Oklahoma Ethics Commission



Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guardian 2.0 System Onboarding Guide

Political Action Committee

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I. Introduction

How to Use This Guide

This Guide summarizes users' initial use of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guardian 2.0 System for those parties reporting to the Ethics Commission. This guide provides instructions for creating a user login/profile as well as registering with the Ethics Commission. This guide is not a substitute for the law. If there is a conflict between this Guide and the Constitution, statutes, or Rules, then the Constitution, statutes or Rules prevail. This guide does not replace the guides available at Oklahoma Ethics Commission which provide information for compliance with Ethics Rules and other relevant law for those parties reporting to the Ethics Commission. These additional guides are found at Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guides.

Note: The screen shots below are subject to minor changes in verbiage or labels.

Limited Scope

This Guide is not intended to provide comprehensive information about all Ethics Rules and other relevant law concerning enforcement, complaints, complaints, and investigations.

What is the purpose of the Guardian 2.0 System?

This document provides an overview of the entities mentioned above on registration and onboarding. Additional guides are provided for navigation, data entry, and filing an original or amended report in the Guardian 2.0 System. Registered entities use the Guardian 2.0 System to:

- 1. Register parties reporting to the Ethics Commission
- 2. Enter Transactions All contributions, other funds, and expenditures
- 3. File Reports
- 4. Pay Fees
- 5. View All Filed Reports, Perform Searches, and Download Data

II. The Ethics Commission's Guardian 2.0 System

The Guardian System is both a filing and disclosure system that contains financial detail and related information that lobbyists, candidate committees, political party committees, political action committees, special committees, and certain state officers and employees are required by law to disclose. Regulated users will use the system to file all required reports online. All lobbyist and committee filings are available for you to review online, save, print, or extract for further analysis.

Who should use this Guardian 2.0 System?

Users should review all registration and reporting requirements prior to registering via the links to guides below each entity. The following are types of entities needing to *Register* and use the Guardian 2.0 System:

- <u>Candidate Committee</u> A Candidate Committee is the only committee authorized by a candidate to accept contributions or to make expenditures on behalf of the candidate's campaign. See <u>Candidate</u> <u>Guide</u> for more information.
- <u>Lobbyist or Liaison</u> Individuals who are compensated to engage in lobbying activities on behalf of a third party are defined by the entity they lobby and whether they are state officers or employees. See <u>Lobbyist</u> Guide for more information.
- Political Action Committee (PAC) A PAC is any group of two or more persons that receives contributions or makes expenditures for any of these purposes:
 - (1) make contributions to candidates or candidate committees;
 - (2) make contributions to other PACs;
 - (3) make election engineering communications; or
 - (4) advocate the approval or defeat of state questions.

See Political Action Committee Guide for more information.

- Political Party Committee
 A Political Party Committee is a committee
 authorized by a political party, which is recognized under the laws of the
 State of Oklahoma, to accept contributions and make expenditures on
 behalf of the political party. See <u>Local Political Party Committee Guide</u> or
 <u>State Political Party Committee Guide</u> for more information.
- **Special Function Committee** A committee formed due to an elected state officer solicitation for an event or to pay litigation funds, or a state officer or employee or state agency sponsoring an event. See <u>State</u> Officers and Employees Guide for more information.

III. Create an Account

Prior to registering, the user must create an account providing an email and setting a password. First time users can select the email to use for this new account. For users of the prior Guardian System, the email used to create accounts must be the same as was used in prior system to enable conversion of prior information. All information is tied to the user email. The following workflow describes the steps for users to create a new account.

Figure 1 Guardian 2.0 System Account Creation Workflow

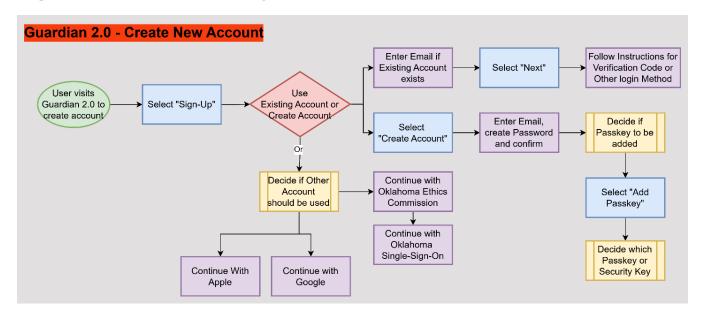


Figure 2 The Guardian 2.0 Landing Page

Users accessing the new Guardian 2.0 System will land on the following page. It provides public information but also a "Sign In" option for existing users to sign in or new users will be provided the option to create an account.



Figure 3 Select Sign In to Create Account

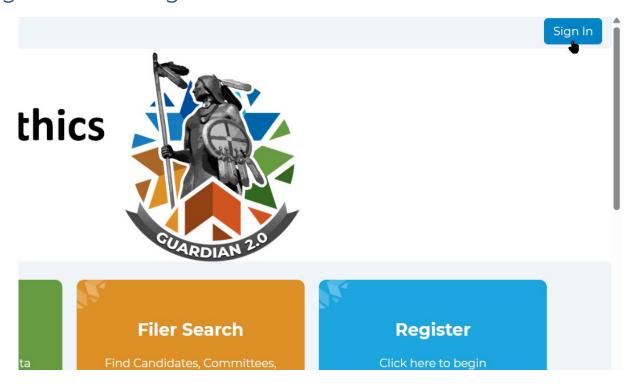
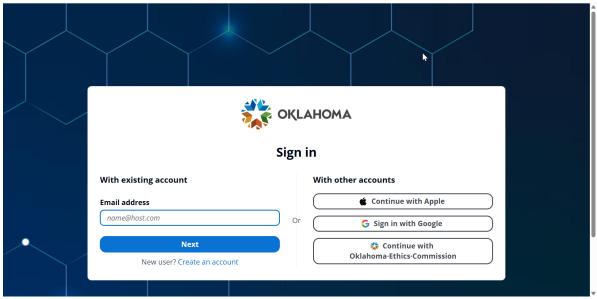


Figure 4 Enter Email to Create Account

First time users can select the email to use for creating a new account. For users of the prior Guardian System, the email used to create accounts must be the same as was used in prior system to enable conversion of prior information. All information is tied to the user email.



