



Candidate Filing Guide

**November 5, 2024
City of Claremont
General Municipal Election
Districts 1 & 5**



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July 15, 2024

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in running for the office of member of the Claremont City Council. Running for public office is a challenging and exciting experience that carries with it certain legal responsibilities and obligations. This Candidate Filing Guide provides an overview of the major provisions related to the election process as outlined in State and local law. Additional information, fillable forms, and links for election material and resources can be found on the City's website: <https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/how-do-i/how-to-run-for-city-council>.

The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, excluding holidays. In order to provide quality service to each prospective candidate, please plan on setting aside approximately 30 - 45 minutes when scheduling an appointment with the City Clerk's Office to return your nomination documents.

As a reminder, the documents that must be submitted together prior to the filing deadline are:

1. Completed Nomination Paper
2. Affidavit of Nominee and Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance
3. Ballot Designation Worksheet
4. Transliteration Form
5. Form 700: Statement of Economic Interests
6. Code of Fair Campaign Practices OPTIONAL
7. Candidate's Statement and deposit as listed on the County fee schedule.
OPTIONAL

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions, or to schedule an appointment to return nomination documents the Clerk's office may be contacted below.

Respectfully,

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**CANDIDATE CALENDAR
 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
 Districts 1 & 5
 Nomination Period: 07/15/24 – 08/12/24* (Deadline
 extended if incumbent does not file)**

Before soliciting any contributions	File Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement with the City Clerk.
Planning to spend or receive over \$2,000	File Form 410 Statement of Organization within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions together with \$50 fee and provide the City Clerk a copy. Original Form 410 and fee is filed with the Secretary of State.
July 15, 2024	First Day for Candidates to pull nomination papers with the City Clerk (Appointment preferred).
July 31, 2024	All open Committees must file Form 460 (Semi-annual) with the City Clerk
August 12, 2024 (6:00 PM)	Close of the Nomination Period if an incumbent does file nominations papers. (*This date is extended if an incumbent does not file by August 12. An incumbent is not eligible to file during the extended nomination period)
*August 15, 2024 (6:00 PM)	Close of the extended Nomination Period as an incumbent did not file nomination papers by August 12. Incumbents are not eligible to file during the extended nomination period.
During business hours for 10 days following close of nominations	Public Examination Period. Candidates statements, names, and ballot designations will be made available for public review by the City Clerk.
August 15, 2024	Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of Candidate names to appear on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. The County will notify the City Clerk, and the City Clerk will notify Candidates of the order of names to appear on the ballot.
September 26, 2024	File Form 460 (First Pre-Election Campaign Statement) with the City Clerk.
September 26, 2024 through October 15, 2024	Sample ballots mailing period.

October 7, 2024	Vote by mail ballot mailing begins.
October 21, 2024	Last day to register to vote to receive a vote by mail ballot. Conditional voter registration after this date will be provided at polling locations.
October 24, 2024	File Form 460 (Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement) with the City Clerk.
October 26, 2024	10 Day Vote Centers Open
November 1, 2024	All Vote Centers Open
NOVEMBER 5, 2024	ELECTION DAY – Vote centers open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Ballots will be tallied at the Norwalk office of the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk. Check www.lavote.gov for vote center locations and hours.
November 15, 2024	Requested deadline to remove campaign signage.
December 5, 2024	Completion of Official Canvass.
December 31, 2024	To terminate a Committee, Form 410 and 460 must be filed with the City Clerk.
January 31, 2025	All Committee's must file Form 460 at this time unless the Committee has filed Form 410 Terminating the Committee and a Form 460 Termination Statement

City of Claremont Candidate Information

“Getting Started”

Step 1 “Pulling Papers”

- The City Clerk will issue your Nomination Paper and Candidate Filing Guide during the nomination period. The nomination period is July 15, 2024 through August 12, 2024* during regular City Hall Business Hours. (Monday through Thursday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM) It is best to make an appointment with the City Clerk as the process takes approximately 45 minutes.
 - * If an incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended to August 14, 2024.

Step 2 “Gathering Signatures”

- Nomination papers shall be circulated for signature and must be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 30 registered voters. Signers must be registered voters of Claremont residing in the District in which they are signing nomination papers for. (See Elections Code Section 8068) If the signer is ineligible, the signature will not be counted. Signers must personally sign and print their name and address clearly. If the nomination paper is found to be insufficient, a supplemental paper may be issued to the candidate and shall be filed by the above deadline date. A voter may only sign one nomination paper.
- On the back side of the Nomination Paper, have the circulator complete the Declaration of Circulator (or if you were the circulator, complete the form with the City Clerk when you file the Nomination Paper.) Leave the Affidavit of Nominee blank; this will be completed at the time you file your Nomination Paper.

Step 3 “Preparing Papers for Filing”

- Complete the Ballot Designation Worksheet
Your ballot designation lists your name and occupation as it will appear on the official ballot. Your occupation must be your principal profession, vocation, or occupation and may be no more than three words; however, you may use the full title of the elective office you currently hold (if applicable.)
- Complete the Affidavit of Nominee and Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance.
- Complete FPPC Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests
The report covers the 12-month calendar year prior to filing your Nomination Paper. Blank forms are available online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html> and Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 gives detailed instructions for completing Form 700.
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices **(Optional)**
- Candidate Statement **(Optional)**.
If a candidate chooses to prepare a statement to be included in the voter guide or on the LA County Registrar Recorder/Conty Clerk website, he/she shall pay a deposit as listed in the County fee schedule or a fixed fee for posting on the website only.



ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024
(CONSOLIDATED CITIES ELECTIONS)

NOTE: Below are estimated costs compiled by the Financial Services Section to print a candidate statement in the County’s sample ballot booklet. These estimates are provided to the city clerk to assist in determining the charges for candidates submitting a candidate statement. The estimates are subject to change by the city clerk. Therefore, the estimates below should not be quoted to candidates inquiring about such cost. Instead, candidates should be referred to the city clerk’s office for actual deposit amount required, if any.

ESTIMATED COST							
Jurisdictions	Approximate Registration	English ONLY		English and Spanish		Word Limit	Who Pays?
		1 Column	2 Columns	2 Columns	4 Columns		
City Council - District 1	5,455	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	200	Candidate - Advance
City Council - District 5	4,392	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	200	Candidate - Advance

The cost for publishing a candidate statement on the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk website is a fixed fee of \$279.60. **(If this option is selected, the candidate statement will not be printed in the voter guide)**

Step 4 “Filing Papers”

July 15, 2024 to *August 12, 2024, 6:00 PM. *If an incumbent does not file nomination papers, the nomination period is extended to August 14, 2024, 6:00 PM.

- ___ Nomination Paper
- ___ Affidavit of Nominee and Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance
- ___ Ballot Designation Worksheet
- ___ Transliteration Form
- ___ FPPC Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest
- ___ Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)
- ___ Candidate Statement (Optional) with Filing Fee deposit made payable to the “City of Claremont”

Step 5 “Campaign Filings”

If you raise or spend money in connection with your election, you will be required to file Campaign Statements (FPPC Form 460 or FPPC Form 470). Review the FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for instructions on campaign filings: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/campaign-disclosure-manuals.html#title2>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM VOTERS

What if I just moved and did not re-register?

If you were previously registered to vote in Los Angeles County and have not re-registered since you moved within the County's borders, you can still vote at any vote center located in Los Angeles County or by mail. When voting at the vote center you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot and provide your new address and your previous address on the provisional envelope.

May I register to vote at my business address or may I use a PO Box number?

No. A person may only register to vote at his or her place of residence. A business address or PO Box number may only be used as a mailing address.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM CANDIDATES

Who can sign my nomination papers?

Any registered voter in the City of Claremont, with a current address in the respective district in which you are running for, may sign a nomination paper. This includes the candidate. No voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the *same* office. Therefore, an individual may only sign one nomination paper.

What if some signatures I obtain on my nomination papers are not registered voters or do not live in the City?

These signatures will not be counted towards the 20 signatures required to run for office. If the filing deadline allows, you will be given an opportunity to circulate and submit supplemental nomination papers.

When does a Candidate's nomination become public?

His or her name is public information from the time a candidate submits his or her nomination papers or files a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). The City also requests a potential candidate provide the City Clerk with any public contact information they would like to make available at the time they take out nomination papers. Copies of candidate statements and ballot designations will be available to any member of the public on the business day following close of nominations. Public access to nomination documents shall be limited to viewing only.

What if I change my mind about running for office after filing nomination papers?

You may withdraw as a candidate at any time prior to the close of the nomination period. After that date, you may not withdraw, and your name will appear on the ballot.

May I change or correct the wording or spelling on my candidate's statement after submission?

You may not. Please check your candidate's statement carefully before submitting it. It will be printed as submitted.

May I withdraw my candidate's statement?

A candidate statement can be withdrawn *but not changed* until 6:00 PM on the business day following the close of the nomination period.

What are the hours of Claremont City Hall?

Office Hours are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday – Thursday

City Hall will be closed September 2, 2024 for the Labor Day Holiday

Who do I call if I have questions regarding campaign filings?

The City Clerk's Office will do our best to assist you, but the FPPC regulates all campaigns. They may be contacted at:

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

1-866-ASK-FPPC (Advice/Forms)

1-916-322-5660 (General Information)

www.fppc.ca.gov

Who do I contact if I have general questions?

The City Clerk's office is here to assist you and will handle the nomination process. Once nominations are complete, the County Elections Division will handle preparing candidate statements for printing, the sample ballot, vote by mail balloting, election day staffing, vote center selection and set up, and ballot tabulation.

City of Claremont City Clerk's Office

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Lists of registered voters, street indexes, and vote by mail information can be purchased from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder. The City Clerk does not have access to this information for security reasons.

LA County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk Elections Division

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ecu@rrcc.lacounty.gov

www.lavote.net

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NOMINATION PAPER

1. A candidate for the 2024 General Municipal Election must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, and a registered voter residing within the district boundary. The City Clerk will verify voter registration status with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder.
2. Nomination papers will be available during the nomination period, July 15, 2024 through August 12, 2024* during regular City Hall Business Hours. (Monday through Thursday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM) It is best to make an appointment with the City Clerk as the process takes approximately 45 minutes.
*** If an incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended to August 14, 2024.**
3. Election Code Section 10224 provides that a candidate may withdraw his/her nomination paper after it has been filed until the established deadline.
4. Certificate of Circulator - The Circulator must be a registered voter of the City, and is required to indicate by affidavit the dates between which all signatures were obtained and that he/she witnessed all signatures. Only one person may circulate a set of nomination papers.
5. Not less than 20 or more than 30 valid signatures are required. Signers must be registered voters of Claremont residing in the district in which they are signing nomination papers for. If the signer is ineligible, the signature will not be counted. Signers must sign and print their name and address clearly. If the nomination paper is found to be insufficient, a supplemental paper may be issued to the candidate and shall be filed by the above deadline date.
6. A voter may only sign one nomination paper. (Elections Code 10220)
7. The candidate's name as provided by the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy is the way it will appear on the ballot. It cannot be changed after the nomination period has ended. No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name, either before or after a candidate's name. (Elections Code 13106) If the candidate has changed his or her name within one year prior to the election, the new name will not appear on the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or by Decree of any court of competent jurisdiction. (Elections Code 13104)

OFFICIAL FILING FORM

**AFFIDAVIT OF NOMINEE AND OATH
OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE**

(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 10223, 10226
CA Constitution Article xx, Section 3)

Attest: _____
City Clerk
Date: _____

I,
hereby declare myself a candidate for nomination to the office of

To be voted for at the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot

Print Ballot Designation Requested

Candidate initials below if NO ballot
designation is preferred:

Print your principal profession, vocation or occupation in 3 words or less. If you hold an elective office, you may use the elective office title or use the word "Incumbent". See written instructions provided for restrictions and examples.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

Mailing Address: _____ Apt or Unit #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Residence Address (Required): _____ Apt or Unit #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Business Address: _____ Apt or Unit #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Numbers: Day () _____ Evening () _____ Fax () _____
Email: _____ Website: _____

"I _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed by me in _____, California, on this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

Signature of Candidate

BALLOT DESIGNATION AND BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

The ballot designation describes the current profession, vocation, occupation or incumbency status of the candidate that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name.

Ballot designations:

- Can be no more than three words.
- Must appear on the Declaration of Candidacy (located in the front of the Candidate Filing Guide).
- Becomes public record once the information is filed on the Declaration of Candidacy; ballot designations cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents.

The listing of a designation on the ballot is OPTIONAL. Only one of the following categories is allowed:

1. **Elective Office Title:** Words describing an elective office title may be used IF the candidate holds the office at the time nomination documents are filed and the office was filled by a vote of the people. Example A: Governing Board Member Example B: Board member, XYZ School District
2. **Incumbent:** The word Incumbent may be used IF the candidate is seeking reelection to the same office and was elected to that office by a vote of the people or was appointed as a nominated candidate in lieu of an election.
3. **Appointed Incumbent:** The words Appointed Incumbent must be used IF the candidate was appointed to the office (other than a judicial office) and is seeking election to that office. The word Appointed may also be used with the office title. Example A: Appointed Incumbent. Example B: Appointed Board member, XYZ School District Exception: Candidates appointed to office in lieu of an election do not have to use the word appointed.
4. **Principal Occupation:** No more than three words to either describe the current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents. Geographical names are considered one word.
 - a. Example A: High School Teacher
 - b. Example B: Attorney/Educator/Rancher
 - c. Example C: CEO/Councilmember
5. **Community Volunteer:** A Community Volunteer shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation subject to the following conditions:
 - a. A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - b. A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - c. A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation.

- 6. No Occupation Desired:** If no ballot designation is requested, write the word “NONE” and place your initials in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy form.

FORMAT OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – Ballot designations selected which exceed space allotted on the ballot (approximately 60 characters) are printed in a smaller typeface pursuant to § 13107(i) of the California Elections Code. Restrictions: The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State’s ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET – A ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation is required to be filed with the City Clerk at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. **If a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation will appear on the ballot. (E.C. § 13107.3)**

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – If the designation is in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, the candidate will be notified by certified mail with a return receipt addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot. (E.C. § 13107(f))

UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS – Pursuant to Elections Code §13107(e), the elections official shall not accept a ballot designation if:

- a. It would mislead the voter.
- b. It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
- c. It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word(s) that it modifies.
- d. It includes a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
- e. It includes the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- f. It uses a word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- g. It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST):

- a. Is it true?
- b. Is it accurate?
- c. Does it mislead?
- d. Is it generic? (This means “IBM” is unacceptable, “Computer Company” is acceptable.)
- e. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against.)
- f. Is it how this person makes a living?



**California Secretary of State
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**

November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

This entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted, and you will **not** be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.** If information requested is not applicable, please write "N/A" in the space provided, otherwise the information **MUST** be provided. **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT.**

Candidate Information

1

Candidate Name: _____

Office: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number(s)
Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Attorney or Other Authorized Person Information

2

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s)
Business: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/)].
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- (c) "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- (d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
- (e) "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

Proposed Ballot Designation(s)

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Proposed Ballot Designation(s): _____

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: _____

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: _____

If your proposed ballot designation is pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(3):

The professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support my proposed ballot designation(s) constitute my primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations. **Initial** _____

Translation of Proposed Designation: Gender specific translations will default to the masculine form for uniformity in translation unless you specify otherwise: () Masculine () Feminine

In the spaces provided on the next page(s):

- (a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/) separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. **(Note: It is not necessary to provide copies of Certificates of Election if you are currently a seated member for a voter-nominated office).**
- (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.



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If your proposed ballot designation includes the word "volunteer," indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.

If your proposed ballot designation contains **one or more slashes ("/")** separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), **complete a justification section for each separate PVO.**

Justification for use of Proposed Ballot Designation(s)
If you are proposing alternate ballot designations, please provide justification for use of those on Page 3.

4	Justification for use of 1st PVO:		
	Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
	Employer Name or Business:		
	Person who can verify this information:		
	Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
	Justification for use of 2nd PVO:		
	Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
	Employer Name or Business:		
	Person who can verify this information:		
	Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
	Justification for use of 3rd PVO:		
	Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:			
Person who can verify this information:			
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:	

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

- | | | | | |
|-----|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1) | Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 2) | Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "Incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 3) | Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 4) | Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 5) | Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 6) | Abbreviate the word "retired"? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 7) | Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 8) | Use a word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex-" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 9) | Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 10) | Use the name of a political party or political body? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 11) | Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |
| 12) | Refer to any activity prohibited by law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Initial _____ |

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

X

[Redacted Signature Area]

Candidate's Signature

Date Signed: Month/Day/Year

For your reference, attached are [Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5](#), and [California Code of Regulations \(CCR\), title 2, section 20711](#). You also may wish to consult [CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719](#) (found at www.sos.ca.gov).



COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more **Alternate Ballot Designation(s)** are provided. If this page is not applicable, **please initial:** _____.

Justification for
Alternate Ballot
Designation(s) 1

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Justification for use of 1st PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
Justification for use of 2nd PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
Justification for use of 3rd PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:

Justification for
Alternate Ballot
Designation(s) 2

B

Justification for use of 1st PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
Justification for use of 2nd PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
Justification for use of 3rd PVO:		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:



For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107 are reproduced below:

(a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate only one of the following designations:

(1) Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which the candidate was elected by vote of the people.

(2) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people. A candidate shall not use the word "incumbent" if the candidate was elected to their office in an at-large election and is a candidate in a district-based election.

(3) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(4) The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed." However, the phrase "appointed incumbent" shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which the candidate holds and to which the candidate was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.

(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), for candidates for judicial office, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, only one of the following designations may appear at the option of the candidate:

(A) Words designating the city, county, district, state, or federal office held by the candidate at the time of filing the nomination documents.

(B) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.

(C) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:

(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.

(B) One of the following ballot designations: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:

(A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words "City of."

(B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words "County of."

(C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words "City and County."

(D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.

(c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of the candidate's principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as the candidate's ballot designation: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(e) The Secretary of State and any other elections official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:



- (1) It would mislead the voter.
 - (2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
 - (3) It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.
 - (4) It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
 - (5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
 - (6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
 - (7) It refers to any activity prohibited by law.
- (f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet.
- (1) The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date the candidate receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).
 - (2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate’s name.
- (g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.
- (h) The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.
- (i) In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in a manner consistent with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211.
- (j) If a foreign language translation of a candidate’s designation is required under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), as amended, to appear on the ballot in addition to the English language version, it shall be as short as possible, as consistent as is practicable with this section, and shall employ abbreviations and initials wherever possible in order to avoid undue length.

For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.3 is reproduced below:

- (a) A candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate, in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- (b) The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy.
- (c) In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate’s name on the ballot.

For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.5 is reproduced below:

- (a) A candidate’s ballot designation as “community volunteer” shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:
- (1) A candidate’s community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
 - (2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
 - (3) A candidate may not use the designation of “community volunteer” in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.



For your reference, California Code of Regulations section 20711 is reproduced below:

(a) In order to facilitate review of a candidate's proposed ballot designation by the Secretary of State pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, the candidate shall submit, at the time of filing his or her proposed ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, a completed Ballot Designation Worksheet on a form provided by the Secretary of State.

(b) All Ballot Designation Worksheets filed with the Office of the Secretary of State or the county elections officials pursuant to this section shall be public records and shall be available for inspection and copying at the public counter of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, Fifth Floor, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or at the office of the applicable county elections official.

(c) The Secretary of State shall provide a master copy or copies of the Ballot Designation Worksheet to all elections officials responsible for providing and accepting the nomination documents for candidates in elections for offices certified by the Secretary of State. The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall request that the candidate proposing the ballot designation provide the following information:

(1) The candidate's name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number;

(2) A designation of the office for which the candidate is seeking election;

(3) The name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number of the attorney representing the candidate or for any other person to be contacted in the event the Secretary of State requires further information regarding the proposed ballot designation;

(4) The proposed ballot designation submitted by the candidate;

(5) The candidate may submit one or more proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate's preference;

(6) A brief statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation and each proposed alternate ballot designation, including the following:

(A) If the candidate holds elected office and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently occupies and may attach a copy of his or her Certificate of Election;

(B) If the candidate is a judicial officer and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently holds and may attach either (A) a copy of his or her Certificate of Election or (B) a copy of his or her commission or certificate of appointment, issued at the time the candidate was appointed to the judicial office which he or she currently occupies;

(C) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(3), the candidate shall indicate:

(i) The title of the position or positions which he or she claims supports the proposed ballot designation;

(ii) The dates during which the candidate held such position;

(iii) A description of the work he or she performs in the position;

(iv) The name of the candidate's business or employer;

(v) The name and telephone number of a person or persons who could verify such information; and

(vi) A statement that the professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support the proposed ballot designation constitute the primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate, in accordance with the definition of the term "principal" as set forth at § 20714, subdivision (b).

(D) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(4), the candidate shall indicate the date on which he or she was appointed to the office for which he or she is an appointed incumbent.

(d) The candidate may attach or append any supporting documents or other exhibits to his or her Ballot Designation Worksheet which he or she believes support his or her proposed ballot designation. Such attached documents or other exhibits shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference as part of the candidate's Ballot Designation Worksheet and shall be considered as such by the Secretary of State.

(e) If a candidate requests a change of his or her ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(e), that request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT AND TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

Candidates **may** prepare a 200-word Candidate Statement to be printed and mailed to voters in the Official Sample Ballot. Content of the statement shall be limited to a discussion of the name, age, occupation, education, and qualifications of the candidate. Candidate Statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. This is reflected in City Council Resolution 2024-27 Section 2 A and B. Please refer to the document “Word Counting Guidelines” for rules and regulations for your candidate statement.

The candidate statement must be filed in hard copy with the City Clerk at the time of filing nomination papers. The statement must also be submitted in WORD on a flash drive or by email. Please use the formatting sheet included in this packet.

The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, anytime up to 6 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. The Elections Code provides that statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.

Immediately following the filing deadline, there will be a 10-day examination period during which any voter of the jurisdiction, or the City Clerk, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (Elections Code 13313)

Alternatively, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 13307(c)(1)(2) and 13307.7, the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk has recently established a program to allow electronic distribution of a candidate statement on a dedicated County webpage. This program evolved as a lower cost method of publishing a candidate statement. Candidates may elect to prepare a statement to be posted on the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk website (www.lavote.gov) for a fixed fee of \$279.60, and NOT have his or her candidate statement printed in the voter guide. This fixed fee includes Spanish translation costs for the dedicated posting, if desired.

If a candidate chooses to prepare a statement to be included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet, he/she shall pay a deposit toward the cost of printing the statement.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024 (CONSOLIDATED CITIES ELECTIONS)

NOTE: Below are estimated costs compiled by the Financial Services Section to print a candidate statement in the County’s sample ballot booklet. These estimates are provided to the city clerk to assist in determining the charges for candidates submitting a candidate statement. The estimates are subject to change by the city clerk. Therefore, the estimates below should not be quoted to candidates inquiring about such cost. Instead, candidates should be referred to the city clerk’s office for actual deposit amount required, if any.

ESTIMATED COST							
Jurisdictions	Approximate Registration	English ONLY		English and Spanish		Word Limit	Who Pays?
		1 Column	2 Columns	2 Columns	4 Columns		
City Council - District 1	5,455	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	200	Candidate - Advance
City Council - District 5	4,392	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	200	Candidate - Advance

FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

1. Statement will be typed using Time New Roman font in 11-point size. However, the statement may be typed and submitted using any standard font. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing. Text submitted indented or centered will be typed in block paragraph form.
2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be printed in block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. However, you may use dashes/hyphens. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line. Words to be printed in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated.
3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein.

NOTE: If a statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc., the printed statement may extend to two (2) pages. In these cases, **the actual cost for the statement may double** and additional cost may be billed to you after the election.

Transliteration

Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters will transliterate your name in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian / Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, and Thai. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their own transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the deadline set to print translated Official Sample Ballot Booklets. Various minority community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to insure uniform name recognition within the community. Once transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submissions of transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submissions of transliteration requests will be accepted after the review period. **There will be no exceptions.**



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - NONPARTISAN OFFICES INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

(Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311, and 13313)

READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF:

CANDIDATE FOR:

ELECTION DATE:

AGE:

OCCUPATION:

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS INFORMATION BEFORE PURCHASING A CANDIDATE STATEMENT.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk makes every effort to mail Sample Ballots/Candidate Statements as early as possible during the voting period and prior to the voters' receipt of their Vote By Mail ballots. However, this is not always possible due to the volume of material and the complexity of coordinating mail distribution. For mailing timelines and more information, see Section 1 Chapter 3 Page 31 of the Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Filing of a statement is optional and applies to local nonpartisan offices. The elections official sends to each registered voter an Official Sample Ballot Booklet which contains the candidate statements prepared and submitted.

