# CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ONLINE

For Pinellas County Candidates, Political Parties and Political Committees



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## How to File Financial Reports Online: A Handbook for Candidates & Committees Last update to this document: February 3, 2021 The content of this document is confidential and a proprietary trade secret. It is therefore not subject to open disclosure under Florida Public Records laws. This document is provided solely for the use of licensed users of Voter Focus. The content, in whole or in part, is not to be disclosed to any unauthorized person.

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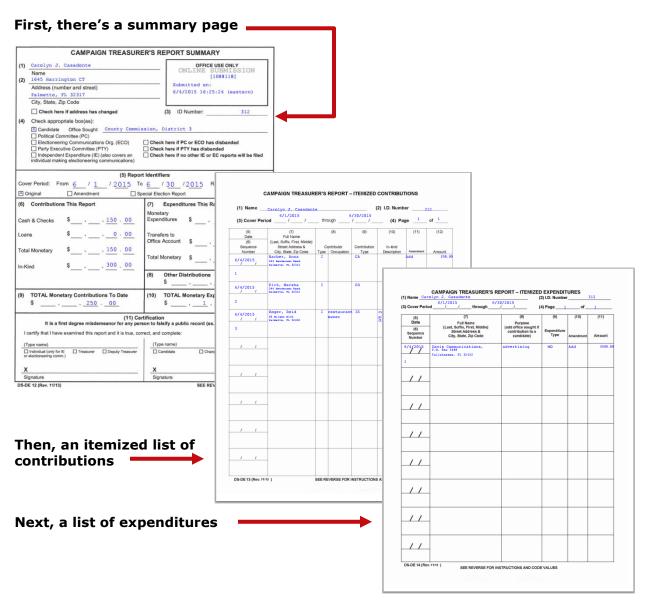
#### What's shown in an online financial report?

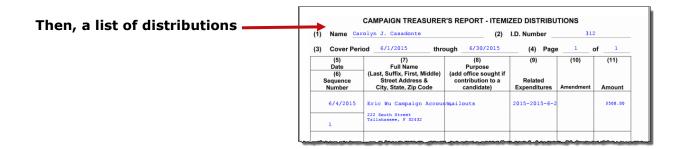
As you know, Florida law requires that candidates and political committees file monthly reports with the Supervisor of Elections. These reports detail all contributions received and expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate/committee. The **Voter Focus Campaign Financial Reporting** system gives campaign treasurers an easy way to complete and, optionally, file these required reports, online.

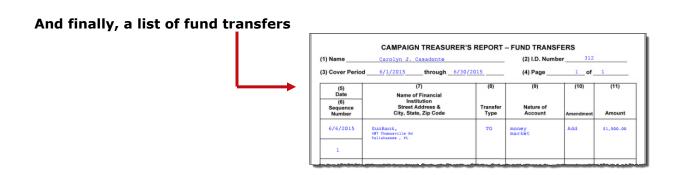
Each report generated by the **Campaign Financial Reporting** system is a PDF file that can be viewed in Adobe® Acrobat® Reader. The PDF can be printed if your county requires hard-copy filing. In counties that accept electronic filing, the PDF can be submitted online, signed by the candidate's and treasurer's electronic personal identification numbers (PINs).

Once a report is accepted by the Supervisor of Elections, it will appear on the elections website and can be viewed by the public. Along with the financial reports, you have the option of providing a short description (or "bio") of the candidate/committee and a photograph.

#### Here's an example of a monthly report:







#### What do I need to create reports online?

#### A computer equipped with:

- An Internet connection.
- A web browser configured to accept cookies and with pop-up blockers disabled. In this document, the examples shown use Internet Explorer.
- Adobe® Acrobat® Reader, which you will need to view and print your reports. If you don't have the Reader software on your computer, you can download it free of charge from:
  - a link in the Campaign Financial Reporting System (see page 19)

or

- www.adobe.com
- A printer, if you want a hard copy of the report for your records.

#### A candidate ID and password.

This will be provided to you by the elections office.

Candidates need a new ID each time they run for office, even when they are running for reelection to the same office. Committees also need a new ID for each election.

Committees of continuous existence typically are allowed to keep the same ID, but this varies from county to county. Some counties prefer to assign committees of continuous existence a new ID for each election.

The password can be changed after you log in, if you wish.

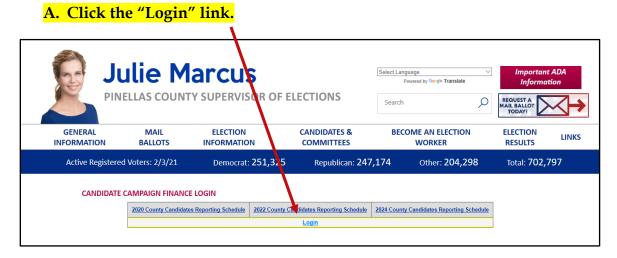
#### • PINs for the candidate and campaign treasurer password.

If your county permits electronic submission of financial reports, two 4-digit PINs will be provided to you by the elections office. You can change the PINs after logging in, if you wish. (See page 50 for instructions.)

#### How do I start?

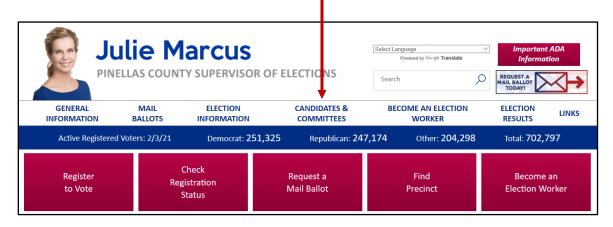
#### Log into the Campaign Financial Reporting system like this:

**1** Type this web address into your browser: **VotePinellas.com/CFinance** 

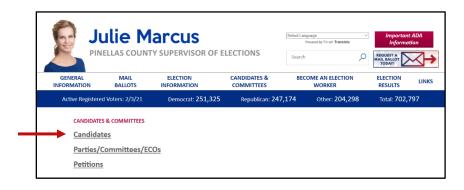


<u>OR</u>

**2** Go to VotePinellas.com and click "Candidates & Committees" from the navigation bar at the top of the homepage.



A. Then, click the "Candidates" link.



B. Next, click the "Candidate Finance Login" link.



C. Lastly, click the "Login" link.



**3** You'll then see the Candidate Log In page:



By the way...you can change your password once you get on the system. We'll explain how to do this on page 51.

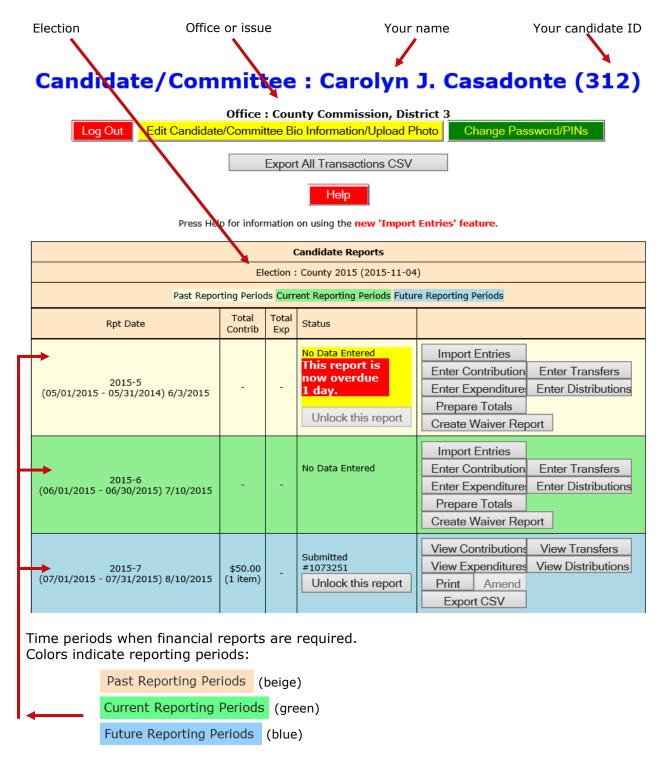
Enter your candidate ID and password here.

