

**LOCAL ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Section 18 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA) requires financial agents of candidates running in a local election to deposit campaign funds into a separate campaign account in a savings institution. Section 18 also requires that all election related expenditures be paid from this account.

For purposes of this section, the definition of a candidate includes an individual who intends to become a candidate at a later date. This means a candidate must open a campaign account for their campaign financing transactions even if they have not yet filed nomination documents with their local jurisdiction.

Elections BC encourages potential candidates to open their campaign accounts as early as possible to ensure that all financial transactions are put through the account as required by LECFA. This could be several months before General Voting Day for the election or even before an election is officially called by the jurisdiction.

If you have any questions, please contact the local elections campaign financing team at 1-855-952-0280 or [lecf@elections.bc.ca](mailto:lecf@elections.bc.ca).