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Figure 5 Select Create Account

After email is entered, users will select the "Create an account" option.

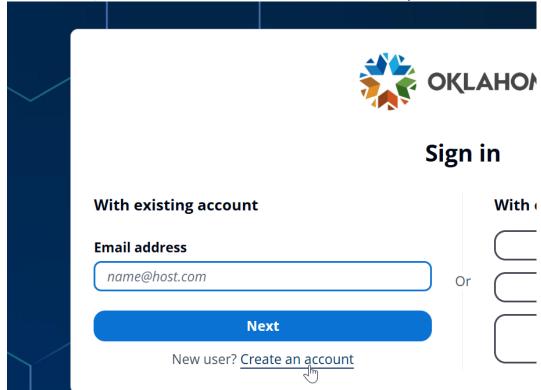


Figure 6 Create Password and Confirm

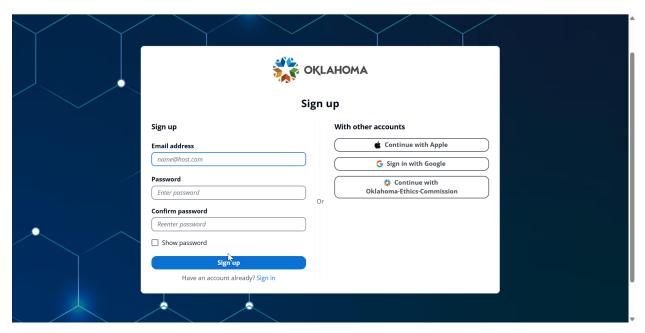


Figure 7 Follow Password Rules & Figure 8 Sign Up Selection After Password Entry and Confirmation

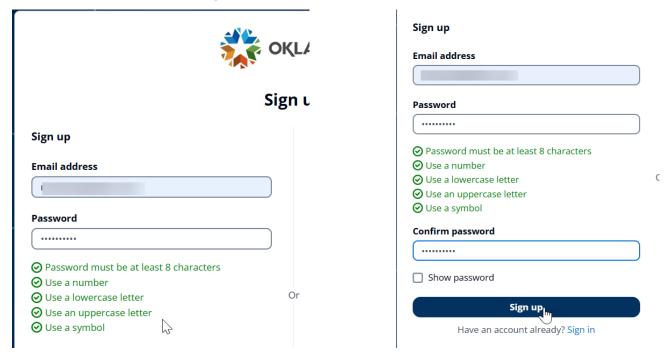
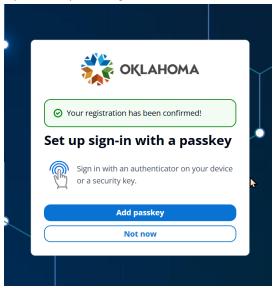


Figure 9 & 10 Optional Passkey Addition & Selection

After the Entry and Confirming Password, the User Creation will be confirmed and allow for optional passkey or device authorization code entry.



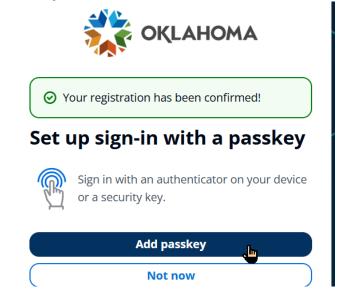


Figure 7 Passkey Creation via Google Password Manager

Users will have the option of creating a Passkey via Google, but it is not required.

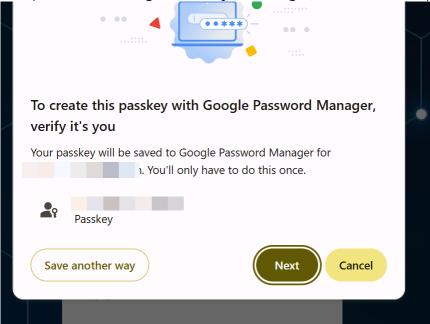
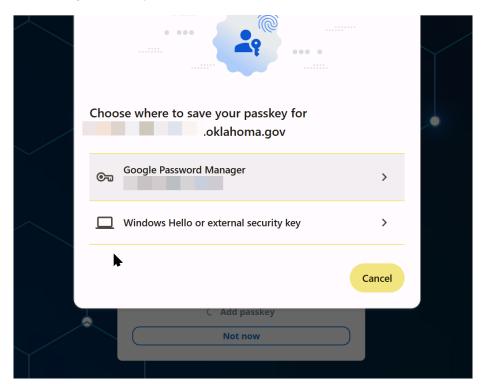


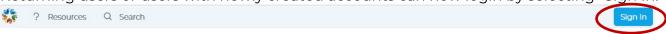
Figure 8 Passkey Setup



IV. Login

Figure 9 User Login

Returning users or users with newly created accounts can now login by selecting "Sign In."



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Figure 10 Login - Select Sign In

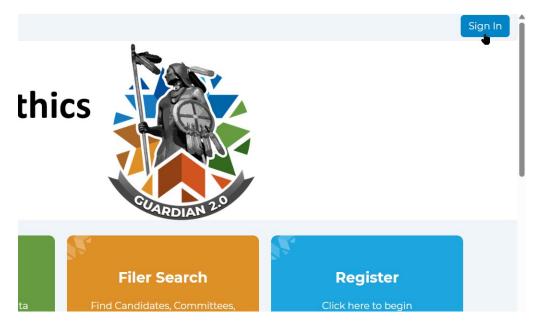


Figure 11 Existing Account Login Enter Email or select "Create an Account"

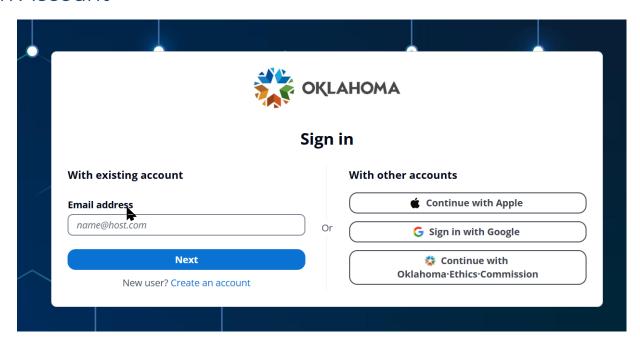


Figure 12 Enter Emailed Verification Code or Figure 18 Choose other Sign-in Method

