

Election Activity Log

The following information regarding election activity applies to candidate committees and political action committees only. This information is not applicable to chief petitioner committees.

The Election Activity Log displays the history of a committee's election activity. The log for a committee can be accessed from the Private Workshop by clicking on the committee name to view the committee's current Statement of Organization and then clicking on the Election Activity Log link at the bottom of the page.

Election	Active Date	Status	Active Reason	
2008 Primary Election	03/08/2008	Active	System Generated / Primary or General Election	Inactivate

The log identifies the election, active date, status and active reason.

Activating a Committee for an Election

A committee is activated for an election in the following ways:

- Statement of Organization Filing for a Candidate Committee
When a Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee is filed, the committee is activated for the election in which the candidate will run for office. Additionally, if the Statement of Organization identifies that the candidate is participating in an election other than one in which the candidate's name will appear on the ballot, the committee is activated for that election. The active date is the date the Statement of Organization is filed and the active reason is "Statement of Organization."
- Statement of Organization Filing for a Political Action Committee
When a Statement of Organization for Political Action Committee is filed and it identifies that the committee will support or oppose a measure or recall at an election, the committee is activated for that election. The active date is the date the Statement of Organization is filed and active reason is "Statement of Organization."
- User Requested Activation
If a candidate or treasurer inactivates itself and subsequently becomes active, the candidate or treasurer can access the Election Activity Log and voluntarily activate the committee by clicking on the Activate link. The active date is the date the user activates the committee and the active reason is "User Requested Activation."

→ System Activation for a Primary or General Election.

It is assumed that all candidate committees and political action committees are active for each primary and general election (May and November elections held in even-numbered years). An automated process in ORESTAR is run by the Elections Division approximately three months prior to a primary or general election. The process automatically activates any candidate committee or political action committee not already activated. The active date is the date the process is run and the active reason is "System Generated / Primary or General Election." Any new committee filed after the process is run and up until election day is also activated for the election when the Statement of Organization is filed.

→ System Activation Based on Campaign Finance Transactions

The entry of a transaction associated with an active candidate or measure committee will result in the committee being activated for the applicable election. The active date is the date of the transaction and the active reason is "Contribution to Active Candidate or Measure Committee." See below for a list of transactions that result in a committee being activated for an election.

Transactions Resulting in a Committee Being Activated for an Election

A committee is considered active if it:

- makes an expenditure to a measure committee and the measure committee's current Statement of Organization indicates that it is supporting or opposing a measure at a future election;
- makes an expenditure to a candidate committee and the candidate committee's current Statement of Organization designates a future election;
- makes an expenditure that is identified as an in-kind contribution benefiting a candidate or measure committee, and the candidate or measure committee's current Statement of Organization indicates activity at a future election; or
- makes an expenditure that is identified as an independent expenditure supporting or opposing a candidate or measure at a future election.

In each circumstance above, the committee making the expenditure is activated for the election identified on the Statement of Organization of the recipient candidate or measure committee or the election of the candidate or measure supported or opposed by the independent expenditure.

Additionally, if a candidate or measure committee reports the receipt of a contribution from another committee and the candidate or measure committee's current Statement of Organization indicates activity at a future election, the contributing committee is considered active at the election.

Inactivating a Committee for an Election

A committee that is automatically activated for a primary or general election may be inactivated if the committee will not participate in the election. To inactivate a committee the candidate or treasurer should proceed with the following:

1. Access the Private Workshop page.
2. Click on the committee name to view the committee's current Statement of Organization.
3. Click on the Election Activity Log link at the bottom of the Statement of Organization.
4. Click on the Inactivate link associated with the appropriate election.

A committee with an active reason of "Statement of Organization" or "Contribution to Active Candidate or Measure Committee" may not be inactivated for the election.