The password is case-sensitive. That means you have to enter the password in exactly the form given to you by the elections office: if a letter is uppercase, you must enter it in uppercase; the same goes for lowercase letters. Your password might also have numbers.

4 Click Login

#### What you see when you log in.

This is the main page of the Campaign Financial Reporting System. It shows the reporting periods for the campaign. We call this page the *Report List*.



The reporting periods are color-coded to help you choose the correct period for reporting data.

The past and future reporting periods are locked to prevent you from inadvertently entering current data into a past or future report. If you need to enter past or future data, you can easily unlock the report by clicking Unlock this report

The colors of the reporting periods switch automatically at midnight on the due date of the current report.

If any of your reports are overdue or the due date is less than 10 days away (that is, 9 or fewer days from today), you'll see a message like this at the top of the page:

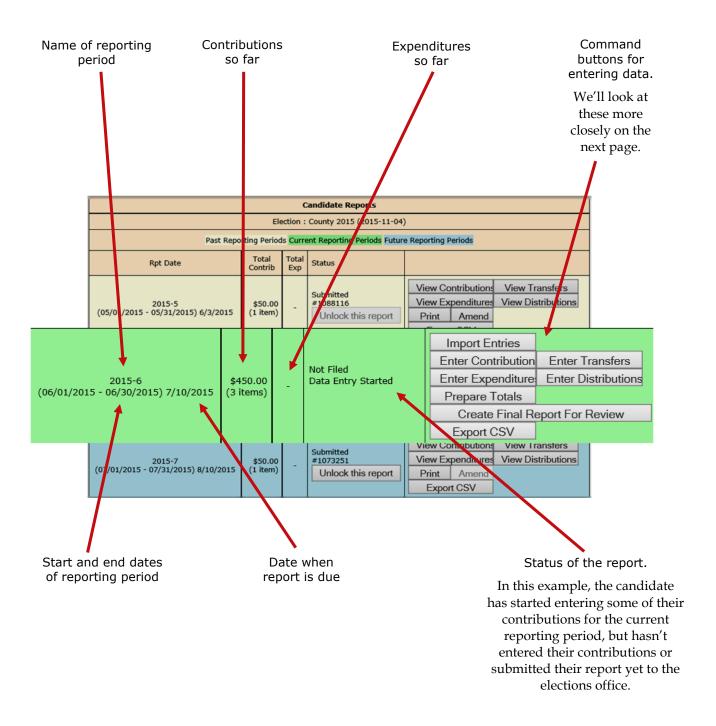


And the due/overdue report(s) will be highlighted as well.

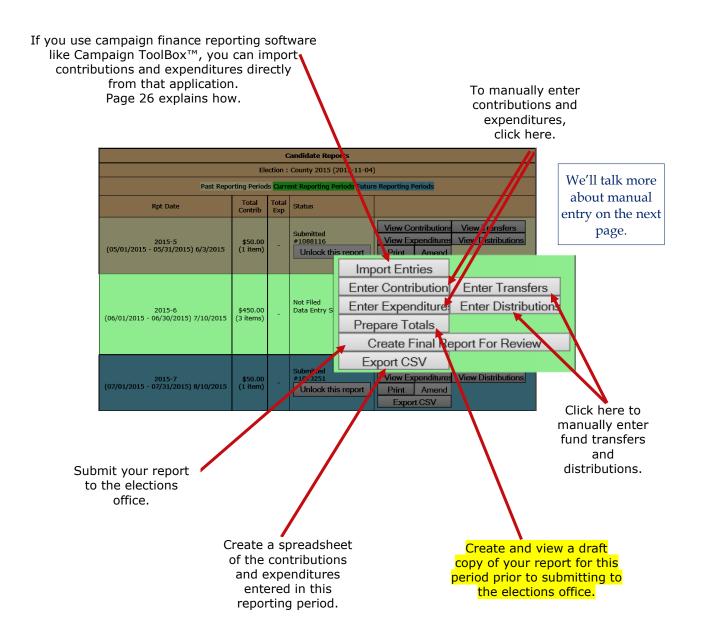
After 180 days, overdue reports are no longer highlighted as late.

If a report is overdue, you need to take immediate action to file the report.

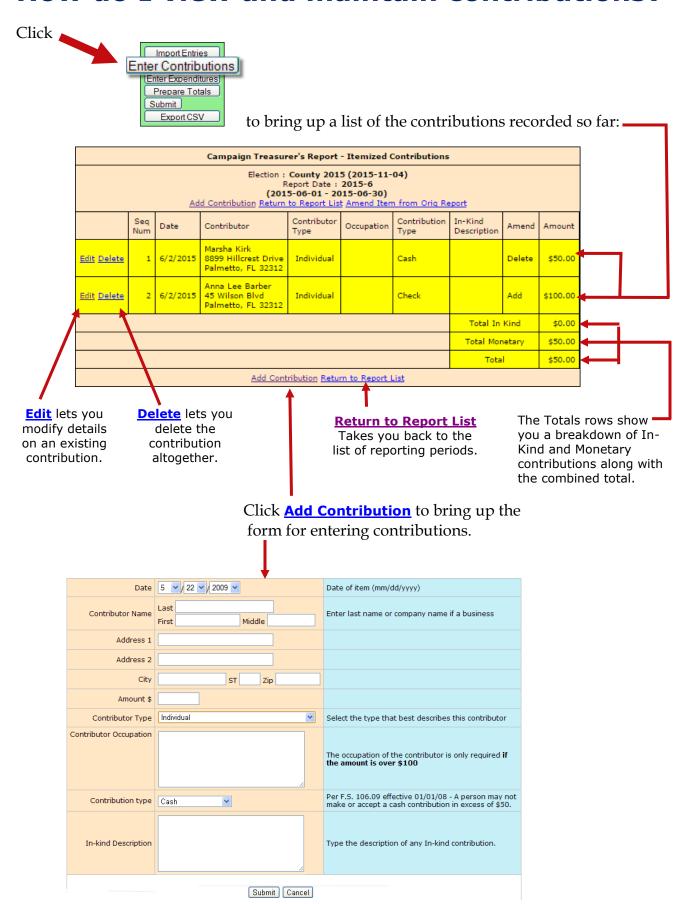
#### Let's look at the current reporting period.