FILING PERIOD: Statement must be filed no later than the close of business hours on the last day of the candidate nomination period.

WITHDRAWAL: A candidate statement cannot be changed or revised once it is filed. A candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5 p.m. of the next business day after the last day to file the statement.

CONTENTS: Statement may include candidate's age and occupation and a 200 words description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Some jurisdictions increase the word limit to 400 words.

FORMAT/WORD COUNT: Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for detailed information regarding format and word counting guidelines.

RESTRICTIONS: The candidate statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor reference any membership or activity in political organizations. Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ

CANDIDATE STATEMENT ESTIMATED COST: Please be advised that your **candidate statement will *only* appear online and **NOT** in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet, if you select ONLINE ONLY (English) under “ESTIMATED COST” in the estimated cost section located on page 4. You must select “Print & Online” for the statement to be printed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.**

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD: Candidate statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Once the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a ten (10) calendar day period. During the examination period, candidate listings, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations (or occupation) on ballot shall be open to public examination. Any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to challenge and possibly amend any or all of the material/data (E.C. 13313). If the filing period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material.

CANDIDATES FILING IN SHARED DISTRICTS: Your candidate statement must be filed with the county elections official in each county where you wish to have your statement printed (e.g., if you wish to have your statement printed in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, then you must submit one

(1) copy of your statement and the appropriate fee to each county where you intend to have your statement appear in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet).

The elections official will not forward your candidate statement or estimated shared cost to neighboring counties.

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Please type your statement in the **first column** using upper- and lower-case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style Times New Roman, size 11-point or a comparable size and style determined by system requirements. We recommend you use Times New Romans, 11-point font when submitting your statement even though it will later be formatted to fit system requirements. The **second column** is for additional space for the candidate statement of a single Candidate who would like a two (2) column statement (within the word limit, if word limits apply) or the second column space will be populated with the next candidate statement by another Candidate in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. The format and style of the candidate statement are in a column width (newspaper) style and the estimated cost of the candidate statement is derived from per column use.

NOTE: Spanish may be longer than the English version, so the statement may continue over into the second column for an estimated cost of two (2) columns. For more information, please contact the Election Planning Section at electionplanning@rcc.lacounty.gov.



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - NONPARTISAN OFFICES
(Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311, and 13313)
READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT



**[BEGIN STATEMENT HERE
(1 COLUMN)]**

**[continue STATEMENT HERE
(2 COLUMN)]**

STATEMENT OF:

CANDIDATE FOR:

ELECTION DATE:

AGE:

OCCUPATION:



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ESTIMATED COST

The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on number of voter registration, the length and/or format of the statement submitted, printing cost, and if it is published online only. Accordingly, the elections official is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense to or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate pay to the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the elections official shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid.

Pursuant to California law, the local agency has authorized a word maximum of 200 or 400, and requires that the estimated cost be paid by one of the following:

- In advance, by all candidates, District will pay for all candidate statements,
- District will bill candidate after the election, _____

The estimated cost of your printed English statement is _____.
The estimated cost of your printed English & Spanish statement is _____.
The estimated cost of an English Online Only Candidate Statement is _____. (Please be advised that your candidate statement will only appear online and NOT in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet, if you select ONLINE ONLY (English)).

NOTE: Cost is estimated on a per column basis for the printing of the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and by a standard fee for English Online Only Candidate Statements. The estimated cost may double, triple, or quadruple depending on your language selection(s) and/or statement formatting.

I have read, understood, and enclosed the provisions contained on this form that includes pages 1 to 4, and read the Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide, and request that my statement as shown on pages 2 & 3 be printed as indicated:

- A. Please mark (X) one box: English English & Spanish
- B. Please mark (x) one box: Print & Online Online Only (English)



Signature of Candidate

Date

Phone Number (Daytime)

Phone Number (Evening)

Email Address

DO NOT PRINT THIS STATEMENT IN THE EVENT

_____ There is no opposition to this contest on the ballot.

INITIALS

_____ No other candidate for this contest files a statement.

INITIALS

Verified filing of Declaration of Candidacy and/or Nomination Papers.

Date

Election Official

Project No.		Candidate No.	
Total No. of Words:		Total No. of Enhanced Words:	
By Elections Official Deputy:			

WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES
(Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office for counting words on candidate statements, ballot measure text, arguments, rebuttals and other ballot enclosures. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 400 word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

1. **PUNCTUATION MARKS** are not counted. Symbols such as “&” (and), and “#” (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.
2. **THE WORDS** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.
3. **PROPER NOUNS**, such as geographical names, and names of persons or things, as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: "Gus Enwright" = 1 word
 "City of Los Angeles" = 1 word
 "Dalai Lama" = 1 word

4. **ABBREVIATIONS** such as acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: UCLA, PTA, USMC, LAPD, U.S.M.C.

5. **HYPHENATED WORDS** that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the U.S. at any time within the last 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: Attorney-at-law

6. **DATES...** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987 3/18 7/21/89

7. **NUMERIC COMBINATIONS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14

8. **MONETARY AMOUNTS** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000.00

MONETARY AMOUNTS consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.

EXAMPLE: \$4 million

9. **TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBERS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1-800-815-2666 1-562-462-2317

10. **INTERNET WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: <http://www.co.la.ca.us> www.lavote.gov <http://www.lacounty.info>

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of any local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General Provisions. That pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an election to be held in the City of Claremont on November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 6:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 2. Online Candidate Statement. Pursuant to Section 13307(c) of the California Elections Code, the governing body of the City of Claremont authorizes the preparation of candidate statements for nonpartisan elective office for the purpose of electronic distribution. Candidates will prepare statements for electronic distribution pursuant to Section 13307(a) of the Elections Code. A statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision shall be posted on the internet website of the County Elections Official. Pursuant to Section 13307.7(a) of the Elections Code, candidates shall provide payment of the requisite fee to cover the duties and procedures set forth in Sections 13307(b) and (d) of the Elections Code.

SECTION 3. Foreign Language Policy.

- A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates' statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. The County is required to translate candidate's statements into the following languages: Armenian, Chinese, Cambodian/Khmer, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese. The County will also translate candidates' statements into three supported languages: Hindi, Japanese and Thai. In addition to these languages, Due to legal requirements and/or enhanced

customer service, the County will now also be providing services in Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Gujarati, Indonesian, Mongolian, Persian and Telugu.

- B. The County will print and mail separate voter information guides and candidate's statements in the above-referenced languages to only those voters who are on the County voter file as having requested a voter information guide in a particular language. The County will make the voter information guides and candidate's statements in the required languages available at all vote centers, on the County's website (www.lavote.net), and in the Election Official's office, 207 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, California.

SECTION 4. Payment.

A. Translations:

1. Each candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in A and/or B of Section 3 above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.
2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidates statement into any foreign language that is not required as specified in A and or B of Section 3 above, pursuant to Federal and/or State law, but is requested as an option by the candidate.

B. Printing:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.
2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in Spanish in the main voter pamphlet, if requested. Only English and Spanish candidate statements may be included in the main voter pamphlet.
3. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language requested by the candidate per B of Section 3 above, in the facsimile voter pamphlet.
4. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language required by A of Section 3 above, in the facsimile voter pamphlet.

The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the Election.

SECTION 5. Miscellaneous.

- A. All translations shall be provided by professionally certified translators.
- B. The City Clerk shall allow capitalization, indentations, bullets, and leading hyphens to the same extent and manner as allowed in previous City elections.
- C. The City Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters relating to elections.

SECTION 6. Additional Materials. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

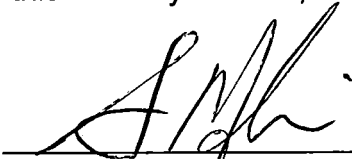
SECTION 7. Copy to be Provided. That the City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nomination papers are issued.

SECTION 8. Repeal of Prior Resolutions. That all previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed.

SECTION 9. Applicability of Resolution. That this Resolution shall apply only to the Election to be held on November 5, 2024 and shall then be repealed.

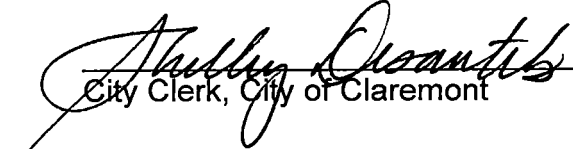
SECTION 10. Attestation. That the Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2024.




Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:



City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, City of Claremont

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)ss.
CITY OF CLAREMONT)

I, Shelley Desautels, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-27 was regularly adopted by the City Council of said City of Claremont at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, REECE, STARK
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE


City Clerk of the City of Claremont



DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

TRANSLITERATION FORM FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS (Cities, School Districts, Water Districts, etc.)

I, _____, candidate for nomination to the _____ office of

agree as indicated below:

CHECK ONE:

I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian / Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, and Thai.

OR

I am submitting an attachment of the transliteration(s) for the language(s) below. I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any language not submitted.

<u>Languages</u>	<u>Name Transliteration</u>	<u>Languages</u>	<u>Name Transliteration</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Armenian:		<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bengali:		<input type="checkbox"/> Korean:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Burmese:		<input type="checkbox"/> Mongolian:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian/Khmer:		<input type="checkbox"/> Russian:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese:		<input type="checkbox"/> Telugu:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farsi:		<input type="checkbox"/> Thai:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gujarati:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hindi:			

GENDER IDENTIFICATION:

Male Female Non-Binary

I am aware of the deadline to submit transliterations and review period. I understand that I may request changes to transliterations during the review period and that transliterations are considered final upon expiration of the deadline. I further understand that there will not be an extension of the review period.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Candidate Filing #:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

NEW SERVICE FOR LIMITED-ENGLISH VOTERS:

TRANSLITERATION OF
CANDIDATE NAMES

BACKGROUND:

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese speaking voters. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to transliterate the names of candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters. (Transliteration is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.) At that time, these languages included Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

After the 2010 Census, the following languages were included: Cambodian/Khmer, Hindi, and Thai.

In 2018 two languages were added: Armenian and Farsi.

In 2020 five languages were added: Bengali, Burmese, Gujarati, Mongolian, Telugu.

This office also provides transliteration in Russian.

PROCESS:

This department will transliterate your name in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian / Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, and Thai. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their own transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the deadline set to print translated Official Sample Ballot Booklets. Various minority community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to insure uniform name recognition within the community. Once transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submissions of transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submissions of transliteration requests will be accepted after the review period. **There will be no exceptions.**

TRANSLITERATION FORM:

All candidates will be required to file this document together with their nomination documents but no later than the last day to file these documents.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS FORM 700

Form 700 must be completed by all candidates filing for the office of councilmember **and filed with the nomination papers by the filing deadline (see Candidate Calendar)**. The completed Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests is then forwarded to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) in Sacramento, is available for public inspection and is subject to audit by the FPPC. The form discloses certain financial interests including investments, interests in real property, income and gifts. Information related to filing Form 700, as well as an electronic version of the form can be found at the Fair Political Practices Commission website. We re-emphasis, you must print out the completed form, sign it and submit it to the City Clerk's office at the time nomination papers are filed.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The header is dark blue with the FPPC logo on the left and the text "CALIFORNIA Fair Political Practices Commission" on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "About FPPC", "The Law", "Learn", "Advice", "Enforcement", "Transparency Portal", and "Media Center". The main content area features a large banner image of hands holding a button that says "VOTE" with an American flag pattern. To the left of the button, the word "Engage" is written in white. Below "Engage" is a short paragraph: "The FPPC promotes civic engagement by ensuring the fairness and integrity of California's political process." To the right of the paragraph are small navigation icons (1, 2, 3, and a play button). At the bottom of the page, there are three dark blue buttons with white text: "File a Form 700", "How to File a Complaint", and "Need a form? View All Forms".

2023-2024 Statement of Economic Interests



Form 700

A Public Document

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- Reference Pamphlet
- Excel Version
- FAQs
- Gift and Travel Fact Sheet for State and Local Officials

California Fair Political Practices Commission

1102 Q Street, Suite 3050 • Sacramento, CA 95811

Email Advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Toll-free advice line: 1 (866) ASK-FPPC • 1 (866) 275-3772

Telephone: (916) 322-5660 • Website: www.fppc.ca.gov

December 2023

Quick Start Guide

Detailed instructions begin on page 3.

WHEN IS THE ANNUAL STATEMENT DUE?

- March 1 – Elected State Officers, Judges and Court Commissioners, State Board and Commission members listed in Government Code Section 87200
- April 2 – Most other filers

WHERE DO I FILE?

Most people file the Form 700 with their agency. If you're not sure where to file your Form 700, contact your filing officer or the person who asked you to complete it.

ITEMS TO NOTE!

- The Form 700 is a public document.
- Only filers serving in active military duty may receive an extension on the filing deadline.
- You must also report interests held by your spouse or registered domestic partner.
- Your agency's conflict of interest code will help you to complete the Form 700. You are encouraged to get your conflict of interest code from the person who asked you to complete the Form 700.

NOTHING TO REPORT?

Mark the "No reportable interests" box on Part 4 of the Cover Page, and submit only the signed Cover Page. Please review each schedule carefully!

Schedule	Common Reportable Interests	Common Non-Reportable Interests
A-1: Investments	Stocks, including those held in an IRA or 401K. Each stock must be listed.	Insurance policies, government bonds, diversified mutual funds, funds similar to diversified mutual funds.
A-2: Business Entities/Trusts	Business entities, sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, corporations and trusts. (e.g., Form 1099 filers).	Savings and checking accounts, cryptocurrency, and annuities.
B: Real Property	Rental property in filer's jurisdiction, or within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction.	A residence used exclusively as a personal residence (such as a home or vacation property).
C: Income	Non-governmental salaries. Note that filers are required to report only half of their spouse's or partner's salary.	Governmental salary (from school district, for example).
D: Gifts	Gifts from businesses, vendors, or other contractors (meals, tickets, etc.).	Gifts from family members.
E: Travel Payments	Travel payments from third parties (not your employer).	Travel paid by your government agency.

Note: Like reportable interests, non-reportable interests may also create conflicts of interest and could be grounds for disqualification from certain decisions.

QUESTIONS?

- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 a.m.

E-FILING ISSUES?

- If using your agency's system, please contact technical support at your agency.
- If using FPPC's e-filing system, write to form700@fppc.ca.gov.

What's New

Gift Limit Increase

The gift limit increased to **\$590** for calendar years **2023** and **2024**. The gift limit was \$520 for calendar years 2021 and 2022.

Who must file:

- Elected and appointed officials and candidates listed in Government Code Section 87200
- Employees, appointed officials, and consultants filing pursuant to a conflict of interest code ("code filers"). **Obtain your disclosure categories, which describe the interests you must report, from your agency;** they are not part of the Form 700
- Candidates running for local elective offices that are designated in a conflict of interest code (e.g., county sheriffs, city clerks, school board trustees, and water board members)

Exception:

- Candidates for a county central committee are not required to file the Form 700
- Employees in newly created positions of existing agencies

For more information, see Reference Pamphlet, page 3, at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Where to file:

87200 Filers

State offices	⇒	Your agency
Judicial offices	⇒	The clerk of your court
Retired Judges	⇒	Directly with FPPC
County offices	⇒	Your county filing official
City offices	⇒	Your city clerk
Multi-County offices	⇒	Your agency

Code Filers — State and Local Officials, Employees, and Consultants Designated in a Conflict of Interest

Code: File with your agency, board, or commission unless otherwise specified in your agency's code (e.g., Legislative staff files directly with FPPC). In most cases, the agency, board, or commission will retain the statements.

Members of Newly Created Boards and Commissions: File with your agency or with your agency's code reviewing body pursuant to Regulation 18754.

Employees in Newly Created Positions of Existing Agencies:

File with your agency or with your agency's code reviewing body. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 3.)

Candidates file as follow:

State offices, Judicial offices and multi-county offices	⇒	County elections official with whom you file your declaration of candidacy
County offices	⇒	County elections official
City offices	⇒	City Clerk
Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS)	⇒	CalPERS
State Teacher's Retirement Board (CalSTRS)	⇒	CalSTRS

How to file:

The Form 700 is available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Form 700 schedules are also available in Excel format. Each Statement must have a handwritten "wet" signature or "secure electronic signature," meaning either (1) a signature submitted using an approved electronic filing system or (2) if permitted by the filing officer, a digital signature submitted via the filer's agency email address. (See Regulations 18104 and 18757.) Companies such as Adobe and DocuSign offer digital signature services. All statements are signed under the penalty of perjury and must be verified by the filer. See Regulation 18723.1(c) for filing instructions for copies of expanded statements.

When to file:

Annual Statements

⇒ March 1, 2024

- Elected State Officers
- Judges and Court Commissioners
- State Board and State Commission Members listed in Government Code Section 87200

⇒ April 2, 2024

- Most other filers

Individuals filing under conflict of interest codes in city and county jurisdictions should verify the annual filing date with their filing official or filing officer.

Statements postmarked by the filing deadline are considered filed on time.

Statements of 30 pages or less may be emailed or faxed by the deadline as long as the originally signed paper version is sent by first class mail to the filing official within 24 hours.

Assuming Office and Leaving Office Statements

Most filers file within 30 days of assuming or leaving office or within 30 days of the effective date of a newly adopted or amended conflict of interest code.

Exception:

If you assumed office between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, and filed an assuming office statement, you are not required to file an annual statement until March 1, 2025, or April 1, 2025, whichever is applicable. The annual statement will cover the day after you assumed office through December 31, 2024. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 6, for additional exceptions.)

Candidate Statements

File no later than the final filing date for the declaration of candidacy or nomination documents. A candidate statement is not required if you filed an assuming office or annual statement for the same jurisdiction within 60 days before filing a declaration of candidacy or other nomination documents.

Late Statements

There is no provision for filing deadline extensions unless the filer is serving in active military duty. (See page 19 for information on penalties and fines.)

Amendments

Statements may be amended at any time. You are only required to amend the schedule that needs to be revised. It is not necessary to amend the entire filed form. The amended schedule(s) is attached to your original filed statement. Obtain amendment schedules at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Types of Statements

Assuming Office Statement:

If you are a newly appointed official or are newly employed in a position designated, or that will be designated, in a state or local agency's conflict of interest code, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in or otherwise authorized to serve in the position. If you are a newly elected official, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in.

- Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed the office or position must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed the office or position.

For positions subject to confirmation by the State Senate or the Commission on Judicial Appointments, your assuming office date is the date you were appointed or nominated to the position.

- Example: Maria Lopez was nominated by the Governor to serve on a state agency board that is subject to state Senate confirmation. The assuming office date is the date Maria's nomination is submitted to the Senate. Maria must report investments, interests in real property, and business positions Maria holds on that date, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to that date.

If your office or position has been added to a newly adopted or newly amended conflict of interest code, use the effective date of the code or amendment, whichever is applicable.

- Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the effective date of the code or amendment must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code or amendment.

Annual Statement:

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. If the period covered by the statement is different than January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022 or you are combining statements), you must specify the period covered.

- Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement must be reported. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2023.

- If your disclosure category changes during a reporting period, disclose under the old category until the effective date of the conflict of interest code amendment and disclose under the new disclosure category through the end of the reporting period.

Leaving Office Statement:

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2023, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position. If the period covered differs from January 1, 2023, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, or you are combining statements), the period covered must be specified. The reporting period can cover parts of two calendar years.

- Report: Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2023.

Candidate Statement:

If you are filing a statement in connection with your candidacy for state or local office, investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date of filing your declaration of candidacy must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing your declaration of candidacy is reportable. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B.

Candidates running for local elective offices (e.g., county sheriffs, city clerks, school board trustees, or water district board members) must file candidate statements, as required by the conflict of interest code for the elected position. The code may be obtained from the agency of the elected position.

Amendments:

If you discover errors or omissions on any statement, file an amendment as soon as possible. You are only required to amend the schedule that needs to be revised; it is not necessary to refile the entire form. Obtain amendment schedules from the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Note: Once you file your statement, you may not withdraw it. All changes must be noted on amendment schedules.

Expanded Statement:

If you hold multiple positions subject to reporting requirements, you may be able to file an expanded statement for each position, rather than a separate and distinct statement for each position. The expanded statement must cover all reportable interests for all jurisdictions and list all positions on the Form 700 or on an attachment for which it is filed. The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: Position:

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

State Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)

Multi-County County of

City of Other

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

-or- The period covered is / / , through December 31, 2023.

Assuming Office: Date assumed / /

Candidate: Date of Election and office sought, if different than Part 1:

Leaving Office: Date Left / / (Check one circle.)

The period covered is January 1, 2023, through the date of leaving office.

-or- The period covered is / / , through the date of leaving office.

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page:

Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached

Schedule A-2 - Investments – schedule attached

Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached

Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached

Schedule D - Income – Gifts – schedule attached

Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached

-or- None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS
()

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed (month, day, year)

Signature (File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

Instructions Cover Page

Enter your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. **Because the Form 700 is a public document, you may list your business/office address instead of your home address.**

Part 1. Office, Agency, or Court

- Enter the name of the office sought or held, or the agency or court. Consultants must enter the public agency name rather than their private firm's name. (Examples: State Assembly; Board of Supervisors; Office of the Mayor; Department of Finance; Hope County Superior Court).
- Indicate the name of your division, board, or district, if applicable. (Examples: Division of Waste Management; Board of Accountancy; District 45). **Do not use acronyms.**
- Enter your position title. (Examples: Director; Chief Counsel; City Council Member; Staff Services Analyst).
- If you hold multiple positions (i.e., a city council member who also is a member of a county board or commission) you may be required to file separate and distinct statements with each agency. To simplify your filing obligations, in some cases you may instead complete a single expanded statement and file it with each agency.
 - The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1. To file an expanded statement for multiple positions, enter the name of each agency with which you are required to file and your position title with each agency in the space provided. **Do not use acronyms.** Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Complete one statement disclosing all reportable interests for all jurisdictions. Then file the expanded statement with each agency as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

If you assume or leave a position after a filing deadline, you must complete a separate statement. For example, a city council member who assumes a position with a county special district after the April annual filing deadline must file a separate assuming office statement. In subsequent years, the city council member may expand their annual filing to include both positions.

Example:

Brian Bourne is a city council member for the City of Lincoln and a board member for the Camp Far West Irrigation District – a multi-county agency that covers the Counties of Placer and Yuba. The City is located within Placer County. Brian may complete one expanded statement to disclose all reportable interests for both offices and list both positions on the Cover Page. Brian will file the expanded statement with each the City and the District as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

Part 2. Jurisdiction of Office

- Check the box indicating the jurisdiction of your agency and, if applicable, identify the jurisdiction. Judges, judicial candidates, and court commissioners have statewide jurisdiction. All other filers should review the Reference Pamphlet, page 13, to determine their jurisdiction.
- If your agency is a multi-county office, list each county in which your agency has jurisdiction.

- If your agency is not a state office, court, county office, city office, or multi-county office (e.g., school districts, special districts and JPAs), check the “other” box and enter the county or city in which the agency has jurisdiction.

Example:

This filer is a member of a water district board with jurisdiction in portions of Yuba and Sutter Counties.

1. Office, Agency, or Court	
Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)	
Feather River Irrigation District	
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable	Your Position
N/A	Board Member
▶ If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)	
Agency: N/A	Position:
2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-County Yuba & Sutter Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> County of _____
<input type="checkbox"/> City of _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Part 3. Type of Statement

Check at least one box. The period covered by a statement is determined by the type of statement you are filing. If you are completing a 2023 annual statement, **do not** change the pre-printed dates to reflect 2024. Your annual statement is used for reporting the **previous year's** economic interests. Economic interests for your annual filing covering January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, will be disclosed on your statement filed in 2025. See Reference Pamphlet, page 4.

Combining Statements: Certain types of statements for the same position may be combined. For example, if you leave office after January 1, but before the deadline for filing your annual statement, you may combine your annual and leaving office statements. File by the earliest deadline. Consult your filing officer or the FPPC.

Part 4. Schedule Summary

- Complete the Schedule Summary after you have reviewed each schedule to determine if you have reportable interests.
- Enter the total number of completed pages including the cover page and either check the box for each schedule you use to disclose interests; **or** if you have nothing to disclose on any schedule, check the “No reportable interests” box. Please **do not** attach any blank schedules.

Part 5. Verification

Complete the verification by signing the statement and entering the date signed. Each statement must have an original “wet” signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) All statements must be signed under penalty of perjury and be verified by the filer pursuant to Government Code Section 81004. See Regulation 18723.1(c) for filing instructions for copies of expanded statements.

When you sign your statement, you are stating, under penalty of perjury, that it is true and correct. Only the filer has authority to sign the statement. An unsigned statement is not considered filed and you may be subject to late filing penalties.

SCHEDULE A-1

Investments

Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests

(Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Investments must be itemized.

