



Campaign Finance System Public Guide

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Public Dashboard

Members of the public can view and search for publicly available information about candidates and committees, ballot issues, campaign finance contributions and expenditures.

From the Dashboard, you can:

- View summaries of campaign contributions and independent expenditures
- Search for information about [candidates and committees](#), including candidate committees, ballot issue committees, and other committees.
- Search [transactions](#), including contributions, expenditures, and penalties.
- View a list of [all candidates](#)
- View a list of all [ballot issues](#)
- View a [calendar](#) of filing deadlines

View a Summary of Campaign Contributions

Visuals provide a view of data about campaign contributions and independent expenditures affecting ballot measures and candidates.

Ballot Issues

To view contributions to ballot issues, select the election cycle of the ballot measures you want to see. The chart will list contributions to committees in support of each issue. Unaffiliated committees represent contributions not yet linked to a ballot issue.

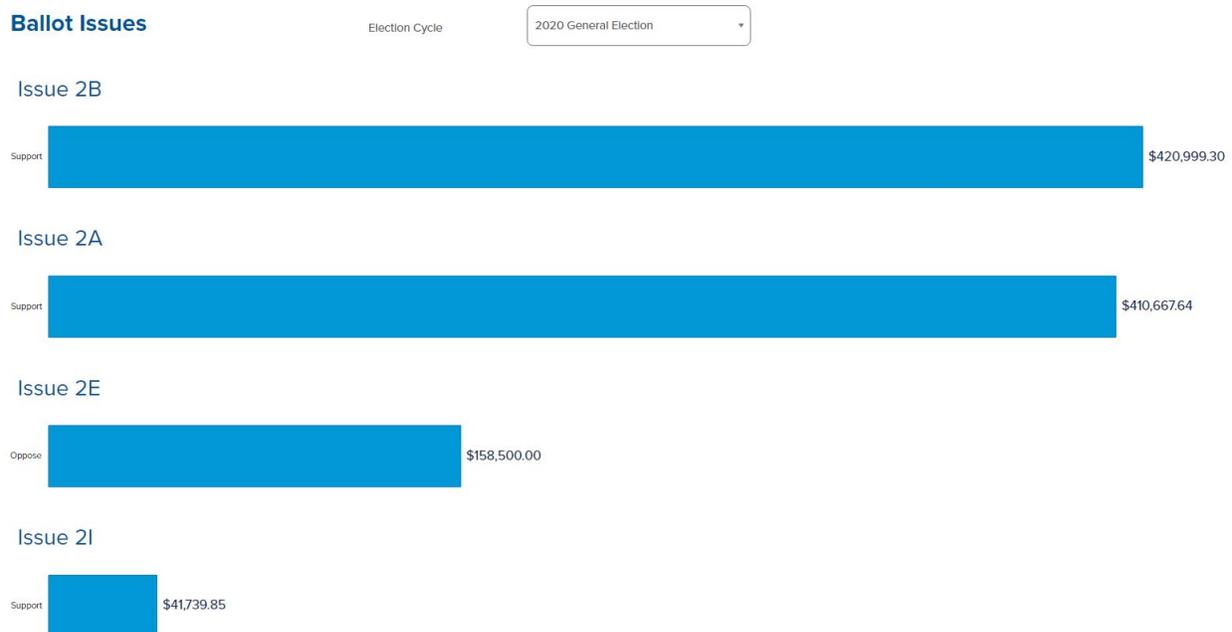


Figure 1 Ballot Issues Summary

Candidates

To view contributions and independent expenditures supporting candidates, select an election cycle and office. The chart will list all candidates running for the selected office during the chosen election cycle. You can click to check or uncheck the boxes in the key to include or exclude contributions, independent

expenditures, and Fair Elections Fund disbursements from the chart. When more than five candidates ran for the selected election cycle and office, you can click See More to view the other candidates.