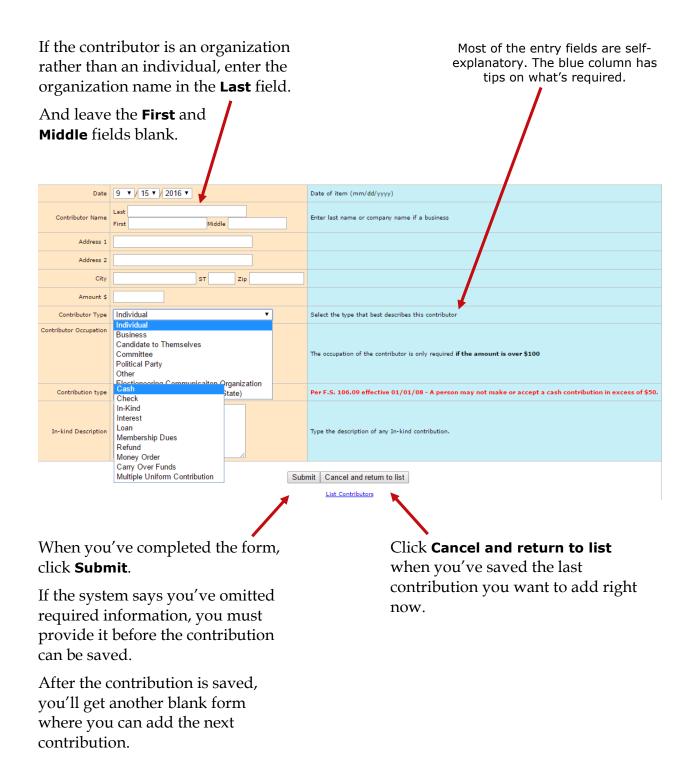
#### **Command Buttons:**



#### How do I view and maintain contributions?



#### Adding a new contribution is easy.



#### Contribution type

#### should be one of these:

Carry Over Funds

Remaining "carry over funds" from an

election that has ended.

This option is for use by candidates

only.

**Cash** Cash or cashiers check.

**Check** Traditional paper check, wire transfer,

PayPal, credit card, or another type of

electronic funds transfer.

**In-kind** An item of value other than money or

volunteer services.

**In-kind Description:** Enter a specific description of the in-kind contribution.

Example: Food and beverage

**Interest** Money earned on campaign or interest-

bearing accounts.

Loan Money loaned to the campaign rather

than given outright.

Membership

**Dues** 

Membership dues regardless of the form

(cash, check, etc.).

**Money Order** Contribution made by money order.

Multiple Uniform

Uniform

Multiple uniform contributions from the

same person

**Contributions** This option is for use by committees

only.

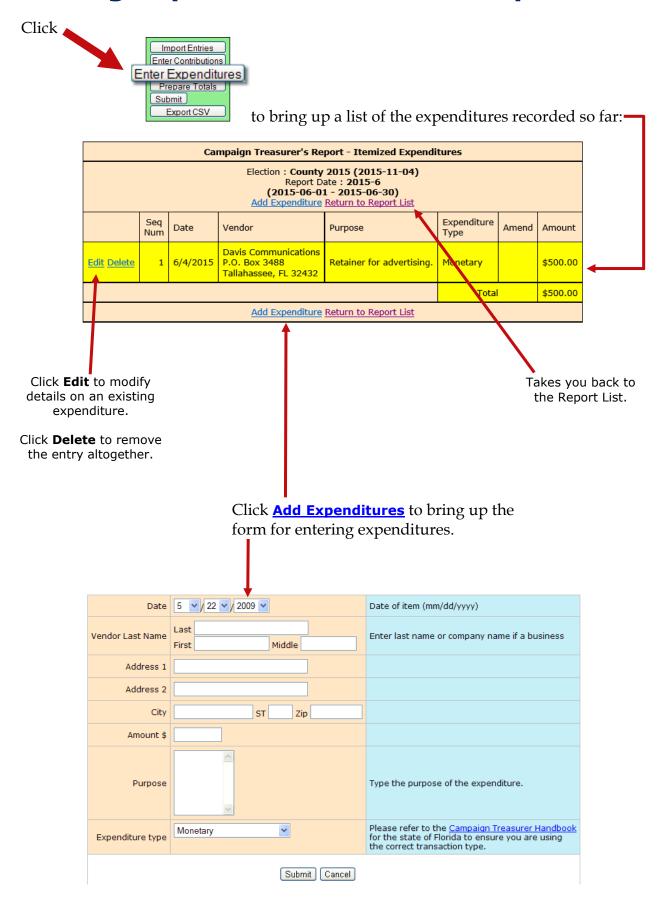
**Refund** Bad checks or contributions returned (in

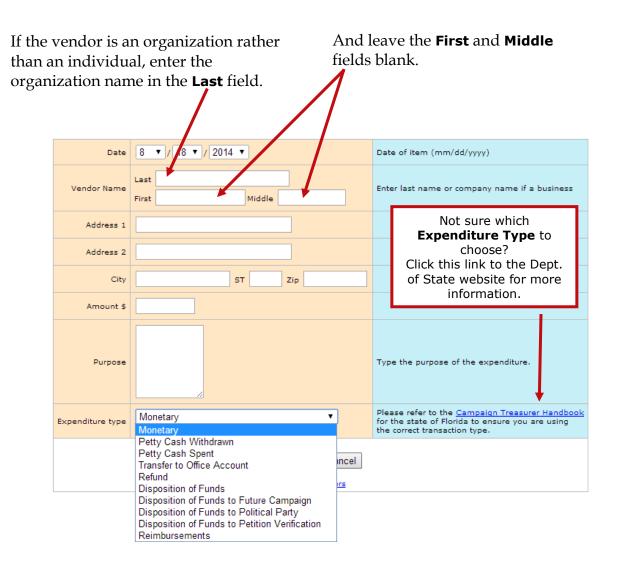
whole or in part) to the contributor.

Refunds must be entered as a negative

amount.

#### Adding expenditures is a similar process.





#### **About Petty Cash**

In *Expenditure Type*, notice that there are two types for petty cash:

- Use Petty Cash Withdrawn when withdrawing funds from the campaign account for petty cash. This will add an expenditure of the entered amount to your report.
- Use Petty Cash Spent to record an expense out of petty cash.

Petty Cash Spent does not add an expenditure to the report because the expenditure was already recorded as Petty Cash Withdrawn.

It's important to keep accurate petty-cash records so your final report will balance.

When you've completed the form, click **Submit**.

After the expenditure is saved, you'll get another blank form where you can add the next expenditure.

Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last expenditure you want to add right now.

#### should be one of these:

#### Disposition of Funds

Pro-rata refunds to contributors, donations to charitable organizations, donations to the State general revenue fund, or the return of matching funds to the State.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are for use by candidates only and are only used on Termination Reports. They are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary amounts.

#### Disposition of Funds to Future Campaign

Funds transferred to an account for a future campaign.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are for use by candidates only and are only used on Termination Reports. They are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary amounts.

#### Disposition of Funds to Petition Verification

Funds transferred to pay for previously unpaid petition verification fees.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are for use by candidates only and are only used on Termination Reports. They are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary amounts.

#### Disposition of Funds to Political Party

Funds given to the political party that the candidate is a member of.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are for use by candidates only and are only used on Termination Reports. They are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary amounts.

#### Monetary

General expenditure type used when a specific type does not apply.

**Petty Cash Spent** Petty cash spent during a reporting

period.

Expenditures made from petty cash are not required to be reported individually.

Petty Cash Withdrawn Petty cash withdrawn during a reporting

period.

Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is

not included in the total.

**Refund** A refund of money from a vendor or

other source.

Refunds must be entered as a negative

amount.

**Reimbursements** Compensation made to a person or

group by a check drawn on the

campaign account for expenses incurred in connection with campaign activities.

Transfer to Office

Account

Funds transferred to an office account when the candidate has been elected.

## A few notes about adding contributions and expenditures...

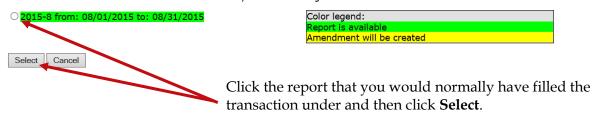
If you enter a contribution or expenditure outside of the range of the reporting period you are working with, they system will automatically try to find a reporting period that contains that date you are reporting.

If a report for that range is found, the system will let you know.

#### Transaction Date Not In Selected Report Range

The transaction date you entered (08-04-2015) is not within the date range of the currently selected report. The date range for the report(s) listed below includes the date you entered. You can either...

