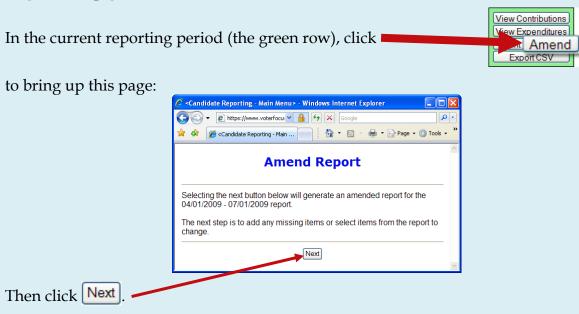
What about changing a report that's already been filed?

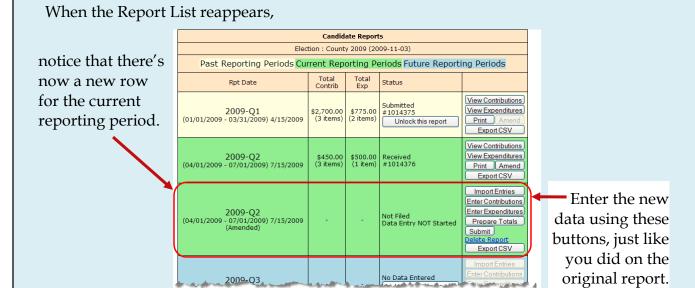
After a report has been submitted to the elections office, you cannot change it, but you can make an amendment. An amendment is a separate report for the reporting period. On the amendment's first page, you'll see a checkmark in the **Amendment** box.



You can amend a report any time after you submit it. When the original report's status is **Submitted**, you can add new contributions and expenditures, but you cannot change data on the original report. To change original data, the original report's status must be **Received**.

To create an amendment to a report in the current reporting period:





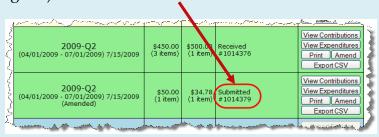
To create an amended report, you can:

- Manually enter new contributions (page 8) and expenditures (page 10).
- Import new contributions or expenditures (page 17).
- Change or delete items listed on the original report (page 30).

The totals of items on the amended report are displayed just as they were for the original report.



When you are finished entering items, preview the report (page 13) and submit it to the elections office (page 20). You'll see a new confirmation number for the amendment.



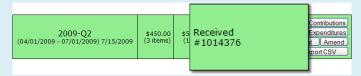
If you need to change a report after submitting the amendment, you will be required to submit a second amended report.

I didn't mean to create an Oops!

amended report! That sometimes happens. If you begin creating an amended report, notice that the list of commands on the Report List includes the command **Delete Report**. To back out of the report, first delete all the transactions you have entered for the amended report. Then, once there are no transactions for the amended report, you can click **Delete Report** to delete it from the system.

How to I change or delete an item on the original report? Create an Amendment

First, verify that the status of the original report is **Received**:

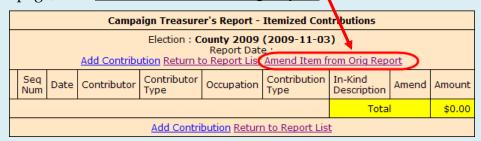


To change data that was entered on the original report, the original report's status must be **Received**.

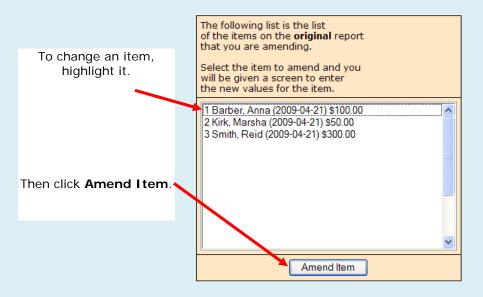
To change a contribution or expenditure:

On the Report List, locate the row for the amended report and click **Enter Contributions** or **Enter Expenditures**, depending on the type of item you want to change. In the example here, we are changing a contribution.

On the next page, click **Amend Item from Orig Report**.



to bring up a list of items (for example, contributions) reported in the current quarter:



Highlight the item you want to change and click Amend Item to bring up the detail page for the item.

