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## **TODAY: Candidates File Campaign Finance Reports with Secretary of State's Office**

SANTA FE – Primary candidates for state and county office are required to file campaign finance reports with the office of New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today. The reports are published in a searchable format in the [Campaign Finance Information System \(CFIS\)](#) on Secretary Toulouse Oliver's website in real time.

“It is important for candidates to file complete and timely campaign finance reports so New Mexico voters know who is spending money to support candidates for public office and so they can make informed voting decisions,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “I will continue to ensure a transparent reporting process and help candidates voluntarily comply with the law.”

State law requires candidates to file their First Primary Report on the second Monday in April. The report must list all contributions, expenditures and loans accrued by the candidate's campaign during the reporting period that runs from October 3, 2017 to April 2, 2018. The reports are filed online through CFIS and are due today, April 9, 2018. Failure to file reports in a timely manner may result in fines of \$50 per business day being levied against candidates until the report is received.

In order to encourage voluntary compliance with New Mexico's reporting requirements, Secretary Toulouse Oliver's staff hosted four webinars to help candidates and campaign committees understand the steps they need to take to successfully file their reports. In total, 375 individuals participated in the four webinars, which were held on March 30, April 4, and April 6, 2018.

Candidates must file their Second Primary Report on May 14, 2018 for the reporting period that runs from April 3, 2018 to May 7, 2018.

Guidelines on New Mexico's campaign finance requirements and all 2018 reporting deadlines can be found in the [2018 Candidate Campaign Finance Reporting Guide](#).

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