

Committee Name: _____

Name of Report: _____

This committee is exempt from filing campaign finance reports with the Milwaukee County Election Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 11.0104.

What is a Campaign Finance Filing Exemption?¹

To be eligible for a reporting exemption, the committee must not accept contributions or make disbursements in aggregate of \$2,500 in a calendar year. [Wis. Stat. § 11.0104\(1\)\(a\)](#). Incurred debts and obligations are included in the \$2,500 threshold. A committee which in a calendar year collects \$1,600 of contributions and spends \$1,000 has \$2,600 of aggregate activity and is not eligible to claim exemption.

- For a candidate committee, contributions (including loans) from the candidate are included in the \$2,500 threshold.
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A candidate committee of a candidate for local office is eligible for exemption at any time and may claim the exemption on its initial registration statement or on an amended registration statement. An exemption claimed by a candidate committee of a local candidate applies until the committee exceeds \$2,500, amends its registration statement to become a state candidate committee, or is dissolved. [Wis. Stat. § 11.0104\(1\)\(c\)](#)

If a committee or conduit exceeds its \$2,500 aggregate activity threshold in that calendar year, an amended registration should be filed within 10 days indicating that the registrant is no longer eligible to claim exemption. Campaign Finance reports for that calendar year must be filed.

[Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0203\(3\)\(a\), 11.0303\(3\)\(a\), 11.0403\(3\)\(a\), 11.0503\(3\)\(a\), 11.0603\(3\)\(a\), 11.0703\(3\), 11.0803\(3\)\(a\), 11.0903\(3\)\(a\)](#).

A committee or conduit must continue to maintain records of all contributions and expenditures during exemption. Records must be maintained in an organized and legible manner for the statutorily specified period.

[Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0201\(4\), 11.0301\(4\), 11.0401\(4\), 11.0501\(4\), 11.0601\(4\), 11.0701\(4\), 11.0801\(4\), 11.0901\(4\)](#).

Contact the Milwaukee County Election Commission at 414-278-4060 or elections@milwaukeecountywi.gov with questions regarding this exemption.

¹ Wisconsin Ethics Commission, *Campaign Finance: Limited Activity Reporting Exemption*, <https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/CampaignFinance/Exemption.aspx>