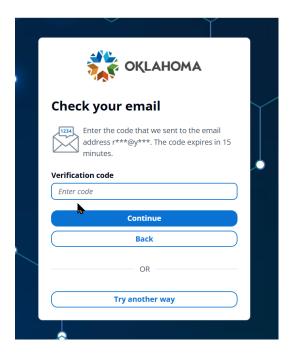
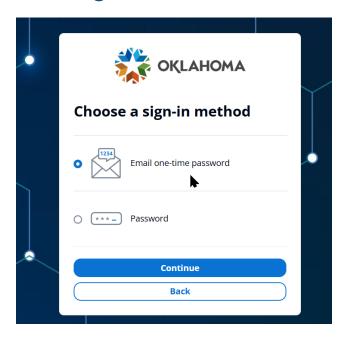


Figure 13 Choose Other Sign-In Method or Figure 14 Choose Other Sign-In - Password



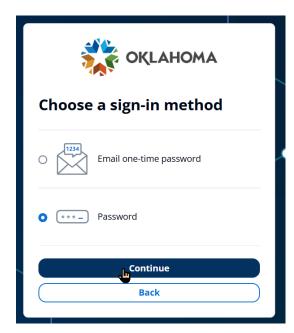


Figure 15 Password Entry - Enter Password & Figure 16 Forgot Password - Enter Email





V. Registration

Figure 17 Guardian 2.0 System Registration Workflow

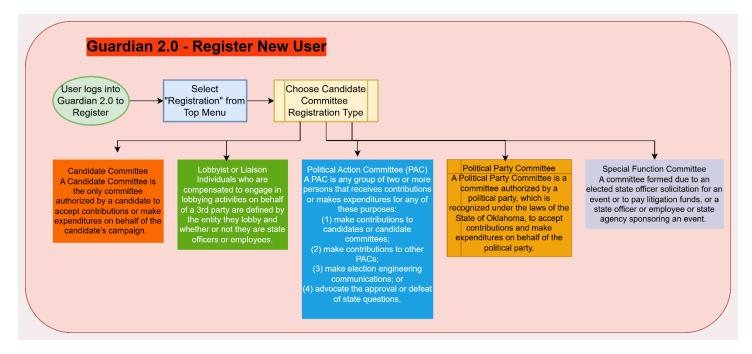
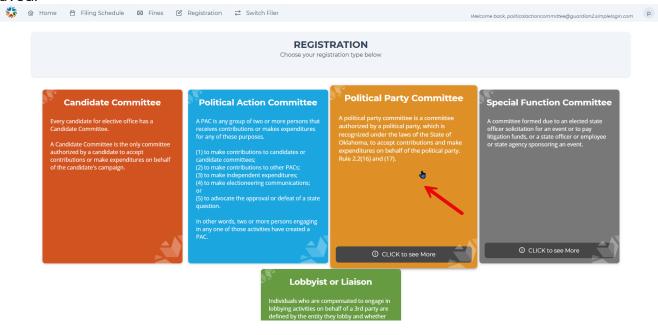


Figure 18 Select Registration Type

Note: Across each of the registration screens, users must select "Next/Save" to save their entries. Exiting any page or hitting "Previous" without saving causes the data to not be saved.



Political Action Committee (PAC)

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- (1) make contributions to candidates or candidate committees;
- (2) make contributions to other PACs;
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See Political Action Committee Guide for more information.

Figure 19 Guardian 2.0 Register Political Action Committee Workflow

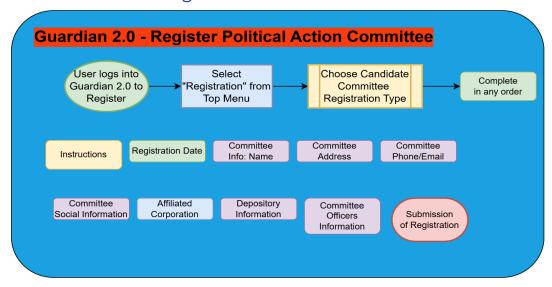
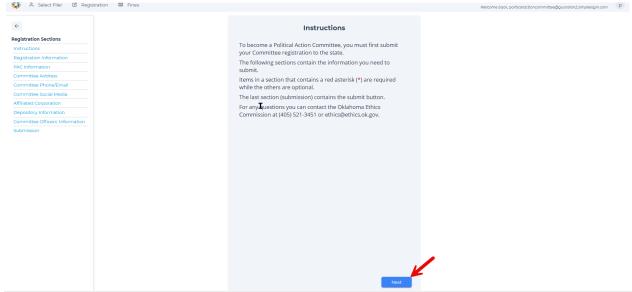


Figure 20 Political Action Committee Instructions – Select Next or Jump to each item

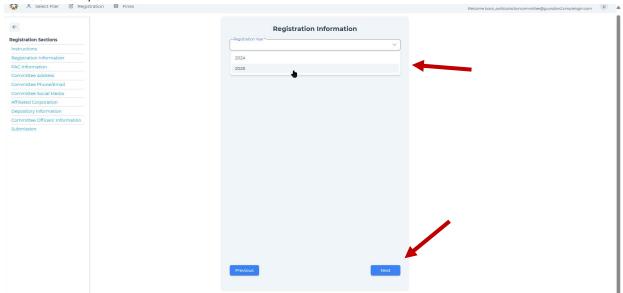
Note: Across each of the registration screens, users must select "Next/Save" to save their entries. Exiting any page or hitting "Previous" without saving causes the data to not be saved.