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

Name

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499
Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

_____/_____/23 ____/_____/23
ACQUIRED DISPOSED

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedules A-1 and A-2 Investments

“Investment” means a financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency’s jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more at any time during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

Reportable investments include:

- Stocks, bonds, warrants, and options, including those held in margin or brokerage accounts and managed investment funds (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Sole proprietorships
- Your own business or your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s business (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8, for the definition of “business entity.”)
- Your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s investments even if they are legally separate property
- Partnerships (e.g., a law firm or family farm)
- Investments in reportable business entities held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- If you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest in a business entity or trust (including a living trust), you must disclose investments held by the business entity or trust. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16, for more information on disclosing trusts.)
- Business trusts

You are not required to disclose:

- Government bonds, diversified mutual funds, certain funds similar to diversified mutual funds (such as exchange traded funds) and investments held in certain retirement accounts. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) (Regulation 18237)
- Bank accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposits
- Cryptocurrency
- Insurance policies
- Annuities
- Commodities
- Shares in a credit union
- Government bonds (including municipal bonds)

Reminders

- Do you know your agency’s jurisdiction?
- Did you hold investments at any time during the period covered by this statement?
- Code filers – your disclosure categories may only require disclosure of specific investments.

- Retirement accounts invested in non-reportable interests (e.g., insurance policies, mutual funds, or government bonds) (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- Government defined-benefit pension plans (such as CalPERS and CalSTRS plans)
- Certain interests held in a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)

Use Schedule A-1 to report ownership of less than 10% (e.g., stock). Schedule C (Income) may also be required if the investment is not a stock or corporate bond. (See second example below.)

Use Schedule A-2 to report ownership of 10% or greater (e.g., a sole proprietorship).

To Complete Schedule A-1:

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

- Disclose the name of the business entity. Do not use acronyms for the name of the business entity, unless it is one that is commonly understood by the public.
- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity (e.g., pharmaceuticals, computers, automobile manufacturing, or communications).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period. If you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement, indicate the fair market value on the filing date or the date you took office, respectively. (See page 20 for more information.)
- Identify the nature of your investment (e.g., stocks, warrants, options, or bonds).
- An acquired or disposed of date is only required if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of the investment interest during the reporting period. The date of a stock dividend reinvestment or partial disposal is not required. Generally, these dates will not apply if you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement.

Examples:

Frank Byrd holds a state agency position. Frank’s conflict of interest code requires full disclosure of investments. Frank must disclose stock holdings of \$2,000 or more in any company that is located in or does business in California, as well as those stocks held by Frank’s spouse or registered domestic partner and dependent children.

Alice Lance is a city council member. Alice has a 4% interest, worth \$5,000, in a limited partnership located in the city. Alice must disclose the partnership on Schedule A-1 and income of \$500 or more received from the partnership on Schedule C.

SCHEDULE A-2

Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

(Ownership Interest is 10% or Greater)

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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name _____

▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST

Name _____

Address (Business Address Acceptable) _____

Check one
 Trust, go to 2 Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$0 - \$1,999			
\$2,000 - \$10,000	____/____/23	____/____/23	
\$10,001 - \$100,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000			
Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Partnership Sole Proprietorship _____ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION _____

▶ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)

\$0 - \$499	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$500 - \$1,000	OVER \$100,000
\$1,001 - \$10,000	

▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

None or Names listed below _____

▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST

Check one box:

INVESTMENT REAL PROPERTY

Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property _____

Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$2,000 - \$10,000			
\$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/23	____/____/23	
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INTEREST

Property Ownership/Deed of Trust Stock Partnership

Leasehold _____ Other _____

Yrs. remaining

Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached

▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST

Name _____

Address (Business Address Acceptable) _____

Check one
 Trust, go to 2 Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$0 - \$1,999			
\$2,000 - \$10,000	____/____/23	____/____/23	
\$10,001 - \$100,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000			
Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Partnership Sole Proprietorship _____ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION _____

▶ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)

\$0 - \$499	\$10,001 - \$100,000
\$500 - \$1,000	OVER \$100,000
\$1,001 - \$10,000	

▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

None or Names listed below _____

▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST

Check one box:

INVESTMENT REAL PROPERTY

Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property _____

Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$2,000 - \$10,000			
\$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/23	____/____/23	
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INTEREST

Property Ownership/Deed of Trust Stock Partnership

Leasehold _____ Other _____

Yrs. remaining

Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedule A-2

Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

Use Schedule A-2 to report investments in a business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) or trust (including a living trust) in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children, together or separately, had a 10% or greater interest, totaling \$2,000 or more, during the reporting period and which is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or which has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) A trust located outside your agency's jurisdiction is reportable if it holds assets that are located in or doing business in the jurisdiction. Do not report a trust that contains non-reportable interests. For example, a trust containing only your personal residence not used in whole or in part as a business, your savings account, and some municipal bonds, is not reportable.

Also report on Schedule A-2 investments and real property held by that entity or trust if your pro rata share of the investment or real property interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period.

To Complete Schedule A-2:

Part 1. Disclose the name and address of the business entity or trust. If you are reporting an interest in a business entity, check "Business Entity" and complete the box as follows:

- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period.
- If you initially acquired or entirely disposed of this interest during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.
- Identify the nature of your investment.
- Disclose the job title or business position you held with the entity, if any (i.e., if you were a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or held any position of management). A business position held by your spouse is not reportable.

Part 2. Check the box indicating **your pro rata** share of the **gross** income received **by** the business entity or trust. This amount includes your pro rata share of the **gross** income **from** the business entity or trust, as well as your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes.

Part 3. Disclose the name of each source of income that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction, as follows:

- Disclose each source of income and outstanding loan **to the business entity or trust** identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the **gross** income (including your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share) to the business entity or trust from that source was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11, for examples.) Income from governmental sources may be reportable if not considered salary. See Regulation 18232. Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.
- Disclose each individual or entity that was a source of commission income of \$10,000 or more during the reporting period through the business entity identified in Part 1. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)

You may be required to disclose sources of income located outside your jurisdiction. For example, you may have a client who resides outside your jurisdiction who does business on a regular basis with you. Such a client, if a reportable source of \$10,000 or more, must be disclosed.

Mark "None" if you do not have any reportable \$10,000 sources of income to disclose. Phrases such as "various clients" or "not disclosing sources pursuant to attorney-client privilege" are not adequate disclosure. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14, for information on procedures to request an exemption from disclosing privileged information.)

Part 4. Report any investments or interests in real property held or leased **by the entity or trust** identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the interest held was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period. Attach additional schedules or use FPPC's Form 700 Excel spreadsheet if needed.

- Check the applicable box identifying the interest held as real property or an investment.
- If investment, provide the name and description of the business entity.
- If real property, report the precise location (e.g., an assessor's parcel number or address).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your interest in the real property or investment during the reporting period. (Report the fair market value of the portion of your residence claimed as a tax deduction if you are utilizing your residence for business purposes.)
- Identify the nature of your interest.
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property or investment during the reporting period.

SCHEDULE B
Interests in Real Property
 (Including Rental Income)

Name _____

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$2,000 - \$10,000		
\$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/23	____/____/23
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED
Over \$1,000,000		

NATURE OF INTEREST

Ownership/Deed of Trust	Easement
Leasehold _____	_____
Yrs. remaining	Other

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED

\$0 - \$499	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000	

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.

None

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

\$2,000 - \$10,000		
\$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/23	____/____/23
\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED
Over \$1,000,000		

NATURE OF INTEREST

Ownership/Deed of Trust	Easement
Leasehold _____	_____
Yrs. remaining	Other

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED

\$0 - \$499	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000	

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.

None

* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER* _____

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) _____

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER _____

INTEREST RATE TERM (Months/Years)

_____%	None	_____
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HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000

Guarantor, if applicable _____

NAME OF LENDER* _____

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) _____

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER _____

INTEREST RATE TERM (Months/Years)

_____%	None	_____
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HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000

Guarantor, if applicable _____

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedule B Interests in Real Property

Report interests in real property located in your agency's jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more any time during the reporting period. Real property is also considered to be "within the jurisdiction" of a local government agency if the property or any part of it is located within two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the local government agency. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

Interests in real property include:

- An ownership interest (including a beneficial ownership interest)
- A deed of trust, easement, or option to acquire property
- A leasehold interest (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)
- A mining lease
- An interest in real property held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- An interest in real property held by a business entity or trust in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest (Report on Schedule A-2.)
- Your spouse's or registered domestic partner's interests in real property that are legally held separately by him or her

You are not required to report:

- A residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence (However, a residence in which you rent out a room or for which you claim a business deduction may be reportable. If reportable, report the fair market value of the portion claimed as a tax deduction.)
- Some interests in real property held through a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)
 - **Please note:** A non-reportable property can still be grounds for a conflict of interest and may be disqualifying.

To Complete Schedule B:

- Report the precise location (e.g., an assessor's parcel number or address) of the real property.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your interest in the property (regardless of what you owe on the property).
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property during the reporting period.
- Identify the nature of your interest. If it is a leasehold,

Reminders

- Income and loans already reported on Schedule B are not also required to be reported on Schedule C.
- Real property already reported on Schedule A-2, Part 4 is not also required to be reported on Schedule B.
- Code filers – do your disclosure categories require disclosure of real property?

disclose the number of years remaining on the lease.

- If you received rental income, check the box indicating the gross amount you received.
- If you had a 10% or greater interest in real property and received rental income, list the name of the source(s) if your pro rata share of the gross income from any single tenant was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. If you received a total of \$10,000 or more from two or more tenants acting in concert (in most cases, this will apply to married couples), disclose the first and last name of each tenant. Otherwise, mark "None."
- Loans from a private lender that total \$500 or more and are secured by real property may be reportable. **Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.**

When reporting a loan:

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Describe the lender's business activity.
- Disclose the interest rate and term of the loan. For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period. The term of a loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was established.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.
- Identify a guarantor, if applicable.

If you have more than one reportable loan on a single piece of real property, report the additional loan(s) on Schedule C.

Example:

Allison Gande is a city planning commissioner. During the reporting period, Allison received rental income of \$12,000, from a single tenant who rented property owned in the city's jurisdiction. If Allison received \$6,000 each from two tenants, the tenants' names would not be required because no single tenant paid her \$10,000 or more. A married couple is considered a single tenant.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS 4600 24th Street	
CITY Sacramento	
FAIR MARKET VALUE	IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> / / XX / XX
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> ACQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> DISPOSED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000	
NATURE OF INTEREST	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ownership/Deed of Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
<input type="checkbox"/> Leasehold	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	
Henry Wells	
NAME OF LENDER*	
Sophia Petroillo	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
2121 Blue Sky Parkway, Sacramento	
BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER	
Restaurant Owner	
INTEREST RATE	TERM (Months/Years)
8 % <input type="checkbox"/> None	15 Years
HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantor, if applicable	
Comments:	

SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business
Positions
(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

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Name _____

▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION _____

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED	No Income - Business Position Only
\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income
(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership *(Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)*

Sale of _____
(Real property, car, boat, etc.)

Loan repayment

Commission or Rental Income, *list each source of \$10,000 or more*

_____ *(Describe)*

Other _____ *(Describe)*

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION _____

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED	No Income - Business Position Only
\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$10,000
\$10,001 - \$100,000	OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income
(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership *(Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)*

Sale of _____
(Real property, car, boat, etc.)

Loan repayment

Commission or Rental Income, *list each source of \$10,000 or more*

_____ *(Describe)*

Other _____ *(Describe)*

▶ 2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER*	INTEREST RATE	TERM (Months/Years)
_____	_____ % None	_____
ADDRESS <i>(Business Address Acceptable)</i>		

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER	SECURITY FOR LOAN	
_____	None Personal residence	
HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD	Real Property _____	
\$500 - \$1,000	_____ <i>Street address</i>	
\$1,001 - \$10,000	_____ <i>City</i>	
\$10,001 - \$100,000	Guarantor _____	
OVER \$100,000	Other _____	
	_____ <i>(Describe)</i>	

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedule C

Income, Loans, & Business Positions

(Income Other Than Gifts and Travel Payments)

Reporting Income:

Report the source and amount of gross income of \$500 or more you received during the reporting period. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes and includes loans other than loans from a commercial lending institution. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11.) You must also report the source of income to your spouse or registered domestic partner if your community property share was \$500 or more during the reporting period.

The source and income must be reported only if the source is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) Reportable sources of income may be further limited by your disclosure category located in your agency's conflict of interest code.

Reporting Business Positions:

You must report your job title with each reportable business entity even if you received no income during the reporting period. Use the comments section to indicate that no income was received.

Commonly reportable income and loans include:

- Salary/wages, per diem, and reimbursement for expenses including travel payments provided by your employer
- Community property interest (50%) in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's income - **report the employer's name and all other required information**
- Income from investment interests, such as partnerships, reported on Schedule A-1
- Commission income not required to be reported on Schedule A-2 (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)
- Gross income from any sale, including the sale of a house or car (Report your pro rata share of the total sale price.)
- Rental income not required to be reported on Schedule B
- Prizes or awards not disclosed as gifts
- Payments received on loans you made to others
- An honorarium received prior to becoming a public official (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Incentive compensation (See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

Reminders

- Code filers – your disclosure categories may not require disclosure of all sources of income.
- If you or your spouse or registered domestic partner are self-employed, report the business entity on Schedule A-2.
- Do not disclose on Schedule C income, loans, or business positions already reported on Schedules A-2 or B.

You are not required to report:

- Salary, reimbursement for expenses or per diem, or social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments received by you or your spouse or registered domestic partner from a federal, state, or local government agency.
- Stock dividends and income from the sale of stock unless the source can be identified.
- Income from a PERS retirement account.

(See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

To Complete Schedule C:

Part 1. Income Received/Business Position Disclosure

- Disclose the name and address of each source of income or each business entity with which you held a business position.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the amount of gross income received.
- Identify the consideration for which the income was received.
- For income from commission sales, check the box indicating the gross income received and list the name of each source of commission income of \$10,000 or more. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.) **Note: If you receive commission income on a regular basis or have an ownership interest of 10% or more, you must disclose the business entity and the income on Schedule A-2.**
- Disclose the job title or business position, if any, that you held with the business entity, even if you did not receive income during the reporting period.

Part 2. Loans Received or Outstanding During the Reporting Period

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the lender is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.
- Disclose the interest rate and the term of the loan.
 - For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period.
 - The term of the loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was entered into.
- Identify the security, if any, for the loan.

SCHEDULE D
Income – Gifts

Name _____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

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ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

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▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____
____/____/____	\$ _____	_____

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedule D Income – Gifts

A gift is anything of value for which you have not provided equal or greater consideration to the donor. A gift is reportable if its fair market value is \$50 or more. In addition, multiple gifts totaling \$50 or more received during the reporting period from a single source must be reported.

It is the acceptance of a gift, not the ultimate use to which it is put, that imposes your reporting obligation. Except as noted below, you must report a gift even if you never used it or if you gave it away to another person.

If the exact amount of a gift is unknown, you must make a good faith estimate of the item's fair market value. Listing the value of a gift as "over \$50" or "value unknown" is not adequate disclosure. In addition, if you received a gift through an intermediary, you must disclose the name, address, and business activity of both the donor and the intermediary. You may indicate an intermediary either in the "source" field after the name or in the "comments" section at the bottom of Schedule D.

Commonly reportable gifts include:

- Tickets/passes to sporting or entertainment events
- Tickets/passes to amusement parks
- Parking passes not used for official agency business
- Food, beverages, and accommodations, including those provided in direct connection with your attendance at a convention, conference, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering
- Rebates/discounts not made in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status
- Wedding gifts (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16)
- An honorarium received prior to assuming office (You may report an honorarium as income on Schedule C, rather than as a gift on Schedule D, if you provided services of equal or greater value than the payment received. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Transportation and lodging (See Schedule E.)
- Forgiveness of a loan received by you

Reminders

- Gifts from a single source are subject to a \$590 limit in 2023. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Code filers – you only need to report gifts from reportable sources.

Gift Tracking Mobile Application

- FPPC has created a gift tracking app for mobile devices that helps filers track gifts and provides a quick and easy way to upload the information to the Form 700. Visit FPPC's website to download the app.

You are not required to disclose:

- Gifts that were not used and that, within 30 days after receipt, were returned to the donor or delivered to a charitable organization or government agency without being claimed by you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes
- Gifts from your spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, and certain other family members (See Regulation 18942 for a complete list.). The exception does not apply if the donor was acting as an agent or intermediary for a reportable source who was the true donor.
- Gifts of similar value exchanged between you and an individual, other than a lobbyist registered to lobby your state agency, on holidays, birthdays, or similar occasions
- Gifts of informational material provided to assist you in the performance of your official duties (e.g., books, pamphlets, reports, calendars, periodicals, or educational seminars)
- A monetary bequest or inheritance (However, inherited investments or real property may be reportable on other schedules.)
- Personalized plaques or trophies with an individual value of less than \$250
- Campaign contributions
- Up to two tickets, for your own use, to attend a fundraiser for a campaign committee or candidate, or to a fundraiser for an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ticket must be received from the organization or committee holding the fundraiser.
- Gifts given to members of your immediate family if the source has an established relationship with the family member and there is no evidence to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you. (See Regulation 18943.)
- Free admission, food, and nominal items (such as a pen, pencil, mouse pad, note pad or similar item) available to all attendees, at the event at which the official makes a speech (as defined in Regulation 18950(b)(2)), so long as the admission is provided by the person who organizes the event.
- Any other payment not identified above, that would otherwise meet the definition of gift, where the payment is made by an individual who is not a lobbyist registered to lobby the official's state agency, where it is clear that the gift was made because of an existing personal or business relationship unrelated to the official's position and there is no evidence whatsoever at the time the gift is made to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you.

To Complete Schedule D:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym), address, and, if a business entity, the business activity of the source.
- Provide the date (month, day, and year) of receipt, and disclose the fair market value and description of the gift.

SCHEDULE E
Income – Gifts
Travel Payments, Advances,
and Reimbursements

Name _____

- Mark either the gift or income box.
- Mark the “501(c)(3)” box for a travel payment received from a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or the “Speech” box if you made a speech or participated in a panel. Per Government Code Section 89506, these payments may not be subject to the gift limit. However, they may result in a disqualifying conflict of interest.
- For gifts of travel, provide the travel destination.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)* _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

CITY AND STATE _____

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

DATE(S): ____/____/____ - ____/____/____ AMT: \$ _____
(If gift)

▶ MUST CHECK ONE: Gift **-or-** Income

 Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel _____

 Other - Provide Description _____

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination _____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)* _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

CITY AND STATE _____

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

DATE(S): ____/____/____ - ____/____/____ AMT: \$ _____
(If gift)

▶ MUST CHECK ONE: Gift **-or-** Income

 Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel _____

 Other - Provide Description _____

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination _____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)* _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

CITY AND STATE _____

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

DATE(S): ____/____/____ - ____/____/____ AMT: \$ _____
(If gift)

▶ MUST CHECK ONE: Gift **-or-** Income

 Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel _____

 Other - Provide Description _____

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination _____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)* _____

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* _____

CITY AND STATE _____

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE _____

DATE(S): ____/____/____ - ____/____/____ AMT: \$ _____
(If gift)

▶ MUST CHECK ONE: Gift **-or-** Income

 Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel _____

 Other - Provide Description _____

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination _____

Comments: _____

Instructions – Schedule E Travel Payments, Advances, and Reimbursements

Travel payments reportable on Schedule E include advances and reimbursements for travel and related expenses, including lodging and meals.

Gifts of travel may be subject to the gift limit. In addition, certain travel payments are reportable gifts, but are not subject to the gift limit. To avoid possible misinterpretation or the perception that you have received a gift in excess of the gift limit, you may wish to provide a specific description of the purpose of your travel. (See the FPPC fact sheet entitled "Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, and Loans" to read about travel payments under section 89506(a).)

You are not required to disclose:

- Travel payments received from any state, local, or federal government agency for which you provided services equal or greater in value than the payments received, such as reimbursement for travel on agency business from your government agency employer.
- A payment for travel from another local, state, or federal government agency and related per diem expenses when the travel is for education, training or other inter-agency programs or purposes.
- Travel payments received from your employer in the normal course of your employment that are included in the income reported on Schedule C.
- A travel payment that was received from a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for which you provided equal or greater consideration, such as reimbursement for travel on business for a 501(c)(3) organization for which you are a board member.

Note: Certain travel payments may not be reportable if reported via email on Form 801 by your agency.

To Complete Schedule E:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym) and address of the source of the travel payment.
- Identify the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box to identify the payment as a gift or income, report the amount, and disclose the date(s).
 - **Travel payments are gifts** if you did not provide services that were equal to or greater in value than the payments received. You must disclose gifts totaling \$500 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement.

When reporting travel payments that are gifts, you must provide a description of the gift, the **date(s)** received, and the **travel destination**.

- **Travel payments are income** if you provided services that were equal to or greater in value than the

payments received. You must disclose income totaling \$500 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement. You have the burden of proving the payments are income rather than gifts. When reporting travel payments as income, you must describe the services you provided in exchange for the payment. You are not required to disclose the date(s) for travel payments that are income.

Example:

City council member MaryClaire Chandler is the chair of a 501(c)(6) trade association, and the association pays for MaryClaire's travel to attend its meetings. Because MaryClaire is deemed to be providing equal or greater consideration for the travel payment by virtue of serving on the board, this payment may be reported as income. Payments for MaryClaire to attend other events for which they are not providing services are likely considered gifts.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)	
Health Services Trade Association	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
1230 K Street, Suite 610	
CITY AND STATE	
Sacramento, CA	
<input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE	
Association of Healthcare Workers	
DATE(S):	AMT: \$ 550.00
(if gift)	
▶ MUST CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> Gift -or- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income	
<input type="radio"/> Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other - Provide Description <u>Travel reimbursement for board meeting.</u>	
▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination _____	

Note that the same payment from a 501(c)(3) would NOT be reportable.

Example:

Mayor Kim travels to China on a trip organized by China Silicon Valley Business Development, a California nonprofit, 501(c)(6) organization. The Chengdu Municipal People's Government pays for Mayor Kim's airfare and travel costs, as well as meals and lodging during the trip. The trip's agenda shows that the trip's purpose is to promote job creation and economic activity in China and in Silicon Valley, so the trip is reasonably related to a governmental purpose.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)	
Chengdu Municipal People's Government	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
2 Caoshi St. CaoShiJie, Qingyang Qu, Chengdu Shi,	
CITY AND STATE	
Sichuan Sheng, China, 610000	
<input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE	
DATE(S):	AMT: \$ 3,874.38
(if gift)	
▶ MUST CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gift -or- <input type="checkbox"/> Income	
<input type="radio"/> Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other - Provide Description <u>Travel reimbursement for trip to China.</u>	
▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination <u>Sichuan Sheng, China</u>	

Thus, Mayor Kim must report the gift of travel, but the gift is exempt from the gift limit. In this case, the travel payments are not subject to the gift limit because the source is a foreign government and because the travel is reasonably related to a governmental purpose. (Section 89506(a)(2).) Note that Mayor Kim could be disqualified from participating in or making decisions about The Chengdu Municipal People's Government for 12 months. Also note that if China Silicon Valley Business Development (a 501(c)(6) organization) paid for the travel costs rather than the governmental organization, the payments would be subject to the gift limits. (See the FPPC fact sheet, Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel and Loans, at www.fppc.ca.gov.)

Restrictions and Prohibitions

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code Sections 81000-91014) requires most state and local government officials and employees to publicly disclose their economic interests including personal assets and income. The Act's conflict of interest provisions also disqualify a public official from taking part in a governmental decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect on these economic interests as well as the official's personal finances and those of immediate family. (Gov. Code Sections 87100 and 87103.) The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the state agency responsible for issuing the attached Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, and for interpreting the Act's provisions.

Gift Prohibition

Gifts received by most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are subject to a limit. In 2023-2024, the gift limit increased to \$590 from a single source during a calendar year.

Additionally, state officials, state candidates, and certain state employees are subject to a \$10 limit per calendar month on gifts from lobbyists and lobbying firms registered with the Secretary of State. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.

State and local officials and employees should check with their agency to determine if other restrictions apply.

Disqualification

Public officials are, under certain circumstances, required to disqualify themselves from making, participating in, or attempting to influence governmental decisions that will affect their economic interests. This may include interests they are not required to disclose. For example, a personal residence is often not reportable, but may be grounds for disqualification. Specific disqualification requirements apply to 87200 filers (e.g., city councilmembers, members of boards of supervisors, planning commissioners, etc.). These officials must publicly identify the economic interest that creates a conflict of interest and leave the room before a discussion or vote takes place at a public meeting. For more information, consult Government Code Section 87105, Regulation 18707, and the Guide to Recognizing Conflicts of Interest page at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Honorarium Ban

Most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are prohibited from accepting an honorarium for any speech given, article published, or attendance at a conference, convention, meeting, or like gathering. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)

Loan Restrictions

Certain state and local officials are subject to restrictions on loans. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

Post-Governmental Employment

There are restrictions on representing clients or employers before former agencies. The provisions apply to elected state officials, most state employees, local elected officials, county chief administrative officers, city managers, including the chief administrator of a city, and general managers or chief administrators of local special districts and JPAs. The FPPC website has fact sheets explaining the provisions.