- Select the correct reporting period from the list below and press the Select button.
- Press the Cancel button to return to the form if you wish to change the transaction date.

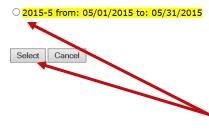


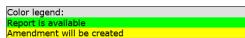
If the contribution or expenditure date falls within the date range of a report that has already been filed, you can add the contribution or expenditure to the report and file an amended report in one easy step.

#### **Transaction Date Not In Selected Report Range**

The transaction date you entered (05-04-2015) is not within the date range of the currently selected report. The date range for the report(s) listed below includes the date you entered. You can either...

- Select the correct reporting period from the list below and press the Select button.
- Press the Cancel button to return to the form if you wish to change the transaction date.





Click the report that you would normally have filled the transaction under and then click **Select**. A confirmation message will appear letting you know that the amended report has been filed.

If no report exists that includes the date you are trying to report on, the system will let you know that too.

#### Transaction Date Not In Selected Report Range

The transaction date you entered (03-04-2015) is not within the date range of the currently selected report. No report could be located that includes the date you provided. Please change the transaction date or contact our Campaign Finance Administrator for assistance.



Click **Close** and then either change the transaction date or contact your county Campaign Finance Administrator for assistance.

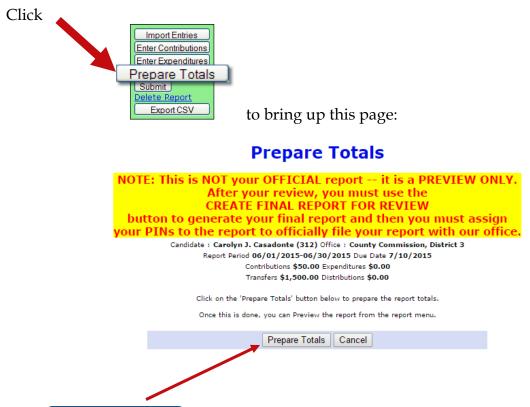
## Want to see how the report is adding up? Just do a preview.

Previewing of reports isn't required. But it's a good idea to preview the report before you submit it, to catch any data entry errors, missing transactions, or other anomalies.

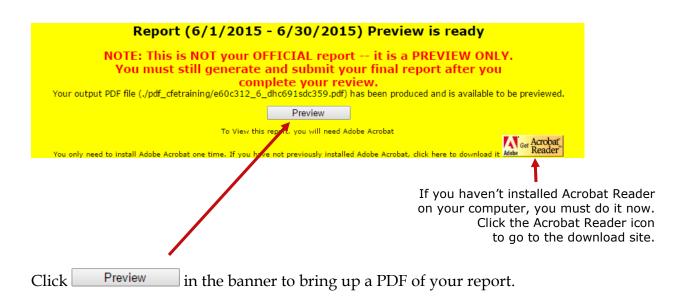
You can preview a report as many times as you like, make changes, and preview it again until you are confident it is correct and complete. Then you can submit the finished report to the Supervisor. Once a report has been submitted, it cannot be changed, so you want to be sure you preview each report carefully.

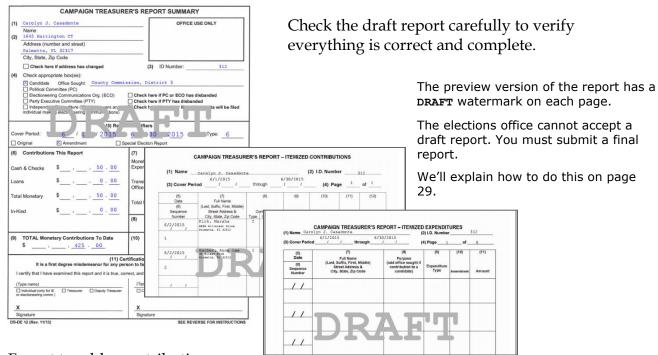
### Previewing a report DOES NOT submit the report to the Supervisor.

#### To preview your report so far:



Click Prepare Totals to total the contributions and expenditures for this reporting period. You'll be returned to the Report List, which now has a banner like this:

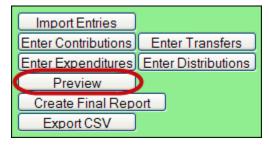




Forgot to add a contribution or expenditure?

That's OK: You can continue to add them after doing the preview.

On the Report List, notice that the **Prepare Totals** button is now labeled **Preview**.



You can click **Preview** at any time you want to look at the report. If transactions are added, the button label will switch back to **Prepare Totals**, which means you need to total the new transactions into the report before you can preview it again.

#### How do I record a distribution?

#### A transaction is a distribution only if it is a:

**Credit Card Payment** – Linked to the expenditure that represents payment of the credit card bill on which the purchase appears. *Only statewide candidates may use this type of distribution.* 

Each purchase made with the credit card will be itemized under <a href="Enter Distributions">Enter Distributions</a> and linked to the expenditure that represents payment of the credit card bill on which the purchase appears. The credit card may be used only for travel-related expenses.

**Prepaid Distribution** — Reserved for up-front, lump sum payments to be disbursed to different entities at a later date. (For example, payment to a media consultant who then makes disbursements to newspapers and television stations.) Related entries under <a href="Enter Distributions">Enter Distributions</a> will be reported and linked to the expenditure as they occur.

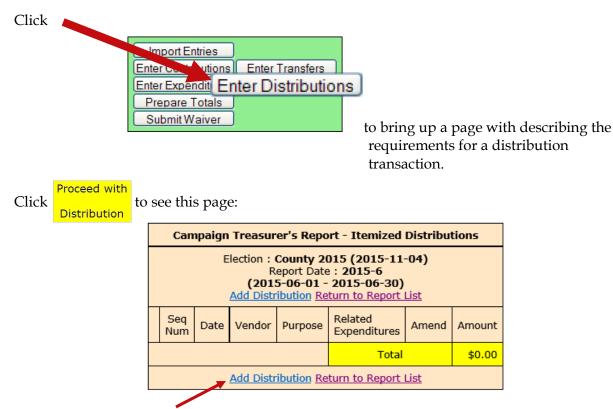
**Reimbursement** — Reimbursement for authorized expenses made in connection with the campaign. (For example, Candidate Smith paid for printing of campaign signs with his own money. A check to reimburse him for the cost would be recorded as a Reimbursement.)

#### Distributions do not add to your report totals.

They are used only to report pro-rata amounts of an <u>already recorded</u> <u>expenditure</u> to provide detail for:

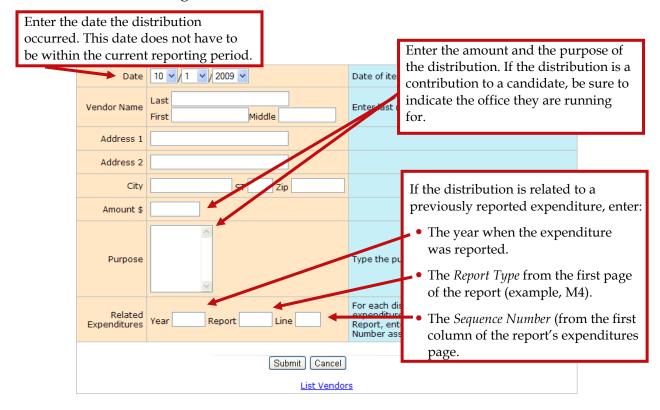
- Refunds to contributors
- Donations to charitable organizations
- Contributions to political parties
- Donations to the State general revenue fund
- Return of matching funds to the State.

#### To record a distribution:



Click **Add Distribution** to bring up the form for entering distributions.