Registration

Figure 21 PAC Registration Information

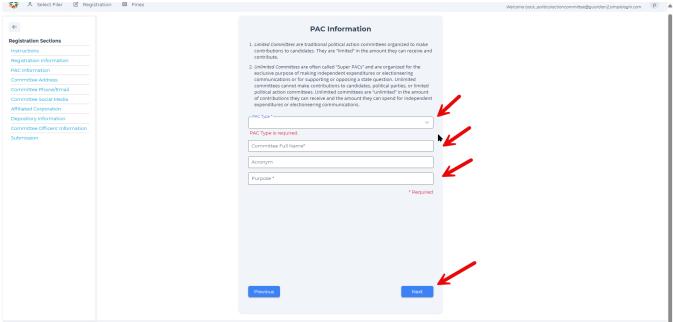
Select the Registration Year and Select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Committee Name and Type

Figure 22 PAC Information

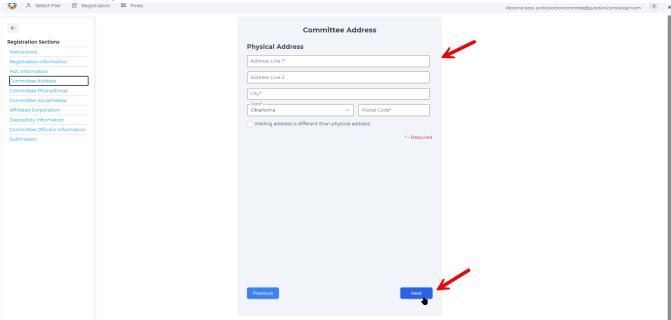
Complete the name information and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Committee Address

Figure 23 PAC Address

Complete the PAC Address and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Committee Phone/Email

Figure 24 PAC Phone / Email

Complete PAC Phone and Email entry and for each entry, select "Save and Add to List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



Committee Social Media

Figure 25 PAC Social Media Information

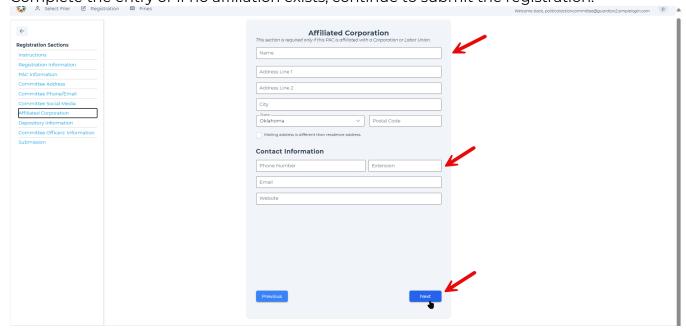
Enter PAC social media details and for each entry, select "Save and Add to List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



Affiliated Corporation

Figure 26 PAC Affiliated Corporation Information

This information is required if the PAC is affiliated with a corporation or a labor union. Complete the entry or if no affiliation exists, continue to submit the registration.

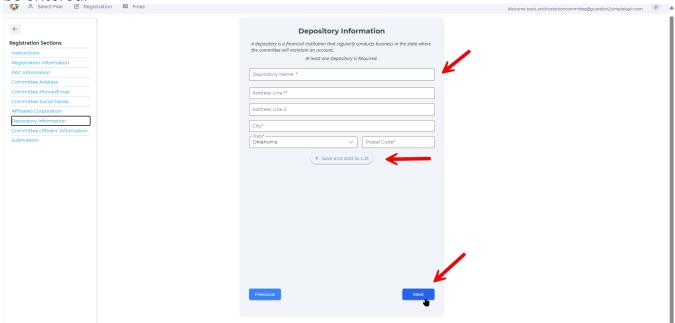


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Depository Information

Figure 27 PAC Depository Information

Enter information regarding the entity's financial institution and for each entry, select "Save and Add to List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen. At least one must be entered.



Committee Officers' Information

Figure 28 PAC Committee Officers Information – Role

Users are required to add at least one Chairperson and one Treasurer. Select the list to begin entering the officers' information and for each entry, select "Save and Add to List."

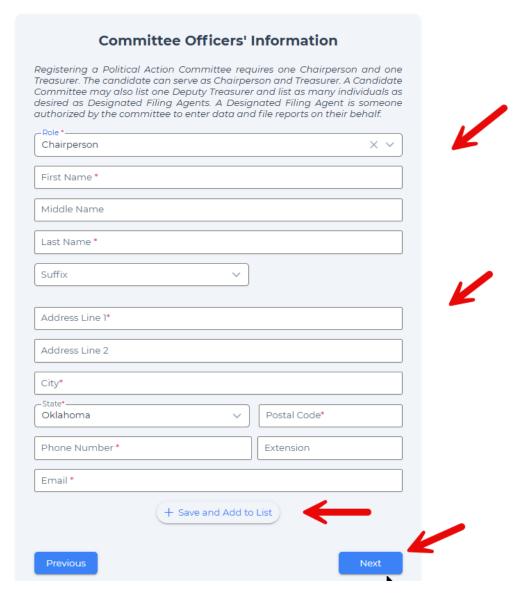


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Figures 29 & 35 Political Action Committee - Committee Officers Information

Begin by selecting the first type of officer to be entered. At the end of entry, you will be given an option to add additional officers.

Enter the officer's information including name, address, and contact information and for each entry, select "Save and Add to List." Before selecting next, determine if additional officers should be entered.



Submission

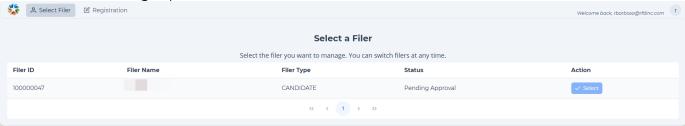
Figure 30 Political Action Committee - User Submission

To submit the registration, users must acknowledge the accuracy of the submission by selection the check box, entering their name, and selecting "Submit." Once the registration has been submitted, a member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission will review the entry for approval. The registration must be approved prior to entering transactions or filing reports.



