

Appendix 1 – Donation Statement Form



Local Elections (Disclosure of Donation and Expenditure) Act 1999

Donation Statement by Member of a Local Authority

(1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022)

1. General Information	
Name of Member	CLL. GERRY FINNERTY
Address for correspondence	Loughally, Gort Co. Galway
Telephone number	087-2672295
Email	gfinnerty@cll.galway.coco.ie
Fax number	_____
Political party, if any	Fianna Fail
Local authority	Galway
Local electoral area	Loughrea

2. Donations

Did you receive any single donation exceeding €600 in value, or donations from the same person exceeding €600 in aggregate value, between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Please tick (✓) one box only: Yes

No

3. Details of each Donation

(1) Value of Donation (€)	(2) Name and Address Of Donor	(3) Nature of Donation ¹	(4) Description of Donor ²	(5) The date on which the donation was received	(6) If the donation was requested from the Donor, what is the name and postal address of the person who requested the donation	(7) Was a receipt issued to the Donor in respect of the donation? If yes, provide the date on which the receipt issued and the name of the person who issued the receipt

¹ For example, cash/cheque, use of property, services, etc.

² For example, family member, friend, company, political party, etc.

Statutory Declaration

I (name) Gally Finnerty do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct in every material respect and that I took all reasonable action in order to be satisfied as to its accuracy. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1938.

Signed Gally Finnerty

Declared before me Austin McInerney [name in capitals] a notary public [commissioner for oaths] [~~peace commissioner~~] [~~practising solicitor~~] by Gally Finnerty [name of local authority member]

who is personally known to me (W)
or

who is identified to me by who is personally known to me
or

whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of
passport no. [passport number] issued on [date of issue] by the
authorities of [issuing state], which is an authority recognised by the Irish
Government

or

national identity card no. [identity card number] issued on [date of issue]
by the authorities of [issuing state] which is an EU Member State, the Swiss
Confederation or a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement

or

Aliens Passport no. (document equivalent to a passport) [passport number] issued
on [date of issue] by the authorities of [issuing state] which is an authority
recognised by the Irish Government

or

refugee travel document no. [document number] issued on [date
of issue] by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence

or

travel document (other than refugee travel document) [document no.] issued on
..... [date of issue] by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence.

at Gort Co. Galway [place of signature]

this 31 day of January [date]

2023
[signature of witness]

**Austin McInerney I.A.V.I.
Commissioner For Oaths**

A.A.J.
Gort
(091) 631078

Please note that a witness must belong to one of the following categories: Commissioner for Oaths / Notary Public / Peace Commissioner / Practising Solicitor.

PENALTIES

A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statutory declaration is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both.

Appendix 3 - Definitions

The following is a selection of definitions from the legislation which should be helpful in reading the guidelines. The definition of what constitutes a donation is given in section 2, pages 7 to 9.

“account” means an account in an institution in the State for the purpose of crediting and debiting money received in respect of donations;

“institution” means:

- the holder of a licence under section 9 of the Central Bank Act 1971;
- a building society;
- a trustee savings bank;
- ACC Bank plc;
- An Post; or
- a person authorised in accordance with the European Communities (Licensing and Supervision of Credit Institutions) Regulations, 1992 (S.I. No. 395 of 1992) to carry on a business in the State.

NOTE: A credit union is not an institution for the purposes of the legislation.

“local political matter” means a matter relating to the policy or policies or functions of a local authority or other statutory body in which are vested functions in relation to local government;

“political party” means a party registered in the Register of Political Parties in accordance with Part III of the Electoral Act of 1992, as a party organised to contest a local election;

“person” is defined as meaning:

- an individual;
- a body corporate (a body corporate and any of its subsidiaries shall be deemed to be one person);

- an unincorporated body of persons.

“political purposes” means:

- to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the interests of a political party, or a member of a local authority, or
- to present, directly or indirectly, the policies or a particular policy of a political party, a member of a local authority or a third party, or
- to present, directly or indirectly, the comments of a political party, a member of a local authority, or a third party with regard to the policy or policies of another political party, member of a local authority, a third party or candidate at the election or at a plebiscite or campaign or otherwise, or
- to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the interests of a third party in connection with the conduct or management of any campaign conducted with a view to promoting or procuring a particular outcome in relation to a plebiscite or local political matter, or
- to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the election of a candidate at the election or to solicit votes for or against a candidate or to present the policies or a particular policy of a candidate or the views of a candidate with regard to any matter connected with the election or the comments of a candidate with regard to the policy or policies of a political party or third party or of another candidate at the election or otherwise,
- otherwise to influence the outcome of the election or a plebiscite or campaign

Appendix 2 – Certificate for a Statement of a Political Donations Account

LOCAL ELECTIONS (DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE) ACT 1999

**CERTIFICATE TO ACCOMPANY STATEMENT
FROM A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF A POLITICAL DONATIONS ACCOUNT
FROM A MEMBER OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY

Name of Member	CLLR. GERRY FINNERTY
Address	Lewally, Gort, Co. Galway
Local authority	Galway

I hereby declare that a donation for political purposes exceeding €100 and subsequent donations received by me during the year 2022 were lodged to the following political donations account, a statement of the account for which is attached, and that all amounts debited (excluding charges by the institution) were used for political purposes.

Account Number	/
Financial Institution address	
Date account opened	

Signed: 

Date: 01-02-2023

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Signed *GF*.....

Declared before me *Austin J. J. J.*.....[name in capitals] a [~~notary public~~] [commissioner for oaths] [~~peace commissioner~~] [~~practising solicitor~~] by *Court Clerk*.....[name of local authority member]

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at *Court Co. Galway*..... [place of signature]

this *1* day of *February* 202*7*.....[date]

A. J. J......
[signature of witness] **Austin McInerney I.A.V.I.**
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