If the entity receiving the distribution is an organization rather than an individual, enter the organization name in the **Last** field.



When you've completed the form, click **Submit** to save the information. After the distribution is saved, you'll get another blank distribution form.

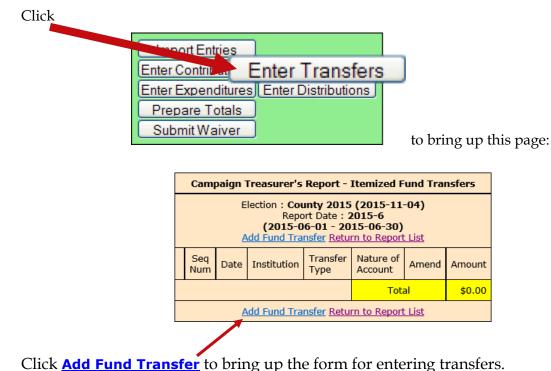
Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last distribution you have right now. You'll see the distributions you added highlighted in yellow, as in the example below.

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Distributions								
Election : County 2015 (2015-11-04)  Report Date : 2015-6  (2015-06-01 - 2015-06-30)  Add Distribution Return to Report List								
	Seq Num	Date	Vendor	Purpose	Related Expenditures	Amend	Amount	
Edit Delete	1	6/4/2015	Eric Wu Campaign Account 222 South Street Tallahassee, F 32432	Mailouts	2015~2015-6~2		\$500.00	
				Total		\$500.00		
Add Distribution Return to Report List								

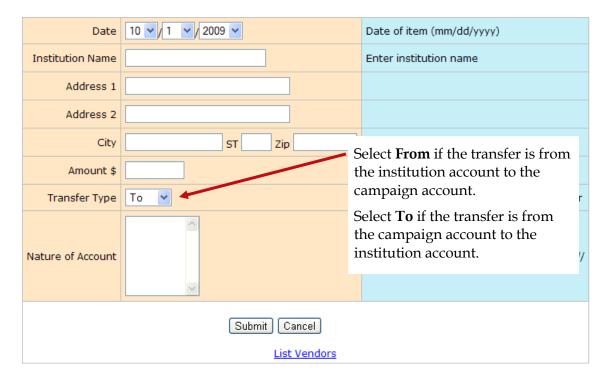
#### What about fund transfers?

Fund transfers are typically used only by candidates for state and federal offices.

They are used to report the transfer of funds between the primary depository and separate interest-bearing accounts.



Enter the financial institution where the account is held.



When you've completed the form, click **Submit** to save the information. After the transfer is saved, you'll get another blank transfer form.

Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last transfer you have right now. Transfers are not shown on the Reports List because the funds have simply been moved within the campaign or committee, rather than expended or distributed elsewhere.

## How do I import data from my campaign application?

Candidates or committees using campaign finance reporting software such as Campaign ToolBox<sup>TM</sup> can import contribution, expenditure, distribution, and fund-transfer data from a file created by the application directly into the Campaign Financial Reporting system.

#### **Import File Requirements**

The system can import any file that meets the Division of Elections Campaign Finance Reporting File Specifications:

Dos.myflorida.com/elections/candidates-committees/campaign-finance/filing-campaign-reports/

For a list of State-approved software vendors for electronic filing, see:

Dos.myflorida.com/elections/candidates-committees/campaign-finance/filing-campaign-reports/vendors/

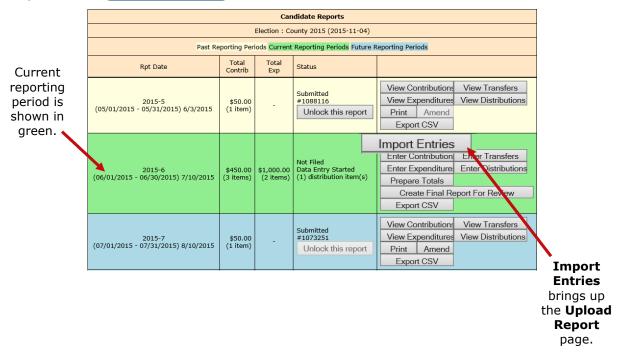
When you import data from a file, the transactions are added to the report you are working in. Be sure to review the report prior to submission to verify the data matches what you intended to import, and make any adjustments manually.

#### To import data for the current reporting period:

Important: When you import a file from your campaign finance reporting software, if there are existing entries in the Campaign Financial Reporting system for the reporting period you are importing entries in to, these entries will be replaced with the information from your file.

Before importing a file, verify that you have not manually entered contributions, expenditures, distributions, or fund-transfer data in to the Campaign Financial Reporting system. If so, verify that these entries also exist in your campaign finance reporting software.

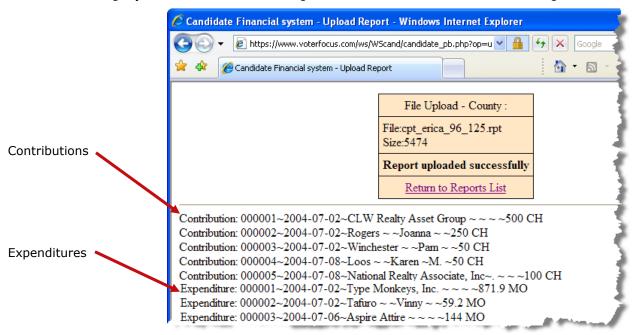
On the main page, locate the row for the current reporting period (look for the green row) and click ImportEntries.



On the **Upload Report** page, click **Browse...** and find the file you want to import. Then click **Upload Report**.



You'll see a display of the transactions imported from the file, as in this example:



When you've finished importing entries for the reporting period, preview, and submit the report as described on page 18.

#### To import data for a past reporting period:

If you've already submitted the report for the past reporting period, you'll need to unlock it and create an amendment. Then you'll need to unlock the amendment and do an Import Entries command, following the instructions beginning on page 27.

#### To import data for a future reporting period:

Unlock the reporting period and do an Import Entries command, following the instructions beginning on page 26.

## Finished entering all data? Then submit the report.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Make sure you have entered ALL contributions and expenditures correctly *before* you click **Submit Report**.

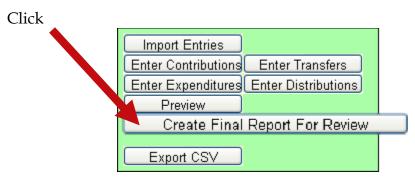
Clicking **Submit Report** closes the report.

Once you have done this, the report cannot be changed, although it can be amended. We'll look at amendments on page Error!

Bookmark not defined.

#### How do I finalize my electronic report?

#### To finalize the report:



to bring up instructions:

#### **Create Final Report For Review**

Candidate: Carolyn J. Casadonte (312) Office: County Commission, District 3
Report Period 06/01/2015-06/30/2015 Due Date 7/10/2015
Contributions \$425.00 Expenditures \$500.00
Transfers \$0.00 Distributions \$0.00

By submitting this campaign finance report that the same is considered to be certified as to correctness within the meaning of Section 106.07(5) Florida Statutes, by the candidate and the candidates treasurer, in the case of a candidate, or the political committee's chair and treasurer, in the case of a political committee or county executive committee, and that such persons are subject to the previsions of Section 106.07(5) Florida Statutes.

PLEASE NOTE: This report is NOT filed until it is electronically signed by the Candidate/Committee and Treasurer using their respective electronic PIN.