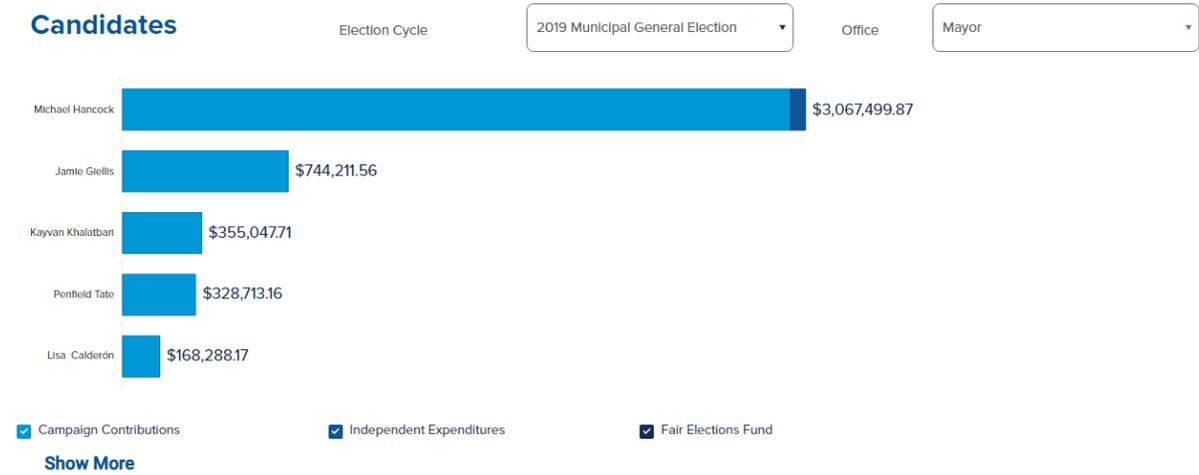


Figure 2 Candidates Summary

Search Candidates and Committees

To search for a candidate or committee, enter a name or partial name in the Search field. Matching candidates and committees appear as you type. Click the one you want to view.

See candidates, issues, or committees to learn about the information displayed on a result page for each.

Candidates

If a candidate committee has been active for more than one election cycle, you can change the election cycle to view corresponding information.

Michael B. Hancock

Election Cycle **2019 Municipal General Election**

To support the candidacy of Michael B. Hancock for re-election to Mayor of Denver.

Overview >



Figure 3 Candidate Page for Michael Hancock

Overview

The financial overview shows the total cash on hand for the candidate, as well as a summary of funds that support and oppose the candidate, broken out by categories. You can click to check or uncheck the boxes in the key to include or exclude contributions, independent expenditures, and Fair Elections Fund disbursements from the chart. Opposition consists of funds supporting other candidates running in the same race and independent expenditures opposing the selected candidate.

To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click [Search Transactions](#).

Support

The support section shows the top contributors to the campaign and the top independent spenders in support of the candidate.

Opposition

The opposition section shows the top independent spenders in opposition to the candidate. Click an opponent's name to view the candidate page for an opposing candidate.

Expenditures

The expenditures section shows the total expenditures by the candidate's campaign, including subtotals for expenditures paid for using Fair Election Fund disbursements and expenditures from other campaign contributions. This section also displays a list of the top expenditures by the candidate's campaign.

Filings

The campaign filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, that have been submitted by the candidate's committee. Change the **Report Year** at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.

Click **View** to see the complete filing.

When a candidate has submitted amendments for a particular filing, you can click the small arrow to expand the row and see previous versions of the report.

Penalties

The penalties section lists any penalties that the city administrator has assessed against the candidate committee. Click **View** to see an attachment with more information about the penalty. If there are no penalties, this section will not appear.

Complaints

The complaints section lists any complaints that have been filed against the candidate committee. Click **View** to see an attachment with more information about the complaint. If there are no complaints, this section will not appear.

Audits

The audits section lists any completed audit reports for this candidate. Click **View** to see an audit report. If there are no audits, this section will not appear.

Political Committees

If a committee has been active for more than one election cycle, you can change the election cycle to view corresponding information.

Denver Fire Fighters PAC

Treasurer: Phil Cordova

Election Cycle: 2019 Municipal General Election

To support candidates or issues who will help better the lives and protect the safety of Denver Fire Fighters.

Overview >

Financial Overview

Support for Denver Fire Fighters PAC

\$21,428.00

Campaign Contributions to Denver Fire Fighters PAC

[Search Transactions](#)

Figure 4 Committee Page for Denver Fire Fighters PAC

Overview

The financial overview shows a summary of campaign contributions given to the committee. To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click [Search Transactions](#).

Support

The support section shows the top contributors to the committee.

Expenditures

The expenditures section shows the total expenditures and the top expenditures for the committee.

Filings

The committee’s filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, that have been submitted by the committee. Change the **Report Year** at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.

Click **View** to see the complete filing.

