



Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

**Form CPF M101 BQ: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL FORM**

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with: City / Town Clerk or Election Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, of the organization of a ballot question committee as follows:

1. Name (See note 1):	<u>MARBLEHEAD ARTICLE 23 BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE</u>		
2. Committee mailing address:	<u>6 TRAGER ROAD</u>		
City/State/Zip:	<u>MARBLEHEAD MA 01945</u>		
E-mail Address:	<u>jdipiano@probateandfamily.com</u>	Phone #:	<u>978-877-5159</u>
3. Purpose / specific issues and interests (See note 2):	<u>MUNICIPAL ZONING, MBTA COMMUNITIES ACT G.L. C. 40, § 3A.</u>		
4. Topic of question & question no., if known:	<u>Should Article 23 - MARBLEHEAD 2025 TOWN MEETING BE RATIFIED?</u>		
5. This committee is formed to (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> support or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> oppose the question.		

6. OFFICERS:

Chairman: <u>John G. DiPiano</u>	Treasurer*: <u>Same as Chairman</u>
Residential Address: <u>6 TRAGER ROAD</u>	Residential Address: _____
City / State / Zip: <u>MARBLEHEAD MA 01945</u>	City / State / Zip: _____
Phone #: <u>978-877-5159 (work)</u>	Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____
*A public employee may not serve as treasurer of any political committee (see reverse).	
Other Officer/Title: _____	Other Officer/Title: _____
Residential Address: _____	Residential Address: _____
City / State / Zip: _____	City / State / Zip: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

(Complete and attach a Form CPF MA 101, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any.)

The chairman and treasurer of a political committee should be aware that provisions of M.G.L. c. 55 specify that each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election. Chapter 55 also specifies that no expenditures shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents; and, that all funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of any officers, members or associates of such committee.

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Chairman's signature

Date: 6-7-2025

I hereby accept the office of Treasurer of the above-named committee. I affirm that I am not a public employee as defined by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 13. I understand that: 1) I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election; and 2) if after my acceptance of this office I become an appointed public employee, I must resign this position and notify OCPF of my resignation.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Treasurer's signature

Date: 6-7-2025

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

NOTE 1. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 and 5B require that the full name of a political committee:

- (i) include the full words represented by any abbreviations, initials or acronyms in the name;
- (ii) clearly identify the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its contributors or organizers;
- (iii) if a majority of its contributors or organizers share a common employer that identifies the employer; and
- (iv) if the committee is organized, financed, controlled or maintained by an individual, the name or phrase identifies said individual.

NOTE 2. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 and 5B require that the statement of purpose for which a political committee is organized include a list of specific issues in which the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, charitable, educational, or other interests represented by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors.

DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

M.G.L. Chapter 55, Section 13 states that a person who is employed for compensation by the Commonwealth or any county, city or town (other than an elected official) may not directly or indirectly solicit or receive political contributions. Such persons may not serve as treasurers of any political committee. If you are unsure of your status, please contact OCPF for further guidance.

SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L. C. 55

Section 1 defines a ballot question committee:

"a political committee which receives or expends money or other things of value for the purpose of favoring or opposing the adoption or rejection of a specific question or questions submitted to the voters, including, without limitation, a charter change, an initiative or referendum question or a constitutional amendment."

Section 3 requires the director to:

"assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report ... of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day ... [up to \$5,000 per report] ... the civil penalty shall be assessed against the treasurer of the [ballot question] committee ..."

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees:

Each political committee shall organize by filing with the director or, if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk, a statement of organization.

The statement of organization shall include: (1) the full name of the political committee ... which, if not organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the full words represented by any abbreviations, initials or acronyms in said name; ... (2) the address of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized which shall include, ..., a list of specific issues in which the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, charitable, educational, or other interests represented by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors; (4) the name and residential address of the chairman and the treasurer; (5) the name, residential address, and position of other principal officers, including officers and members of the finance committee, if any ...

Any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, to the city or town clerk, within ten days following the change.