Create Final Report For Review Cancel

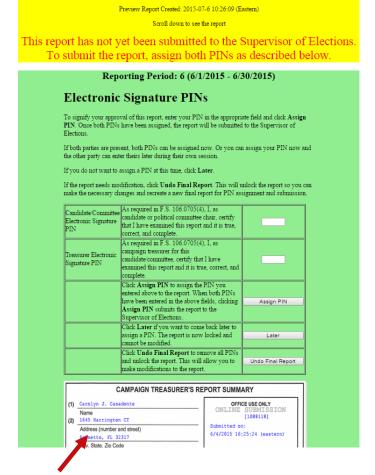
#### Are your entries for this reporting period finished?

If not, click Cancel.

If you are ready to file, click Create Final Report For Review

Clicking Create Final Report For Review brings up the Electronic Signature PINs page with a reminder that the report has not yet been submitted...

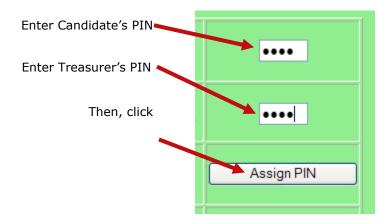
Report created for your final review.



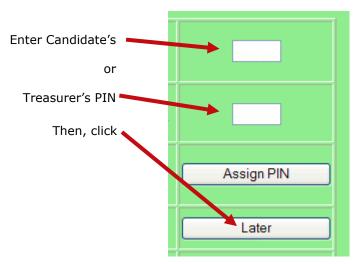
...followed by an online view of the report.

#### On the PINs page, you have these options:

• Enter both PINs in the space provided and click **Assign PIN** to submit the report to the Supervisor of Elections.



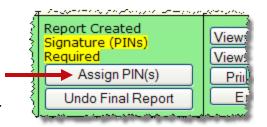
• Enter just one of the PINs and click **Later**. This will return you to the report list.



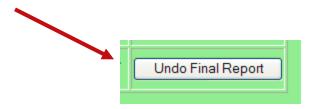
The message Required will appear in the report's **Status** column and the report will be locked, which means no changes can be made.

When the report is ready to be signed with the other PIN, click **Assign PIN(s)** to bring up the PIN page again.

Enter the missing PIN and click **Assign PIN** to submit the report to the Supervisor of Elections.



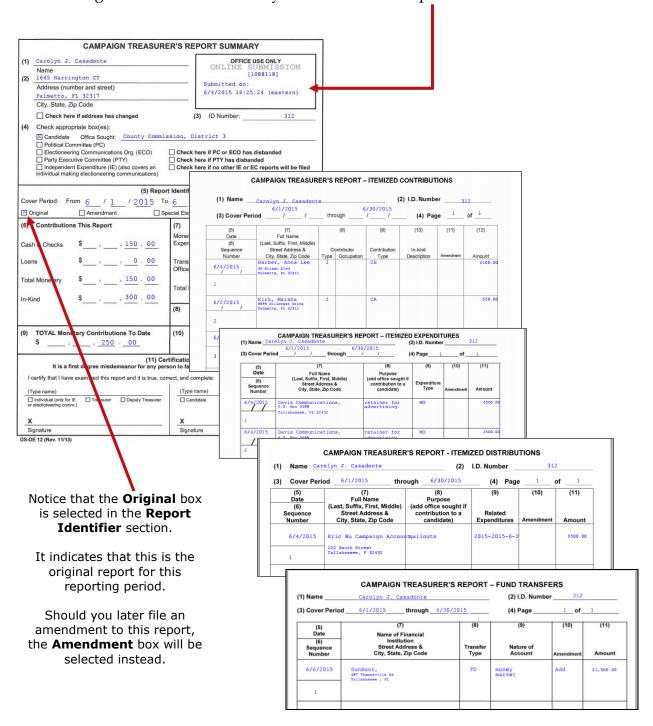
• If you want to remove the PINs and unlock the report so you can make changes, click



### Let's look at a submitted report.

The DRAFT watermarks are gone...

and your confirmation number is displayed in the **Office Use Only** box along with the date and time you submitted the report.



# When will my report appear on the elections website?

That depends on your county's procedures. Most counties reserve the right to review reports before releasing them to the public. Typically, when the report status changes to **Received**, the report is available on the website, but this can vary, so check with your county to find out what you can expect.



To get to your candidate page, website visitors select your name from the list of candidates running in a selected election. (The elections office will explain how to navigate to this list—it varies by county.)



Your candidate page will list all reports that the elections office has released to the website:



**Did you know?...**A photograph and biographical information can also appear on your page, if you choose to provide them. We'll explain how to do this on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**.

Website visitors can click the report name in the **Report Views Transactions** column to to bring up a list of all transactions reported so far grouped by type:

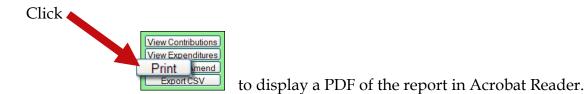


Contributions from persons with protected-address status are not shown in reports. Instead, the notation \*\*\*Protected\*\*\* will be seen in place of the address. The Campaign Financial Reporting system scans the county's voter registration database for voters with protected addresses and automatically redacts those addresses from campaign reports, so they cannot be seen by the public or the Supervisor's staff. If you are aware of a contributor with a protected address who is not in your local county's voter database, please advise your Supervisor of Elections.

# How do I save a copy of the report on my computer?

A copy of all the reports you file will continue to be available on the Campaign Financial Reporting system. If you want to keep a copy on your local computer, just save the PDF to a folder on your computer or network.

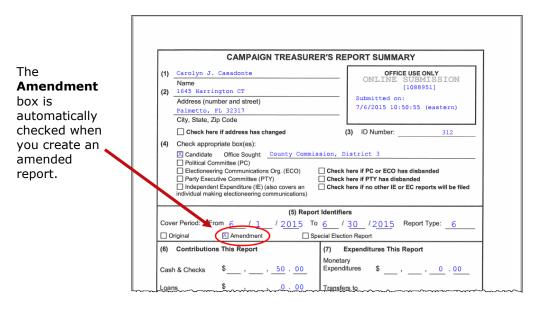
#### To save copy of the report to your computer:



Click . Save the PDF to a location on your computer or network. You might consider giving the copy a different file name; names assigned by the system are cryptic.

### Creating an amended report:

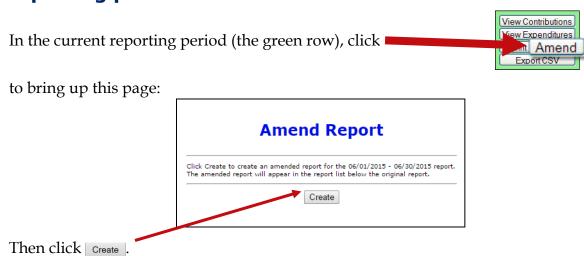
After a report has been submitted to the elections office, you cannot change it, but you can make an amendment. An amendment is a separate report for the reporting period. On the amendment's first page, you'll see a checkmark in the **Amendment** box.



You can amend a report any time after you submit it. When the original report's status is **Submitted**, you can add new contributions and expenditures, but you cannot change data on the original report. To change original data, the original report's status must be **Received**.

You can create an amendment to a report for any reporting period. The steps to do this are the same for all reporting periods with one exception; for past reporting periods, you must first unlock the report following the instructions beginning on page 40.

# To create an amendment to a report in the current reporting period:

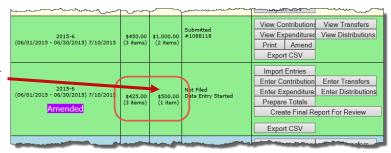




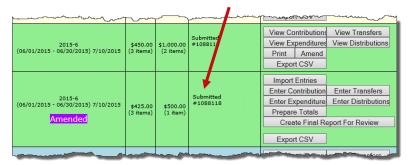
To create an amended report, you can:

- Manually enter new contributions (page 11) and expenditures (page 13).
- Import new contributions or expenditures (page 26).
- Change or delete items listed on the original report (page 42).

