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## Key Dates - 2020 Candidates

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Within 2 weeks of becoming a candidate	Register the campaign (File a C-1)
January 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Dec 31
February 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Jan 31
March 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Feb 29
April 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Mar 31
May 11	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Apr 30
May 11-15	Declaration of candidacy filing week
June 1	Begin filing C-3 reports weekly, each Monday, for deposits made during previous 7 days (Monday through Sunday)
June 10	File month C-4, if necessary, that covers the period through May 31
June 22	Last day before primary election to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances
July 14	Candidates appearing on the primary election ballot file a C-4 that covers the period June 1 through July 13.  Candidates not on the primary election ballot file monthly reports in June, July, August, and September.
July 25 - Aug 3	Campaign books open for public inspection
July 28	Candidates appearing on the primary election ballot file a C-4 that covers the

period July 14 through July 27

July 28 - Aug 3 Special reports due if candidate receives contributions of \$1,000 or more from a single source

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AUGUST 4 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

August 31 Last day before general election to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances

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September 10 Post-primary C-4 due that covers the period July 28 through August 31  
Candidates not on the primary election ballot file a report for the month of August

October 13 21-day pre-general C-4 report due - report for the period Sept 1 through Oct 12

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October 13 - November 2

1. Special reports due if candidate receives contributions of \$1,000 or more from a single source
2. Unless the contribution is from the state committee of a bona fide political party, a candidate may not receive contributions from a single source exceeding \$5,000 in the aggregate.

October 24 - November 2 Campaign books open for public inspection

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October 27 7-day pre-general C-4 report due - report for the period Oct 13 through Oct 26

November 2 Last Monday that weekly C-3 reports must be filed

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NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION DAY

December 10 Post-general C-4 due that covers Oct. 27 through Nov 30. File C-3s that have not been filed for any deposits made in November.

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January 11, 2021 End of election cycle C-4 due that covers Dec. 1 through Dec. 31. File C-3s for any deposits made in December.

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## Key Dates - 2020 Political Committees

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[Key reporting dates also available for 2020 special elections.](#)

Within 2 weeks of organizing	Register the committee (File a C-1pc)  NOTE: Committees organizing within three weeks of election must register within 3 business days of organizing.
January 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Dec 31
February 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Jan 31
March 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Feb 29
April 10	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Mar 31
May 11	File a C-3 for each deposit made in the previous month and a C-4 report that covers the period through Apr 30
May 11-15	Declaration of candidacy filing week
June 1	Begin filing C-3 reports weekly, each Monday, for deposits made during previous 7 days (Monday through Sunday)
June 10	File monthly C-4, if necessary, that covers the period through May 31
June 22	Last day before primary election to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances
July 14	Committees participating in the primary election file a C-4 that covers the period June 1 through July 13.  Committees not participating in the primary election file monthly reports in June, July, August, and September.

July 25 - Aug 3	Campaign books open for public inspection
July 28	Committees participating in primary election file a C-4 that covers the period July 14 through July 27
July 28 - Aug 3	Special reports due if committee makes to or receives contributions of \$1,000 or more from one source
AUGUST 4	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
August 31	Last day before general election to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances
September 10	Post-primary C-4 due that covers the period July 28 through August 31 Committees that did not participate in primary election file a report for the month of August
October 13	21-day pre-general C-4 report due - report for the period Sept 1 through Oct 12
Oct 13 - Nov 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special reports due if committee makes to or receives contributions of \$1,000 or more from one source</li> <li>2. Unless the contribution is from the state committee of a bona fide political party, only ballot measure committees may 1) receive contributions over \$5,000 in the aggregate from one source or 2) make aggregate contributions totaling over \$5,000 to a candidate or other political committee that is not a ballot measure committee.</li> </ol>
Oct 24 - Nov 2	Campaign books open for public inspection
October 27	7-day pre-general C-4 report due - report for the period Oct 13 through Oct 26
November 2	Last Monday that weekly C-3 reports must be filed
NOVEMBER 3	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
December 10	Post-general C-4 due that covers Oct 27 through Nov 30. File C-3s that have not been filed for any deposits made in November.
January 11, 2021	End of election cycle C-4 due that covers Dec 1 through Dec 31. File C-3s for any deposits made in December.

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### Key Reporting Dates – 2020 Special Elections

<b>ELECTION DATE</b>	Start Filing C-3s on Mondays		File C-4 21 days before election	File C-4 7 days before election	File C-4 10 <sup>th</sup> of the first month after election
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Oct 1, 2019</b>	<i>File monthly C-4 reports from the beginning of the campaign through November 2019 (C-4 due 12/10/19) then →</i>	<b>January 21</b> Report covers Dec 1, 2019 – Jan 20, 2020	<b>February 4</b> Report covers Jan 21 – Feb 3, 2020	<b>March 10</b> Report covers Feb 4 –29, 2020
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Dec 1, 2019</b>	<i>File monthly C-4 reports from the beginning of the campaign through February 2020 (C-4 due 3/10/20) then →</i>	<b>April 7</b> Report covers March 1 – April 6, 2020	<b>April 21</b> Report covers Apr 7 – Apr 20, 2020	<b>May 11</b> Report covers Apr 21– 30, 2020