Type the changes where they are needed. If you want to delete the contribution or expenditure, simply zero-out the **Amount** field. When you've finished, click

Update Amended Expenditure

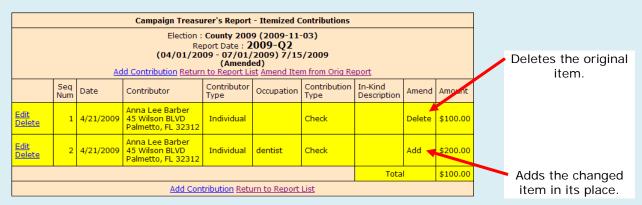
Submit Cancel

Update Amended Contribution

This page shows the details for Candidate: Carolyn J. Casadonte (96) Office: County Commission District 4 the item as they were entered Date 4 V/21 V/2009 V Date of item (mm/dd/yyyy) into the original report. Contributor Name Last Barber First Anna Enter last name or company name if a business Middle Lee Address 1 45 Wilson BLVD To change an item, just make Address 2 your changes in the appropriate City Palmetto ST FL Zip 32312 fields. Amount \$ 100.00 Contributor Type Individual Select the type that best describes this contributor tributor Occupation To delete an item, type a zero (0) The occupation of the contributor is only required if the amount is over \$100 in the Amount field. Per F.S. 106.09 effective 01/01/08 - A person may not make or accept a cash contribution in excess of \$50. Contribution type When finished, click Submit. Type the description of any In-kind contribution. Description

On the next page, you now have two entries (in yellow) representing the changed item:

- The first entry deletes the item as it was filed in the original report. (Notice the word **Delete** in the **Amend** column.)
- The second entry adds the item with the changed values. (Its Amend column says Add.)



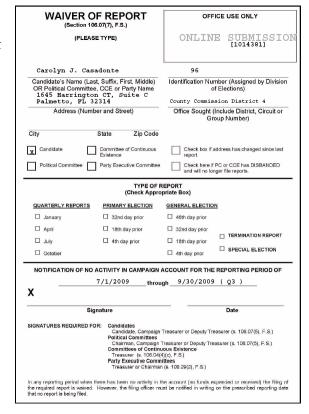
In the example here, we changed the contribution amount from \$100.00 to \$200.00 and added the contributor's occupation, as required by law for contributions over \$100.

This completes the change to the original item. From here you can change another item, add a new item, or return to the Report List.

What if I don't have any contributions or expenditures for the period?

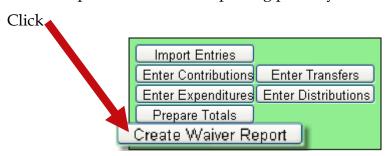
You must submit a **Waiver of Report**.

A waiver is a one-page report that you fill out and submit to the elections office.



To submit a waiver:

On the Report List, find the reporting period you want to submit a waiver for.

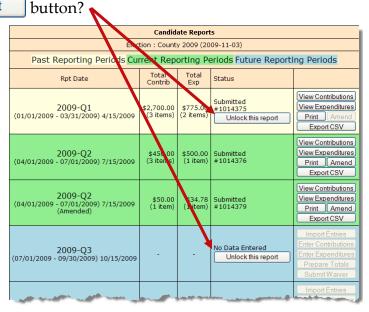


On the next page, click Create Final Report For Review to bring up the Electronic Signature PINs page with a reminder that the report has not yet been submitted.

Enter both PINs in the spaces provided and click **Assign PIN** to submit the waiver to the Supervisor of Elections.

Why are some reports locked?

Have you noticed that reports for past and future reporting periods have an Unlock this report button?



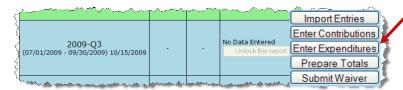
These buttons prevent you from accidentally entering data for the current reporting period into a past or future period.

If you find that you need to amend a past report or enter data for a future report, click Unlock this report

For past reporting periods, you'll then get command buttons for amending the report.



And for future reporting periods, you'll see the usual buttons for entering data.



How do I export data to a spreadsheet?

The system has two ways to export your financial data to a Microsoft Excel commaseparated values (.CSV) file:



collects all data for the selected report.



collects all data from all reports in this election.