Each political committee shall have a treasurer who shall qualify for his office by filing a written acceptance thereof with the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk. Said treasurer shall remain subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by this chapter until his written resignation of the office is received or his successor's written acceptance is filed as aforesaid. No person acting under the authority of, or on behalf of, any political committee shall receive any money or anything of value, or expend or disburse the same, or incur expenses while it has no treasurer qualified as aforesaid ...

Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts as prescribed for a candidate by the provisions of section two. Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep said records for a period of six years following the date of the relevant election ...

No expenditure shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents ...

All funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of officers, members or associates of such committee.

Section 5B. (a) Every political committee, other than a political party committee or a candidate's committee, shall name and identify itself in its organizational statement pursuant to section five by using a name or phrase that:

- (i) clearly identifies the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its contributors; and
- (ii) if a majority of its contributors share a common employer, that identifies the employer.

(b) If the economic or other special interest or common employer are not identifiable under subsection (a), every such political committee shall name and identify itself in its organizational statement using a name or phrase:

- (i) that clearly identifies the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its organizers; and
- (ii) if a majority of its organizers share a common employer, that identifies the employer; and
- (iii) if the committee is organized, financed, controlled or maintained by an individual, that identifies said individual.

(c) No political committee shall use any name other than the name included in its organizational statement.



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Form CPF M 102: Campaign Finance Report Municipal Form

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with: City or Town Clerk or Election Commission

Fill in Reporting Period dates:

Beginning Date:

6-7-2025

Ending Date:

6-30-2025

Type of Report: (Check one)

☒ 8th day preceding preliminary

☐ 8th day preceding election

☐ 30 day after election

☐ year-end report

☐ dissolution

Candidate Full Name (if applicable)

Office Sought and District

Residential Address

E-mail:

Phone #:

Marblehead Article 23 Ballot Question Comm.

Committee Name

John G. DiPiano

Name of Committee Treasurer

6 Trager Rd. Marblehead MA 01945

Committee Mailing Address

E-mail: jdipiano@probateandfamily.com

Phone #: 978-877-5159

SUMMARY BALANCE INFORMATION:

Line 1: Ending Balance from previous report

\$0

Line 2: Total receipts this period (page 3, line 12)

\$0

Line 3: Subtotal (line 1 plus line 2)

\$0

Line 4: Total expenditures this period (page 5, line 15)

\$0

Line 5: Ending Balance (line 3 minus line 4)

\$0

Line 6: Total in-kind contributions this period (page 6, line 18)

\$2,311.48

Line 7: Total (all) outstanding liabilities (page 7, line 19)

\$0

Line 8: Total out-of-pocket expenses this period (page 8, line 22)

\$0

Line 9: Name of bank(s) used:

N/A

Affidavit of Committee Treasurer:

I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including all contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

(Treasurer's signature)

Date: 6-30-2025

FOR CANDIDATE FILINGS ONLY: Affidavit of Candidate: (check 1 box only)

Candidate with Committee

☒ I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55. I have not received any contributions, incurred any liabilities nor made any expenditures on my behalf during this reporting period that are not otherwise disclosed in this report.

Candidate without Committee

☐ I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this candidate in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

(Candidate's signature)

Date:

SCHEDULE A: RECEIPTS

1.G.L. c. 55 requires the name and residential address be reported, in alphabetical order, for all receipts from a contributor over \$50 in the aggregate in a calendar year. In addition, the occupation and employer must be reported for each contributor who contributes \$200 or more in a calendar year. Receipts from a contributor of \$50 and less in the aggregate in a calendar year can be reported in total without itemization, however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all contributions received of any amount. In determining aggregate amounts received from a contributor, add monetary as well as in-kind contributions received. If a candidate intends a candidate monetary contribution to be a loan, enter the information on this schedule and on Schedule D Liabilities.

Attach additional pages as needed to report all receipts. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.