When a committee has submitted amendments for a particular filing, you can click the small arrow to expand the row and see previous versions of the report.

Penalties

The penalties section lists any penalties that the city administrator has assessed against the committee. Click **View** to see an attachment with more information about the penalty. If there are no penalties, this section will not appear.

Complaints

The complaints section lists any complaints that have been filed against the committee. Click **View** to see an attachment with more information about the complaint. If there are no complaints, this section will not appear.

Audits

The audits section lists any completed audit reports for this committee. Click **View** to see an audit report. If there are no audits, this section will not appear.

Ballot Issues

The page describes the ballot issue and combines data from all committees supporting or opposing this issue. Not all issues have committees registered in support or opposition – when this is the case, the related sections of the page indicate that there are no committees with that position.

Issue 2A

2020 - 2A
 November 03, 2020
 Sales Tax for Climate and Clean Energy Programs

[Overview >](#)

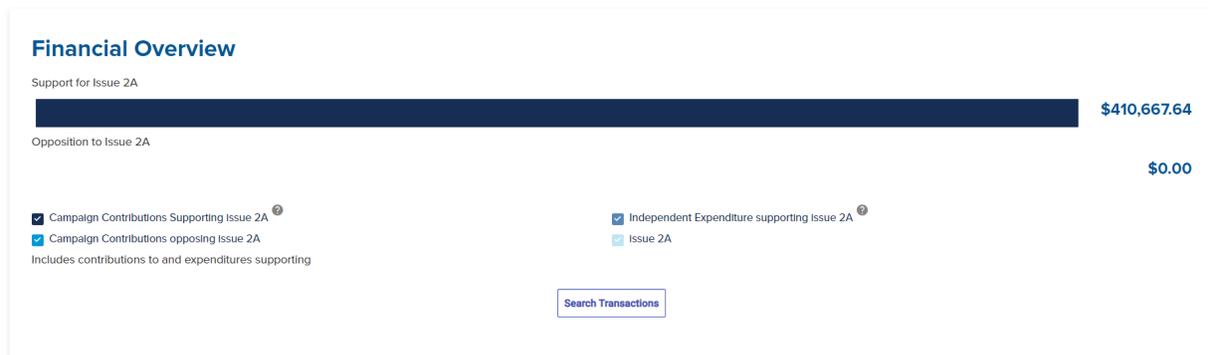


Figure 5 Issue Page for Issue 2A

Overview

The financial overview shows total campaign contributions to committees that support and oppose the issue, and independent expenditures supporting or opposing the issue.

To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click [Search Transactions](#).

Committees

The committees section lists the committees that support and oppose the ballot issue. Click any committee name to view the page for that committee.

Support

The support section shows the top contributors to supporting committees and the top independent spenders in support of the issue.

Opposition

The opposition section shows top contributors to opposing committees and the top independent spenders in opposition to the issue.

Expenditures

The expenditures section shows the total expenditures and top expenditures for the issue, both in support and opposition.

Filings

The filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, grouped by the committee that submitted them. Change the **Report Year** at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.

Click **View** to see the complete filing.

When a committee has submitted amendments for a particular filing, you can click the small arrow to expand the row and see previous versions of the report.

[Search Transactions](#)

To find specific campaign finance transactions, click **Search Transactions** on the dashboard. The search updates when you change your filters or when you click **Go**. Clear the selected filters using the **Reset All** button at the top or bottom of the left-hand column. Use the filter at the top of the left-hand column to select the type of transaction you are looking for: contributions, expenditures, or penalties.

[Contributions](#)

When searching contributions, choose filters to narrow your search to contributions by type, by contributor, by recipient, and by date.

Transaction Type

Contributions
All Subtypes

Contributions From

All Contributors
 Just these contributors **Go**
 All Locations
 Contributor Location **Go**