Both options create a file named **CFinExport.csv** in your C:\Temp folder.

When you click either button, you'll see a message asking if you want to open or save the file. You can view the file immediately or save it to a different name and location, if you like.

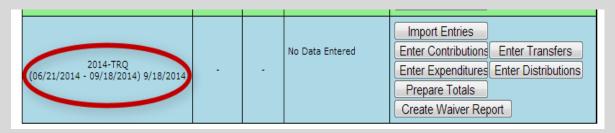
The spreadsheet file contains this information:

- Date the item was recorded
- Whether it's a contribution (C) or an expenditure (E)
- Contributor or vendor name and address
- Contribution type
- Contributor's occupation
- Item type
- Description
- Amount
- Whether the item was recorded in the original report (blank) or an amendment (A)

What report is required at campaign end? *Termination Report*

On the Report List, you will see a section for the termination report, which is the absolute last report that will be submitted by your campaign. This report states the financial status of your campaign after all contributions and expenditures have been reconciled. It also should also show how any surplus funds were disposed of.

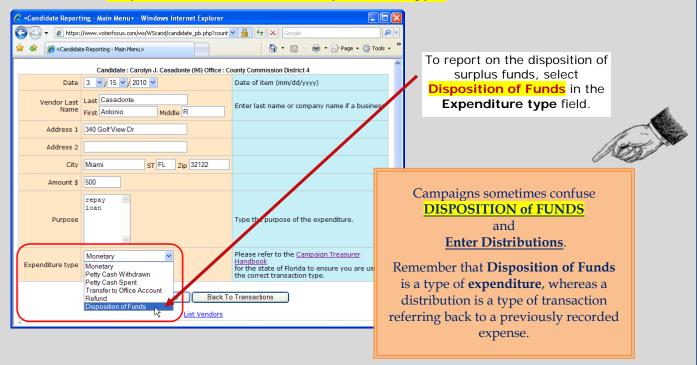
The termination report might not appear in the Report List at the beginning of the campaign, but the elections office will add it to your reporting dates at the appropriate time. Note that it might not be named *Termination Report*. The elections office can give it any name, such as 2014-TRQ (example below).



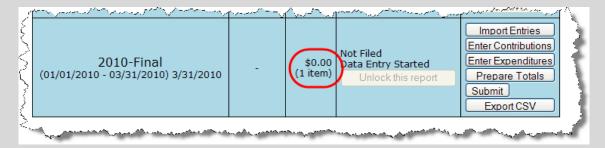
When it's time to file the termination report, its row will turn green.

To file this report, you will need to add any outstanding contributions and expenditures that haven't been reported in an earlier report.

If surplus funds remain in the campaign account, the termination report should include an expenditure that disposes of those excess funds. When you enter this expenditure, be sure to select **Disposition of Funds** for the **Expenditure type**.

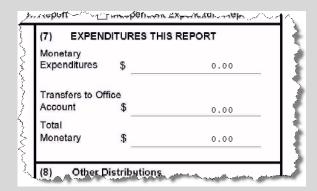


When you return to the list of expenditures for the termination report, you will see the item listed, but the amount will not be reflected in the total expenditures for the period. Nor will the amount be included on the Report List—in the **Total Exp** column—although it will be counted as an "item." This design is in accordance with Division of Elections requirements.



Preview the report and submit it as you have previous reports for the campaign.

When you look at the report, notice that the Disposition of Funds amount is not reflected in box 7 of the Report Summary page.



But the amount will be included in box 10 of the Summary Report.



And it will appear on the Itemized Expenditure page with an expenditure type of DI.



How do I change my password or PINs?

You can change the password assigned to you by the elections office, if you like. A password can be any combination of letters and numbers.

If your county required electronic filing of reports, your campaign has been issued PINs for the candidate and treasurer. You can also change these PINs, if you wish.

To change your password:

On the Report List, click Change Password/PINs.

