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

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.

“Failing to file timely and accurate reports is an affront to voters who deserve to be informed about political spending in New Mexico campaigns,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “I’ll keep an eye out for candidates who aren’t properly reporting their activity and work to bring them into compliance with New Mexico’s campaign finance laws.”

State law requires candidates to file their Fourth Primary Report 30 days after Primary Election Day. Even candidates who lost their Primary Election contest must continue filing reports until the campaign committee’s bank account balance is at zero and the candidate closes their CFIS account.

The reports filed today must list all contributions, expenditures and loans accrued by the candidate’s campaign during the reporting period that runs from May 30, 2018 to June 30, 2018. The reports are filed online through CFIS and are due by 11:59 p.m. today, July 5, 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.

Candidates must file their First General Report on September 10, 2018 for the reporting period that runs from July 1, 2018 to September 3, 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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