Contributions To

Everything
 Candidates
 Ballot Measures
 Other Committees

Dates

All Dates and Election Cycles
 Date Ranges

mm/dd/yyyy
to
mm/dd/yyyy

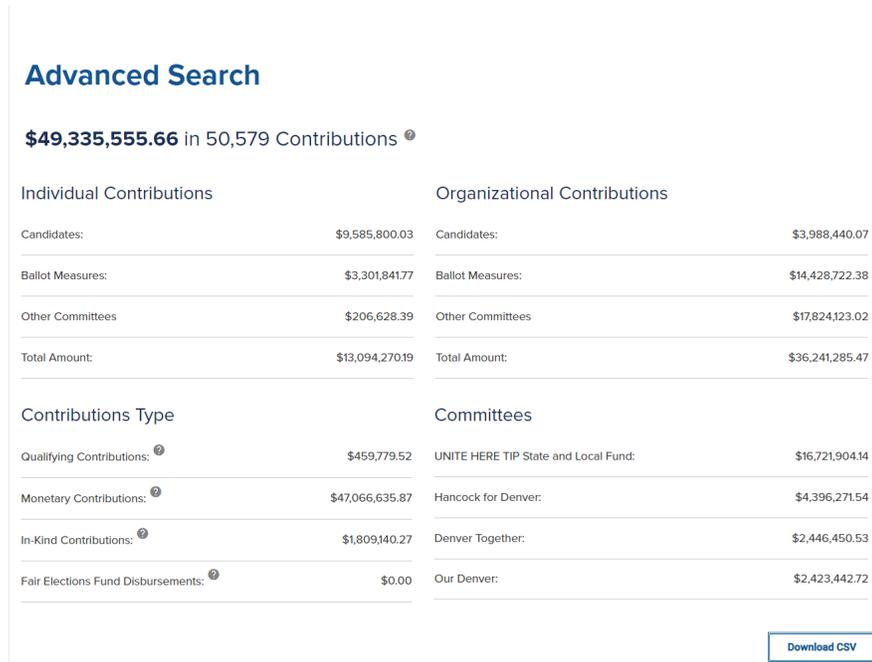


Figure 6 Contribution Search

Under **Transaction Type**, select Contributions and choose a subtype (optional).

Monetary	A contribution made by cash, check, credit, debit, cryptocurrency, or other form of currency.
In-Kind	A contribution to the campaign in the form of donated goods or services.
Loan	A loan taken by the committee.
Fair Election Fund Disbursement	An amount disbursed to a participating candidate committee from the Fair Election Fund.

Under **Contributions From**, select All Contributors or enter a name or part of a name in the **Just these contributors** field and click **Go**.

Optionally, specify a Contributor Location by entering a city name or part of a name in the **Contributor Location** field. Select the appropriate location from the suggestions and click **Go**.

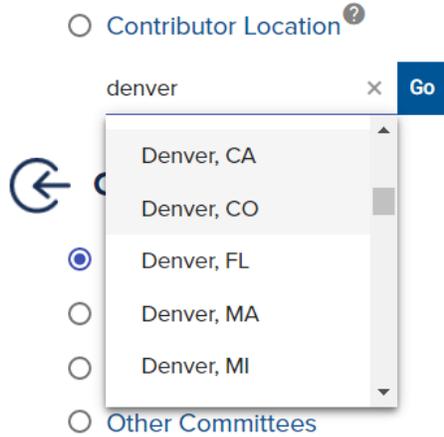


Figure 7 Search by Contributor Location

Under **Contributions To**, select Everything, or narrow the search to Candidates, Ballot Measures, or Other Committees.

To narrow your search to specific candidates, either enter the candidate’s name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to specific ballot measures, enter the ballot measure and click **Go** or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results by selecting a specific Committee Type.

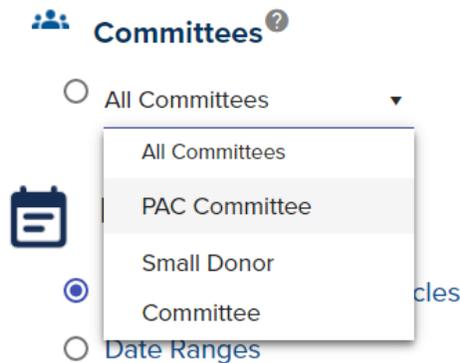


Figure 8 Search for Other Types of Committees

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

In the results pane, contributions are summarized by type. Below the summary, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual contributions in the list, expand any row to see more details about the contribution.

To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.

Expenditures

When searching expenditures, choose filters to narrow your search by type, by candidate or committee who made the expenditure, by the payee, and by date.

