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## TODAY: Candidates & Political Groups File Campaign Finance Reports with Secretary of State's Office

SANTA FE – Candidates for statewide and county offices and political action committees are required to file their Second Primary campaign finance reports with the office of New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today. Additionally, entities making independent expenditures are required to file their first reports of the 2018 Primary Election with the office. The reports for candidates and political action committees are available in a searchable format in real time in the <u>Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS) on the Secretary of State's website</u>. The reports for independent expenditures will also be made publicly available in searchable format in the coming weeks.

"I'm holding all reporting individuals accountable so voters can follow the money flowing through New Mexico's political campaigns and make informed decisions in the voting booth," said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. "I'll keep pushing for more transparency in our political process."

The reports being filed today must list all contributions, expenditures and loans accrued by the candidate's campaign or by the political action committee during the reporting period that runs from April 3, 2018 to May 7, 2018. The reports are filed online through CFIS and are due today, May 14, 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 Third Primary Report on May 31, 2018, which will cover the reporting period that runs from May 8, 2018 until May 29, 2018.

Guidelines on New Mexico's campaign finance requirements and all 2018 reporting deadlines can be found in the <u>2018 Candidate Campaign Finance Reporting Guide</u>.

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