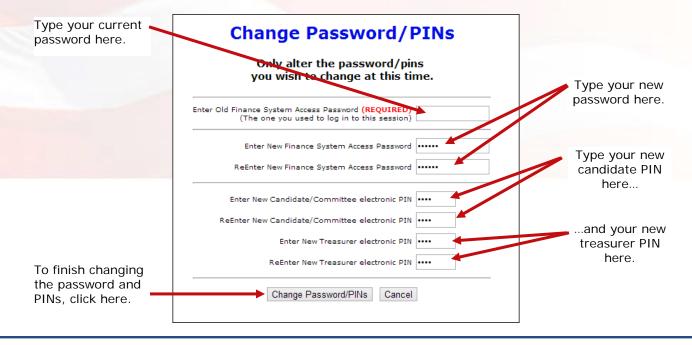


In the **Enter Old Finance System Access Password** field, enter your current password. You need to do this even if you don't want to change the password, but only want to change one or both PINs.

If you want to create a new password, enter and reenter it in the two fields provided for the new password. If you don't want to change your password, don't make any changes to the password fields.

If you want to change a PIN, enter and reenter the new PIN in the two fields provided for the new PIN. Then enter your new password in the other two fields.

Click Change Password/PINs when you are finished.



From now on, you will log on with your new password. Keep in mind: if you set up the Candidate Log In page to automatically fill in your password, you will need to retype the password there the next time you log in. When you do, you might see this message:



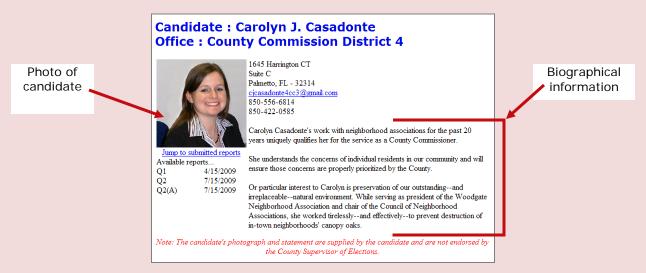
Simply click Yes to proceed into the Campaign Financial Reporting system.

REMEMBER TO WRITE DOWN YOUR NEW PIN NUMBERS!

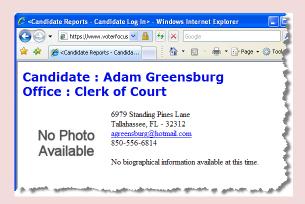


How do I enter a photo and biographical info?

You can place a JPEG file, such as a photo, and descriptive text on the page that voters see when they visit the Campaign Financial Reporting system.



A photo and text about the candidate or committee are nice to have, but they are not required. If you don't provide them, here is what voters will see:



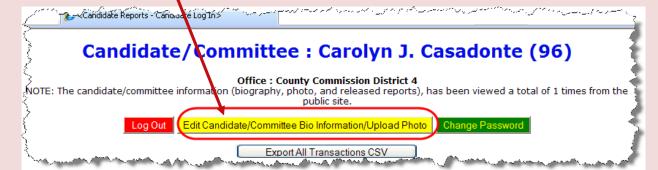
The item in the photo area need not be a photograph. Committees might prefer to show their logo instead. But the file placed in this area must be a JPEG file. That is, the file's 3-character file extension must be .JPG.

The system won't accept a JPEG file that's larger than 500 KB. It's best to use an even smaller file if you can, because smaller files display more quickly to website visitors than large ones, especially if a visitor has a slow Internet connection.

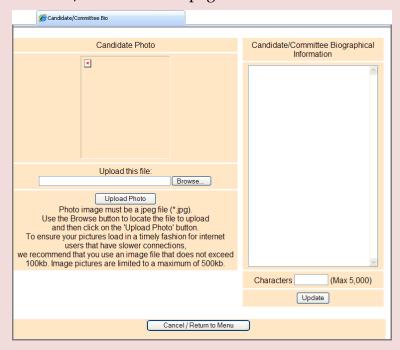
Note Images with large dimensions (that is, large pixel sizes) might not display properly in certain older browsers.

