



# Political Action Committee (PAC) Financial Disclosures Quick Guide\*

## [20A-11 Part 6](#)

### **What to Report**

PACs must report contributions (money received by the PAC) & expenditures (money spent by the PAC).

#### **Contributions:**

A PAC must report who donated money, how much they gave, and where they live. Anonymous contributions may not be spent.

In addition to the regular report deadlines, each contribution must be saved to the financial ledger within 31 days of receiving it.

#### **Name**

Be sure to report the *actual* contributor.

- If the PAC uses a pass-through entity (e.g., PayPal, ActBlue, Square) to raise money, report the actual source of the contribution. The pass-through entity (PayPal) did not contribute to the PAC; Jane Doe contributed to the PAC using PayPal.

#### **Address**

"Address" is defined in [Utah Code](#) as "the number and street where an individual resides or where a reporting entity has its principal office."

- Based on the statutory definition of "address," a PAC should report the street address of each contributor – not a P.O. Box.

#### **Aggregating Small Contributions**

A PAC is allowed to report contributions "in the aggregate" if a person does not donate more than \$50 to the PAC throughout a calendar year. Once a donor contributes more than \$50, he or she must be itemized on the PAC's report with their name and street address.

#### **Expenditures:**

A PAC must report the name of the payee, the date the expenditure was made, and the *specific* purpose of the expenditure.

#### **Name of Payee**

Be sure to report the person or entity to whom the expenditure was *ultimately* disbursed. This means a report must disclose where money is actually spent (e.g., Office Warehouse).

- If a PAC officer is reimbursed for anything, be sure to list the ultimate payee as the Name of Payee, and not the name of the person who was reimbursed.

#### **Specific Purpose**

Utah Code requires the "*specific purpose*" of an expenditure. An example is "mailers sent on behalf of candidate Jane Doe."

#### **Independent Expenditures**

Independent Expenditures must be identifiable on the financial ledger.

#### **PICs**

PACs may make expenditures to PICs but may not receive contributions from PICs.

### **How to Report**

- Log on to [disclosures.utah.gov](#)
- Click on Financial Ledger
- Add contributions & expenditures (the ledger automatically updates once you save a contribution or expenditure)
- Click File Report

If you are a new user, please contact the Lieutenant Governor's Office to get access to the PAC ledger.

### **When to Report**

A PAC is required to file financial disclosure reports on [disclosures.utah.gov](#) once the PAC:

- Receives \$750 in contributions during a calendar year
- Spends \$750 during a calendar year

In addition to the regular report deadlines below, each contribution must be saved to the financial ledger within 31 days of receiving it.

#### **Odd-Numbered Years**

- September 30<sup>th</sup>
- 7 days before the general election
- January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year

#### **Even-Numbered Years**

- 7 days before the convention(s) of the parties with which PACs have donated to a candidate
- 7 days before the convention(s) of the major political parties (April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- 7 days before the primary election (June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020)
- September 30<sup>th</sup> (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- 7 days before the general election (October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year (January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

### **What if I Miss a Report?**

Failure to file a required report by the deadline will result in a \$100 fine.

### **Statement of Organization & Updating Contact Information**

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Names and acronyms may not be similar to existing PACs.

#### **Updating Contact Information**

PACs are statutorily required to update their (officer) information with the Lieutenant Governor's Office within 10 days of a change of an officer.

To update PAC information:

- Log on to [disclosures.utah.gov](#)
- Click Manage Folder
- Click the red link that says Statement of Organization
- Update the Statement with new officer information

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