Registrations Awaiting Approval Figure 31 Pending Registrations

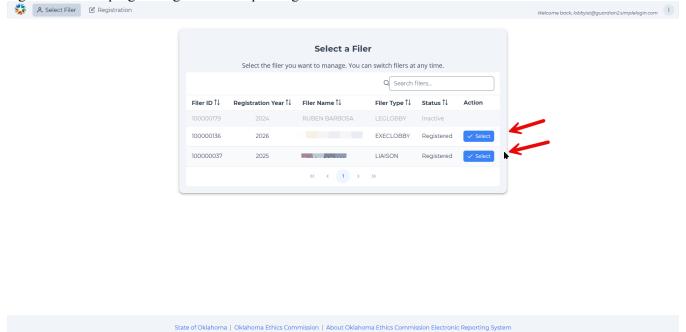
Once the registration has been submitted, a member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission will review the entry for approval. The registration must be approved prior to entering transactions or filing reports. The status can be viewed via the "Select Filer" screen.



Filing Contributions and Expenditures

Figure 32 Approved Registration(s) Selection

Logging in after registering allows users to select which registered filer to work under. This list may contain registered and in progress registrations depending on the user's account.



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Figure 33 Filing Reports Option

Lobbyists can select this option to view, file, or amend expenditure reports for the selected registration.

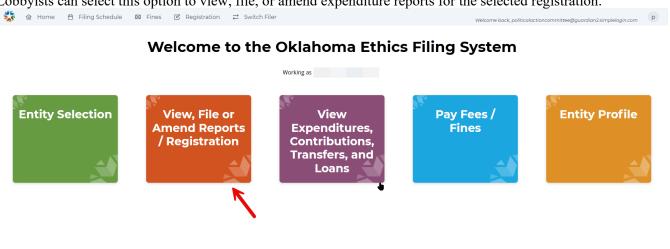


Figure 34 Start Work on New Filing Event

When a user is first assigned a report, the option to start work allows them to begin reporting activities. Users may also view or amend their Registration.

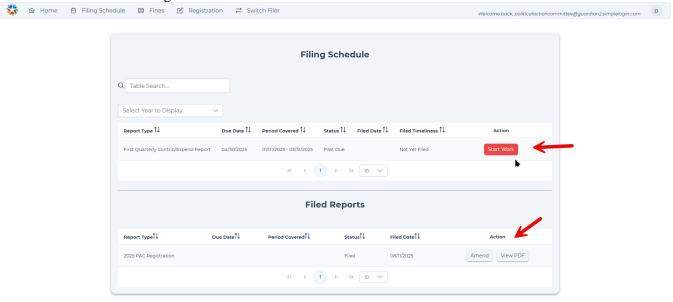


Figure 35 Begin Work Filing Activities

Users should select "Yes" to report activity from the distinct types of contributions and expenditures. Select "Next."

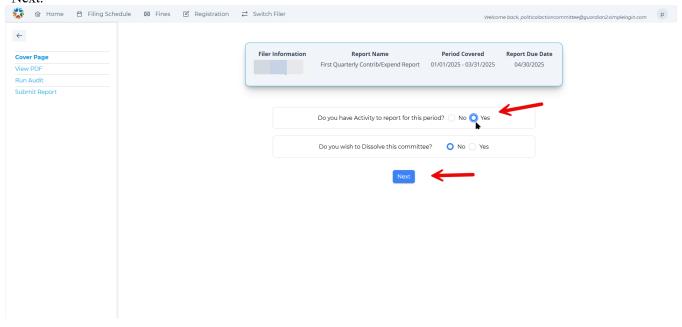


Figure 36 Complete the Activity

Users can now select the type of activity from the left menu as well as see the Summary for items previously submitted. Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of activity selected and "Save" the record.

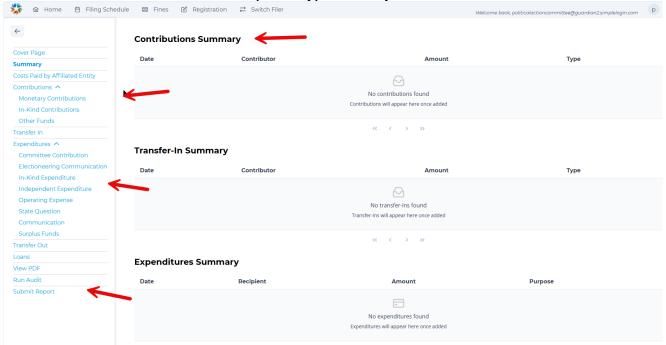


Figure 37 Enter Cost Paid by Affiliated Entity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of activity selected and "Save" the record. Records will be listed at the top of this screen.

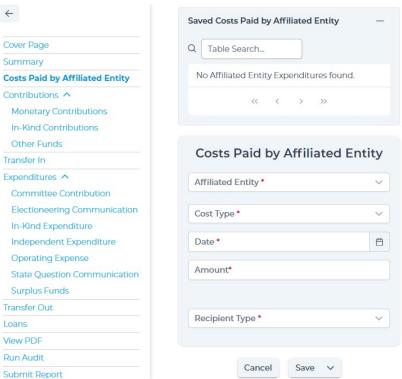
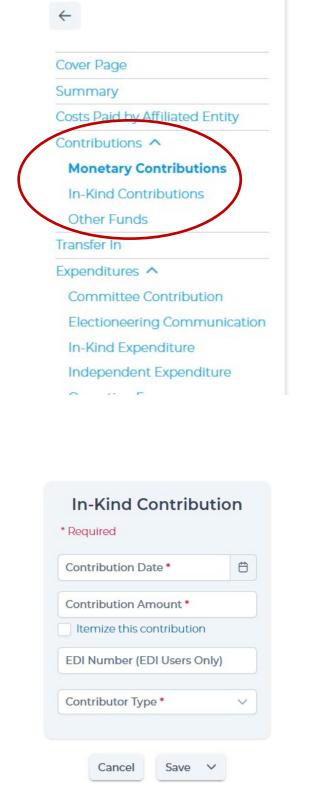


Figure 383, 44, 45 Contributions

Select each appropriate option and fill in each of the fields based upon the type of activity selected and "Save" the record. Records will be listed at the top of this screen.