Advanced Search

\$47,679,142.85 in 19,380 Expenditures

[Download CSV](#)

Expenditure Date	Payee	Amount	Committee Name	Candidate Office
+ 01/15/2013	Unitemized	\$200.00	Albus Brooks for City Council	City Council
+ 01/21/2013	Unitemized	\$60.00	Kniech for Council At-Large	City Council At-Large
+ 01/29/2013	Unitemized	\$88.00	Ortega at Large	City Council At-Large
+ 02/05/2013	Unitemized	\$379.19	Denver County Republican Central Committee PAC	
+ 02/05/2013	Unitemized	\$758	Dan Stafford for City Council (2011)	City Council
+ 05/16/2013	Unitemized	\$1113.75	Hancock for Denver	Mayor
+ 06/27/2013	Unitemized	\$609.51	Kniech for Council At-Large	City Council At-Large
+ 08/01/2013	Unitemized	\$25.82	Friends of Denver Parks Inc.	
+ 09/01/2013	Unitemized	\$18.42	Friends of Denver Parks Inc.	

Figure 9 Expenditure Search

Under **Transaction Type**, select Expenditures and choose a subtype (optional).

Expenditure	An expense incurred and paid by a committee.
Unpaid Obligation	An expense that has not yet been paid.
Independent Expenditure	An expense incurred to influence a campaign, independent of the candidate or issue committee.

Under **Expenditures By**, select Everything or specify expenditures from candidate committees, ballot measure committees, or other committees.

To narrow your search to expenditures by specific candidates, either enter the candidate's name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to expenditures by specific ballot measure committees, enter the ballot measure or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to expenditures by other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results by selecting a specific Committee Type.

Under **Expenditures Paid To**, select All Payees or enter a name or part of a name in the **Just these payees** field and click **Go**.

Optionally, specify a Payee Location by entering a city name or part of a name in the **Payee Location** field. Select the appropriate location.

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

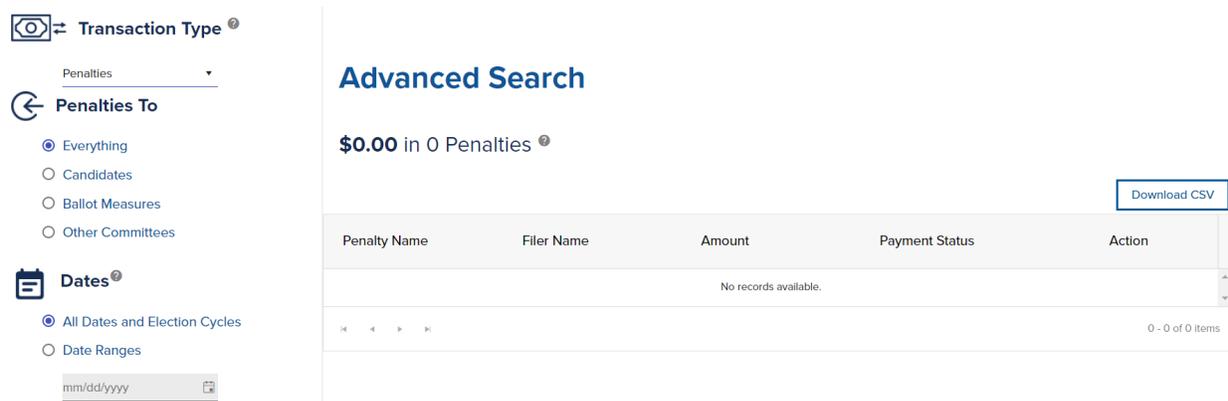
In the results pane, the total amount of expenditures is shown. Below the total, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual expenditures in the list, expand any row to see more details about the expenditure.

To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.

Penalties

When searching penalties, choose filters to narrow your search by the committee assessed the penalty and by date.

Under **Transaction Type**, select Penalties.



Transaction Type
Penalties

Penalties To
 Everything
 Candidates
 Ballot Measures
 Other Committees

Dates
 All Dates and Election Cycles
 Date Ranges
 mm/dd/yyyy

Advanced Search
 \$0.00 in 0 Penalties
 Download CSV

Penalty Name	Filer Name	Amount	Payment Status	Action
No records available.				

0 - 0 of 0 Items

Figure 10 Penalty Search

Under **Penalties To**, select Everything or specify candidate committees, ballot measure committees, or other committees.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on specific candidates, either enter the candidate’s name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on specific ballot measure committees, enter the ballot measure code or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results to PAC Committees or Small Donor Committees by selecting either option from the drop-down menu.

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

In the results pane, the total amount of penalties is shown. Below the total, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual penalties in the list, click **View** to see an attachment with details about the penalty.

