



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Form CPF M101: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE MUNICIPAL FORM

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

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File with: City / Town Clerk or Election Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, organization of a candidate or candidate's committee as follows:

CANDIDATE: Full Name: Thomas J. Mello
 Residential Address: 304 New Hampshire Ave
 City / State / Zip: Somerset Ma. 02726
 E-Mail Address: Tomtmmy21@aol.com Phone #: 508 826 5129
 Party Affiliation: Unenrolled (If applicable)

OFFICE SOUGHT/PURPOSE:
 Title: Town Selectman of Somerset District: Somerset
 Candidate without committee (check if applicable). If checked, do not complete committee or officer sections: sign as candidate, date and file with clerk or local election official.

COMMITTEE: Name of Committee: Committee to Elect Thomas Mello
(The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)
 Committee Mailing Address: 304 New Hampshire Ave.
 City / State / Zip: Somerset Ma 02726 Phone #: 508 826 5129

OFFICERS:

Chairperson: <u>Paul King</u> Residential Address: <u>2673 County St</u> City / State / Zip: <u>Somerset Ma 02726</u> Phone #: <u>508 207 8642</u>	Treasurer*: <u>Darneile Medeiros</u> Residential Address: <u>274 Prosper St</u> City / State / Zip: <u>Fall River Ma 02720</u> Phone #: <u>508 965 9657</u> Email: <u>Dorisleo@aol.com</u>
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*A public employee may not serve as treasurer of any political committee (see reverse).

Additional officers may be listed on page two.

Check applicable box before signing:

Candidate with committee: I hereby 1) consent to this filing; 2) understand that a candidate shall not consent to the organization of more than one account or committee on their behalf; 3) 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 4) may not serve as treasurer of a political committee organized on my behalf.

Candidate without committee: I hereby 1) consent to this filing; 2) understand that a candidate shall not consent to the organization of more than one account or committee on their behalf; 3) acknowledge if I become a public employee I must organize a committee and may not serve as treasurer; and 4) 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.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY: Thomas J. Mello Date: 2/18/25
Candidate's signature

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; 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; and 3) a candidate may not serve as treasurer of the political committee organized on their behalf.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY: Darneile Mc Medeiros Date: 2/18/25
Treasurer's signature

I hereby accept the office of Chairperson of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY: Paul King Date: 2-18-2025
Chairperson's signature

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS:

Other Officer/Title: _____	Other Officer/Title: _____
Residential Address: _____	Residential Address: _____
City / State / Zip: _____	City / State / Zip: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

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 candidate's committee:**

"Candidate's committee", the political committee organized on behalf of a candidate The term "candidate's committee" shall also apply to the campaign fund of a candidate who has not organized a political committee for the purpose of carrying out the election campaign of such candidate or who receives contributions or makes expenditures independently of said committee.

Section 2 requires candidates to keep certain records:

Every candidate shall keep detailed accounts of all contributions received by him, or by a person acting on his behalf and of all expenditures made by him, or by a person acting on his behalf. Said accounts may be kept by an agent duly authorized thereto, but the candidate shall be responsible for said accounts, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other accounts and shall include contributions made by the candidate The candidate shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts relative to all contributions received, expenditures made and any other campaign finance activity. ...The candidate shall preserve said receipted bills and accounts for six years from the date of the relevant election....

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]. In the case of failure to file by a candidate or a candidate's committee, the civil penalty shall be assessed against the candidate

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 organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the name of the candidate in said name; (2) the address of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized (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, and; (6) the name and address, if known, and party affiliation of each candidate the political committee is supporting; provided, however, that if a candidate is nominated without reference to a political party, the name of his political party shall not be required

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

IMPORTANT: M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 requires that any changes in the information provided on this form shall be filed within ten (10) days of said change. Further information can be obtained from OCPF by phone at (617) 979-8300, via e-mail at ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us or on the web at www.ocpf.us



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Form CPF M 102: Campaign Finance Report
Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with:
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REC SOMERSET CLERK
APR 7 2025 AM 10:38

Reporting Period: Beginning: 1/1/2025 Ending: 3/27/2025

Type of Report: 2025 Pre-election Report

<u>Mello, Thomas</u> <small>Full Name of Candidate</small> <u>Selectman</u> <small>Office Sought/ District</small> <u>304 New Hampshire Ave</u> <u>Somerset, MA 02726</u> <small>Residential Address</small>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u> <small>Committee Name</small> <u>Darnelle Medeiros</u> <small>Name of Committee Treasurer</small> <u>274 Prospect St</u> <u>Fall River, MA 02720</u> <small>Committee Address</small>
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SUMMARY BALANCE INFORMATION	
Ending balance from previous report:	\$0.00
Total receipts this period:	\$1,810.00
Subtotal:	\$1,810.00
Total expenditures this period:	\$945.16
Ending Balance:	\$864.84
Total inkind contributions this period:	\$116.86
Total out of pocket spending this period:	\$0.00
Total outstanding liabilities:	\$0.00
Name of Bank Used:	

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:

<u>Darnelle M.C. Medeiros</u>	<u>April 7, 2025</u>
Treasurer's signature (in ink)	Date

Affidavit of Candidate:

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.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