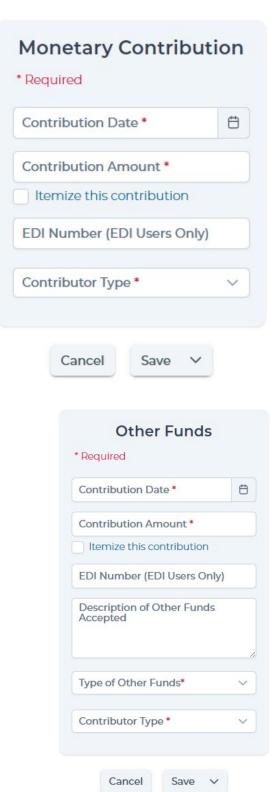


Figure 46 Complete Transfer In Activity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of Transfer and "Save" the record.

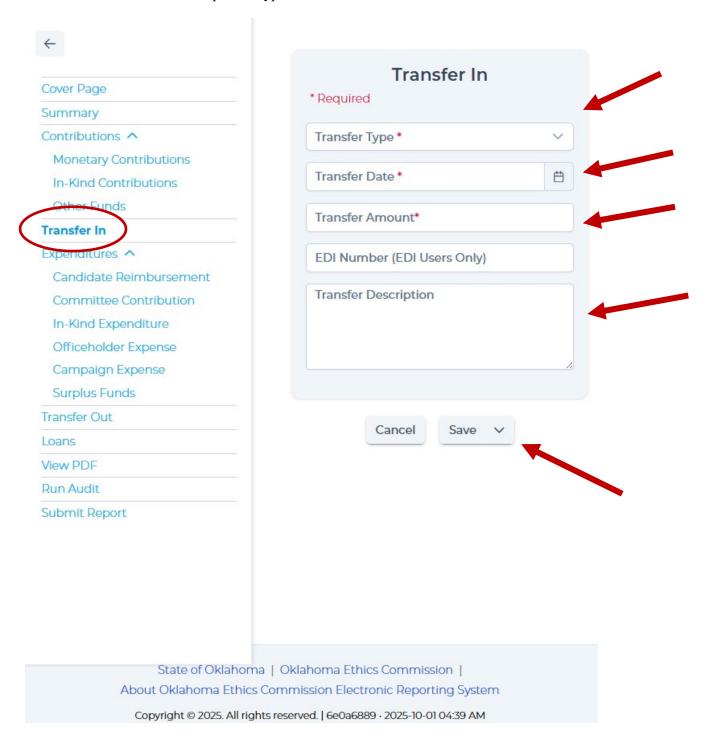
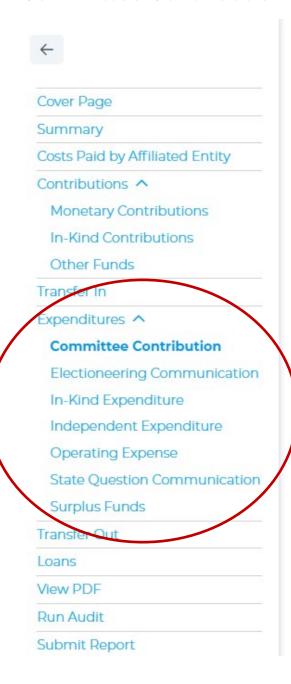
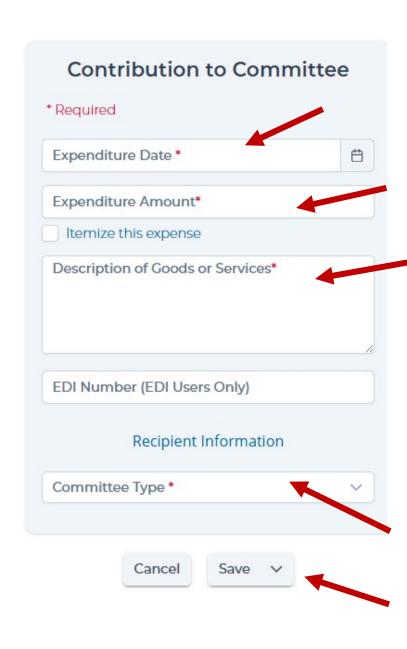


Figure 47 Expenditure Activity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.

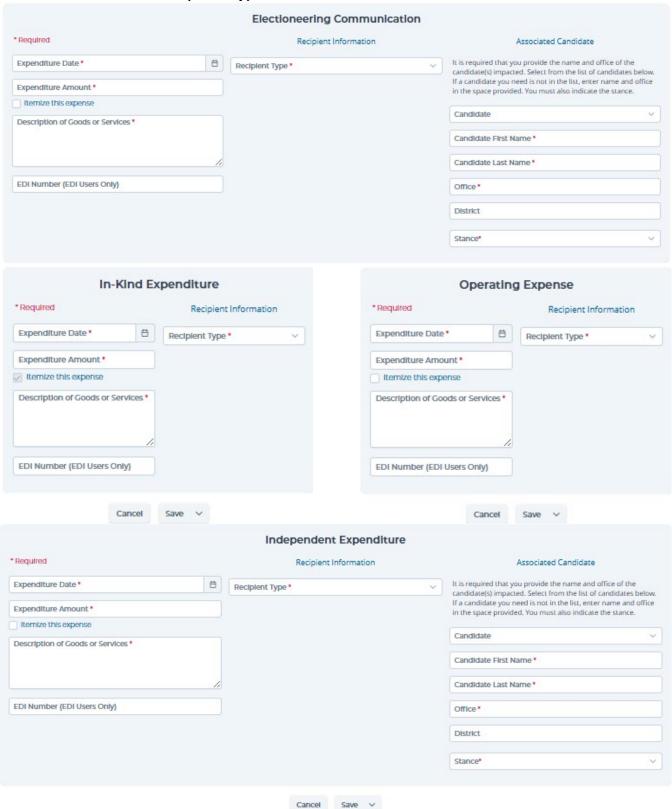
Committee Contribution





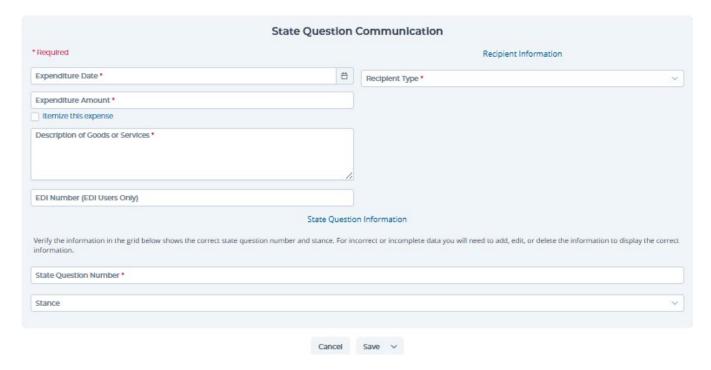
Figures 48, 29, 50, & 51 Expenditure Activity

