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2026 Campaign Finance Reporting Calendar

City Council At-Large Vacancy Election Candidates.

Special election campaign finance reporting begins the month that a candidate declares their candidacy or forms a committee for that office. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(c)(4)*.

Once a candidate files, they must file regular reports for the duration of the election cycle, which concludes at the end of the calendar year. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-51(12)*. **Any committee activity received prior to the declaration of a vacancy election must be filed on the 2027 municipal election quarterly reports.**

Note: The vacancy election will be held on November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the general election.

Vacancy Election Candidates		
Due Date	***Report Required***	***Reporting Period***
*Sept. 8**	*August Monthly*	*Aug. 5 – Aug. 31*
Oct. 5	*September Monthly*	*Sept. 1 – Sept. 30*
*Oct. 19**	*Pre-Election 1*	*Oct. 1 – Oct. 14*
Oct. 30	*Pre-Election 2*	*Oct. 15 – Oct. 28*
Oct. 29 – Nov. 2	*Major Contributors (as needed)*	*Oct. 31 – Nov. 3*
Dec. 3	*Post-Election*	*Oct. 29 – Nov. 28*
*Feb. 1, 2027**	*2026 Year-End*	*Nov. 29 – Dec. 31*

Candidate committees, political action committees (PACs), and small donor committees (SDCs). Committees file quarterly in the third year of the election cycle. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(c)*.

Note: The next general municipal election will be held on April 6, 2027.

Year 3 of the Municipal Election Cycle		
Due Date	***Report Required***	***Reporting Period***
*Feb. 2, 2026**	*2025 Semiannual 2*	*Jul. 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025*
Apr. 15, 2026	*2026 Quarter 1*	*Jan. 1, 2026 – Mar. 31, 2026*

Jul. 15, 2026	*2026 Quarter 2*	*Apr. 1, 2026 – Jun. 30, 2026*
Oct. 15, 2026	*2026 Quarter 3*	*Jul. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2026*
Jan. 15, 2027	*2026 Quarter 4*	*Oct. 1, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2026*

Issue committees. Once an issue committee is formed, it must file regular reports. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(d)*. Issue committees must terminate no later than one year from the date of the election at which a ballot issue is voted on. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-38(b)*.

Note: The next general election will be held on November 3, 2026.

Issue Committees		
Due Date	***Report Required***	***Reporting Period***
*Feb. 2, 2026**	*2025 Year-End*	*Nov. 30 – Dec. 31*
Feb. 5	*January Monthly*	*Jan. 1 – Jan. 31*
Mar. 5	*February Monthly*	*Feb. 1 – Feb. 28*
*Apr. 6**	*March Monthly*	*Mar. 1 – Mar. 31*
May 5	*April Monthly*	*Apr. 1 – Apr. 30*
Jun. 5	*May Monthly*	*May 1 – May 31*
*Jul. 6**	*June Monthly*	*Jun. 1 – Jun. 30*
Aug. 5	*July Monthly*	*Jul. 1 – Jul. 31*
*Sept. 8**	*August Monthly*	*Aug. 1 – Aug. 31*
Oct. 5	*September Monthly*	*Sept. 1 – Sept. 30*
*Oct. 19**	*Pre-Election 1*	*Oct. 1 – Oct. 14*
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Please Note:

Major Contribution Reports. In addition to other reports required by this section, a committee shall file a report if the committee receives any contribution or contribution in-kind of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or more during the period beginning on the Thursday before the election through, and including, the Monday before the election. Such report shall be filed no

later than twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such contribution or contribution in-kind. *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(e)*.

***Office Closures.** If a reporting day falls on a weekend, legal holiday, or a City and County of Denver furlough day, the report shall be filed by the next business day. If a reporting day falls on a day when the city is fully or partially closed for business, then the report shall be filed in accordance with any and all rules or policies designated by the clerk and recorder. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(g)*.

This provision does not apply to Major Contributor, Independent Expenditure, and Electioneering Communication Reports. See *D.R.M.C. §§ 15-37(e)* and *15-39(a)*.

Reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. MT on the due date to be considered a timely submission. See *D.R.M.C. § 15-37(g)*.

Online Filing. Election Rule 3.2 requires all campaign finance reports to be filed electronically. Reports must be filed through SearchLight Denver.

Committee Responsibility. Legal provisions are subject to amendment from time to time. Therefore, it is incumbent on a person to determine if any new legislation or rules have been enacted. If you require advice or an interpretation concerning legal requirements, we suggest that you contact a private attorney. The Denver Clerk and Recorder cannot and will not provide legal advice.