

**State of Maryland**   
**Affidavit of Designation**

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Pursuant to §§13-208 and 13-309 of the Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, we, the undersigned, hereby declare that we intend to participate only in the elections expressly designated. If the political committee subsequently decides to participate in an election not designated, the political committee shall notify SBE and file all campaign finance reports required for that election.

**PLEASE CHECK  ALL THAT APPLY:**

**1. BALTIMORE CITY (ELECTION YEARS 2007, 2011, 2015, ETC.)**

**REPORTS DUE IN 2007:**

Baltimore City Pre Primary 1	08/14/07
Baltimore City Pre Primary 2	08/31/07
Baltimore City Pre General	10/26/07
Baltimore City Post General	11/27/07

**2. PRESIDENTIAL (ELECTION YEARS 2008, 2012, 2016, ETC.)**

**REPORTS DUE IN 2008:**

Pres. Pre Primary	02/01/08
Pres. Pre General	10/24/08
Pres. Post General	11/25/08

**3. GUBERNATORIAL (ELECTION YEARS 2010, 2014, 2018, ETC.)**

**REPORTS DUE IN 2010:**

Gubernatorial Pre Primary 1	08/17/10
Gubernatorial Pre Primary 2	09/03/10
Gubernatorial Pre General	10/22/10
Gubernatorial Post General	11/23/10

**We, the responsible officers of the political committee, understand that regardless of our designation we are required to file an *Annual Campaign Finance Report* every third Wednesday in January.**

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that the matters and facts set forth above are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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Chairman Signature                                      Date                                      Printed Name of Chairman

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Treasurer Signature                                      Date                                      Printed Name of Treasurer

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Name and Account # of the Political Committee

It is recommended that the signatories keep a copy of this affidavit.

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## Instructions For Filing The Affidavit Of Designation

### 1. What is the Affidavit of Designation?

The Affidavit of Designation is an affidavit filed by a committee that states that the committee will participate in the election year selected. If you spend, or receive any money in connection with the election, then you are participating in the election. This affidavit only has to be filled out once and will be effective for the duration of the committee.

Examples of Participation:

- Participation in the Baltimore City Election includes transferring money to a candidate for mayor or making expenditure on behalf of a city council candidate.
- Participation in the Presidential Election includes transferring money to a candidate for county school board or making expenditure on behalf of a candidate for circuit court judge.

If you indicate that you are participating in one of the elections, you will be required to file all of the reports related to that election. The committee will only owe election specific reports every four years. For example, a gubernatorial committee owes election specific reports in 2010, 2014 etc...

Regardless of your designation you are required to file an Annual Campaign Finance Report every third Wednesday in January. Please review the schedule on the reverse side for more details.

**Important.** The State Board of Elections sends Pre Report Notices to all campaign committees that our records indicate owe a Campaign Finance Report. If you receive a Pre Report Notice, you must either file the report or immediately contact SBE if you believe the notice was sent in error.

### 2. Can I raise or spend money in connection with a past or future election if I designate a particular election?

Yes. The Designation only limits your activity in support of other candidates or ballot issues for the current election. For example, you have designated the Gubernatorial election you can still raise and/or spend money in connection with your 2006 or 2010 campaign during the off years.

### 3. What election should I designate?

This depends on the office you seek. For example, candidates for House of Delegates run during the Gubernatorial election, while a judicial candidate may need to select the Presidential election.

### 4. What if I begin participating in an election in which I was not designated to participate?

You *must* notify SBE immediately and begin to file all Campaign Finance Reports in accordance with the reporting schedule, beginning with the first report due following the date of the committee's first financial transaction relating to the relevant election.

**For example:** Committee A filed the Affidavit for the Gubernatorial Elections. On September 5, 2007 Committee A made a transfer of funds to a Baltimore City mayoral candidate. Committee A is required to notify SBE of its participation in the election. In addition, Committee A is then required to file the October 26, 2007 and November 27, 2007 reports.