Late Filing

The filing officer who retains originally-signed or electronically filed statements of economic interests may impose on an individual a fine for any statement that is filed late. The fine is \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100. Late filing penalties may be reduced or waived under certain circumstances.

Persons who fail to timely file their Form 700 may be referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division (and, in some cases, to the Attorney General or district attorney) for investigation and possible prosecution. In addition to the late filing penalties, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation may be imposed.

For assistance concerning reporting, prohibitions, and restrictions under the Act:

- Email questions to advice@fppc.ca.gov.
- Call the FPPC toll-free at (866) 275-3772.

Form 700 is a Public Document Public Access Must Be Provided

Statements of Economic Interests are public documents. The filing officer must permit any member of the public to inspect and receive a copy of any statement.

- Statements must be available as soon as possible during the agency's regular business hours, but in any event not later than the second business day after the statement is received. Access to the Form 700 is not subject to the Public Records Act procedures.
- No conditions may be placed on persons seeking access to the forms.
- No information or identification may be required from persons seeking access.
- Reproduction fees of no more than 10 cents per page may be charged.

Questions and Answers

General

- Q. What is the reporting period for disclosing interests on an assuming office statement or a candidate statement?
- A. On an assuming office statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed office. In addition, you must disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed office.

On a candidate statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you file your declaration of candidacy. You must also disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you file your declaration of candidacy.

- Q. I hold two other board positions in addition to my position with the county. Must I file three statements of economic interests?
- A. Yes, three are required. However, you may instead complete an expanded statement listing the county and the two boards on the Cover Page or an attachment as the agencies for which you will be filing. Disclose all reportable economic interests in all three jurisdictions on the expanded statement. File the expanded statement for your primary position providing an original “wet” signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) File copies of the expanded statement with the other two agencies as required by Regulation 18723.1(c). Remember to complete separate statements for positions that you leave or assume during the year.
- Q. I am a department head who recently began acting as city manager. Should I file as the city manager?
- A. Yes. File an assuming office statement as city manager. Persons serving as “acting,” “interim,” or “alternate” must file as if they hold the position because they are or may be performing the duties of the position.

- Q. My spouse and I are currently separated and in the process of obtaining a divorce. Must I still report my spouse’s income, investments, and interests in real property?
- A. Yes. A public official must continue to report a spouse’s economic interests until such time as dissolution of marriage proceedings is final. However, if a separate property agreement has been reached prior to that time, your estranged spouse’s income may not have to be reported. Contact the FPPC for more information.
- Q. As a designated employee, I left one state agency to work for another state agency. Must I file a leaving office statement?
- A. Yes. You may also need to file an assuming office statement for the new agency.

Investment Disclosure

- Q. I have an investment interest in shares of stock in a company that does not have an office in my jurisdiction. Must I still disclose my investment interest in this company?
- A. Probably. The definition of “doing business in the jurisdiction” is not limited to whether the business has an office or physical location in your jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Q. My spouse and I have a living trust. The trust holds rental property in my jurisdiction, our primary residence, and investments in diversified mutual funds. I have full disclosure. How is this trust disclosed?
- A. Disclose the name of the trust, the rental property and its income on Schedule A-2. Your primary residence and investments in diversified mutual funds registered with the SEC are not reportable.
- Q. I am required to report all investments. I have an IRA that contains stocks through an account managed by a brokerage firm. Must I disclose these stocks even though they are held in an IRA and I did not decide which stocks to purchase?
- A. Yes. Disclose on Schedule A-1 or A-2 any stock worth \$2,000 or more in a business entity located in or doing business in your jurisdiction.

Questions and Answers Continued

- Q. The value of my stock changed during the reporting period. How do I report the value of the stock?
- A. You are required to report the highest value that the stock reached during the reporting period. You may use your monthly statements to determine the highest value. You may also use the entity's website to determine the highest value. You are encouraged to keep a record of where you found the reported value. Note that for an assuming office statement, you must report the value of the stock on the date you assumed office.
- Q. I am the sole owner of my business, an S-Corporation. I believe that the nature of the business is such that it cannot be said to have any "fair market value" because it has no assets. I operate the corporation under an agreement with a large insurance company. My contract does not have resale value because of its nature as a personal services contract. Must I report the fair market value for my business on Schedule A-2 of the Form 700?
- A. Yes. Even if there are no *tangible* assets, intangible assets, such as relationships with companies and clients are commonly sold to qualified professionals. The "fair market value" is often quantified for other purposes, such as marital dissolutions or estate planning. In addition, the IRS presumes that "personal services corporations" have a fair market value. A professional "book of business" and the associated goodwill that generates income are not without a determinable value. The Form 700 does not require a precise fair market value; it is only necessary to check a box indicating the broad range within which the value falls.
- Q. I own stock in IBM and must report this investment on Schedule A-1. I initially purchased this stock in the early 1990s; however, I am constantly buying and selling shares. Must I note these dates in the "Acquired" and "Disposed" fields?
- A. No. You must only report dates in the "Acquired" or "Disposed" fields when, during the reporting period, you initially purchase a reportable investment worth \$2,000 or more or when you dispose of the entire investment. You are not required to track the partial trading of an investment.
- Q. On last year's filing I reported stock in Encoe valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000. Late last year the value of this stock fell below and remains at less than \$2,000. How should this be reported on this year's statement?
- A. You are not required to report an investment if the value was less than \$2,000 during the **entire** reporting period. However, because a disposed date is not required for stocks that fall below \$2,000, you may want to report the stock and note in the "comments" section that the value fell below \$2,000. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.
- Q. We have a Section 529 account set up to save money for our son's college education. Is this reportable?
- A. If the Section 529 account contains reportable interests (e.g., common stock valued at \$2,000 or more), those interests are reportable (not the actual Section 529 account). If the account contains solely mutual funds, then nothing is reported.

Income Disclosure

- Q. I reported a business entity on Schedule A-2. Clients of my business are located in several states. Must I report all clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2, Part 3?
- A. No, only the clients located in or doing business on a regular basis in your jurisdiction must be disclosed.
- Q. I believe I am not required to disclose the names of clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2 because of their right to privacy. Is there an exception for reporting clients' names?
- A. Regulation 18740 provides a procedure for requesting an exemption to allow a client's name not to be disclosed if disclosure of the name would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or Federal law. This regulation may be obtained from our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

Questions and Answers Continued

Q. I am sole owner of a private law practice that is not reportable based on my limited disclosure category. However, some of the sources of income to my law practice are from reportable sources. Do I have to disclose this income?

A. Yes, even though the law practice is not reportable, reportable sources of income to the law practice of \$10,000 or more must be disclosed. This information would be disclosed on Schedule C with a note in the "comments" section indicating that the business entity is not a reportable investment. The note would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.

Q. I am the sole owner of my business. Where do I disclose my income - on Schedule A-2 or Schedule C?

A. Sources of income to a business in which you have an ownership interest of 10% or greater are disclosed on Schedule A-2. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)

Q. My spouse is a partner in a four-person firm where all of their business is based on their own billings and collections from various clients. How do I report my community property interest in this business and the income generated in this manner?

A. If your spouse's investment in the firm is 10% or greater, disclose 100% of your spouse's share of the business on Schedule A-2, Part 1 and 50% of your spouse's income on Schedule A-2, Parts 2 and 3. For example, a client of your spouse's must be a source of at least \$20,000 during the reporting period before the client's name is reported.

Q. How do I disclose my spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary?

A. Report the name of the employer as a source of income on Schedule C.

Q. I am a doctor. For purposes of reporting \$10,000 sources of income on Schedule A-2, Part 3, are the patients or their insurance carriers considered sources of income?

A. If your patients exercise sufficient control by selecting you instead of other doctors, then your patients, rather than their insurance carriers, are sources of income to you. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

Q. I received a loan from my grandfather to purchase my home. Is this loan reportable?

A. No. Loans received from family members are not reportable.

Q. Many years ago, I loaned my parents several thousand dollars, which they paid back this year. Do I need to report this loan repayment on my Form 700?

A. No. Payments received on a loan made to a family member are not reportable.

Real Property Disclosure

Q. During this reporting period we switched our principal place of residence into a rental. I have full disclosure and the property is located in my agency's jurisdiction, so it is now reportable. Because I have not reported this property before, do I need to show an "acquired" date?

A. No, you are not required to show an "acquired" date because you previously owned the property. However, you may want to note in the "comments" section that the property was not previously reported because it was used exclusively as your residence. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.

Q. I am a city manager, and I own a rental property located in an adjacent city, but one mile from the city limit. Do I need to report this property interest?

A. Yes. You are required to report this property because it is located within 2 miles of the boundaries of the city you manage.

Q. Must I report a home that I own as a personal residence for my daughter?

A. You are not required to disclose a home used as a personal residence for a family member unless you receive income from it, such as rental income.

Q. I am a co-signer on a loan for a rental property owned by a friend. Since I am listed on the deed of trust, do I need to report my friend's property as an interest in real property on my Form 700?

A. No. Simply being a co-signer on a loan for property does not create a reportable interest in that real property.

Questions and Answers Continued

Gift Disclosure

- Q. If I received a reportable gift of two tickets to a concert valued at \$100 each, but gave the tickets to a friend because I could not attend the concert, do I have any reporting obligations?
- A. Yes. Since you accepted the gift and exercised discretion and control of the use of the tickets, you must disclose the gift on Schedule D.
- Q. Julia and Jared Benson, a married couple, want to give a piece of artwork to a county supervisor. Is each spouse considered a separate source for purposes of the gift limit and disclosure?
- A. Yes, each spouse may make a gift valued at the gift limit during a calendar year. For example, during 2023 the gift limit was \$590, so the Bensons may have given the supervisor artwork valued at no more than \$1,080. The supervisor must identify Jared and Julia Benson as the sources of the gift.
- Q. I am a Form 700 filer with full disclosure. Our agency holds a holiday raffle to raise funds for a local charity. I bought \$10 worth of raffle tickets and won a gift basket valued at \$120. The gift basket was donated by Doug Brewer, a citizen in our city. At the same event, I bought raffle tickets for, and won a quilt valued at \$70. The quilt was donated by a coworker. Are these reportable gifts?
- A. Because the gift basket was donated by an outside source (not an agency employee), you have received a reportable gift valued at \$110 (the value of the basket less the consideration paid). The source of the gift is Doug Brewer and the agency is disclosed as the intermediary. Because the quilt was donated by an employee of your agency, it is not a reportable gift.
- Q. My agency is responsible for disbursing grants. An applicant (501(c)(3) organization) met with agency employees to present its application. At this meeting, the applicant provided food and beverages. Would the food and beverages be considered gifts to the employees? These employees are designated in our agency's conflict of interest code and the applicant is a reportable source of income under the code.
- A. Yes. If the value of the food and beverages consumed by any one filer, plus any other gifts received from the same source during the reporting period total \$50 or more, the food and beverages would be reported using the fair market value and would be subject to the gift limit.
- Q. I received free admission to an educational conference related to my official duties. Part of the conference fees included a round of golf. Is the value of the golf considered informational material?
- A. No. The value of personal benefits, such as golf, attendance at a concert, or sporting event, are gifts subject to reporting and limits.

Frequently Asked Questions: Form 700 Disclosure

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The FAQs listed below are selected from questions often asked about the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Because it is not possible to address all of the unique variables and circumstances related to disclosure, individuals are encouraged to contact the FPPC with specific facts. Most officials must also consult their agency’s conflict of interest code to determine their disclosure level and their reportable interests. The Form 700 is a public document. Form 700s filed by State Legislators and Judges, members of the FPPC, County Supervisors, and City Council Members are available on the FPPC’s website.

General Questions

1. Q. Do officials have to complete all schedules of the Form 700?
 - A. Not necessarily. The majority of individuals who file the Form 700 must do so by following the rules set forth in their agency’s conflict of interest code (“designated employees”). Before completing the Form 700, an official should be familiar with the disclosure category for their position. For example, since job duties differ from agency to agency and even unit to unit within the same agency, an analyst for one agency, or unit of that agency, may not have the same reporting requirements as an analyst from another agency, or even another unit of the same agency. **Designated employees should obtain a copy of their agency’s conflict of interest code from the agency.**

Officials listed in Government Code Section 87200 (e.g., boards of supervisors, city council members, planning commissioners, elected state officials, etc.) must report investments, business positions, and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from sources located in or doing business in their agency’s jurisdiction. All interests in real property within the agency’s jurisdiction must also be reported. For local officials, real property located within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction or any real property that the agency has an interest in is deemed to be “within the jurisdiction.”
2. Q. Is it necessary to read all of the information before completing the Form 700?
 - A. Each individual must verify the Form 700’s content under penalty of perjury. Therefore, every effort must be made to understand what the form requires. When necessary, you may contact the FPPC for specific guidance. You may only obtain immunity from a potential enforcement action when you receive formal written advice.
3. Q. Where are the Form 700s filed?
 - A. Most state and local officials file with their agency. In most instances, the agency is required to forward the originals for specified high-level officials to the FPPC. Only retired judges serving on assignment and legislative staff file the Form 700 *directly* with the FPPC.

4. Q. If the Form 700 is postmarked by the due date, is it considered filed on time?
 - A. Yes.
5. Q. If an official holds multiple positions subject to filing obligations, is a statement required for each position?
 - A. Yes. However, in some circumstances, such an official may file an expanded statement instead. The expanded statement must cover all reportable interests for all jurisdictions and list all positions for which it is filed. The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1.
6. Q. Do individuals need to file a complete Form 700 when they leave office?
 - A. Yes. The same requirements apply for the assuming office, the annual, and the leaving office filings.
7. Q. An individual is hired into a newly created management position in her agency's Information Technology Department. How does she complete the Form 700?
 - A. Because it is a newly created position, the law requires that economic interests be reported under the broadest disclosure category in the agency's conflict of interest code unless the agency sets interim disclosure that is tailored to the limited range of duties of the position. An individual may request that the agency complete the Form 804 (Agency Report of New Positions) to tailor the disclosure category to the job duties of the new position. Generally, the Form 700 must be filed with the agency within 30 days of the date of hire.
8. Q. Must board members of a non-profit public benefit corporation that operates California charter schools file Form 700?
 - A. Yes. Members of charter schools are public officials and must file the Form 700.

Income Questions

9. Q. Must an official report a spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary?
 - A. Generally an official is required to report their community property share (50%) of their spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary. The disclosure lists the employer's name as the source of income on Schedule C of the Form 700. If the spouse or registered domestic partner is self-employed, the business entity is reported on Schedule A-2. Officials should check their disclosure category, if applicable, to determine if the income is reportable. A spouse or registered domestic partner's government salary is not reportable (e.g., spouse is a teacher at a public school).
10. Q. If an official receives income as a gig worker for companies such as Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, Instacart, etc., is that income reportable on the Form 700?
 - A. Yes, this income is reportable if the source of income is doing business in the official's jurisdiction. If the official is an independent contractor of the company, the official will report the income on Schedule A-2. If the official is an employee of the company, the official will report the income on Schedule C.

11. Q. If an official and their spouse have a legally separate property agreement (e.g., prenuptial), must the official still report their community property share (50%) in their spouse's income?
- A. No. If there is a legally separate property agreement, the official is not required to report their community property share in their spouse's income so long as the funds are not commingled with community funds or used to pay for community expenses or to produce or enhance the official's separate income. This reporting exception does not apply to investments and interests in real property. Even if a public official and their spouse have a separate property agreement, the spouse's investments and interests in real property must still be disclosed because the definitions of reportable investments and interests in real property include those held by the official's immediate family (spouse, registered domestic partner, and dependent children). These definitions are not dependent on community property law.
12. Q. If an official owns a business in which he has received income of \$10,000 or more from a client, is the official required to disclose the client's name on Schedule A-2, Part 3?
- A. Yes, except for under rare circumstances where disclosure of the identity would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or federal law. In these cases, the FPPC may authorize an exemption. (Regulation 18740)
13. Q. When an official purchases a new car and trades in the old car as credit toward the purchase price, is the trade-in allowance considered reportable income on the Form 700?
- A. No. A trade-in allowance is not considered income and is not reportable on an official's Form 700. However, income received from the sale of an auto may be reportable.
14. Q. An official owns a rental property that they are required to report. The renter/tenant pays a property management company and the company deposits the funds into the official's checking account. Would the source of rental income be listed as the property management company or the person living at the residence who is paying the property management company?
- A. The source of the rental income is the person living at the residence (renter/tenant). The property management company does not need to be disclosed.

Investment Questions

15. Q. An official holds various stocks through an account managed by an investment firm. The account manager decides which stocks to purchase with no input from the official. Are the stocks subject to disclosure?
- A. Yes. Unless the stocks are in a diversified mutual fund registered with the SEC or in a fund similar to a diversified mutual fund (e.g., exchange traded fund (ETF)) if the similar fund meets the specific criteria outlined in Regulation 18237. Any investments worth \$2,000 or more in a business entity located in or doing business in the jurisdiction must be disclosed on Schedule A-1 or A-2 if the official's disclosure category requires that the investments be reported.
16. Q. Are funds invested in a retirement account required to be disclosed?
- A. Investments held in a government defined-benefit pension program plan (e.g., CalPERS) are not reportable. Investments held in a fund such as a defined contribution plan 401(k) or exchange traded fund (EFT) are not required to be disclosed if the fund meets the specific criteria outlined in Regulation 18237. An official may need to contact their account manager for assistance in determining what assets are held in the account.

17. Q. If an official reported stocks that were acquired last year on their annual Form 700, must the stocks be listed again on the official's next Form 700?
- A. Yes. Stocks that are worth \$2,000 or more during the reporting period must be reported every year that they are held. The "acquired" and "disposed" dates are only required if the stocks were acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the Form 700.
18. Q. How are interests in a living trust reported if the trust includes: (1) rental property in the official's jurisdiction; (2) a primary residence; and (3) investments in diversified mutual funds? Are there different disclosure rules?
- A. The name of the trust is reported, along with the rental property and its income, on Schedule A-2. The official's primary residence, if used exclusively as a personal residence, and investments in diversified mutual funds registered with the SEC, are not reportable. Although the official's primary residence is not required to be disclosed on the Form 700, it is still considered an economic interest for conflict of interest purposes. (See Question 18.) A secondary residence not used exclusively for personal purposes may be reportable. (See Question 19.)
19. Q. A Form 700 filer has a 10% or greater ownership interest in a company that provides uncompensated, pro-bono, or volunteer services within the filer's jurisdiction. Must this investment be disclosed on Schedule A-2 of the Form 700?
- A. Yes. An investment must be disclosed if there is any financial interest in a business entity that does business or plans to do business within the jurisdiction (See Government Code 82034). Although the services are uncompensated, "doing business in" is defined as having business contacts on a regular or substantial basis including providing services or goods (Regulation 18230).
20. Q. An official holds an investment (stocks, partnership, etc.) or receives income from a business entity. How is the name of the business entity reported?
- A. An official must report the full name of the business entity interest. Do not use acronyms for the name of the business entity unless it is one that is commonly understood by the public.

Real Property Questions

21. Q. Is an official's personal residence reportable?
- A. Generally, any personal residence occupied by an official or their family is not reportable if used exclusively as a personal residence. However, a residence for which a business deduction is claimed is reportable if the portion claimed as a tax deduction is valued at \$2,000 or more. In addition, any residence for which an official receives rental income is reportable if it is located in the jurisdiction.
22. Q. When an official is required to report interests in real property, is a secondary residence reportable?
- A. It depends. First, the residence must be located in the official's jurisdiction. If the secondary residence is located in the official's jurisdiction and rental income is received (including from a family member), the residence is reportable. However, if the residence is used exclusively for personal purposes and no rental income is received, it is not reportable. Although the secondary residence may not be reportable, it is still considered an economic interest for conflict of interest purposes.

23. Q. If a primary or secondary personal residence is required to be reported, is the street address required to be disclosed?

A. No. The assessor's parcel number may be listed instead of the street address.

Enforcement Question

24. Q. What is the penalty for not filing the Form 700 on time or not reporting all required economic interests?

A. A late fine of \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100 may be assessed. If an individual does not pay a late fine, the matter may be referred to the Franchise Tax Board for collection. In addition, if a matter is referred to the FPCC's Enforcement Division for failure to file or failure to include all required economic interests, the fine may be substantially higher.

Gift/Travel Questions

25. Q. What is the gift limit for 2023-2024?

A. **\$590:** This means that gifts from a single, reportable source, other than a lobbyist or lobbying firm (see below), may not exceed \$590 in a calendar year. For officials and employees who file the Form 700 under an agency's conflict of interest code ("designated employees"), this limit applies only if the official or employee would be required to report income or gifts from that source on the Form 700, as outlined in the "disclosure category" portion of the agency's conflict of interest code. For conflict of interest purposes, the gift must be under \$590 to avoid consideration under the conflict rules.

State Lobbyist & Lobbying Firm Limit:

\$10: State candidates, state elected officers, and state legislative officials may not accept gifts aggregating more than **\$10 in a calendar month that are made or arranged by a registered state lobbyist or lobbying firm.** The same rule applies to state agency officials, including members of state boards and commissions, if the lobbyist or firm is registered to lobby, or should be registered to lobby, the official's or employee's agency.

26. Q. During the year, an official received several gifts of meals from the same reportable source. Each meal was approximately \$35. Is the source reportable?

A. Yes. Gifts from the same reportable source are aggregated, and the official must disclose the source when the total value of all meals reaches or exceeds \$50.

27. Q. How does an individual return a gift so that it is not reportable?

A. Unused gifts that are returned to the donor or reimbursed within 30 days of receipt are not reportable. The recipient may also donate the unused item to a charity or a governmental agency within 30 days of receipt or acceptance so long as the donation is not claimed as a tax deduction. An individual may not, however, reimburse a charity for the value (or partial value) of a gift from another source, in order to not report the gift, unless the charity was the original source of the gift.

28. Q. Two people typically exchange gifts of similar value on birthdays. Are these items reportable?
- A. No. Gift exchanges with individuals, other than lobbyists, on birthdays, holidays, or similar occasions, are not reportable or subject to gift limits. The gifts exchanged must be similar in value.
29. Q. Must an official report gifts received from an individual whom the official is dating?
- A. No. Gifts of a personal nature exchanged because the individuals are in a bona fide dating relationship are not reportable or subject to gift limits. However, the official remains subject to the conflict of interest rules and some matters may require recusal from voting.
30. Q. If an official makes a speech related to national public policy and their spouse attends the dinner at the event, is the spouse's meal considered a gift to the official?
- A. Yes. The official's meal is not a reportable gift; however, their spouse's meal is a gift and reportable on the official's Form 700 if the value is \$50 or more.
31. Q. A vendor that does business with the agency provided entertainment tickets to the spouse of one of the agency members. Must the member report the tickets as gifts?
- A. Yes. Unless an exception applies, the tickets are a reportable gift. A gift to an official's spouse is a gift to the official when there is no established working, social, or similar relationship between the donor/vendor and the spouse or there is evidence to suggest that the donor had a purpose to influence the official.
32. Q. An agency received two free tickets to a concert from a local vendor. The agency has a policy governing the reporting of tickets and passes distributed to persons for use in ceremonial roles or other agency related activities. The agency had discretion to determine who in the agency received the tickets. Each ticket was valued at \$140. If the agency director used the tickets, how are they reported?
- A. Assuming the tickets meet the agency's policy as an appropriate use of public funds, the agency may report the tickets (worth \$280) on the Form 802 (Agency Report of Ceremonial Role Events and Ticket/Pass Distributions), which is a public record. The director does not need to report the tickets on the Form 700.
33. Q. An agency received a large box of chocolates as a holiday gift from a local merchant. It was addressed to the agency and not to a particular employee. Is there a reporting requirement?
- A. No. There is no reporting requirement if the value received by each agency employee is less than \$50.
34. Q. An agency official receives a gift basket specifically addressed to the official worth more than \$50 from a local merchant. Is there a reporting requirement?
- A. If the source of the gift basket is reportable by the official, the official must report the gift, even if they share the gift with other agency employees.