To enter a photo:

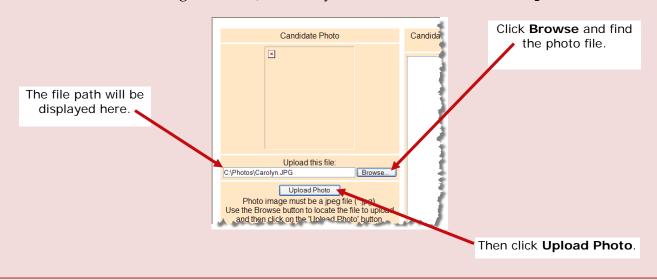
On the main page, click the yellow button.



to bring up the Candidate/Committee Biopage:



Click **Browse** and navigate to the JPEG file you want to use. Then click **Upload Photo**.



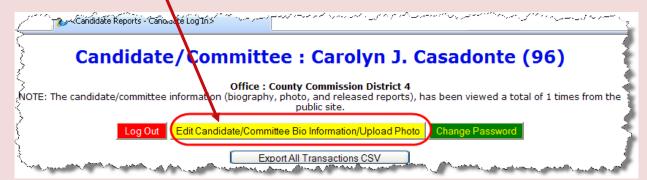
When the file has copied to the system, you'll see this message along with the photo file:



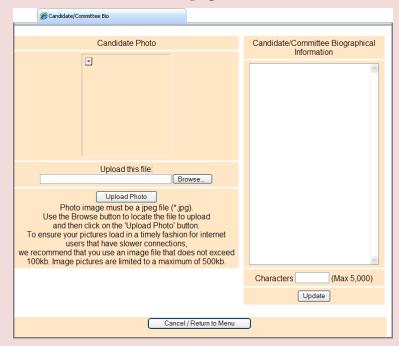
Click Return to Main Menu to return to the main page of the system.

To enter candidate or committee text:

On the main page, click the yellow button.

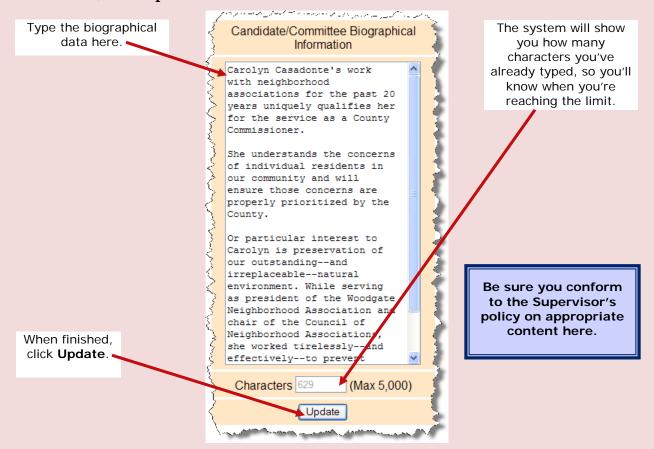


to bring up the Candidate/Committee Biopage:



In the **Candidate/Committee Biographical Information** pane, type the information you want to display to voters. You can enter up to 5,000 characters. The system will show

you—in the **Characters** box—how many characters you have typed so far. When you are finished, click **Update**.



If you ever want to change the photo or bio, just return to the Candidate/Committee Bio page and upload a different photo or edit the bio text.

To see how your photo and bio appear to voters, enter this address in your web browser:

https://www.voterfocus.com/ws/WScand/candidate_pr.php?c=sumter

You might not see your photo and bio immediately. Your county might reserve the right to review your information before it is released to the public on their website. Check with the elections office for your county's policy on this.

OTHER TRANSACTIONS

(used by State and Federal candidates)

How do I record a distribution?

Distributions are not typically used by local candidates.

A transaction is a distribution only if it is a:

Credit Card Payment – Linked to the expenditure that represents payment of the credit card bill on which the purchase appears. *Only statewide candidates may use this type of distribution.*

Each purchase made with the credit card will be itemized under Enter Distributions and linked to the expenditure that represents payment of the credit card bill on which the purchase appears. The credit card may be used only for travel-related expenses.

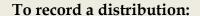
Prepaid Distribution — Reserved for up-front, lump sum payments to be disbursed to different entities at a later date. (For example, payment to a media consultant who then makes disbursements to newspapers and television stations.) Related entries under Enter Distributions will be reported and linked to the expenditure as they occur.

