

# **Campaign Finance City Council And State Representative Scorecard**

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- **Summary of work done so far**

- OCPF data of contributions to candidates, representatives and political action committees
  - Data is scattered in various formats (Microsoft Access Database, Excel sheets and Text files)
  - Inspected the data and identified the relevant portions of the dataset to begin with - involving two tables of the MS Access database.
  - Joined the two tables based on a common ID to tie the contributors and the recipients together.
  - The clients needed data from the years 2016 - present, and hence we had to extract relevant data by inspecting the values of appropriate columns (Different date formats in different data tables as well as several instances of corrupt or missing data)
- Secretary of State website
  - We are still in the process of scraping this website for the last bit of data.
  - There were some issues with accessing the link using an automated script and we are looking at workarounds for the same.

- **Results of preliminary analysis**