35. Q. Do prizes donated to a governmental agency by an outside source constitute gifts under the Act if they were received by city employees in a drawing conducted by the city for all city employees participating in the city's charitable food drive?
- A. Yes. The prizes are gifts if donated by an outside source and subject to the Act's limits and reporting requirements.
36. Q. An official won a scholarship in a raffle at a software update training class. The scholarship covered the cost of the class. All attendees, including other public officials and members of the public, were eligible to apply for the scholarship. Is the official required to report the scholarship as a gift?
- A. A scholarship received in a "bona fide" competition may be reported as income instead of a gift. Whether or not a competition or contest is "bona fide" depends on specific facts, such as the nature of the pool of contestants. Contact the FPPC for assistance.
37. Q. Is a ticket provided to an official for their admission to an event at which the official performs a ceremonial role or function on behalf of their agency reportable on the official's Form 700?
- A. No, so long as the organization holding the event provides the ticket and so long as the official's agency completes the Form 802 (Agency Report of Ceremonial Role Events and Ticket/Pass Distributions). The form will identify the official's name and explain the ceremonial function. (See Regulation 18942.3 for the definition of "ceremonial role.")
38. Q. An official makes an annual donation to an educational organization that has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The organization is holding a two-hour donor appreciation event, which will include wine, appetizers, and music. Free access to the event is being provided to all donors to the organization. Must the official report the event as a gift from the organization?
- A. Because free access to the event is offered to all of the organization's donors, without regard to official status, access to the event is not a reportable gift.
39. Q. Are frequent flyer miles reportable?
- A. No. Discounts received under an airline's frequent flyer program that are available to all members of the public are not required to be disclosed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: See Regulation 18950.1 for additional information on reporting travel payments. In some circumstances the agency may report the travel in lieu of the official reporting the travel.

40. Q. If a non-profit organization pays for an official to travel to a conference after receiving the funds to pay for the travel from corporate sponsors, specifically for the purpose of paying for the official's travel, is the non-profit organization or the corporate sponsors the source of the gift?
- A. The corporate sponsors are the source of the gift if the corporate sponsors donated funds specifically for the purpose of the official's travel. Thus, the benefit of the gift received by the official would be pro-rated among the donors. Each reportable donor would be subject to the gift limit and identified on the official's Form 700. The FPPC should be contacted for specific guidance to determine the true source of the travel payment.

41. Q. May an official accept travel, lodging and subsistence from a foreign sister city while representing the official's home city?
- A. Yes. If the travel and related lodging and subsistence is paid by a foreign government and is reasonably related to a legislative or governmental purpose, it is not subject to the gift limit. However, the payments must be disclosed as gifts on the Form 700 for this exception to apply. While in the foreign country, any personal excursions not paid for by the official must also be disclosed and are subject to the gift limit. If private entities make payments to the foreign government to cover the travel expenses, the gift limit will apply and travel payments will likely be prohibited. Please contact the FPPC for more information.
42. Q. An analyst for a state or local agency attends a training seminar on the new federal standards related to the agency's regulatory authority. If the analyst's travel payments are paid by the federal agency, must the analyst report the payment on the Form 700?
- A. No. A payment for travel and related per diem received from a government agency for education, training, or other inter-agency programs or purposes, is not considered a gift or income to the official who uses the payment.
43. Q. A state legislator and a planning commissioner were guest speakers at an association's event. Travel expenses were paid by the association, and the event was held in the United States. Is this reportable?
- A. Yes. The payment is reportable, but not subject to the gift limits. In general, an exception applies to payments for travel within the United States that are provided to attend a function where the official makes a speech. These payments are not limited, but are reportable as gifts. The rules require that the speech be reasonably related to a legislative or governmental purpose, or to an issue of state, national, or international public policy; and the travel payment must be limited to actual transportation and related lodging and subsistence the day immediately preceding, the day of, and the day immediately following the speech. (See Government Code Section 89506. Other rules may be applicable if this exception is not used.)
44. Q. An official serves as a board member for two organizations – one has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and the other has a 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status. The organizations pay the official's travel expenses to attend board meetings. Must the official report these travel payments?
- A. Under the Act, travel payments provided to an official by a 501(c)(3) organization are exempt from the definition of "income" and therefore, not reportable. However, travel payments from other organizations, including a 501(c)(6) organization, are likely required to be reported. Designated employees must report such travel payment if the organization is reportable pursuant to the official's disclosure category in their agency's conflict of interest code.
45. Q. The local airport authority issues a certain number of airport parking cards to the County to allow the cardholders to use the parking facilities at the airport at no charge, provided the cardholder is on official business. Must the officials who use the parking cards report a gift on the Form 700?
- A. No. As long as the parking cards are used for official business only, the parking cards do not provide a personal benefit, so no gift is received. If a parking card is used for *personal* purposes, a gift must be reported.

Tickets to Non-Profit and Political Fundraisers Questions

46. Q. An official is offered a ticket from a 501(c)(3) organization to attend its fundraising event. The face value (price) of the ticket is \$500, and the ticket states that the tax deductible portion is \$350. If the official accepts the ticket, what must be reported?
- A. Nothing is required to be reported on the Form 700, so long as the ticket is provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization for its own fundraising event and is used for the official's own attendance at the fundraiser. In this case, the ticket is deemed to have no value. The official may also accept a second ticket provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization for their guest attending the event, without a reporting obligation by either the official or the guest.
47. Q. What if someone purchases a table at a non-profit fundraiser and offers an official a seat at the table?
- A. If another person or entity provides a ticket, it is a gift and subject to the gift limit. The value is the non-deductible portion on the ticket. If there is no declared face value, then the value is the pro-rata share of the food, catering service, entertainment, and any additional item provided as part of the event. The "no value" exception only applies if the official receives no more than two tickets for their own use directly from the 501(c)(3) organization and it is for the organization's fundraising event.
48. Q. A 501(c)(3) organization provides a ticket to an official for its fundraising event. The organization seats the official at a table purchased by a business entity. Does the official have to report the ticket?
- A. No. So long as the ticket is provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization and is used for the official's own attendance at the fundraiser, the ticket is not reportable regardless of where the official is seated.
49. Q. An agency employee who holds a position designated in its agency's conflict of interest code receives a ticket to a fundraiser from a person not "of the type" listed in the agency's code. Is the agency employee required to report the value?
- A. No. A ticket or any other gift may be accepted under these circumstances without limit or reporting obligations. Agencies must ensure the conflict of interest code adequately addresses potential conflicts of interests but not be so overbroad as to include sources that are not related to the employee's official duties.
50. Q. An official receives a ticket to attend a political fundraiser held in Washington D.C. from a federal committee. Is the official required to disclose the ticket as a gift, and is it subject to the gift limit?
- A. No. The value of the ticket is not a gift, so long as the ticket is provided to the official directly by the committee holding the fundraiser and the official personally uses the ticket. (Regulation 18946.4.) Separate rules apply for travel provided to attend the fundraiser. Regulation 18950.3 covers issues on travel paid by or for a campaign committee.

51. Q. A political party committee is holding a political fundraiser at a golf course and a round of golf is included. If the committee provides an elected official a ticket, is the ticket reportable by the official?
- A. No, so long as the official uses the ticket for their own use. If someone other than the political party provides a ticket, the full cost of the ticket is a gift. The political party must report the total amount spent on the fundraiser on its campaign statement.
52. Q. If a business entity offers an official a ticket or a seat at a table that was purchased for a political fundraiser, what is the value?
- A. Because the ticket was not offered by the campaign committee holding the fundraiser, it is a gift to the official. The value is either the face value of the ticket or the pro-rata share of the food, catering services, entertainment, and any additional benefits provided to attendees.
53. Q. If an official attends an event that serves only appetizers and drinks, does the “drop-in” exception apply no matter how long the official stays or how many appetizers or drinks are consumed?
- A. No. The focus of the “drop-in” exception is on the official’s brief attendance and limited consumption, not on the nature of the event as a whole. If an official attends an event that serves only appetizers and drinks, the “drop-in” exception applies only if the official just “drops in” for a few minutes and consumes only a “de minimis” amount of appetizers and drinks. The “drop-in” exception does not automatically apply just because the event does not serve more than appetizers and drinks.
54. Q. An organization, which is not a 501(c)(3) organization, is holding a fundraiser at a professional sporting event. Tickets to this sporting event are sold out and it appears that tickets are only available at a substantially higher price than the face value amount of the ticket provided to the official by the organization. If the official attends the event, what is the value of the gift?
- A. The value is the face value amount on the ticket to the sporting event. This valuation rule applies to all tickets to such events that are not covered by a separate valuation exception, such as non-profit and political party fundraisers.
55. Q. An official receives a ticket to a fundraiser, and if accepted, the ticket will result in a reportable gift or a gift over the current gift limit. What are the options?
- A. The official may reimburse the entity or organization that provided the ticket for the amount over the gift limit. Alternatively, the official may pay down the value of the ticket to under the \$50 gift reporting threshold if the official does not want to disclose the ticket. Reimbursement and/or pay down must occur within 30 days of receipt of the ticket. A candidate or elected official may use campaign funds to make the reimbursement if the official’s attendance at the event is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. A ticket that is not used and not given to another person is not considered a gift to the official and therefore is not reportable.

ELECTIONS CODE
DIVISION 20. ELECTION CAMPAIGNS
CHAPTER 5. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL INTENT

Sec. 20400. Intent of Legislature

The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

Sec. 20420. Definition of "Code"

As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Sec. 20440. Subscription to code; form

At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary.

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

Sec. 20441. Supply of forms

The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

Sec. 20442. Retention of forms; public inspection

The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

Sec. 20443. Public record

Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

Sec. 20444. Voluntary

In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that which tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.

(5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

November 5, 2024
Date of Election

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Questions may be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission in Sacramento at (916) 322-5660 or at www.fppc.ca.gov or to the City Clerk's office.

Before raising or spending any money, file Form 501 (Candidate Intention) with the City Clerk's office and then open a campaign bank account. All personal funds of the candidate must first be deposited in the campaign bank account before making any expenditures. Once \$2,000 is raised or spent, obtain an identification number by filing Form 410 with the Secretary of State. To determine if \$2,000 or more has been raised or spent or will be raised or spent on behalf of a candidacy, the candidate's personal funds used for a filing fee and/or candidate statement fee are excluded. However, such a payment is an "expenditure" and is reportable if the candidate is required to file a Form 460.

All recipient committees that file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) must pay a \$50 annual fee to the Secretary of State, pursuant to Government Code Section 84101.5, subject to the following conditions:

- Upon Formation: Initial \$50 due to Secretary of State no later than 15 days after Form 410 is filed
- Existing Year-to-Year: \$50 due to Secretary of State annually by 1/15 until committee terminates

Questions related to this fee should be directed to the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division: (916) 653-6224.

Candidates and Committees *MUST* file Form 460, Recipient Committee Campaign Statement - Long Form, if they make expenditures of \$2,000 or more, or receive or make contributions of \$2,000 or more. The period covered by any campaign statement runs from the day after the closing date of the most recent statement filed and ends on the closing date of the statement in question. (See Candidate Calendar)

Candidates that raise or spend less than \$2,000 on his/her campaign may file Form 470, Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Statement – Short Form, at the time the nomination paper is filed or on/or before the first filing deadline. No additional campaign statements shall be required for this election.

NOTE: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2001-01, adding Section 2.08.080 to Chapter 2.08 of the Claremont Municipal Code concerning local campaign contribution and disclosure requirements. **No candidate may accept more than \$250.00 as a campaign contribution from any individual or single source within one calendar year.** While this ordinance also required disclosure of any campaign contribution in excess of \$50.00, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2006-01 now requiring **disclosure of any campaign contribution in excess of \$99.00 pursuant to State law.**

INTERACTIVE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FPPC WEBSITE.

REPORTING FORMS

Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement

Form 501 is to be filed prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution, or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election.

Form 410 Statement of Organization Recipient Committee

Form 410 is for use in organizing or terminating a committee. File with Secretary of State and include \$50 fee. Existing committees must send \$50 fee to Secretary of State by February 15.

Form 460 Recipient Committee Campaign Statement – Long Form

Form 460 is filed by a candidate if:

- The candidate has raised or spent \$2,000 or more during the calendar year, or
- \$2,000 or more has been raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the candidate.

Form 470 Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form

Form 470 is filed by candidates if they do not have a controlled committee and if they will not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

Every Committee must have a Treasurer. A Candidate/Treasurer video is available for review on the FPPC website: www.fppc.ca.gov.

The typical campaign statement filing deadlines are:

For those spending and receiving less than \$2,000 per calendar year (Form 470 filers):

September 26, 2024 FPPC Form 470 Campaign Statement Due

For those spending and receiving more than \$2,000 per calendar year (Form 460 filers):

September 26, 2024 FPPC Form 460 First 460 First Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due

October 24, 2024 FPPC Form 460 Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due

WHERE TO FILE CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Secretary of State
Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-6224

FPPC
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814
(866-275-3772)
www.fppc.ca.gov

City of Claremont
City Clerk's Office
PO Box 880
Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 399-5461 or
(909) 399-5463
www.ci.claremont.ca.us

Elections Division
(916) 657-2166
www.sos.ca.gov

Form 410

File original and one copy with the Secretary of State and one copy with the City Clerk.

Forms 460 and 470

File original and one copy with the City Clerk.

Form 501

File original with the City Clerk.

CAMPAIGN BASICS

For candidates spending \$2,000 or more



CAMPAIGN RULES PAGE:

Bookmark the [Campaign Rules](#) page to find resources and answers to campaign-related questions throughout your campaign. All links noted below can be reached through the [Campaign Rules](#) page.

[FPPC Home Page](#) > [Learn](#) > [Campaign Rules](#)

TWO IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER:

- Candidates **MUST** file Form 501 before soliciting or accepting contributions.
- Candidates **MUST** deposit funds into the campaign bank account before spending money on the campaign. Candidates may not spend money out of pocket for campaign expenses.

FORMS TO START:

- Form [501](#) – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form [410](#) – Statement of Organization (No bank account yet? Enter “Pending” where asked.)
- Form [700](#) – Statement of Economic Interests (See your elections official for filing date.)

ID NUMBER:

1. Send completed Form 410 to CA Secretary of State (SOS) and a copy to your local filing official.
2. SOS issues the committee ID number and posts it to their website, usually within 1-2 business days after receiving your completed Form 410.
3. To find your committee ID number, go to cal-access.sos.ca.gov.
4. Enter your committee name in the search bar at top left of the screen.
 - If your committee ID number is not available, SOS may not have posted it yet. Or, the Form 410 may be incorrect and SOS will send you a notice via USPS.
 - To find out the status of your ID number, contact the SOS at (916) 653-6224.

FILING SCHEDULES & DEADLINES:

Determine what campaign reports are due, and when they’re due, by reviewing your [filing schedule](#).

MOST COMMON CAMPAIGN REPORTS:

- Form [460](#) – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
- Form [497](#) – 24-Hour Contribution Report

MANUALS:

- Disclosure [Manual 1](#) – State Candidates
- Disclosure [Manual 2](#) – Local Candidates and Judges

CANDIDATE/TREASURER VIDEO:

Watch the [Candidate/Treasurer video](#) and print the accompanying [slides](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to the video above, you may learn more by registering for [webinars and workshops](#).

[FPPC Home Page](#) > [Learn](#) > [Campaign Rules](#) > [Training & Outreach](#) > [Candidate, Treasurer, or Committee?](#)

QUESTIONS?

- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 a.m.

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Filing Schedule for Candidates and their Controlled Committees for Local Office Listed on the November 5, 2024 Ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2024 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/7/24 – 11/5/24	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the November 5, 2024, ballot. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.
Sep 26, 2024 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/24 – 9/21/24	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 24, 2024 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/22/24 – 10/19/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online, if available.
Jan 31, 2025 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/20/24 – 12/31/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2024.

Additional Notes:

- ***Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check on whether additional local rules apply.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form [501](#):** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.

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- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2024 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before September 26, 2024. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
 - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days..
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements and reports are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the [Campaign Rules](#) page. Or, visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.

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Frequently Asked Questions: Campaign Activity

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The FAQs listed below are selected from questions people frequently ask the FPPC about campaign-related activity under the Political Reform Act (“Act”). All efforts have been made to provide helpful, easy-to-understand, answers to common questions. Please note that this fact sheet cannot address all of the unique variables and circumstances related to campaign activity. For more information, see the FPPC’s campaign disclosure manuals or contact the FPPC with specific questions.

Getting Started Questions

1. Q. When must a committee file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State’s office?
 - A. The Form 410 is required to be filed within 10 days of raising \$2,000 or more, which is the threshold for qualifying as a committee.
2. Q. Is it possible for a committee to receive a committee ID number prior to meeting the \$2,000 threshold?
 - A. Yes. The Secretary of State will issue a committee ID number upon receipt of the Form 410, even if \$2,000 or more has not yet been raised. The “Not Yet Qualified” box should be marked and once the \$2,000 threshold is met, an amendment must be filed within 10 days to report the date the committee qualified.
3. Q. Is there a fee to register as a committee?
 - A. Yes. Committees are required to pay a \$50 fee to the Secretary of State within 15 days of filing the Form 410. In addition, a \$50 fee is required to be paid to the Secretary of State by January 15 of each year until the committee terminates.
4. Q. Who must be identified on the Form 410?
 - A. The name and contact information of the treasurer and principal officers, if any, must be provided, in addition to any candidate controlling the committee. If the committee will have an assistant treasurer, their contact information must be also included.
5. Q. Are there any specific accounting qualifications for someone to serve as a committee’s treasurer?
 - A. No. An individual must be at a minimum 18 years of age to serve as a committee’s treasurer. However, no individual should accept the position as a mere figurehead. To

adequately perform the duties, the treasurer must have a basic understanding of the campaign finance laws and the responsibilities of a committee treasurer.

6. Q. May a candidate serve as their own committee's treasurer?
 - A. Yes.

7. Q. Who is considered the principal officer for a non-candidate controlled committee?
 - A. The principal officer(s) is the individual or individuals responsible for approving the political activities of a committee, including: 1) authorizing the content of committee communications; 2) authorizing the committee's expenditures; and, 3) determining the committee's campaign strategy. The principal officer must ensure that accurate records are maintained and may be held liable for violations. A committee may have several principal officers. If there are more than three individuals serving as principal officers, only three must be identified on the Form 410. If no individual other than the treasurer is a principal officer, the treasurer must be identified as both the treasurer and the principal officer.

8. Q. After filing a Form 410, what is the next form required to be filed?
 - A. Typically, the Form 497 (24-Hour Contribution Report) is the next required form. In fact, the Form 497 may be required to be filed *before* the Form 410 is required if the committee qualifies within the 90 days before the election or on the date of the election. During this period, a committee must file a Form 497 within 24 hours each time it receives contributions that total \$1,000 or more in the aggregate from a single source.

9. Q. What are the requirements for naming a candidate's committee or a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a ballot measure?
 - A. For a candidate's campaign committee, the name must include the candidate's last name, office sought, and year of the election. For example, "Wallace for Supervisor 2022" or "Re-Elect Rosa in 2022 for Water Board" would meet the naming requirements.

For a primarily formed ballot measure committee, the name must include:
 - The measure's designation (e.g., Proposition 124; Measure BB);
 - The committee's position (support or oppose) on the measure;
 - If sponsored, the name(s) of the sponsor(s) (e.g., "sponsored by the Auto Dealers Association");
For a comprehensive list of all committee naming requirements, see the Form 410 instructions.

10. Q. May a committee use an electronic recordkeeping system or are records required to be kept on paper?
 - A. Electronic records are permitted so long as all of the required information is collected and recorded in a timely and uniform manner that ensures the information is accurate and reliable. Committees are responsible for ensuring that electronic records can be read and/or printed for auditing purposes during the required retention period – four years from the date the campaign statement was filed.

11. Q. Is a committee required to have a tax ID number?

- A. The FPPC does not require a tax ID number; however, some banks may require one in order to open a campaign bank account. A tax ID number may be requested through the Internal Revenue Service website, www.irs.gov.

Ballot Measure Committee Questions

12. Q. A group has raised \$2,000 to circulate petitions for a ballot measure. When does the group trigger reporting obligations?

- A. Reporting obligations begin when proponents start gathering signatures (initiative) or when a legislative body acts to place the proposal on the ballot (referendum). Certain contributions received and expenditures made are required to be disclosed even if they were received or made before the proposal became a measure. (See Campaign Disclosure Manual 3 for details.)

13. Q. May a candidate control a ballot measure committee? If so, is the candidate required to file a Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)?

- A. Yes, a candidate may control a ballot measure committee so long as the committee's funds are not used to support the candidate's election or to support or oppose other candidates. The candidate's last name must be included in the committee name and the Form 410 requires specified information to be disclosed related to the measure or measures for which the committee is formed. A Form 501 is not required.

14. Q. Are there any special reporting requirements for ballot measure committees controlled by a candidate?

- A. Ballot measure committees controlled by a **state** officeholder (e.g., Governor, legislator) or a candidate for elective **state** office have additional disclosure requirements when reporting expenditures. For each expenditure of \$100 or more, the committee must identify the measure or potential measure associated with the expenditure. For example, a payment to a campaign consultant for research or polling on a specific measure in a local jurisdiction could state: Research/polling for Measure B, City of Sacramento. A committee's expenditures for operating costs, administrative overhead, fundraising, travel, compliance costs and attorney fees do not require the itemization if the payment cannot be attributed to a specific measure or potential measure.

15. Q. During the 90 days before an election, a local primarily formed ballot measure committee for Measure A made a \$10,000 contribution to another primarily formed ballot measure committee for Measure A. Does this contribution trigger the filing of a 24-Hour Contribution Report (Form 497)?

- A. Yes, both committees are required to file a Form 497, even if they are both formed to support the same ballot measure.

16. Q. During the 90 days before an election, supporters of a ballot measure, in coordination with the primarily formed ballot measure committee, will be paying for phone banks. The payments will be considered nonmonetary contributions to the primarily formed ballot measure committee. Rather than file several reports, may the committee file one Form 497 estimating the value of all nonmonetary contributions anticipated to be received from this source during the 90-day period before the election and on the date of the election?

- A. Yes. The committee may make a good faith estimate of the value that will be contributed during the period. The Form 497 must be filed within 48 hours of receiving the initial \$1,000 in nonmonetary contributions. If the actual value differs from the estimated amount by 20 percent or more, an amendment must be filed within 24 hours of determining the correct amount.
17. Q. If a non-profit organization makes a contribution to a primarily formed ballot measure committee, what are the campaign reporting requirements for the non-profit organization?
- A. Depending on the amount of the contribution and several other factors, the organization may be required to register as a recipient committee and file campaign reports disclosing its donors or the organization may instead qualify as a major donor committee and be required to file the Form 461. To determine the applicable reporting requirements, see the detailed information in the [Multipurpose Organizations Reporting Political Spending fact sheet](#).

Fundraising Questions

18. Q. If a committee receives two monetary contributions of \$99 from one contributor, must the contributor be itemized?
- A. Yes. When a person's contributions, including monetary, nonmonetary, and loans, aggregate to \$100 or more in a calendar year, the contributor must be itemized on all applicable schedules of the Form 460.
19. Q. A committee is hosting a dinner fundraiser. The committee is charging \$100 per person, but the actual cost of the event to the committee will be \$25 per person. When a person purchases a ticket to attend, what amount is considered as the contribution received?
- A. The contribution received is \$100. The entire cost of the ticket for the fundraiser is the amount of the contribution – the actual costs to the committee are not subtracted from the ticket price.
20. Q. A committee is going to charge \$50 per person at their next fundraiser. May an attendee pay with a \$100 bill?
- A. No. Even if change is immediately provided, a committee may not accept \$100 or more in cash from a single source. The payment must be made by personal check, debit card, or credit card.
21. Q. Is volunteer work provided by some people considered a nonmonetary contribution because of the volunteer's profession, such as free legal advice provided by a lawyer or bookkeeping done by a CPA?
- A. No. Volunteer personal services, regardless of the profession of the individual, are not reportable, so long as the individual providing the services is not paid by a third party.
22. Q. An individual is hosting a fundraising event in their home for a friend who is running for city council. They will spend \$425 to provide tea, coffee, wine, cheese, and fruit. Is the amount they pay for the event considered a nonmonetary contribution to the candidate?