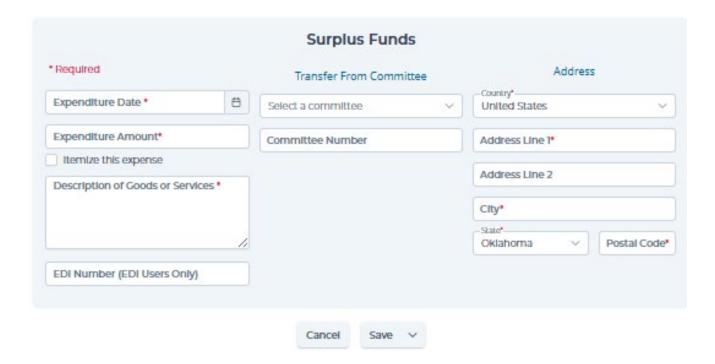
Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.



Figures 52 & 53 Expenditure Activity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.

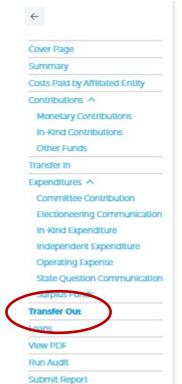


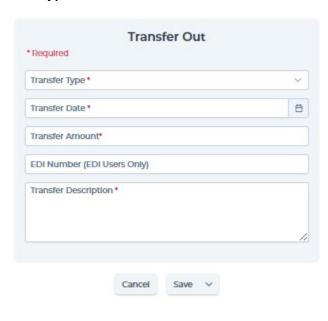


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Figure 54 Transfer Out

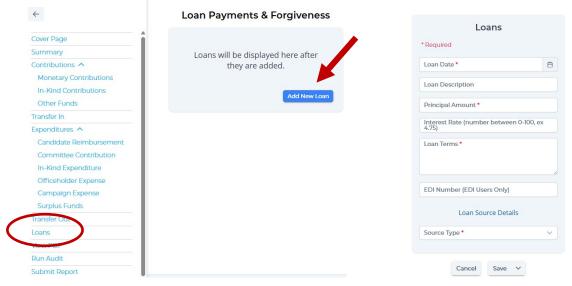
Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.





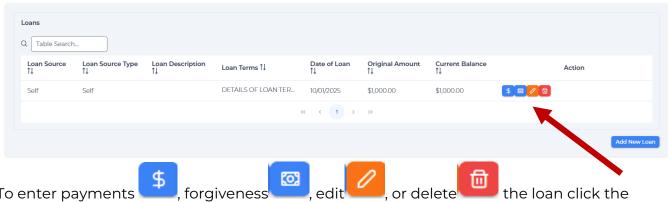
Figures 55 & 56 Loans

Click Loans and then "Add New Loan". Fill in all applicable information and Save.



Once a Loan is saved it will be logged in the system:

Loan Payments & Forgiveness



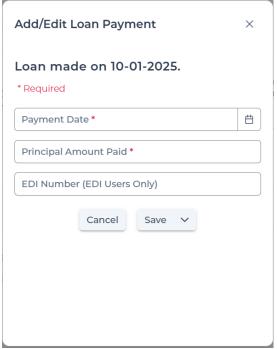
To enter payments corresponding button options on the far right of the loan.

Figures 57, 58, & 59 Loan Payment

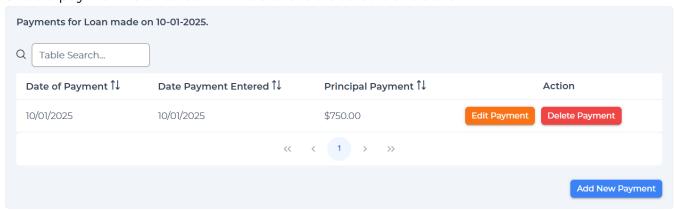
Click the payments button and then the "Add New Payment" button



In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Payment and Save.



Once a payment is entered it will be available to edit or delete:

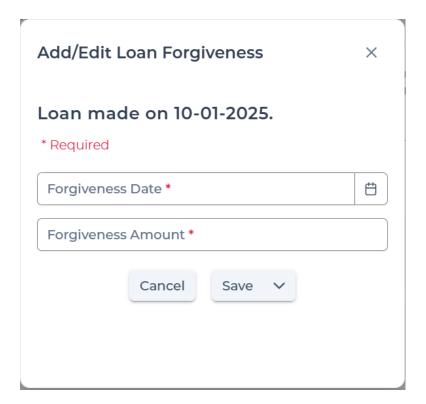


Figures 60, 61, & 62 Loan Forgiveness

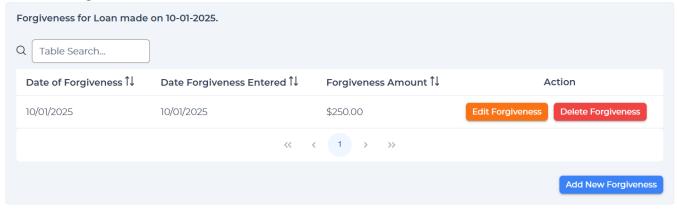
Click the forgiveness button and then the "Add New Payment" button In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Payment and Save.



In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Forgiveness and Save.



Once a Forgiveness is entered it will be available to edit or delete:



View PDF Report

Figure 63 View PDF Screen

Users can access and the "Preview PDF" Report." 🗱 🍙 Home 📋 Filing Schedule 🔯 Fines 🗹 Registration ⇄ Switch Filer Welcome back, politicalactioncommittee@guardian2.simplelogin.com Cover Page Costs Paid by Affiliated Entity Preview PDF Monetary Contributions In-Kind Contributions Other Funds Transfer In Expenditures A Committee Contribution Electioneering Communication In-Kind Expenditure Independent Expenditure Operating Expense State Ouestion Surplus Funds Transfer Out View PDF Run Audit Submit Report

Submitting Expenditure Reports

Figure 39 Submit Report to Preview or Submit and Esign

Users can select "Preview PDF" or "Submit & Esign."

