CANDIDATE COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN RECORDS & POLICIES

Committees must report & maintain records for all funds, goods and services given to, leaving, or made on behalf of the committee.

Best Practice: Create Written Committee Policies

The following are some recommended written policies to consider:

- Notice to Treasurer of Responsibilities under the Ethics Rules & Acceptance by Treasurer
- Signatory Authority:

Who can sign checks/debit cards? Are there restrictions on amount? Contact Treasurer for approval?

• Determine how to maintain information:

Contributor Statements?
Contribution log (monetary and in-kind)?
Copies of checks and record of cash?

• Candidate Reimbursement (90 days to reimburse):

Receipts provided to Treasurer in time for report filing. Name of ultimate vendor to whom payment was made: including Time/Date/Reason.

Required Contributor Records for Contributions:

Must use best efforts to obtain contributor information <u>regardless</u> of the amount or value of the contribution.

• From Individual Contributors and Tribes:

Name and Address

Occupation and Employer (N/A for Tribes)

• Limited Liability Company/Limited Partnership (LLC/LP)

Report through Members & Partners as individuals

NEED: Member/Partner Name, % of ownership, occupation and employer for **each** member / partner to allocate and report contributions on reports.

Contributions prohibited if any Members/Partners are incorporated

• From Committee Contributors—Committee cannot accept Corporate Funds:

Committee # (OK/Ethics ID, FEC, or number assigned by another state) Committee Address

Out of State (Non-FEC) PACs: <u>required</u> to submit notice of registration to the Ethics Commission before contributing to Oklahoma candidates.

• In-kind Contributions - fair market value and description of goods or services

Depository Records and Statements:

- Verify depository has location doing business in Oklahoma
- Account Opening Records
- Signatory Cards
- Deposit Records
- Copies of Checks
- All Statements

Before Closing Account:

• Print Off or Save All Bank Records

KEEP RECORDS FOR AT LEAST



Expenditure Records:

- **Mileage Log**: Date, Amount Miles, Rate, Reason for travel.
- Contracts
- Check Register
- Debit Card Records
- Loan Payments
- Records of Purchased Assets/ Services
- Invoices
- Receipts
- Any other information used to substantiate committee expenditure activity.

Record Keeping for Loans

Written Documentation of Loan

- Made contemporaneously (close in time) to funds deposit date
- Lender information
- Recipient Committee information
- Signed by Lender and Treasurer
- Terms: interest rate and payments, such as "repay through contributions", "repay as able," etc.

• Deposit in Campaign Depository

Deposit slip or other records of deposit

Limits From Candidate or Joint Funds of Candidate and Spouse: No Limits

2024 Election Limits From Other Individual: \$3,300/election if a candidate's name is on the ballot. (See contribution chart). **Limit From Banks or Financial Institutions:** Not a contribution, so long as it is on the same terms available to the public.