- A. No. So long as the individual hosting does not spend more than \$500, the event meets the home/office fundraiser exception. **Note:** The home/office fundraiser exception does not apply to a state lobbyist (or a cohabitant of a lobbyist) or a lobbying firm.
23. Q. May a private service, such as PayPal, be used to collect contributions electronically?
- A. Yes, so long as for each contribution of \$100 or more, (a) the service is able to provide the name of the contributor, and (b) the committee reports all the information needed to meet the statutory recordkeeping requirements, including the name, address, occupation, and employer of individual contributors of \$100 or more. Even if the company deducts a fee from the amount of the contribution, the entire amount of the contribution must be disclosed. The fees charged by the private service are reported as expenditures.
24. Q. May a committee accept a contribution in the form of bitcoin, a type of digital currency?
- A. Yes. Effective September 21, 2022, committees may solicit and accept contributions of cryptocurrency, or virtual currency, in any amount not exceeding any applicable contribution limit. Please note that committees cannot receive cryptocurrency contributions directly. Committees may receive these types of contributions through a payment processor selected to act as a vendor on behalf of the committee. Please see our [Cryptocurrency Contributions Fact Sheet](#) for more information on accepting these types of contributions.
25. Q. If a committee receives a contribution of \$100 from an individual, but the individual did not provide the required occupation and employer information, what should the committee do?
- A. The individual contributor should be contacted to obtain the occupation and employer information. If the committee is required to report the contribution before the information is received, the committee should indicate on its campaign statement that the information has been requested and the statement will be amended when the information is received. However, if an individual's occupation and employer information is not received within 60 days of receiving the contribution, the contribution must be returned.
26. Q. A business donated the use of an employee to work on two ballot measure campaigns during the month before the election. The employee spent a total of seven percent of their compensated time working on one measure and seven percent of their compensated time on the other measure. Since more than 10 percent of the employee's compensated time was not spent on a single campaign, is their compensated time required to be reported as a nonmonetary contribution to the ballot measure committees from their employer?
- A. Yes. If an employee spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time working on campaign activity (one or multiple campaigns) in a calendar month, a nonmonetary contribution from the business must be reported. In this situation, each ballot measure committee must report a nonmonetary contribution in the amount of seven percent of the employee's compensated time. The value of the nonmonetary contribution is based on the employee's gross salary; standard benefits (i.e., retirement and health care) do not need to be counted.

27. Q. If a committee receives a large contribution from an individual or entity, are there any special noticing requirements?
- A. Yes. Generally, if a committee receives a contribution of \$5,000 or more from an individual or entity, the committee must notify the contributor in writing *within two weeks* that they may need to file a major donor report. In the 90 days before an election, if a contribution of \$10,000 or more is received, the notification must be sent *within one week*. Language for the notice is found in the applicable campaign disclosure manual. An individual or entity qualifies as a major donor if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made in a calendar year to California (state and local) candidates and committees.

Expenditure Questions

28. Q. How does a committee report printing expenses of \$100 or more paid for with the committee's credit card?
- A. The name and address of the credit card company and the amount paid must be listed on Schedule E or F of the Form 460, and the printing vendor's name and address must be listed underneath with the amount paid to that vendor. Another example of "subvendor" reporting is when a campaign consultant purchases television advertisements, the names of the stations that air the advertisements must be listed. The campaign disclosure manuals contain examples of how to report subvendors on the Form 460.
29. Q. Is it permissible for a committee to have an agreement with an independent contractor (e.g., committee fundraiser) to pay additional money if fundraising goals are surpassed?
- A. Yes, under the Act, a contingency agreement may be made, such as a committee paying a bonus to a contractor if fundraising goals are met or a committee not paying a contractor unless a particular outcome is achieved. The arrangement should be made as part of a written contract. (Note that the Act strictly prohibits contingency fees to a lobbyist for the outcome of legislation or to a placement agent for securing an investment from a state retirement board.)
30. Q. Is it permissible to purchase gifts using campaign funds?
- A. Campaign funds may be used to purchase a gift only if the payment is *directly related* to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. Detailed information on the permissible use of campaign funds may be found in the [campaign disclosure manuals](#). In addition, there are special reporting rules for candidate controlled committees when reporting expenditures for gifts, meals, and travel. (See Question #57 below.)

Communications Questions

31. Q. What are the disclosure requirements for a mass mailing sent by a candidate?
- A. When a candidate sends a mass mailing (more than 200 pieces of the same or similar mail in a calendar month), the words "paid for by" and the name and address of the candidate's committee must appear on the outside of the mailing in no less than six-point type and in a color that contrasts with the background. If two or more candidate controlled committees pay for the mailer, the name and address of at least one of the committees must be shown on the outside and the names and addresses of all committees must appear on at least one insert. The committee ID number is not required

to be included, but the FPPC recommends that committees include the committee ID number on all public campaign materials.

32. Q. If a committee has more than one address, may any of the addresses be used on mass mailings?
- A. Any address that is on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410) on file with the Secretary of State's office may be used.
33. Q. Are emails sent by a candidate's committee required to include an advertisement disclaimer statement?
- A. Yes. Mass mailings, including emails, must include a "paid for by" disclaimer (e.g., "Paid for by Jones for Supervisor 2022").
34. Q. How does a committee report payments made to a person to provide favorable or unfavorable content on an Internet site about a candidate or ballot measure?
- A. For each payment of \$100 or more, use the code "WEB" and report the amount of the payment, the payee, the name of the individual providing content, and the website name or URL on which the communication is published in the first instance.
35. Q. Does a candidate or committee incur reporting obligations if an unpaid blogger or other individual endorses their candidacy in their Internet communications?
- A. No. Uncompensated Internet activity, including blogging, social networking, sending or forwarding an email, or providing a link to a website, does not trigger a reporting obligation.
36. Q. Does the FPPC have a summary of the requirements for disclaimers on advertisements?
- A. Yes, a summary of the requirements, as well as charts for each type of committee are available [on the FPPC's website](#).

24-Hour Contribution (Form 497) Report Questions

37. Q. If a contribution of \$1,000 or more is made to one of a candidate's campaign committees (e.g., legal defense, ballot measure, past election), but not to the committee that is formed for the election triggering the 90-day reporting, are the candidate and/or the donor required to file a Form 497?
- A. Yes. When a candidate is in a 90-day reporting period, each contribution of \$1,000 or more to any of their committees requires the Form 497 to be filed by both the candidate and the donor.
38. Q. During the 90-day reporting period, must a candidate file a Form 497 if a contribution of \$500 is received by one of the candidate's campaign committees (e.g., legal defense, ballot measure, past election) and another contribution of \$500 from the same donor is received by the committee that is formed for the election triggering 90-day reporting?
- A. No. Because a single committee did not receive \$1,000 or more, the candidate is not required to file a Form 497. The donor is also not required to file a Form 497 as the donor did not make a contribution of \$1,000 or more to a single committee.

39. Q. A candidate received \$500 from a donor for the special primary election a few days before the election, and another \$500 from the same donor a few days after the primary election when the candidate moved to the special general election. Both contributions were received during the 90 days before the general election. Is a Form 497 required to be filed by the donor and/or the candidate?
- A. No. Because \$1,000 or more was not received in connection with one election, the Form 497 is not required to be filed.
40. Q. Must a candidate file a Form 497 if, during the 90 days before the election or on the date of the election, they make a contribution of \$1,000 or more from personal funds to their campaign?
- A. Yes. The candidate's personal funds are contributions and subject to reporting in the same manner as other contributions received.
41. Q. What are the 24-Hour Contribution Report (Form 497) requirements for contributions received by a political party committee?
- A. A political party must report each contribution of \$1,000 or more received within 90 days of **any** state election or on the date of a state election (including a special election). If the contributor is a committee, the contributor must also file the Form 497 within 24 hours.

Enforcement Question

42. Q. If a campaign statement is filed late, what are the potential consequences?
- A. The filing officer with whom the statement is required to be filed may assess a fine of up to \$10 for each day that the statement is late (or up to \$20 per day for a statement and a copy). In addition, filing officers are required by law to refer non-filers to an enforcement authority. If a matter is referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division for failure to file, the fine may increase up to a maximum of \$5,000 per violation. In 2017, 149 committees were fined by the FPPC for failing to timely file campaign statements.

Candidate Questions

43. Q. When may a candidate begin to solicit and raise funds for an election?
- A. Upon filing a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), a candidate may begin to solicit and receive contributions. The Form 501 is considered filed when it is personally delivered or placed in the mail to the filing officer.
44. Q. Is a candidate required to file a Form 501 when running for reelection to the same office?
- A. Yes. A separate Form 501 is required for each election, including reelection to the same office. However, a new Form 501 is not required for the general election or special general election if the candidate filed a Form 501 for the connected primary or special primary election for the same office sought.
45. Q. If a candidate does not intend to raise any funds from others and will be spending personal funds only for the filing fee and ballot statement fee, is the candidate required to file a Form 501 and open a campaign bank account?

- A. No, the candidate is not required to file a Form 501 or open a bank account; only the Form 470 (Campaign Statement – Short Form) is required.
46. Q. If a candidate does not intend to raise funds from others, but will be spending \$2,000 or more of their personal funds on their campaign (in addition to the filing fees and ballot statement fees), is the candidate required to open a bank account?
- A. Yes. Even if a candidate does not raise funds from others, if they spend \$2,000 or more on the campaign (not counting personal funds spent on filing fees and ballot statement fees), they qualify as a committee and must open a campaign bank account. Campaign funds may not be commingled with personal funds.
47. Q. What are the rules related to a candidate spending personal funds on their own campaign?
- A. Except for payments for the filing fee, ballot statement fee, and \$50 Secretary of State annual committee fee, a candidate must deposit personal funds into the campaign bank account before making campaign expenditures, even if the candidate does not want to be reimbursed. Personal funds may be reported as loans or monetary contributions. Personal funds may not be commingled with campaign funds and campaign expenditures may not be made from a personal account.
48. Q. Prior to learning that it was not permitted, a candidate starting up their campaign used personal funds to pay for some campaign expenses. How is this reported on the Form 460?
- A. So that the activity is properly disclosed, the amount of personal funds used should be reported on Schedule A as a contribution and the expenditure is reported on Schedule E. If the candidate has not yet been reimbursed by the committee, the amount may be reported on Schedule F as an accrued expense. Non-disclosure of the payments is a violation of the Act. All future payments must be made from the campaign bank account; personal funds must be deposited into the account before making expenditures.
49. Q. May a campaign worker use personal funds to make campaign expenditures and be reimbursed by the committee?
- A. Yes. Anyone other than the candidate may use personal funds to make campaign expenditures, such as purchasing printing, and be reimbursed after providing a receipt or invoice to the campaign. However, if the campaign does not reimburse the individual who made the expenditure within 45 days, the committee must report the amount expended as a nonmonetary contribution received.
50. Q. What are the contribution limits for local elections?
- A. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 571 (Stats. 2019, Ch. 556, AB 571 Mullin), effective January 1, 2021 a state campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a contribution limit on such candidates. The FPPC's website posts contribution limit charts. However, many local jurisdictions have adopted campaign finance ordinances that include contribution limits. Contact the city clerk or county elections office to determine if there are local contribution limits. The FPPC's website also posts local campaign ordinances.

51. Q. If a candidate occasionally uses their own personal vehicle to attend campaign events and meet with voters, is the use of the vehicle reportable even if the candidate does not want to be reimbursed for the mileage?
- A. Incidental use of a candidate's personal vehicle for campaign purposes is not considered a contribution or expenditure and is not reportable. However, if the use of the vehicle is directly related to a political, legislative or governmental purpose, and the candidate would like to be reimbursed by the committee, the reimbursement must be made at the rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to Section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code.
52. Q. If a candidate makes long-distance calls using their home phone to request support from organizations statewide, may committee funds be used to pay the phone bill?
- A. Committee funds may be used for the campaign portion of the bill; however, the non-campaign portion must be paid with personal funds.
53. Q. If a candidate is defeated in a local election, may the leftover funds be used to run again in the next local election?
- A. Yes, if specified requirements are met. An unsuccessful candidate for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit who plans to run for the *same office* in a future election must file a new Form 501 and an amended Form 410 **before** the funds become surplus. Leftover funds become surplus 90 days after an official leaves office (incumbents) or 90 days after the end of the post-election reporting period, whichever is later. The end of the post-election reporting is June 30 for elections held between January 1 and June 30, and December 31 for elections held between July 1 and December 31. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that does not allow a candidate to use the same committee for a future election.) A city or county candidate in a jurisdiction that *has not* enacted a local contribution limit who plans to run for the same office must file a new Form 501 and a new Form 410 as well as open a new bank account and transfer the funds to a new committee **before** the funds become surplus.
- An unsuccessful candidate who plans to run for a *different office* must file a new Form 501, a new Form 410, and open a new campaign bank account and transfer the funds **before** the funds become surplus as described above.
54. Q. If a candidate receives a refund for a filing fee after their committee has already been terminated, must the committee and bank account be reopened in order to accept the refund?
- A. No. Candidates are allowed to accept refunds from a governmental entity without reopening the committee and campaign bank account.
55. Q. If a candidate controls a ballot measure committee, must the ballot measure committee file a preelection statement when the candidate's committee is required to?
- A. Yes. If a candidate has multiple controlled committees, each of the committees are required to file on the dates the candidate is required to file preelection statements in connection with their election to office. (See Regulation 18405.)

56. Q. May a law enforcement officer, who is running for city council, wear their uniform at campaign events or when appearing in political advertisements for their campaign?
- A. The Political Reform Act does not contain restrictions related to a candidate wearing a law enforcement uniform; however, other laws may apply. The candidate should contact the District Attorney or City Attorney.
57. Q. What are the special reporting requirements for expenditures made by a candidate controlled committee when purchasing gifts, travel, and meals?
- A. Itemized expenditures made by a candidate controlled committee for gifts, meals, or travel, must be further explained in the "Description of Payment" column, whether or not an expenditure code is used, as described below.

Gifts: Briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure, and provide the date of the gift and a description of the gift. If the gift was made to an individual recipient, the name of the recipient must be included. If a gift was made to a group of recipients, the name of each recipient who received a benefit of \$50 or more is required. When the recipient of a gift with a value of \$50 or more is not known at the time the payment is required to be reported, the committee must report that the gift was for an "undetermined recipient." Once the gift has been given to the recipient, the campaign statement must be amended within 45 calendar days to disclose the name of the recipient.

Meals: Briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure, and provide the date of the meal, the number of individuals who were present at the meal, and whether the candidate, a member of their household, or an individual with authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds was present at the meal. It is not necessary to include the names of individual attendees on the report. However, the names of the attendees must be maintained in the committee's records. For meals reported as an itemized expenditure for travel, the reporting rules below apply.

Travel Payments (including lodging and meals): Briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure, and provide the date or dates of the travel, the destination, and the goods or services purchased. The description must also include the number of individuals for whom the payment was made and whether the trip included the candidate, a member of their household, or an individual with the authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds. The names of individuals who traveled are not required to be disclosed on the report. However, the names of the travelers must be maintained in the committee's records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.08.080 TO CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE CLAREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 2.08.080 is hereby added to the Claremont Municipal Code to read as follows:

"2.08.080 Local Campaign Contribution and Disclosure Requirements.

A. No candidate seeking election to the Claremont city council shall accept more than \$250.00 as a campaign contribution from any individual or single source within one calendar year.

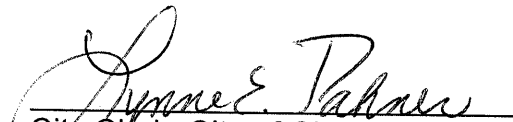
B. Each candidate seeking election to the Claremont city council shall file a statement disclosing the receipt of any campaign contribution in excess of \$50.00 during any calendar year. The disclosure statement shall be filed with the city clerk in accordance with the filing deadlines established for reporting campaign contributions in excess of \$99.00 pursuant to State law.

Section 2. The mayor shall sign this ordinance and the city clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of it, and within fifteen (15) days, publish in the Claremont Courier, a semi-weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City of Claremont and thirty (30) days thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

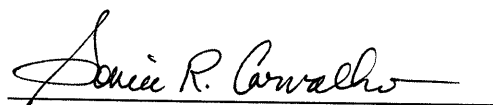
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2001.


Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:


City Clerk, City of Claremont

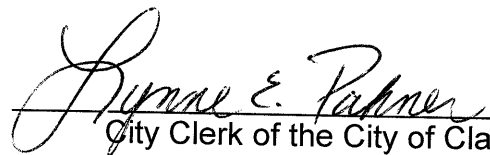
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney, City of Claremont

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CLAREMONT)

I, Lynne Pahner, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2001-01 was introduced at a regular meeting of said council held on the 12th day of December, 2000, that it was regularly passed and adopted by said city council, signed by the mayor, and attested by the city clerk of said city, all at a regular meeting of said council held on the 9th day of January, 2001, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Held, Baldonado, Leiga, Smith, Mayor Rosenthal
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None
ABSTAINED: Councilmembers: None



City Clerk of the City of Claremont

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, AMENDING SECTION 2.08.080 OF CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE CLAREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING LOCAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

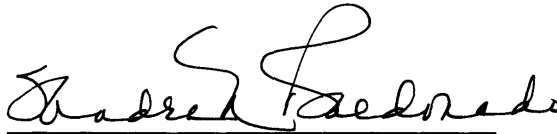
SECTION 1. Subsection (B) of Section 2.08.080 of the Claremont Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.08.080

B. Each candidate seeking election to the Claremont City Council shall file a statement disclosing the receipt of any campaign contribution in excess of Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$99.00) during any calendar year. The disclosure statement shall be filed with the City Clerk in accordance with the filing deadlines established for reporting campaign contributions in excess of Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$99.00) pursuant to State law.

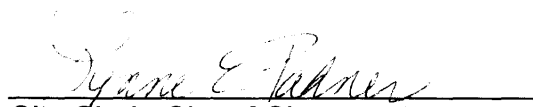
SECTION 2. The Mayor shall sign this ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of it and, within fifteen (15) days, publish in the *Claremont Courier*, a semi-weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed, published, and circulated in the City of Claremont, and thirty (30) days thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2006.



Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:


City Clerk, City of Claremont

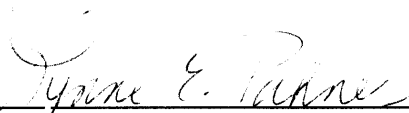
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney, City of Claremont

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CLAREMONT)

I, Lynne Pahner, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2006-01 was introduced at a regular meeting of said council held on the 13th day of December, 2005, that it was regularly passed and adopted by said city council, signed by the mayor, and attested by the city clerk of said city, all at a regular meeting of said council held on the 10th day of January, 2006, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Calaycay, Taylor, Yao, Mayor Baldonado
NOES: Councilmembers: McHenry
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None
ABSTAINED: Councilmembers: None



City Clerk of the City of Claremont



Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel and Loans

A Fact Sheet For

- ♦ Local Elected Officers and Candidates for Local Elective Offices
- ♦ Local Officials Specified in Government Code Section 87200
- ♦ Judicial Candidates
- ♦ Designated Employees of Local Government Agencies

California Fair Political Practices Commission

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Introduction

The Political Reform Act¹ (the “Act”) imposes limits on gifts, prohibits honoraria payments, and imposes limits and other restrictions on the receipt of travel payments received by:

- Local elected officers and other local officials specified in Government Code Section 87200,² excluding judges;³
- Designated employees of local government agencies (i.e., individuals required to file statements of economic interests under a local agency’s conflict of interest code); and
- Candidates⁴ for any of these offices or positions and judicial candidates. (Sections 89502 and 89503.)

The Act also imposes limits and other restrictions on personal loans received by certain local officials.

The gift limit increased to \$590 for calendar years 2023 and 2024. The gift limit in 2022 was \$520.

This fact sheet summarizes the major provisions of the Act concerning gifts, honoraria, travel, and loans. It contains highlights of the law, but does not carry the weight of law. For more information, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at (866) 275-3772 or advice@fppc.ca.gov or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Commission advice letters are available on our website. Public officials may also be subject to local restrictions on gifts, honoraria, or travel.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with the laws related to gifts, honoraria, loans, and travel payments may, depending on the violation, result in criminal prosecution and substantial fines, or in administrative or civil monetary penalties for as much as \$5,000 per violation or three times the amount illegally obtained. (See Sections 83116, 89520, 89521, 91000, 91004 and 91005.5.)

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

² Local officials specified in Government Code Section 87200 include: members of boards of supervisors and city councils, mayors, city/county planning commissioners, city/county chief administrative officers, city/county treasurers, district attorneys, county counsels, city managers, city attorneys, court commissioners and public officials who manage public investments.

³ The gift limits and honoraria ban in the Political Reform Act do not apply to a person in their capacity as judge. However, candidates for judicial offices are subject to the restrictions contained in the Political Reform Act. (Sections 89502 and 89503.)

⁴ For purposes of the gift limit and honoraria prohibition, an individual becomes a “candidate” when they file a statement of organization (Form 410) as a controlled committee for the purpose of seeking elective office, a candidate intention statement (Form 501), or a declaration of candidacy, whichever occurs first. If an individual is an unsuccessful candidate, they will no longer be subject to the gift limit and honoraria prohibition when they have terminated their campaign filing obligations, or after certification of election results, whichever is earlier. (Sections 89502(b) and 89503(b).)

Gifts

Limitations

Local elected officers, candidates for local elective office, local officials specified in Government Code Section 87200, and judicial candidates, may not accept gifts from any single source totaling more than \$590 in a calendar year. (Section 89503.)⁵

Employees of a local government agency who are designated in the agency's conflict of interest code may not accept gifts from any single source totaling more than \$590 in a calendar year if the employee is required to report receiving income or gifts from that source on their statement of economic interests (Form 700). (Section 89503(c).)

What is a "Gift"?

A "gift" is any payment or other benefit that confers a *personal* benefit for which a public official does not provide payment or services of equal or greater value. A gift includes a rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the regular course of business to members of the public. (Section 82028.) (See Regulation 18946 for valuation guidelines.)

Except as discussed below, a public official has "received" or "accepted" a gift when they have actual possession of the gift or when they take any action exercising direction or control over the gift, including discarding the gift or turning it over to another person. This includes gifts that are accepted by someone else on the official's behalf and gifts made to others at the direction of the official. (Regulation 18941.)

Gifts to Family Members

Under certain circumstances, a gift to an official's family member* is considered a gift to the official. (Regulation 18943.) When something of value is given to a family member it is presumed to be a gift to the official if: (1) there is no established relationship between the donor and the family member where it would generally be considered appropriate for the family member to receive the gift or; (2) the donor is someone who lobbies the official's agency, is involved in an action before the official's agency in which the official may foreseeably participate, or engage in business with the agency in which the official will foreseeably participate. (Wedding gifts are treated differently, see below.)

*For purposes of this rule, an official's "family member" includes the official's spouse; registered domestic partner; any minor child of the official who the official can claim as a dependent for federal tax purposes; and a child of the official who is aged 18 to 23 years old, attends school, resides with the official when not attending school, and provides less than one-half of their own support.

⁵ The gift limit is adjusted biennially to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. For 2023-2024, the gift limit is \$590. (Section 89503; Regulation 18940.2.) Gifts from a single source aggregating to \$50 or more must be disclosed, and gifts aggregating to \$590 or more during any 12-month period may subject an official to disqualification with respect to the source. (Section 87103(e).) Designated employees should obtain a copy of their conflict of interest code from their agency. Some conflict of interest codes require very limited disclosure of income and gifts. Gifts from sources that are not required to be disclosed on the Form 700 are not subject to the \$590 gift limit but still may subject the public official to disqualification.

Source of Gift

Under most circumstances, it is clear who the source of a gift is, but if the circumstances indicate that the gift is being provided by an intermediary, the public official must determine both the donor and the intermediary in reporting the gift. Regulation 18945 provides the rules for determining the source of the gift.

Gifts from Multiple Sources

In determining the cumulative value of any reportable gifts, separate gifts from an individual and an entity that the individual controls must be aggregated as one source to comply with the reporting and limit requirements. For example, separate gifts from the owner of a company and from the company itself would be treated as if from one source if the owner has more than a 50 percent interest in the company, unless the making of the gift was determined by someone else in the company. In that case, the gift from the company would be aggregated with any gifts made by that determining individual. (Regulation 18945.1.)

Group gifts, where a public official receives a single gift from multiple donors (such as a retirement gift from coworkers), need not be reported unless any person contributes \$50 or more to the total cost of the gift. In that case, the public official would only report a gift from each of those persons. (Regulation 18945.2.)

Valuing Gifts

The general rule for determining the value of a gift is to apply the fair market value at the time the gift is received. Fair market value can be determined by finding any local or internet advertisement for the item. Special exceptions to the fair market value rule are contained in Regulations 18946.1 through 18946.5 which covers admission to ticketed and invitation-only events, wedding gifts, attendance at nonprofit and political fundraisers, and air travel. (Regulation 18946.) For example, for ticketed events, the value is the face value of the ticket.

General Gift Exceptions

Form 700 Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
No	No	No	No

The following payments are exceptions to the definition of gift and are not considered gifts or income.

- 1. Return or Reimbursement of Gift.** Items that are returned (unused) to the donor, or for which the public official reimburse the donor, within 30 days of receipt. (Section 82028(b)(2); Regulation 18941.)
- 2. Donation of Gift to Nonprofit Group.** Items that are donated (unused) to a non-profit, tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) organization in which the official (or immediate family member) does not hold a position, or to a government agency, within 30 days of receipt without claiming a deduction for tax purposes. (Section 82028(b)(2); Regulation 18941.)
- 3. Gifts from Family.** Gifts from the public official's spouse (or former spouse), child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, current or former parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin or the spouse of any such person, unless they are acting as an agent or intermediary for another person who is the true source of the gift. (Section 82028(b)(3); Regulation 18942(a)(3).) This exception includes great grandparents, great uncles and aunts, great nieces and nephews, and first cousins once removed.
- 4. Informational Material.** Informational material provided to assist the public official in the performance of their official duties, including books, reports, pamphlets, calendars, periodicals, videotapes, or free admission or discounts to informational conferences or seminars.