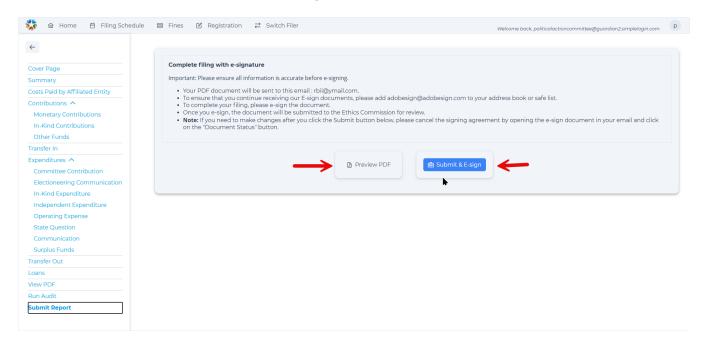


Figure 40 Complete Esign of PDF

User can select to "Complete Esign" which opens the PDF document, and they are then able to sign the PDF electronically or selecting options, they can also decline if it was not complete/accurate.

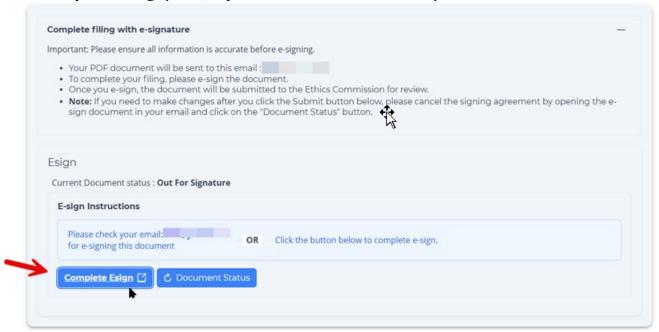


Figure 41 & 67 View and Esign PDF

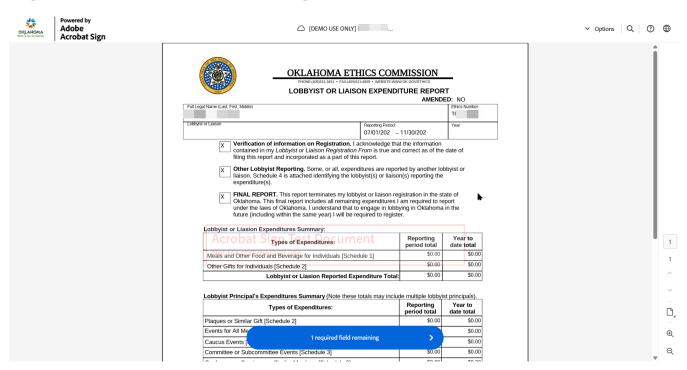


Figure 67 View and Esign PDF

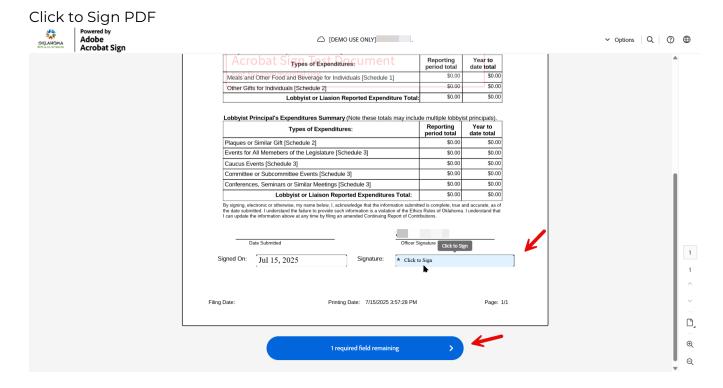


Figure 42 PDF Options to Decline and Other Options

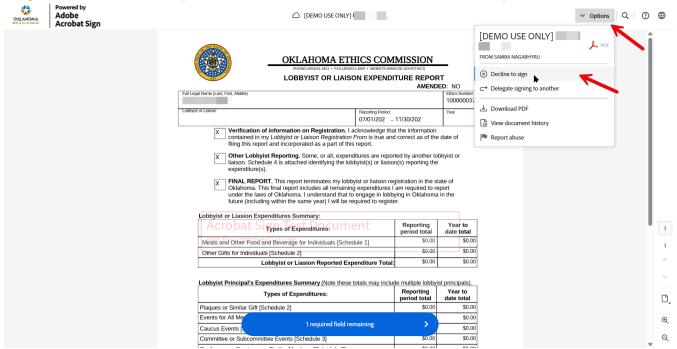


Figure 69 Option to Download copy of Signed PDF

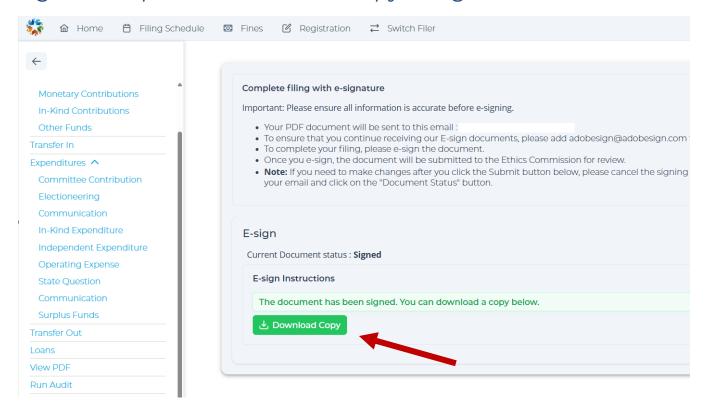


Figure 430 View or Amend Filed Report Option

By Clicking the "Filing Schedule" you can view all assigned and filed reports. Once a report is submitted you can locate it under the Filed Reports section in order to View or Amend, as needed.