The totals of items on the amended report are displayed just as they were for the original report.



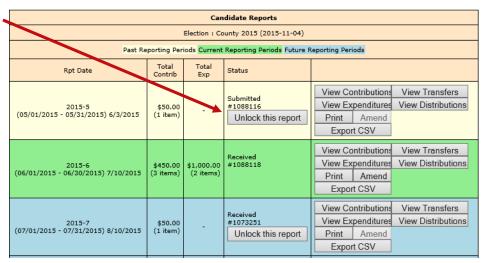
When you are finished entering items, preview the report (page 18) and submit it to the elections office (page 29). You'll see a new confirmation number for the amendment.



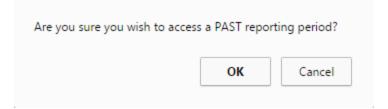
If you need to change a report after submitting the amendment, call the elections office at (727) 464-4987.

# To create an amendment to a report in a past reporting period:

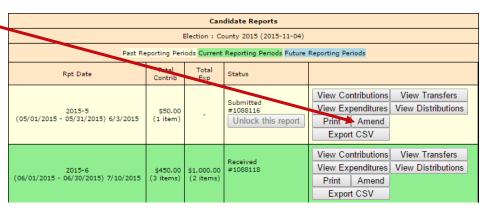
In the past reporting period (the beige row), click **Unlock this report**.



When the confirmation message appears, click **OK**.



The **Amend** button for the past reporting period becomes available.



Create an amended report following the instructions beginning on page 38.

# Oops! I didn't mean to create an amended report!

That sometimes happens.

If you begin creating an amended report, notice that the list of commands on the Report List includes the command **Delete Report**. To back out of the report, first delete all the transactions you have entered for the amended report. Then, once there are no transactions for the amended report, you can click **Delete Report** to delete it from the system.

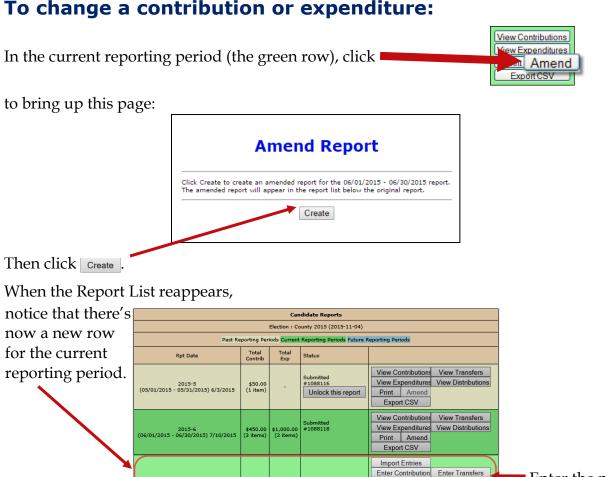
## How do I change or delete an item on the original report?

First, verify that the status of the original report is **Received**:



To change data that was entered on the original report, the original report's status must be **Received**.

#### To change a contribution or expenditure:



Enter the new

data using these

buttons, just like

you did on the

original report.

Enter Expenditure Enter Distributions

Create Final Report For Review

View Contributions View Transfers

View Expenditures View Distributions

Prepare Totals

Export CSV

Print Amend

Export CSV

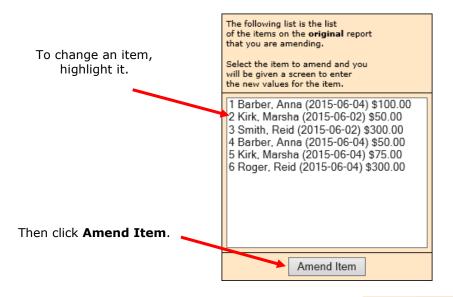
Unlock this report

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On the next page, click **Amend Item from Orig Report**.



to bring up a list of items (for example, contributions) reported in the current month:

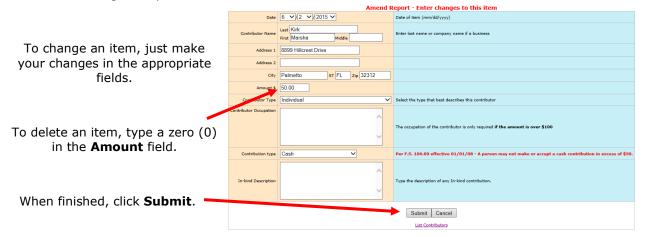


Highlight the item you want to change and click Amend Item to bring up the detail page for the item.

Type the changes where they are needed. If you want to delete the contribution or expenditure, simply zero-out the **Amount** field. When you've finished, click

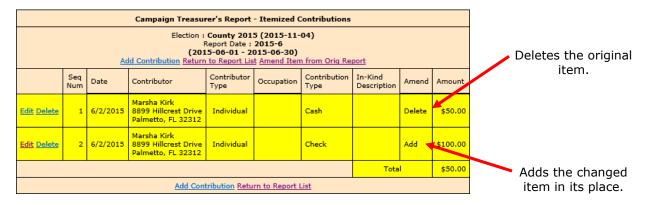
Submit .

This page shows the details for the item as they were entered into the original report.



On the next page, you now have two entries (in yellow) representing the changed item:

- The first entry deletes the item as it was filed in the original report. (Notice the word **Delete** in the **Amend** column.)
- The second entry adds the item with the changed values. (Its **Amend** column says **Add**.)



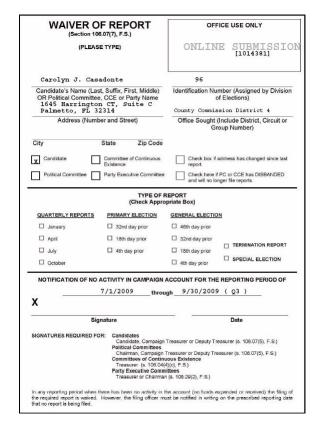
In the example here, we changed the contribution amount from \$50.00 in cash to \$100.00 by check.

This completes the change to the original item. From here, you can change another item, add a new item, or return to the Report List.

# What if I don't have any contributions or expenditures for the period?

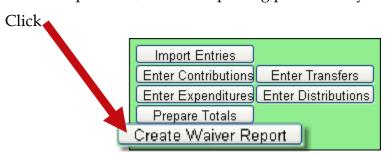
You must submit a Waiver of Report.

A waiver is a one-page report that you fill out and submit to the elections office.



#### To submit a waiver report:

On the Report List, find the reporting period that you want to submit a waiver for.



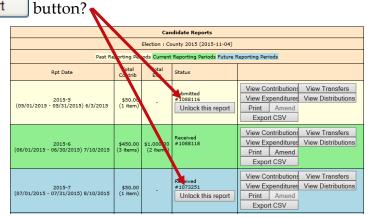
On the next page, click Create Final Report For Review to bring up the Electronic Signature PINs page with a reminder that the report has not yet been submitted.

**Note:** For committees set up as Type - Electioneering Communication, a waiver will no longer be generated when clicking **Create Final Report for Review** with no contributions or expenditures applied.

Enter both PINs in the spaces provided and click **Assign PIN** to submit the waiver to the Supervisor of Elections.

### Why are some reports locked?

Have you noticed that reports for past and future reporting periods have an Unlock this report



These buttons prevent you from accidentally entering data for the current reporting period into a past or future period.

If you find that you need to amend a past report or enter data for a future report, click Unlock this report

For past reporting periods, you'll then get command buttons for amending the report.