To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.

See All Candidates

To view and select a specific candidate from a list of all current candidates, click **See All Candidates**.

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Candidates registered with the Office of the Clerk and Recorder for the selected election date are listed below. Select a candidate to find more information about their campaign filings and reports.

Election Cycle 2019 Municipal General Election ▾

Name	Office	District
	All ▾	All ▾
Victoria Aguilar	City Council	1
Christine Alonzo	City Council	11
Veronica Barela	City Council	3
Kendra Black	City Council	4
jon bowman	City Council	8
Albus Brooks	City Council	9
Lisa Calderón	Mayor	

Figure 11 All Candidates

On the All Candidates page, select the election cycle for which a candidate is registered from the dropdown list. You can select an Office or District, or type the name of a specific Candidate below the column headers to filter the results. Select a candidate to go to the candidate page and view all publicly available information about the candidate, including a financial overview, support and opposition, expenditures, filings, and disclosures. See [candidates](#) to learn about the information displayed on the candidate page.

See All Ballot Issues

To view and select a specific ballot measure from a list of all ballot issues, click **See All Ballot Issues**.

All Issues

Election Cycle **2020 General Election** ▼

Name	Description
2A	Sales Tax for Climate and Clean Energy Programs
2B	Sales Tax for Housing and Homeless Services
2C	Charter Amendment, Council Professional Services
2D	Charter Amendment, Board of Transportation
2E	Charter Amendment, City Council Confirmations
2F	Charter Amendment, Modernize Language
2G	Charter Amendment, City Council Appropriations

Figure 12 All Issues

On the All Ballot Issues page, select the election cycle when the issue was on the ballot from the dropdown list. You can type a ballot issue name or words in the description below the column headers to filter the results. Select a ballot measure to go to the measure’s page and view all publicly available information about the issue, including a financial overview, support and opposition, expenditures, and filings. See [Ballot Issues](#) to learn about the information displayed on the ballot issue page.

Calendar

From the Dashboard, click Filing Calendar to see a calendar of report filing dates. Select a Filer Type to filter the calendar to view dates for specific filers. To download a copy of the calendar, click **Download Calendar**.

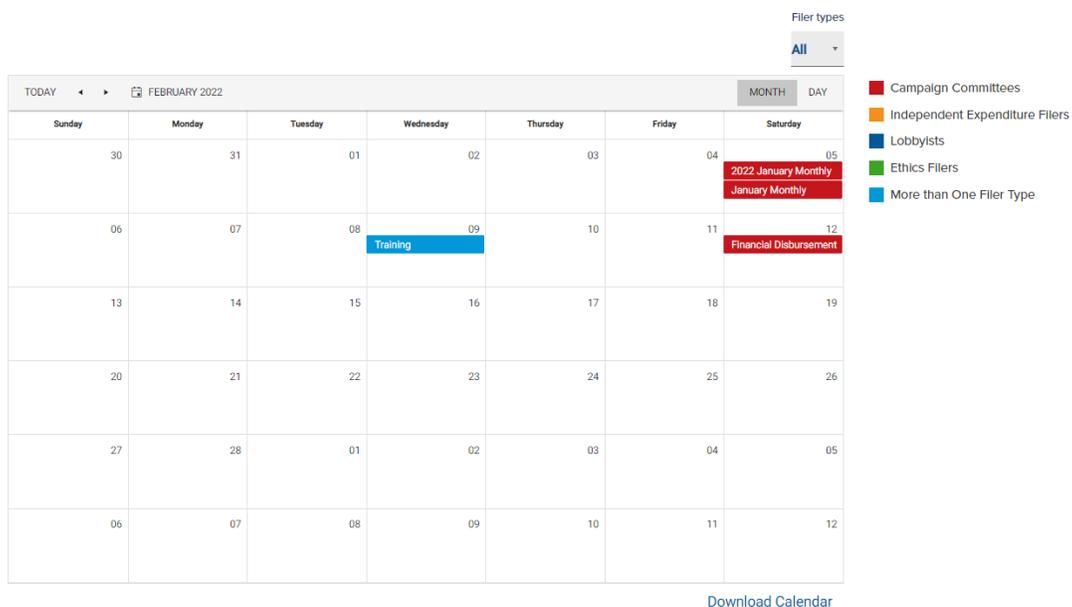


Figure 13 View Filing Calendar