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Reminder: Campaign Accounts

Candidates are reminded that they may be required to open campaign accounts for the election campaign.

“A campaign account is an account in a savings institution such as a bank, credit union or trust company, and must be used exclusively for the election campaign. A sub-account may be opened as long as it has a distinct account number and separate campaign financing records are kept. Candidates who do not use any of their own money and have no financial transactions do not have to open a campaign account...” ([Elections BC’s Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in BC for Candidates](#), (the “Guide”) page 12). Elections BC encourages financial agents “to open campaign accounts as early as possible.” (*Guide*, page 13)

When opening a campaign account, we recommend that you provide the financial institution with a copy of [this template letter](#) which Elections BC prepared to help financial institutions understand the campaign account requirements under the [Local Elections Campaign Financing Act](#) (LECFA).

For further information about campaign accounts, please see [Election BC’s Guide to Local Campaign Financing in BC for Candidates](#) (see for example pages 12-13) and LECFA (section 18). You may also contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or electionsbc@elections.bc.ca.

Campaign Financing Resources

In addition to publishing guides related to local elections campaign financing, [Elections BC](#) has prepared a video for candidates and financial agents. The video is available online [here](#).

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