Date Received	Name and Residential Address (alphabetical listing required)	Amount	Occupation & Employer (for contributions of \$200 or more)

SCHEDULE A: RECEIPTS (continued)[illegible]

SCHEDULE B: EXPENDITURES

M.G.L. c. 55 requires for each expenditure over \$50 that the candidate or committee list the name and address, in alphabetical order, to whom each expenditure is paid in a reporting period. Expenditures of \$50 and less can be reported in total without itemization, however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all expenditures made of any amount. Do not include out-of-pocket expenditures of candidate reported on Schedule E. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all expenditures. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

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SCHEDULE B: EXPENDITURES (continued)[illegible]

11. G.L., c. 55 requires the name and residential address be reported for all in-kind contributions from a contributor over \$50 in the aggregate in a calendar year. In addition, the occupation and employer must be reported for each contributor who contributes \$200 or more in a calendar year. Receipts from a contributor of \$50 and less in the aggregate in a calendar year can be reported in total without itemization, however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all contributions received of any amount. In determining aggregate amounts received from a contributor, add monetary as well as in-kind contributions received. Do not include out-of-pocket expenditures of candidate reported on Schedule D. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all receipts. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

** If you have itemized in-kind contributions of \$50 and under, include them in line 16. Line 17 should include only those expenditures not itemized above.*

Line 16: In-Kind Contributions over \$50 (or listed above)	\$2,311.96
Line 17: In-Kind Contributions \$50 and under (not listed above)	\$ 0
Line 18: TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PERIOD	\$2,311.96

SCHEDULE D: LIABILITIES

M.G.L. c. 55 requires committees to report ALL liabilities which have been reported previously and the outstanding balance, as well as those liabilities incurred during this reporting period.

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SCHEDULE E: CANDIDATE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Out-of-pocket expenses are expenditures on behalf of a candidate or candidate's committee made directly to a vendor using a candidate's personal funds. The information entered on Schedule E is not also entered on Schedule A or Schedule B. Direct monetary contributions from a candidate, which are deposited into the committee bank account, are receipts that should be listed in Schedule A. If a candidate intends an out-of-pocket expense to be a loan, enter the information on this schedule and on Schedule D: Liabilities. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all expenditures. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

Date Paid	Name and Address of Vendor (alphabetical listing required)	Amount	Purpose of Expenditure
Line 20: Total Itemized Out-Of-Pocket Expenditures Over \$50 (or listed above)			<i>* If you have out-of-pocket expenses of \$50 and under, include them in line 20. Line 21 should include only those expenditures not itemized above.</i> <p>← Enter on page 1, line 8</p>
Line 21: Total Unitemized Out-Of-Pocket Expenditures \$50 and under (not listed above)			
Line 22: TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURES IN THE PERIOD			

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File with: City or Town Clerk or Election Commission

Fill in Reporting Period dates:

Beginning Date:

7-1-2025

Ending Date:

7-18-2025

Type of Report: (Check one)

☐ 8th day preceding preliminary

☐ 8th day preceding election

☒ 30 day after election

☐ year-end report

☒ dissolution

Candidate Full Name (if applicable)

Office Sought and District

Residential Address

E-mail:

Phone #:

Marblehead Article 23 Ballot Question Comm.

Committee Name

John G. DiPiano

Name of Committee Treasurer

6 Trager Rd. Marblehead MA 01945

Committee Mailing Address

E-mail: jdiplano@probateandfamily.com

Phone #: 978-877-5159

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Line 4: Total expenditures this period (page 5, line 15)

\$0

Line 5: Ending Balance (line 3 minus line 4)

\$0

Line 6: Total in-kind contributions this period (page 6, line 18)

\$0

Line 7: Total (all) outstanding liabilities (page 7, line 19)

\$0

Line 8: Total out-of-pocket expenses this period (page 8, line 22)

\$0

Line 9: Name of bank(s) used:

N/A

Affidavit of Committee Treasurer:

I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including all contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

(Treasurer's signature)

Date: 8-5-2025

FOR CANDIDATE FILINGS ONLY: Affidavit of Candidate: (check 1 box only)

Candidate with Committee

☐ I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55. I have not received any contributions, incurred any liabilities nor made any expenditures on my behalf during this reporting period that are not otherwise disclosed in this report.