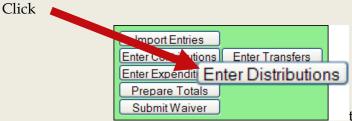
Reimbursement – Reimbursement for authorized expenses made in connection with the campaign. (For example: Candidate Smith paid for printing of campaign signs with his own money. A check to reimburse him for the cost would be recorded as a Reimbursement.

Distributions do not add to your report totals.

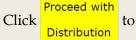
They are used only to report pro-rata amounts of an <u>already recorded</u> <u>expenditure</u> to provide detail for:

- Refunds to contributors
- Donations to charitable organizations
- Contributions to political parties
- Donations to the State general revenue fund
- Return of matching funds to the State.

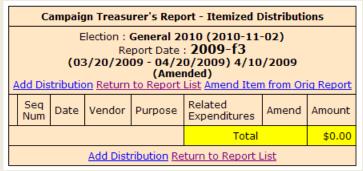




to bring up a page with describing the requirements for a distribution transaction.

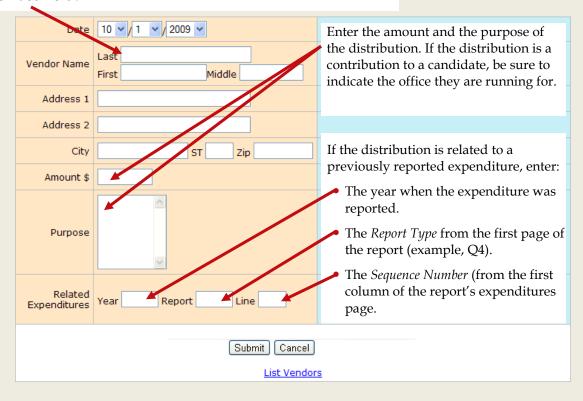


to see this page:



Click **Add Distribution** to bring up the form for entering distributions.

If the entity receiving the distribution is an organization rather than an individual, enter the organization name in the **Last** field.



When you've completed the form, click **Submit** to save the information. After the distribution is saved, you'll get another blank distribution form.

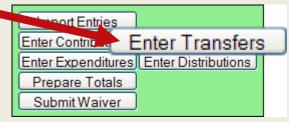
Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last distribution you have right now. You'll see the distributions you added highlighted in yellow, as in the example below.

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Distributions							
Election : General 2010 (2010-11-02) Report Date : 2009-f3 (03/20/2009 - 04/20/2009) 4/10/2009 (Amended) Add Distribution Return to Report List Amend Item from Orig Report							
	Seq Num	Date	Vendor	Purpose	Related Expenditures	Amend	Amount
Edit Delete	1	10/1/2009	Eric Wu Campaign Account 222 South ST Tallahassee, FL 32301		2009~Q1~A	Add	\$500.00
					Total		\$500.00
Add Distribution Return to Report List							

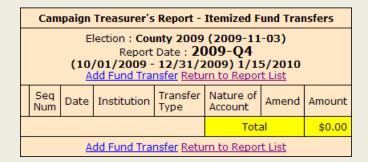
What about fund transfers?

Fund transfers are typically used only by candidates for <u>state and federal offices</u>. They are used to report the transfer of funds between the primary depository and separate interest-bearing accounts.

Click

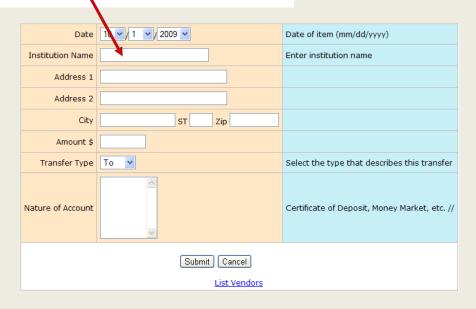


to bring up this page:



Click <u>Add Fund Transfer</u> to bring up the form for entering transfers.

Enter the financial institution where the account is held.



When you've completed the form, click **Submit** to save the information. After the transfer is saved, you'll get another blank transfer form.

Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last transfer you have right now. Transfers are not shown on the Reports List because the funds have simply been moved within the campaign or committee, rather than expended or distributed elsewhere.

Don't forget to log out!

When you are finished with a session on the Campaign Financial Reporting system, be sure to log out so that unauthorized persons cannot modify your report data.

To log out of the system:

On the Report List, click Log Out