And for future reporting periods, you'll see the usual buttons for entering data.



#### How do I export data to a spreadsheet?

The system has two ways to export your financial data to a Microsoft Excel commaseparated values (.CSV) file:



collects all data for the selected report.



collects all data from all reports in this

election.

Both options create a file named **CFinExport.csv** in your C:\Temp folder.

When you click either button, you'll see a message asking if you want to open or save the file. You can view the file immediately or save it to a different name and location, if you like.

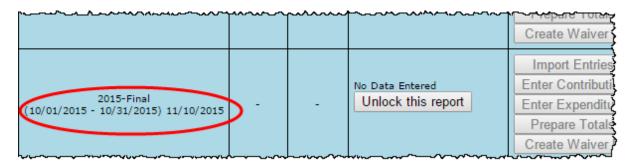
#### The spreadsheet file contains this information:

- Date the item was recorded
- Whether it's a contribution (C) or an expenditure (E)
- Contributor or vendor name and address
- Contribution type
- Contributor's occupation
- Item type
- Description
- Amount
- Whether the item was recorded in the original report (blank) or an amendment (A)

# What reporting is required at campaign end?

On the Report List, you will see a section for the termination report, which is the absolute last report that will be submitted by your campaign. This report states the financial status of your campaign after all contributions and expenditures have been reconciled. It also should also show how any surplus funds were disposed of.

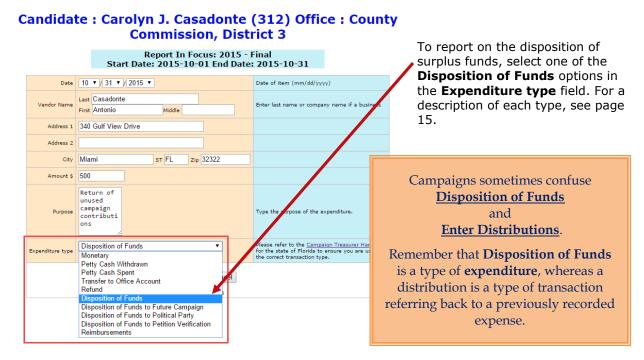
The termination report might not appear in the Report List at the beginning of the campaign, but the elections office will add it to your reporting dates at the appropriate time. Note that it might not be named *Termination Report*. The elections office can give it any name, such as 2015-Final, like the example here.



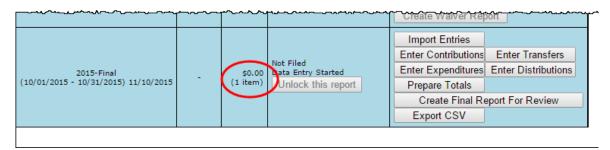
When it's time to file the termination report, its row will turn green.

To file this report, you will need to add any outstanding contributions and expenditures that haven't been reported in an earlier report.

If surplus funds remain in the campaign account, the termination report should include an expenditure that disposes of those excess funds. When you enter this expenditure, be sure to select **Disposition of Funds** for the **Expenditure type**.



When you return to the list of expenditures for the termination report, you will see the item listed, but the amount will not be reflected in the total expenditures for the period. Nor will the amount be included on the Report List—in the **Total Exp** column—although it will be counted as an "item." This design is in accordance with Division of Elections requirements.

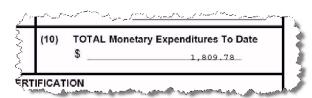


Preview the report and submit it as you have previous reports for the campaign.

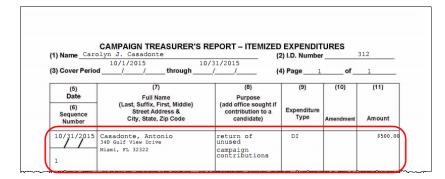
When you look at the report, notice that the Disposition of Funds amount is not reflected in box 7 of the Report Summary page.

*	ITURES THIS	REPORT
Monetary Expenditures	\$	0.00
Transfers to Off	ice \$	0.00
Total	\$	
Monetary	\$	0.00

But the amount will be included in box 10 of the Summary Report.



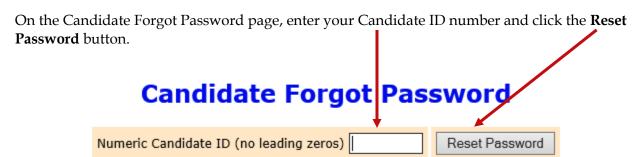
And it will appear on the Itemized Expenditure page with an expenditure type of DI.



### What if I forgot my password?

If you've forgotten your password, you can simply reset it by clicking the **Forgot Password** link on the Log In page.





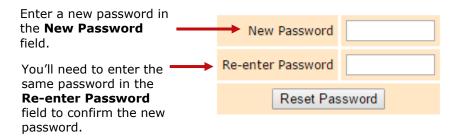
An email similar to the one below will be sent to the email address associated with your account.



If for some reason there is not an email address associated with your Candidate ID, you'll need to contact the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-4987.

On the Candidate Reset Password page:

#### **Candidate Reset Password**



The password can be up to 12 characters—letters and/or numbers—and is case-sensitive.

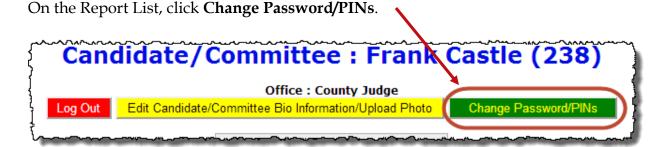
Then click the **Reset Password** button and proceed back to the Log In page.

### How do I change my password or PINs?

You can change the password assigned to you by the elections office, if you like. A password can be any combination of letters and numbers.

If your county required electronic filing of reports, your campaign has been issued PINs for the candidate and treasurer. You can also change these PINs, if you wish.

#### To change your password:

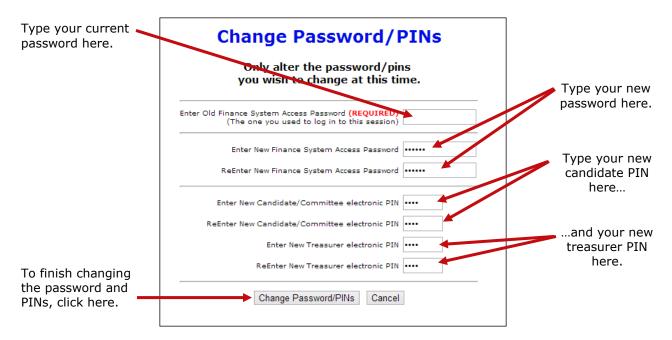


In the **Enter Old Finance System Access Password** field, enter your current password. You need to do this even if you don't want to change the password, but only want to change one or both PINs.

If you want to create a new password, enter and reenter it in the two fields provided for the new password. The password can be up to 12 characters—letters and/or numbers—and is case-sensitive. If you don't want to change your password, don't make any changes to the password fields.

If you want to change a PIN, enter and reenter the new PIN in the two fields provided for the new PIN. Then enter your new password in the other two fields.

Click Change Password/PINs when you are finished.



From now on, you will log on with your new password. Keep in mind: if you set up the Candidate Log In page to automatically fill in your password, you will need to retype the password there the next time you log in. When you do, you might see this message:



Simply click **Yes** to proceed into the Campaign Financial Reporting system.

Should you forget your new password, follow the instructions on page 50. If you forget your PINs, contact the elections office. They will be able to retrieve them for you.

## Don't forget to log out!

When you are finished with a session on the Campaign Financial Reporting system, be sure to log out so that unauthorized persons cannot modify your report data.

#### To log out of the system:

On the Report List, click Log Out