Candidate without Committee

☐ I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this candidate in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

(Candidate's signature)

Date:

SCHEDULE A: RECEIPTS

1.G.L.c. 55 requires the name and residential address be reported, in alphabetical order, for all receipts from a contributor over \$50 in the aggregate in a calendar year. In addition, the occupation and employer must be reported for each contributor who contributes \$200 or more in a calendar year. Receipts from a contributor of \$50 and less in the aggregate in a calendar year can be reported in total without itemization, however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all contributions received of any amount. In determining aggregate amounts received from a contributor, add monetary as well as in-kind contributions received. If a candidate intends a candidate monetary contribution to be a loan, enter the information on this schedule and on Schedule D Liabilities.

Attach additional pages as needed to report all receipts. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.

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SCHEDULE A: RECEIPTS (continued)[illegible]

SCHEDULE B: EXPENDITURES

M.G.L. c. 55 requires for each expenditure over \$50 that the candidate or committee list the name and address, in alphabetical order, to whom each expenditure is paid in a reporting period. Expenditures of \$50 and less can be reported in total without itemization, however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all expenditures made of any amount. Do not include out-of-pocket expenditures of candidate reported on Schedule E. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all expenditures. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

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SCHEDULE B: EXPENDITURES (continued)[illegible]

** If you have itemized expenditures of \$50 and under, include them in line 13. Line 14 should include only those expenditures not itemized above.*

Enter on page 1, line 4 →

Line 13: Expenditures over \$50 (or listed above)

Line 14: Expenditures \$50 and under (not listed above)

Line 15: TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN THE PERIOD

SCHEDULE C: "IN-KIND" CONTRIBUTIONS

A.G.L. c. 55 requires the name and residential address be reported for all in-kind contributions from a contributor over \$50 in the aggregate in a calendar year. In addition, the occupation and employer must be reported for each contributor who contributes \$200 or more in a calendar year. Receipts from a contributor of \$50 and less in the aggregate in a calendar year can be reported in total without itemization; however, the candidate or committee must keep detailed accounts and records of all contributions received of any amount. In determining aggregate amounts received from a contributor, add monetary as well as in-kind contributions received. Do not include out-of-pocket expenditures of candidate reported on Schedule D. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all receipts. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

[illegible]

** If you have itemized in-kind contributions of \$50 and under, include them in line 16. Line 17 should include only those expenditures not itemized above.*

Enter on page 1, line 6 →

Line 16: In-Kind Contributions over \$50 (or listed above)	
Line 17: In-Kind Contributions \$50 and under (not listed above)	
Line 18: TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PERIOD	

SCHEDULE D: LIABILITIES

M.G.L. c. 55 requires committees to report ALL liabilities which have been reported previously and the outstanding balance, as well as those liabilities incurred during this reporting period.

Date Incurred	To Whom Due	Address	Purpose	Amount
Enter on page 1, line 7 →			Line 19: TOTAL OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES (ALL)	

SCHEDULE E: CANDIDATE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Out-of-pocket expenses are expenditures on behalf of a candidate or candidate's committee made directly to a vendor using a candidate's personal funds. The information entered on Schedule E is not also entered on Schedule A or Schedule B. Direct monetary contributions from a candidate, which are deposited into the committee bank account, are receipts that should be listed in Schedule A. If a candidate intends an out-of-pocket expense to be a loan, enter the information on this schedule and on Schedule D: Liabilities. *Attach additional pages as needed to report all expenditures. Please include the candidate or committee name and a page number on each additional page.*

Date Paid	Name and Address of Vendor (alphabetical listing required)	Amount	Purpose of Expenditure
Line 20: Total Itemized Out-Of-Pocket Expenditures Over \$50 (or listed above)			<p><i>* If you have out-of-pocket expenses of \$50 and under, include them in line 20. Line 21 should include only those expenditures not itemized above.</i></p> <p>← Enter on page 1, line 8</p>
Line 21: Total Unitemized Out-Of-Pocket Expenditures \$50 and under (not listed above)			
Line 22: TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURES IN THE PERIOD			

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