“Informational material” may also include scale models, pictorial representations, maps, and other such items. However, if the item’s fair market value is more than \$590, the public official has the burden of demonstrating that the item is informational. In addition, on-site demonstrations, tours, or inspections, including air flights over an area that is the subject of the information and designed specifically for public officials, are considered informational material. However, this exception does not apply to meals or lodging. Furthermore, the exception generally does not apply to transportation to the site, except for any portion of the transportation that is not commercially available. (Section 82028(b)(1); Regulations 18942(a)(1) and 18942.1.)

5. **Inheritance.** A devise or inheritance. (Section 82028(b)(5); Regulation 18942(a)(5).)

6. **Campaign Contributions.** Campaign contributions to an official, including rebates or discounts received in connection with campaign activities (Section 82028(b)(4); Regulations 18942(a)(4), 18950(a) and 18950.3(a)) and permissible expenditures of campaign funds for campaign-related expenses, including payments for transportation, lodging or food (Regulations 18950(a) and 18950.3(b)), provided they comply and are properly reported in accordance with applicable campaign finance laws.

7. **Plaques.** Personalized plaques and trophies with an individual value of less than \$250. (Section 82028(b)(6); Regulation 18942(a)(6).)

8. **Ceremonial Role.** Free admission to a ticketed event (including any benefits included in the price of the ticket such as a free meal) for the official and one guest at an event where the official performs a ceremonial role, such as throwing out the first pitch at a Dodgers’ game, so long as the official’s agency complies with the posting provisions set forth in Regulation 18944.1(d). (Regulation 18942(a)(13); Regulation 18942.3; also see discussion of Form 802 below under “Gifts Exceptions Requiring Alternate Reporting.”)

9. **Event Where Official Makes a Speech.** Free admission, and food and nominal items (such as a pen, pencil, mouse pad, note pad or similar item) available to all attendees, at the event at which the official makes a speech (as defined in Regulation 18950(b)(2)), so long as the admission is provided by the person who organizes the event. (Regulation 18942(a)(11).)

10. **Attending Wedding Reception.** Benefits received as a guest attending a wedding reception where the benefits are the same as those received by the other guests at the reception. (Regulation 18942(a)(15).)

11. **Bereavement Offerings.** Bereavement offerings, such as flowers at a funeral received in memory of a close family member. (Regulation 18942(a)(16).)

12. **Acts of Neighborliness.** Benefits received as an act of neighborliness such as the loan of an item, an occasional ride, or help with a repair where the act is consistent with polite behavior in a civilized society and would not normally be part of an economic transaction between like participants under similar circumstances. (Regulation 18942(a)(17).)

13. **Campaign or Nonprofit Fundraiser.** Two tickets for admission, for use by only the official and one guest, to attend a fundraiser for a campaign committee or candidate, or to a fundraiser for an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ticket(s) must be received from the organization or committee holding the fundraiser. (Regulation 18946.4.)

14. **Unused Passes or Tickets.** Passes or tickets that provide admission or access to facilities, goods, services, or other benefits (either on a one-time or repeated basis) that the public official does not use and do not give to another person. (Regulation 18946.1.)

15. **Items Provided to Government Agency.** Subject to certain conditions, items provided to a government agency and used by public officials in the agency for agency business. This may include

passes or tickets to (see Regulation 18944.1) or payments for other types of items or activities (see Regulation 18944). An agency must disclose specified payments on a form provided by the FPPC and post the form on its website. (See discussion of Forms 801 and 802 below under “Gift Exceptions Requiring Alternate Reporting.”) Contact the FPPC for detailed information.

16. **Emergency Leave Credits.** Leave credits (e.g., sick leave or vacation credits) received under a bona fide catastrophic or emergency leave program established by the public official’s employer and available to all employees in the same job classification or position. Donations of cash are gifts and are subject to limits and disclosure. (Regulation 18942(a)(9).)

17. **Disaster Relief.** Food, shelter, or similar assistance received in connection with a disaster relief program. The benefits must be received from a governmental agency or charity and must be available to the general public. (Regulation 18942(a)(10).)

18. **Agency Raffle.** Items awarded in an agency raffle received by the agency from an employee who is not acting as an intermediary for another donor. This exception applies when an agency holds an employee raffle and the item awarded in the raffle has been obtained with agency funds, or is otherwise an asset of the agency and not donated to the agency by a non-agency source. This exception does not apply to passes or tickets of the type described in Regulation 18944.1. (Regulation 18944.2(a) and (b).)

19. **Employee Gift Exchange.** Items received by an employee during an employee gift exchange, so long as the items received are provided by another employee of the agency and the gifts are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Regulation 18944.2(c).)

Limited Gift Exceptions

Form 700 Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
No	No	No	No

1. **Home Hospitality.** Gifts of hospitality including food, drink or occasional lodging that an official receives in an individual’s home when the individual or a member of their family is present. (Regulation 18942(a)(7).) For this exception to apply, the official must have a relationship, connection or association with the individual providing the in-home hospitality that is unrelated to the official’s position and the hospitality must be provided as part of that relationship. Generally, this means functions like children’s birthday parties, soccer team parties, neighborhood barbeques, etc., where other guests attend who are not part of the lobbying process. (Regulation 18942.2.)

2. **Reciprocal Holiday Gifts.** Gifts commonly exchanged between an official and another individual on holidays, birthdays, or similar occasions to the extent that the gifts exchanged are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Regulation 18942(a)(8)(A).)

3. **Reciprocal Exchanges.** Reciprocal exchanges between an official and another individual that occur on an ongoing basis so long as the total value of payments received by the official within the calendar year is not substantially disproportionate to the amount paid by the official and no single payment is \$590 or more. For example, if two people get together regularly for lunches and rotate picking up the lunch tab so that each pays approximately half the total value over the course of the calendar year, no gift need be reported. (Regulation 18942(a)(8)(B).)

4. **Dating Relationship.** Personal benefits commonly received from a dating partner. These gifts are not disclosable or limited but are subject to disqualification under the conflict of interest laws if the dating partner has certain business before the official as set forth in Regulation 18942(a)(18)(D). (Regulation 18942(a)(18)(A).)

5. Acts of Human Compassion. Assistance, financial or otherwise, to offset family medical or living expenses that the official can no longer meet without private assistance because of an accident, illness, employment loss, death in the family, or other unexpected calamity; or to defray expenses associated with humanitarian efforts such as the adoption of an orphaned child, so long as the source of the donation is an individual who has a prior social relationship with the official of the type where it would be common to provide such assistance, or the payment is made without regard to official status under other circumstances in which it would be common to receive community outreach. (Regulation 18942(a)(18)(B).) This exception does not apply if the person providing the benefit to the official is an individual who otherwise has business before the official as set forth in Regulation 18942(a)(18)(D).

6. Long-Time Friend. Benefits received from a long-time personal friend where the gift is unrelated to the official's duties. The exception does not apply if the individual providing the benefit to the official is involved in some manner with business before the official. (Regulation 18942(a)(18)(C).) This exception does not apply if the person providing the benefit to the official is an individual who otherwise has business before the official as set forth in Regulation 18942(a)(18)(D).

7. Existing Personal Relationship. Benefits received from an individual where it is clear that the gift was made because of an existing personal or business relationship unrelated to the official's position and there is no evidence whatsoever at the time the gift is made that the official makes or participates in the type of governmental decisions that may have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on the individual who would otherwise be the source of the gift. (Regulation 18942(a)(19).)

Very Limited Gift Exception

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes - ½ value as gift	Yes	No	No

Wedding Gifts. Wedding gifts are not subject to the \$590 gift limit. However, wedding gifts are reportable, but for purposes of valuing wedding gifts, one-half of the value of each gift is attributable to each spouse. (Regulation 18946.3.)

Gift Exceptions Requiring Alternate Reporting

Form 700 Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes - As Income	Yes	No	No

Prize or Award. A prize or award received in a bona fide contest or competition, or game of chance. **Note: Unlike the other exceptions, payments that fall into this exception must be reported as income if valued at \$500 or more.** To qualify for this exception the contest or competition must be unrelated to the official's duties. (Regulation 18942(a)(14).)

Agency Reports

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes - On 801 or 802	No	No	No

The following exceptions are also applicable to payments made to a government agency that are used by officials in the agency under certain conditions to conduct agency business. These types of payments are not treated as gifts or income to the officials who use them, so long as the payments meet certain conditions and they are reported by the officials' agency. These reports must appear on either a Form 801 or Form 802, instead of the official reporting the items on a statement of economic interests (Form 700).

Form 801 – Payment to Agency Report: This form covers gifts or donations made to an agency and used by one or more officials in the agency for agency business. This may include travel payments, reimbursements, or other uses by an official, but does not cover tickets or passes providing admission to an entertainment or sporting event, which are reported on the Form 802 (discussed below). If the payment meets the requirements of Regulations 18944 or 18950.1, the agency must report it on a Form 801 and the item is not reported on the individual’s statement of economic interests (Form 700). (Regulations 18944 and 18950.1.)

Form 802 – Agency Report of Ceremonial Role Events and Ticket/Pass Distributions: This form covers gifts or donations made to an agency that provide tickets or passes to an agency official for admission to an entertainment or sporting event. For the ticket or pass to be exempt from reporting on the individual’s statement of economic interests (Form 700), the agency must have a written policy stating the public purpose for distribution of the tickets. The ticket or pass cannot be earmarked by the original source for use by a particular agency official and the agency must determine, in its sole discretion, which official may use the ticket or pass. (Regulation 18944.1.) The Form 802 is also used to report tickets provided for officials who perform a ceremonial role on behalf of the agency.

Behested Payments Reports

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes - Form 803 Behested Payment	No*	No	No*

Behested Payments. Generally, payments made at the behest of an official that do not confer a personal benefit on an official, such as those made by a third party to co-sponsor an event, or that are principally legislative, governmental, or charitable in nature, are not gifts. However, when a local elected officer is making the behest, in some cases these payments may be considered “behested payments” under Section 82004.5 and require disclosure by that elected officer.

***Note:** when a behested payment *does confer a personal benefit on the official*, the gift limit and conflict of interest rules apply, and the official may have a reportable gift or income in addition to a behested payment reporting duty.

Form 803 – Behested Payment Report

- Behested payments are reportable if made principally for legislative, governmental, or charitable purposes. These payments are not for campaign purposes and any personal benefit may constitute a gift to the official subject to the applicable gift limit. For example, a local elected official may ask a third party to contribute funds to a school in her district, or to a job fair or health fair. A gift to the official may occur, for example, where the official attends the event and receives a meal without charge.
- Generally, a donation will be “made at the behest” if it is requested, solicited, or suggested by the elected officer or member of the Public Utilities Commission, or otherwise made to a person in cooperation, consultation, coordination with, or at the consent of, the elected officer or PUC member. This includes payments behested on behalf of the official by their agent or employee.
- A behested payment does not include payments to an official from a local, state, or federal government agency for use by the official to conduct agency business. For example, free parking provided by a governmental entity to an official for agency business is not a behested payment and is not subject to reporting.
- Behested payments totaling \$5,000 or more from a single source in a calendar year must be disclosed by the official on a Form 803, which is filed with the official’s agency within 30 days of the date of the payment(s). (Section 84224; see Regulations 18424-18424.3.)

Honoraria

What is an “Honorarium”?

An “honorarium” is any payment made in consideration for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering. An honorarium includes gift cards or any gift of more than nominal benefit provided in connection with an activity described above. An honorarium does not include items of nominal value such as a pen, pencil, note pad, or similar item. (Section 89501; Regulation 18932.4(e).)

A “speech given” means a public address, oration, or other form of oral presentation, including participation in a panel, seminar, or debate. (Regulation 18931.1.)

An “article published” means a nonfictional written work: 1) that is produced in connection with any activity other than the practice of a bona fide business, trade, or profession; and 2) that is published in a periodical, journal, newspaper, newsletter, magazine, pamphlet, or similar publication. (Regulation 18931.2.)

“Attendance” means being present during, making an appearance at, or serving as host or master of ceremonies for any public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering. (Regulation 18931.3.)

The Act and Commission regulations provide certain exceptions to the prohibition on honoraria. (Section 89501(b); Regulations 18932 –18933.)

The Prohibition

Local officials specified in Section 87200 (see page 2) are prohibited from receiving any honoraria payments. Officials and employees of local agencies who file statements of economic interests (Form 700) under the agency’s conflict of interest code (“designated employees”) may not receive honoraria payments from any source if the employee would be required to report income or gifts from that source on the Form 700, as outlined in the “disclosure category” portion of the conflict of interest code. (Section 89502.)

Honoraria Exceptions that also apply to gifts and income

1. **Returned.** An honorarium that the public official returns (unused) to the donor or the donor’s agent or intermediary within 30 days. (Section 89501(b); Regulation 18933.)
2. **Donated to General Fund.** An honorarium that is delivered to the official’s local agency within 30 days for donation to the agency’s general fund and for which the public official does not claim a deduction for income tax purposes. (Section 89501(b); Regulation 18933.)
3. **Made to Nonprofit Organization.** A payment that is not delivered to the public official but is made directly to a bona fide charitable, educational, civic, religious, or similar tax-exempt, non-profit organization. However:
 - The official may not make the donation a condition for their speech, article, or attendance;
 - The official may not claim the donation as a deduction for income tax purposes.
 - The official may not be identified to the non-profit organization in connection with the donation; and
 - The donation may have no reasonably foreseeable financial effect on the public official or on any member of their immediate family. (Regulation 18932.5.)

4. Payment from Family Member. A payment received from the public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person. However, a payment that would be considered an honorarium is prohibited if one of these persons is acting as an agent or intermediary for someone else. (Regulation 18932.4(b).)

5. Payment for Performance or Book. Payments received for a comedic, dramatic, musical, or other similar artistic performance, and payments received for the publication of books, plays, or screenplays. (Regulations 18931.1 and 18931.2.)

6. Reimbursement for Travel Where Official Provides Consideration. Reimbursements for reasonable travel expenses provided to the public official by a bona fide non-profit, tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) entity for which the public official provides equal or greater consideration. The payment would also be exempt from the definition of income under Section 82030(b)(2). (See discussion under "Travel Payments" below.)

Honoraria Exceptions where the payment may still be considered income (or a gift, if consideration of equal or greater value is not provided by the official)

1. Admission to Event Where Official Gives Speech. Free admission, and refreshments and similar non-cash nominal benefits, provided to an official during the entire event at which they give a speech, participates in a panel or provides a similar service, and in-California transportation and necessary lodging and subsistence provided directly in connection with the speech, panel or service, including meals and beverages on the day of the activity. (Regulation 18932.4(e).)

2. Earned Income from a Business. Income earned and payments for travel made in connection with personal services rendered by the official if the services are provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade, or profession — such as teaching, practicing law, medicine, insurance, real estate, banking, or building contracting — and the services are customarily provided in connection with the business, trade, or profession. (Section 89506(d)(3) and Regulations 18950(a) and 18950.2.)

This exception does not apply if the sole or predominant activity of the business, trade, or profession is making speeches. In addition, the public official must meet certain criteria to establish that they are conducting or in a bona fide business, trade, or profession (such as maintenance of business records, licensure, proof of teaching position) before a payment received for personal services which may meet the definition of honorarium would be considered earned income and not an honorarium. (Section 89501(b); Regulations 18932 –18932.3.) Earned income is required to be reported. Contact the FPPC for detailed information.

3. Travel from a Government Agency. Travel payments provided to the public official by their government agency or by any state, local, or federal government agency which would be considered income and not a gift. (Section 89506(d)(2).) See discussion under "Travel Payments" below.

Travel Payments Exceptions

Generally, when an official receives a payment (including reimbursement) for their travel, that payment is a reportable gift or income under the Act. The term “travel payment” includes payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel, including actual transportation, parking and related lodging and subsistence. (Section 89506(a).)

If the payment is a gift, it is also normally subject to the Act’s \$590 gift limit. If the payment is income, it may, in some cases, be an honorarium. Whether a payment is a gift or income, the official may be required to disqualify themselves from any decision that will have a foreseeable materially financial effect on the source.

Certain Travel Payments are not a Gift, Income or Honorarium

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
No	No	No	No

The following travel payments are not a gift, income or honorarium under the Act and Commission regulations and are thus not reportable, potentially disqualifying, or subject to any of the Act’s gift limits or the honorarium ban.

- 1. Travel from a Non-Reportable Source.** A payment for travel from a source that is not reportable on the official’s statement of economic interests (Form 700) based on the provisions of the conflict of interest code of the official’s agency.
- 2. Travel from Government Agency for Training.** A payment for travel from another local, state, or federal government agency and related per diem expenses when the travel is for education, training or other inter-agency programs or purposes. (Regulation 18950(a) and (c)(2).)
- 3. Sharing a Ride with Another Official.** A payment for travel provided to the official in a vehicle or aircraft owned by another official or agency when each official is traveling to or from the same location for an event as a representative of their respective offices. (Regulation 18950(a) and (c)(3).)
- 4. Certain Travel from a Government Agency or 501(c)(3).** Travel payments provided to the official by any state, local, or federal government agency as part of the official’s employment with that agency or provided to the official by a bona fide non-profit, tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) entity for which the official provides equal or greater consideration. (Section 82030(b)(2).) Any person who claims to have provided consideration has the burden of proving that the consideration received is of equal or greater value.
- 5. Travel for Official Agency Business.** Certain payments made to an agency to cover the travel expenses of an employee who travels in the course of carrying out agency business are not gifts to the official because these payments do not provide a “personal benefit” to the official. For this exception to apply, the agency must report the payment on a Form 801 and the amount and purpose for using the payments are restricted by the provisions set forth in Regulation 18950.1.
- 6. Campaign Contribution.** A payment for travel that constitutes a campaign contribution to an official (Sections 82015, 82028(b)(4); Regulations 18215, 18942(a)(4), 18950(a) and 18950.3(a)), and permissible expenditures of campaign funds for campaign-related travel (Regulations 18950(a) and 18950.3(b)), provided they comply and are properly reported in accordance with applicable campaign finance laws.

7. Travel Payments Fulfilling Terms of Contract. Payments made to a governmental entity for travel expenses that are required to fulfill the terms of a contract. Neither the governmental entity nor the public official has a reporting obligation because consideration has been provided. (Section 82028; *Ratto* Advice Letter, No. I-14-057.)

Certain Travel Payments are Reportable and may Subject the Official to Possible Conflicts of Interest, but are not Subject to the \$590 Gift Limit or Honoraria Ban of the Act.

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes	Yes	No	No

Travel for a Public Purpose Under Section 89506(a). Any payments for actual transportation expenses and related lodging and subsistence that are made for a purpose reasonably related to: (1) A legislative or governmental purpose, or (2) An issue of state, national, or international policy so long as the travel is either:

(a) *Travel for Speech.* In connection with a speech given by the official and the lodging and subsistence expenses are limited to the day immediately proceeding, the day of, and the day immediately following the speech and the travel is within the United States, or

(b) *Travel paid for by government agency or 501(c)(3) organization.* Provided by a government agency or authority, (including a foreign government), a bona fide public or private educational institution as defined in Section 203 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or a nonprofit organization that qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a foreign organization that substantially satisfies the criteria of that section.

These payments are still reportable on the Form 700 and may create a conflict of interest issue for the official.

Payments for Travel in Connection with a Business

Reporting	C/I § 87100	Honoraria Ban	\$590 Gift Limit
Yes - as Income	Yes	No	No

Payments for travel made in connection with personal services rendered by the official if the services are provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade, or profession — such as teaching, practicing law, medicine, insurance, real estate, banking, or building contracting — and the services are customarily provided in connection with the business, trade, or profession. (Section 89506(d)(3) and Regulations 18950(a) and 18950.2.)

Loans

Personal loans received by certain local officials are subject to limits and other restrictions, and in some circumstances, a personal loan that is not being repaid or is being repaid below certain amounts may become a gift to the official who received it.

Limitations on Loans from Agency Officials, Consultants, and Contractors

Officials Must Not Receive Loans from Agency Staff. If the public official is a local elected officer or an official specified in Section 87200 (see page 2), they may not receive a personal loan that exceeds \$250 at any given time from an officer, employee, member, or consultant of their government agency or an agency over which their agency exercises direction and control. (Section 87460(a) and (b).)

Officials Must Not Receive Loans from Agency Contractors. In addition, the public official may not receive a personal loan that exceeds \$250 at any given time from any individual or entity that has a contract with their government agency or an agency over which their agency exercises direction and control. This limitation does not apply to loans received from banks or other financial institutions, and retail or credit card transactions, made in the normal course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to their official status. (Section 87460(c) and (d).)

Loans to Elected Officials Must be in Writing

In addition to the limitations above, if the public official is elected, they may not receive a personal loan of \$500 or more unless the loan is made in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan. The loan document must include the names of the parties to the loan agreement, as well as the date, amount, interest rate, and term of the loan. The loan document must also include the date or dates when payments are due and the amount of the payments. (Section 87461.)

The following loans are not subject to these limits and documentation requirements:

1. **Campaign Loans.** Loans received by an elected officer's or candidate's campaign committee.
2. **Loans from Family Members.** Loans received from the public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person unless they are acting as an agent or intermediary for another person not covered by this exemption.

Loans as Gifts

Under the following circumstances, a personal loan received by **any** public official (elected and other officials specified in Section 87200, as well as any other local official or employee required to file statements of economic interests) may become a gift and subject to gift reporting and limitations:

1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment and has not been repaid, the loan will become a gift when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.
2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, the loan will become a gift if it remains unpaid when one year has elapsed from the later of:
 - The date the loan was made;
 - The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan; or
 - The date upon which the public official has made payments aggregating to less than \$250 during the previous 12 months. (Section 87462.)

The following loans will not become gifts:

- A loan made to an elected officer's or candidate's campaign committee. This loan would, however, be a campaign contribution and must be reported accordingly.
- A loan described above on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.
- A loan described above on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. (However, except in a criminal action, the creditor has the burden of proving that the decision not to take collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.)
- A loan made to an official who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of California's Political Reform Act (Act) is to ensure that disclosure of political payments is accurate, timely, and made in a transparent manner. Clear and accurate disclosure is essential for making voters aware of who is paying for political messages so they may evaluate the content and make informed decisions when voting.

In California, the true source of a contribution must be disclosed. This manual sets out the campaign reporting requirements for:

- Local candidates
- Superior and Appellate Court judges and candidates for Superior and Appellate Court
- Local candidate controlled committees
- Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a local candidate(s)

Since the Act was approved by California voters in 1974, there have been more than 200 amendments to the Act's campaign disclosure provisions. This manual has been prepared to assist local candidates and committees in complying with the Act's numerous and often detailed rules. The manual is written in a "user friendly" format so that candidates and committees have a resource guide. At the end of each chapter, a list of statutes and regulations that provide authority for the information in that chapter is provided. The statutes and regulations may be accessed on the FPPC website.

This manual describes the state campaign finance and disclosure laws under the Act that apply to local candidates and committees. Many cities and counties have adopted local campaign ordinances that contain additional restrictions and requirements. Local candidates and committees should check with their local elections office or ethics agency to determine if there are additional local requirements and restrictions, such as contribution limits. Effective January 1, 2021 a default state campaign contribution limit applies to city and

county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a contribution limit on such candidates per AB 571 (2019). Special rules apply to AB 571 candidate committees. Please see the FPPC's AB 571 fact sheet available on the FPPC website for additional rules applicable only to AB 571 candidates.

In addition, federal and state tax laws and other rules may also apply. The Appendix contains telephone numbers and website addresses for the Federal Election Commission, the Internal Revenue Service, the California Franchise Tax Board, and the Federal Communications Commission.

State candidates and officeholders, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate(s) should refer to FPPC's Campaign Disclosure Manual 1.

Controlling Law

This manual summarizes key campaign disclosure laws and regulations and draws from years of FPPC staff advice on complying with the Act's campaign disclosure laws. Each committee's activity is different, however, and may raise issues not discussed in this manual. If there are any discrepancies between the manual and the Act or its corresponding regulations, the Act and its regulations will control.

Need Help?

If you need assistance, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) provides advice by email and through a toll-free telephone advice line. The FPPC does not provide third party advice or advice on past conduct. The FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov) contains forms, manuals, and a wealth of other helpful information.

