# **2022 General Local Elections**



## **Shared Election Expenses Quick Reference Sheet**

This quick reference sheet helps candidates and their financial agents understand the campaign financing and election advertising rules for sharing election expenses. A shared election expense is when two or more candidates agree to incur an election expense together.

## **Record keeping**

■ Keeping detailed records is one of the most important things to remember to complete the disclosure statement required by the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA). Financial agents should contact Elections BC if they have guestions about the rules or what to record.

### Payment of shared expenses

- Each candidate's campaign must pay their portion of the shared election expense.
- If one campaign pays for the expense, it must be reimbursed by the other candidates' campaigns.
- Candidates are not allowed to pay for another campaign's election expense without being reimbursed.

#### Disclosure statement

- Shared election expenses must be reported in each candidate's disclosure statement.
- Elections BC reconciles shared election expenses between disclosure statements.
- We recommend candidates and their financial agents work together to complete this part of the disclosure statement to ensure the information is consistently reported.

## **Example**

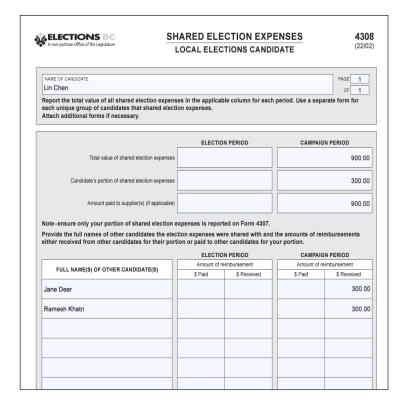
The following example shows how the Shared Election Expenses form (4308) should be filled out for candidates who shared an election advertising expense. The total value of the expense was \$900. For this example, the advertising was used in the campaign period but the same treatment would apply to expenses used in the election period only or in both periods.

Example form A shows that candidate Lin Chen's campaign paid the vendor for the full amount of the advertising. Then Lin Chen's campaign received \$300 each from Jane Deer and Ramesh Khatri's campaigns. The result is that each campaign paid equally \$300.



Example form B shows what the corresponding report by Jane Deer would look like. Jane's campaign did not pay the vendor anything for the advertising and instead reimbursed the campaign for Lin Chen. Ramesh Khatri's report would be the same as Jane Deer's in this case.

#### **Example A**



#### **Example B**