<u>Thomas J. Mello</u>	<u>4/07/25</u>
Candidate's signature (in ink)	Date

Schedule A: Receipts

M.G.L. c. 55 requires that the name and residential address be reported, in alphabetical order, for all receipts over \$50 in a calendar year. Committees must keep detailed accounts and records of all receipts, but need only itemize those receipts over \$50. In addition, the occupation and employer must be reported for all persons who contribute \$200 or more in a calendar year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Residential Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Occupation and Employer</u>
2/25/2025	Ahern, Linda A 56 Homer Drive Somerset, MA 02726	\$50.00	Retired
3/15/2025	Ashley, David P & Jennifer H 108 Lynch Ave Somerset, MA 02726	\$50.00	School Committee
3/15/2025	Berube, David P 233 Forest Ave Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00	
3/15/2025	Coughlin, Bernadette & William 3200 County St Bldg 13 Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00	
3/15/2025	Dowd, Kevin M & Nancy R 217 Windward Dr Somerset, MA 02726	\$75.00	
3/15/2025	Driscoll, Jeffrey L & Colleen A 80 Tina Drive Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00	
3/1/2025	LaTulippe, Lynn Ann 42 Grant Ave Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00	
2/18/2025	Mello, Thomas 304 New Hampshire Ave Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00	Retired
3/15/2025	Michaud, Russel J & Itf Joann 198 Thelma Ave Somerset, MA 02726	\$50.00	

3/15/2025	Reis, Matthew W & Melissa 16 James Ave Swansea, MA 02777	\$50.00
2/23/2025	Scotti, Thomas A 56 Homer Drive Somerset, MA 02726	\$50.00 Truck Driver
3/2/2025	Souza, John M 273 Archer St Fall River, MA 02720	\$100.00
3/3/2025	Souza, Stephen C 25 Billys Lane Somerset, MA 02726	\$500.00 Retired Stop \$ Shop
3/15/2025	Travers, Paulette E & Paula A 11 South St Somerset, MA 02726	\$10.00
3/15/2025	Travis, James P & Tracey L 89 Spruce St Somerset, MA 02726	\$100.00

Total Itemized Receipts:	\$1,535.00
Total Unitemized Receipts:	\$275.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$1,810.00</u>

Schedule B: Expenditures

M.G.L. c. 55 requires committees to list, in alphabetical order, all expenditures over \$50 in a reporting period. Committees must keep detailed accounts and records of all expenditures, but need only itemize those over \$50. Expenditures over \$50 and under may be added together from committee records, and reported on line 13.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
3/27/2025	Doup, Glen	\$14.81	
3/17/2025	Mechanics Cooperative Bank 1236 County St Somerset, MA 02726	\$6.00	Temporary Check Fee
3/12/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$66.00	
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$116.86	
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$318.73	
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$19.80	
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$127.96	
	Total Itemized Expenditures:	\$670.16	
	Total Unitemized Expenditures:	\$275.00	
	Total Expenditures:	<u>\$945.16</u>	

Schedule C: "Inkind" Contributions

Please itemize contributors who have made inkind contributions of more than \$50. In-kind contributions \$50 and under may be added together, from the committee's records, and included in line 16. An exception to this is that all contributions (under or over \$50) given by persons who have contributed more than \$50 in the calendar year must be itemized. Please report the names and addresses of contributors. Also give the occupation and employer of any contributor who has given an aggregate amount of \$200 or more in the calendar year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Residential Address</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description, Occupation & Employer</u>
3/4/2025	Coughlin, Bernadette & William 3200 County St Bldg 13 Somerset, MA 02726	\$116.86 0	Postcards From Staples
	Total Itemized In-kind Contributions:	\$116.86	
	Total Unitemized In-kind Contributions:	\$0.00	
	Total In-kind Contributions:	<u>\$116.86</u>	

Schedule R: Reimbursements

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reimbursee</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
3/27/2025	Doup, Glen	\$14.81
3/12/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$66.00
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$116.86
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$318.73
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$19.80
3/27/2025	Mello, Thomas	\$127.96



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<u>Doup</u>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u>
<i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$14.81</u>	<u>3/27/2025</u>
<i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

<u>Date</u> <u>Name And Address</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Purpose</u>
3/27/2025 Roosevelt Ave 42 Somerset, Ma 02726	\$14.81 tablecloths for spaghetti fundraiser



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<u>Mello</u>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u>
<i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>3/12/2025</u>
<i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

Date Name And Address
 3/12/2025 **Andrews Company**
 1597 S Main St
 Fall River, Ma 02724

Amount Purpose
 \$66.00 produce for salad for fundraiser



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<u>Mello</u> <i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u> <i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$116.86</u> <i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<u>3/27/2025</u> <i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

Date Name And Address
 2/18/2025 Staples
 816 Wm Canning Blvd
 Fall River, Ma 02721

Amount Purpose
 \$116.86 postcards



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<u>Mello</u>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u>
<i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$318.73</u>	<u>3/27/2025</u>
<i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

Date Name And Address
 2/7/2025 Staples
 816 Wm Canning Blvd
 Fall River, Ma 02721

Amount Purpose
 \$318.73 Postcards



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<u>Mello</u> <i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u> <i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$19.80</u> <i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<u>3/27/2025</u> <i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

Date Name And Address
 3/12/2025 **Walmart**
 54 Cousineau Dr
 Swansea, Ma 02777

Amount Purpose
 \$19.80 salad dressing for fundraiser



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<u>Mello</u>	<u>Committee to Elect Thomas Mello</u>
<i>Individual Being Reimbursed</i>	<i>Committee Name</i>
<u>\$127.96</u>	<u>3/27/2025</u>
<i>Amount of Reimbursement</i>	<i>Date of Reimbursement</i>

<u>Date</u> <u>Name And Address</u>	<u>Amount Purpose</u>
3/12/2025 Fall River Cash & Carry 1533 S Main St Fall River, Ma 02724	\$127.96 spaghetti sauce, meatballs, pasta, bowls