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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates in the Special Elections for:
Governor - Lt. Governor - State Senate Districts 13, 21, 23, 29

FROM: Richard Bohringer
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DATE: March 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Recall Elections – Ballot Access and Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines

On March 30, 2012, the Government Accountability Board certified recall petitions and issued an order calling a special election for the Governor, Lt. Governor, and State Senate Districts 13, 21, 23, 29. The certification was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board on Friday, March 30, 2012. The election will be held on May 8, and if that becomes a primary election, the general election date would be June 5.

This memo contains information on deadlines associated with the special elections. Forms may be found on the Government Accountability Board website at <http://gab.wi.gov> or by contacting the Government Accountability Board office. If you have any questions about this information, please contact our office at 608-261-2028.

Campaign Registration Statement

All candidates are required to register their campaign committee (file a campaign registration statement, GAB-1) with the Government Accountability Board as soon as they form the intent to become a candidate and before any funds are collected or spent. §§11.05(2g), 11.10(1), Wis. Stats. New candidates may register their campaign committee with the Government Accountability Board, Ethics and Accountability Division on-line at <http://cfis.wi.gov/Public/Registration.aspx?page=Candidate> no later than **5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.** *New Candidates*, in addition to registering on-line, must print, sign and mail the registration form to the Government Accountability Board, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

A current campaign registration statement can be amended on line at <http://cfis.wi.gov> by logging on and then by indicating the office sought and the special primary and election dates. (No hard copy is required.) For incumbents subject to a recall election, and who are automatically candidates for the same office, the GAB's staff has amended current registration statements to reflect the date of the recall election.

All candidates should register or amend their registration using the link above **before** circulating nomination papers. ***If the registration statement is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, the candidate's name may not be placed on the ballot.***

Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates must complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy (GAB-162) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. This form must be filed with the Government Accountability Board on time or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. This requirement does not apply to incumbents subject to a recall election.

Nomination Papers

The first day to circulate nomination papers (GAB-168) for the special elections is March 30, 2012, the day the order was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board. The last day to circulate nomination papers is April 10, 2012. ***Nomination papers must be submitted to the Government Accountability Board by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.*** This requirement does not apply to incumbents subject to a recall election. Candidates must submit at least the following number of signatures depending on the office sought:

Office	Minimum # signatures	Maximum # signatures
Governor	2,000	4,000
Lt. Governor	2,000	4,000
State Senate	400	800

Statement of Economic Interests

All candidates, including incumbents subject to a recall election, are required to file a ***Statement of Economic Interests (SEI)*** with the Government Accountability Board, Ethics and Accountability Division. The SEI must be received in the G.A.B. office no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012**. (Faxed copies are acceptable.) The form and instructions may be printed from the Government Accountability Board's website at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/financial-disclosure/gab-901>.

Campaign Finance Reports

Special elections only require a Primary if there are two or more candidates on the ballot from the same party for the same office. With multiple offices scheduled for the same dates, it is possible some offices may require a Primary and others may proceed directly to have an Election on May 8, 2012. Please refer to the correct table below depending on whether your office has a Primary and Election, or Election Only.

PRIMARY 5/8/12 AND ELECTION 6/5/12		
REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
Special Pre-Primary Report	April 30, 2012	From January 1, 2012, or the date of registration, through April 23, 2012.
Special Pre-Election Report	May 29, 2012	From April 24, 2012, through May 21, 2012.
Post-Election Report	July 5, 2012	From May 22, 2012 through June 27, 2012.
July Continuing 2012	July 20, 2012	From June 28, 2012 through June 30, 2012

ELECTION ONLY 5/8/12		
REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
Special Pre-Primary Report*	April 30, 2012	From January 1, 2012, or the date of registration, through April 23, 2012.
Post-Election Report	June 7, 2012	From April 24, 2012 through May 30, 2012.
July Continuing 2012	July 20, 2012	From May 31, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Even if no primary is required, the report name will remain "Special Pre-Primary" to eliminate the confusion of different reports potentially being due on the same date