Email Advice	Telephone Advice
advice@fppc.ca.gov	1-866-ASK FPPC (1-866-275-3772)

LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY CONTRIBUTION RULES (AB 571)

This chapter contains information on contribution rules for candidates and officeholders seeking a city or county elective office in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit pursuant to AB 571. (Please see Stats. 2019, Ch. 556 AB 571 Mullin). Along with the new campaign contribution limit, there are also other related provisions that formerly applied only to state level candidates that now apply to city and county candidates. Please note that none of the provisions of AB 571 discussed in this chapter apply to candidates in cities or counties for which the city or county has enacted contribution limits. You can search the FPPC's website to see if the city or county has enacted a contribution limit.

This chapter reviews:

- Contribution Limits
- Transfers
- Post-Election Fundraising
- Officeholder Committees
- Legal Defense Committees
- Recall Committees

For information about ballot measure committees controlled by a local candidate or officeholder, see FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual 3.

A. City and County Candidate Contribution Limits (AB 571)

A candidate seeking election to a city or county office in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit is subject to contribution limits from a single source per election. For purposes of contribution limits, the primary, general, special, and special runoff elections are separate elections. The chart below shows the limits per contributor for the type of office sought. Contribution limits may increase or decrease every two years based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. Regulations that set forth the amounts are adopted by the Commission.

Per Election Limits on Contributions to City and County Candidates

(For Elections Occurring from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024)

The chart below shows the campaign contribution limits per contributor, per election, for city and county candidates in cities and counties that have not enacted campaign contribution limits.

2023-2024 Contribution Limits for City and County Candidates in Cities and Counties That Have Not Enacted Limits		
Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	Small Contributor Committee	Political Party
\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500

Timing

There are no restrictions on when a candidate may begin to fundraise for a city or county office, and contributions for a general or special election may be raised during or prior to a primary or special primary election for the same office. However, a candidate must file a Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) prior to soliciting or receiving contributions or making expenditures from personal funds. (Please see Chapter 2 for more information).

A city or county candidate in a city or county that has not enacted a campaign contribution limit who is defeated in the primary or special primary election, or who withdraws from the general or special general election, must return contributions received for the general or special general election to the contributors. The contributions are returned on a pro rata basis, less the cost of raising or administering the funds and expenses attributable to the general election paid prior to the primary election (e.g., media purchases).

Loans

For city and county candidates in a city or county that has not enacted a campaign contribution limit, loans from third parties are contributions subject to limits. However, if a loan has been repaid, the lender, guarantor, endorser, or cosigner may make additional contributions to the same committee up to the limit. Please see Candidate Personal Funds below for more information on candidate loans to their own committee.

Candidate's Personal Funds

Contribution limits do not apply to a candidate's personal funds contributed to their own campaign. However, a city or county candidate in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit, may not have loans to their campaign with an outstanding balance of more than \$100,000 at any time. A candidate may not charge interest on a loan they make to the campaign. The \$100,000 limit on personal loans applies to loans from the candidate's personal funds as well as loans from a commercial lending institution which the candidate lends to their campaign. "Campaign" includes both the primary and general, or special and special runoff, elections. However, a candidate may loan each committee for a different office or term of office up to \$100,000.

Extensions of Credit

When there is an agreement with the provider of goods or services that a city or county candidate in a city or county that has not already enacted contribution limits or committee will pay for the goods or services at a later date, the value of the goods or services may become a contribution to the candidate and be subject to contribution limits if the payment is not made within 45 days. (See Regulation 18530.7.)

Contributions to Other City or County Candidate Committees

A candidate may not make a contribution over the default state contribution limit to another candidate in jurisdictions subject to the default state contribution limit with limited exceptions related to recall elections, legal defense funds, and candidate-controlled ballot measure committees. The limit is the same contribution limit imposed on legislative candidates. This contribution limit applies to the aggregate total of contributions made from the personal funds or assets of the candidate and contributions made by all committees controlled by that candidate.

Contributions Over the Limit

Committees are not in violation of the Act's contribution limit if an "over the limit" contribution is returned to the contributor or the contribution is attributed to another election either: (1) within 14 days of receipt before deposit so long as the committee did not make use of the contribution prior to returning it, or (2) within 14 days of receipt even after deposit, so long as there was **no actual knowledge** the contribution was over the limit when deposited and the committee did not make use of the contribution prior to returning it. If a contribution is returned after it has been deposited it must be reported. A contribution must be reported even if not deposited if it is not returned to the contributor by the close of the reporting period. An over the limit nonmonetary contribution must be returned to the contributor within 14 days of receiving the contribution either in its original form, or in a monetary equivalent greater than or equal to the amount by which its value exceeds an applicable contribution limit.

A committee that receives a monetary contribution with **actual knowledge** that the contribution is over the applicable contribution limit in the Act may accept the contribution and return or attribute the portion in excess within 72 hours of receipt or before the date of the election, whichever is sooner without being in violation of the contribution limit. However, a committee is prohibited from making use of the excessive contribution prior to returning or attributing it and the amount of a contribution that may be accepted is capped at twice the applicable contribution limit.

A committee may request that the contributor attribute in writing a contribution to a different election. A committee may automatically attribute a portion of a contribution that is in excess of the applicable limit between the primary and general elections. A committee attributes a contribution when the committee designates the portion of the contribution in excess of the applicable limit to another election.

A committee that receives an excessive contribution **with or without actual knowledge** that the contribution was over the limit must inform the contributor:

- that their contribution was in excess of the applicable limit, and
- if the contribution was automatically attributed to the connected primary or general election, that the contribution was attributed and the contributor may request a refund.

Recurring Contributions

A “recurring contribution” is a contribution from a person to a candidate or committee that is automatically charged to the person’s bank account, credit card, or other payment account on a repeated basis, such as weekly or monthly, without approval or any other affirmative consent by the person after their initial contribution to the candidate or committee.

A committee must obtain affirmative consent from a person making a recurring contribution at the time of the initial contribution. Any solicitation for a recurring contribution must be in a form that requires affirmative consent from the person making the contribution. Passive action by the contributor, such as failing to uncheck a pre-checked box authorizing a recurring contribution, does not meet the requirement of affirmative consent. A committee that accepts a recurring contribution is required to provide a receipt for each contribution, provide information necessary to cancel the recurring contribution, and immediately cancel a recurring contribution upon request.

A recurring contribution accepted in response to a solicitation that did not require affirmative consent must be returned to the contributor within 14 days of the earlier of the following:

- receipt of a request from the contributor to return the contribution, or
- the date on which the candidate or committee becomes aware that the solicitation of the recurring contribution was in violation of the Act.

A contribution accepted after a contributor requested to cancel a recurring contribution must be returned to the contributor within 14 days of the request to cancel the recurring contribution.

B. Transfers Between a Candidate's Controlled Committees (AB 571)

A city or county candidate in a jurisdiction that has not already enacted contribution limits that has a qualified committee must establish a separate controlled committee and campaign bank account for each specific office. Candidates may not redesignate a committee for one election for another election.

A city or county candidate in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit may transfer funds from their controlled elections committee to another committee. Except as discussed below, funds transferred from one of a city or county candidate's controlled election committees to another are subject to contribution limits. The transferred funds must be attributed to specific contributors of the committee making the transfer and count toward the amount those contributors may give to the committee receiving the transfer.

The committee making the transfer must choose between two attribution methods. The first is "LIFO" (last in, first out). This means that the amount to be transferred will be attributed to the most recent contributors to the transferring committee. The other method is "FIFO" (first in, first out), which means transferred funds will be attributed to the earliest contributors. Once the transferring committee has chosen LIFO or FIFO, it may not change the method of attribution.

Example:

A city council member is running for county supervisor in 2024. The candidate uses the LIFO accounting method to transfer funds from the city council committee to their county supervisor committee as outlined in the table below. Because the 2022 contribution limit is \$4,900, only \$4,900 of Z Corporations original \$5,000 contribution to the city council committee may be transferred to the county supervisor committee. Riley Thomas has already contributed \$4,000 to the county supervisor committee, so only \$900 of their original \$1,000 contribution to the city council committee may be transferred to the county supervisor committee.

Donor	Date of Original Contribution	Amount of Original Contribution	Funds Attributed to Contributor
Taylor Smith	09/25/2020	\$1,000	\$1,000
Z Corp.	11/02/2020	\$5,000	\$4,900
Riley Thomas	12/10/2020	\$1,000	\$900

The committee making the transfer must report the transfer as an expenditure on Schedule E of the Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460). The committee receiving the transfer must report the transfer on Schedule A as follows:

- The date of the transfer and the name, address, and identification number of the committee making the transfer;
- The name, address and, if applicable, the occupation and employer or committee identification number of the contributor to whom the transferred funds are being attributed (as disclosed on the campaign statement filed when the contributions were originally received or as contained in the committee's records at the time of the transfer);
- The original date of the transferred contribution; and
- The amount of the transferred contribution, including the cumulative amount received from the contributor in the calendar year and the amount attributed to the contributor per election.

Some electronic filing formats may be different.

**Schedule A
Monetary Contributions Received**

Amounts may be rounded
to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE A

Statement covers period from <u>x/x/20xx</u> through <u>x/x/20xx</u>	CALIFORNIA FORM 460 Page <u>x</u> of <u>xx</u>
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NAME OF FILER Committee to Elect Gerard for County Supervisor 2024	I.D. NUMBER
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DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE *	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)	PER ELECTION TO DATE (IF REQUIRED)
10/xx/20xx	Gerard for City Council 20xx (Transfer, see below) 49 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ID 1914287)	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC				
09/25/20xx	Taylor Smith 7239 Hemingway Blvd. Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90274	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Orthodontist, Smith Smiles	\$1,000	\$1,000	P20xx: \$1,000
11/03/20xx	Z Corporation 2500 7th Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90013	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		\$4,900	\$4,900	P20xx: \$4,900
12/10/20xx	Riley Thomas 1095 Euclid Street La Habra Heights, CA 90631	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Dispatcher, La Habra Heights Police Department	\$900	\$4,900	P20xx: \$4,900

The committee making the transfer must maintain records that identify the specific contributors to whom any transferred contributions have been attributed. If the transferring committee is no longer required to maintain detailed records, the receiving committee shall maintain either:

- The full name of the contributor;
- The date and amount being transferred for each contributor, and if the contribution is a loan, the interest rate for the loan; and
- The cumulative amount of contributions transferred attributed to that contributor.

OR

- Copies of the transferring committee’s original verified and filed campaign reports that show the original contribution received from each contributor to whom a transferred contribution is attributed.

Exceptions:

- **Surplus Funds:** Campaign funds that are “surplus funds” may not be transferred to a future election committee. A defeated candidate’s campaign committee funds become surplus 90 days after the post-election reporting period (either June 30 or December 31) following the election. An officeholder’s campaign committee funds become surplus 90 days after leaving office for which the funds were raised. For specific guidance, refer to Regulation 18951.
- **Carryover:** A city or county candidate in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit may carry over campaign funds from the primary election to the subsequent general election for the same elective office without attribution. Non-surplus campaign funds may be carried over from one city or county election to the next election for the same office without attribution.

To carry over funds from one city or county election to the next election for the same office (e.g., from a 2020 city council election to the 2024 city council election), the funds must be transferred to a new campaign bank account and committee established for the next election, and the transfer must occur after the date of the election for which the funds were raised.

The transferring committee reports the transfer as an expenditure on Schedule E and the committee receiving the funds reports the transfer as an increase to cash on Schedule I.

A candidate that formed a campaign committee for a specific election and chooses not to seek the office and is not listed on the ballot may not “carryover” the funds, but may transfer the funds with attribution to another future election committee.

QUICK TIP: City and county candidates in a city or county that has not already enacted a contribution limit may raise funds after an election only to pay net debts outstanding. Campaign funds may not be carried over to a future election committee if the existing committee has net debt from the prior election.

- **Transferring Assets:** It is not necessary to value and attribute a committee's usual assets (such as supplies, furnishings, and office equipment) that are being transferred from one controlled committee to another of the candidate's controlled committees. A committee must report the purchase or sale of these assets, but need not report the transfer.

Detailed reports must be maintained on transfers.

C. Post-Election Fundraising: Net Debts Outstanding (AB 571)

City and county candidates in cities and counties that have not already enacted a contribution limit may receive contributions after an election only to pay net debts outstanding from the election. The primary and general elections are separate elections for the purposes of calculating net debt. In addition, the contribution limits applicable to the election apply to any new contributions received to pay net debt.

To calculate net debts outstanding, the following are added together:

- The total amount of unpaid debts, loans, and accrued expenditures incurred with respect to the election;
- An amount necessary to cover the cost of raising funds to pay outstanding debts;
- Costs related to complying with post-election requirements, such as filing campaign statements, and other necessary administrative costs associated with winding down the campaign, including office space rental, staff salaries, and office supplies; and
- Legal fees and expenses incurred in connection with monitoring a ballot recount or the counting of absentee or provisional ballots.

That amount is reduced by:

- The total cash on hand available to pay those debts and obligations, including: currency; balances on deposit in banks, savings and loan institutions, and other depository institutions; traveler's checks; certificates of deposit; treasurer bills; and any other committee investments valued at fair market value; and
- The total amounts owed to the candidate controlled committee in the form of credits, refunds of deposits, returns, or receivables, or a commercially reasonable amount based on the collectability of those credits, refunds, returns, or receivables.

As new funds are received, the amount of the net debts outstanding is reduced. The amount of new contributions may not exceed the amount of net debts outstanding on the date the contribution is received. Any contribution that exceeds the amount of net debts outstanding must be returned to the contributor within 14 days.

Ex 1.1 - Tom ran for district attorney in 2022. After the general election, Tom had \$45,000 in cash left and owed only \$20,000 in accrued expenses from the primary election and none from the general election. Tom may not raise additional funds into the 2022 committee.

Ex 1.2 - Jane ran for county supervisor in 2022. After the primary election, Jane had \$30,000 in cash left and owed \$50,000 in unpaid loans and accrued expenses. Jane may raise \$20,000 to pay this debt, plus an amount needed to cover the fundraising expenses and other administrative costs. All contributions received are subject to the contribution limits that were in effect for the 2020 election.

D. Officeholder Committees (AB 571)

Officeholder committees are not permitted for city and county candidates subject to the default state contribution limit. However, a candidate may use a committee for the officeholder's future election for officeholder expenses. A candidate may also use existing funds in the election committee for current office for officeholder expenses.

E. Other Committees (AB 571)

Legal Defense Committees

City and county candidates and officeholders may establish a legal defense fund to defray attorney's fees and other related legal costs incurred for the candidate's or officeholder's legal defense if the candidate or officeholder is subject to a civil or criminal proceeding, or an administrative proceeding arising directly out of the conduct of an election campaign, the electoral process, or the performance of the officeholder's governmental activities and duties.

A separate bank account and committee must be established. The legal defense committee will file campaign statements at the same times and in the same place as the candidate's election committee.

Contributions raised for a legal defense fund are not subject to contribution limits.

QUICK TIP: The Form 410 must specify the legal dispute or disputes for which the legal defense fund was established.

Legal defense funds may only be raised in an amount reasonably calculated to pay attorney's fees and other legal costs related to the defense of the candidate or officeholder, as well as administrative costs directly related to compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Legal defense funds may not be used for fundraising, media or political consulting fees, mass mailings or other advertising, or for paying fines, penalties, judgements or settlements, or to return contributions. (Please refer to Regulation 18530.45.)

Recall Election Committees

All candidates and committees that raise and spend funds in connection with a recall election have full reporting and disclosure obligations. The FPPC publishes filing schedules for these elections.

Target Officeholder: A city or county officeholder who is the target of a recall may form a separate committee to oppose the qualification of the recall measure and, if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election. The officeholder has the option of using their existing committee or committee formed for a future election instead.

If a separate committee is formed, the following rules apply:

- The committee may be established only after the officeholder receives a notice of intent to recall under Elections Code Section 11021.
- A Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be filed and a separate bank account must be established.
- The committee name must include the word “recall” and the target officer’s name.
- Contributions to the committee are not subject to limits.
- After the recall election, or if the recall petition fails, funds left over become restricted “surplus funds” and must be spent within 30 days (See Chapter 6.)

Replacement Candidate: A candidate running to replace an officeholder who is the target of a recall is subject to the contribution limits. A replacement candidate must file campaign forms (e.g., Form 501, Form 410, Form 497, Form 460) in the same manner as a candidate seeking a regular election.

Committee Primarily Formed to Support or Oppose a Recall: A committee formed to support or oppose a recall is considered to be a ballot measure committee. Refer to FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual 3 for guidance.

Answering Your Questions

A. If a city or county does not currently have contribution limits set within their ordinance would the state contribution limit be the default?

Yes. The state contribution limit would be the default contribution limit if the city or county ordinance is silent on whether there are contribution limits within that jurisdiction or if there is no city or county ordinance in place.

B. If a city or county has voluntary contribution limits, but no mandatory contribution limits will the state limit be applicable?

Yes. A city or county must enact mandatory contribution limits to avoid the state limit applying to elective city and county offices.

C. Does the default contribution limit also include judicial candidates?

No. Elective city and county offices do not include judicial offices.

D. Can a city or county ordinance be less restrictive than the AB 571 limit (e.g., the city or county limit is set higher than the state limit)?

Yes. A city or county can set contribution limits higher than the default state limit.

E. If a city or county imposes contribution limits, is the Commission responsible for enforcing those limits?

No. The Commission will not regulate the administration or enforcement of the penalties. Cities or counties with existing limits or that adopt their own limits are not subject to the state limit and may impose their own penalties for violations.

F. If a city or county has imposed contribution limits for particular city or county offices (e.g., Board of Supervisors), do those limits also apply to other positions such as the District Attorney or would the default state limit apply if a particular position is not specifically addressed by the city or county?

The default state contribution limit would apply to other positions which the city or county has not set contribution limits. A city or county ordinance must explicitly state the city or county contribution limits and for which elective offices those limits will apply. A city or county may adopt a general provision implementing a contribution limit for all elective city and county offices in that jurisdiction.

G. Does AB 571 apply to special district or school district elections?

No. AB 571 applies only to city and county elections for offices that a city or county has not implemented its own contribution limit.

H. Does AB 571 apply to County Superintendent of Schools or the office of County Board of Education?

AB 571 does apply to the office of County Superintendent of Schools because it is considered a “county” office. However, the office of County Board of Education is not subject to AB 571 because it is not considered a “county” position.

I. Can candidates that are subject to the AB 571 contribution limit open an officeholder committee?

No. Officeholder committees are not permitted for candidates subject to the AB 571 contribution limit. However, a candidate may use a committee for the officeholder's future election for officeholder expenses. A candidate may also use existing funds in the election committee for current office for officeholder expenses.

J. If a contribution was received for an election occurring after January 1, 2021, prior to the January 1, 2021, does this contribution count towards the AB 571 contribution limit after January 1, 2021?

No. The Commission adopted a formal opinion on April 15, 2021 that states contributions made prior to the effective date of AB 571 are not aggregated with contributions made on or after the effective date of AB 571 for purposes of the new contribution limit. Therefore, if someone contributed up to or above the current limit to an AB 571 committee prior to January 1, 2021 the same person can give additional contributions to the same committee up to the AB 571 contribution limit on or after January 1, 2021.

K. If a contributor gave \$10,000 in 2020 (prior to the AB 571 limit going into effect) to a committee for a 2022 primary election, what happens?

The AB 571 contribution limit does not apply to contributions made prior to January 1, 2021 so a contribution of this amount is permissible.

L. Does the AB 571 contribution limit apply to county central committee candidates?

No. AB 571 imposes a contribution limit on city and county elective offices when a local jurisdiction has not already done so. Local jurisdictions are prohibited from placing contribution limits on county central committee candidates; therefore AB 571 is not applicable to these offices.

M. An AB 571 candidate for city council would like to send out a request for contributions to their constituents. Do they need to include anything specific in the request?

Yes. A candidate that is subject to AB 571 must have the following information in the solicitation: the name of the controlled committee soliciting contributions, and the specific office for which those contributions will be used.

N. If an AB 571 candidate is the subject of a recall, is their committee to oppose the recall subject to contribution limits?

No. There are no contribution limits for a committee controlled by a candidate that is the subject of a recall that is formed to oppose the recall.

O. An AB 571 candidate has debts for an election held after January 1, 2021, may the candidate terminate their committee?

No. If a candidate-controlled committee has outstanding debts for an election held after January 1, 2021, they may not terminate without resolving or paying off the debt. When the committee has no net debts outstanding, the committee must be terminated within 24 months after the earliest of the date the candidate is defeated, leaves office, or the term of office for which the committee was formed ends, or, for withdrawn candidates no later than 24 months after the election from which the candidate withdrew. Please see Regulation 18404.1 for more on termination requirements.

P. If a local jurisdiction, which is subject to AB 571 passes a local campaign contribution ordinance, are the candidates still subject to AB 571?

No. They would no longer be subject to AB 571.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82015	Contribution.
82015.5	Contribution; Aggregation.
82022.5	Election-Related Activities.
82025	Expenditure.
82047	Person.
85204.5	Special Election Cycle and Special Runoff Election Cycle.
85301	Limits on Contributions from Persons.
85303	Limits on Contributions to Committees and Political Parties.
85304.5	Legal Defense Fund; Local Candidates and Elected Officeholders.
85305	Restrictions on Contributions by Candidates.
85306	Transfers Between a Candidate's Own Committees; Use of Funds Raised Prior to Effective Date.
85307	Loans.
85314	Special Elections and Special Runoff Elections as Separate Elections.
85315	Elected City and County Officer Recall Committees.
85316	Post-Election Fundraising Restrictions; City and County Officeholder Accounts.
85317	Carry Over of Contributions.
85318	Contributions Received for Primary and General Elections.
85319.5	Attribution of Contributions.
85701.5	Recurring Contributions.
85702.5	Default Contribution Limits for City and County Jurisdictions.
89519	Use of Surplus Campaign Funds.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18215 Contribution.
- 18404.1 Termination and Reopening of Committees.
- 18421.1 Disclosure of the Making and Receipt of Contributions.
- 18421.4 Reporting Cumulative Amounts for Elections and Recipient Committees.
- 18421.8 Reporting an Expenditure by a Candidate
- 18521 Establishment of Separate Controlled Committee for Each Campaign Account.
- 18521.5 Ballot Measure Committees Controlled by Candidates for Elective State, City, or County Office
- 18523.1 Written Solicitation for Contributions.
- 18530.2 Transfer of Funds Raised Prior to Proposition 34 Limits.
- 18530.7 Extensions of Credit.
- 18530.8 Personal Loans.
- 18531 Return of Excessive Contributions.
- 18531.2 Refunding General Election Contributions.
- 18531.5 Recall Elections.
- 18531.61 Treatment of Debts Outstanding After an Election
- 18531.63 Treatment of Debts Outstanding After a City or County Election for Offices Subject to AB 571.
- 18531.64 Treatments of Debts Outstanding After a City or County Election.
- 18535 Restrictions on Contributions Between State, City and County Candidates.
- 18536 Transfer and Attribution of Contributions.
- 18537 Contribution Limits and Application to Repaid Loans.
- 18537.1 Carry Over of Contributions.
- 18545 Contribution Limit and Voluntary Expenditure COLA Formula.
- 18951 Surplus Funds.

GETTING STARTED

This chapter outlines the requirements for candidates and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate(s) to start their campaigns. In the Political Reform Act (Act) and this manual, “candidates” includes non-incumbent candidates, officeholders, officeholders running for reelection, and officeholders running for election to another office.

QUICK TIP: Elected officials are included as “candidates” under the Act until they have left elective office and terminated any committees.

Before raising or spending money in connection with an election, candidates and committee treasurers should become familiar with the various campaign disclosure forms applicable to the type of campaign or committee involved.

The chapter is broken down by candidates who will raise and spend less than \$2,000, candidates who will raise and spend more than \$2,000, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate(s) that are not controlled by the candidate(s) being supported.

QUICK TIP: The FPPC’s website includes a comprehensive and user- friendly toolkit for new candidates.

In addition to filing the **campaign statements** described in this chapter, most candidates must also file a **Statement of Economic Interests** (Form 700). The Form 700 is used to disclose an individual’s personal financial interests that could potentially be affected by the individual’s decision making. Candidates must disclose investments and interests in real property held on the day the declaration of candidacy is due, as well as income received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing the declaration of candidacy. The Form 700 candidate statement is due no later than the final filing date for the

declaration of candidacy and is filed with the city clerk or county elections office where the declaration of candidacy is filed. The FPPC's website contains additional information about the Form 700.

QUICK TIP: Campaign reports and statements filed in paper format with a local government agency will have a redacted copy available online on the agency's website within 72 hours after the filing deadline of the report or statement.

A. Candidates Raising and Spending Less than \$2,000

A candidate who does not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, including the candidate's personal funds, must file one or both of the following campaign statements.

- **Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement).** The Form 501 must be filed only if the candidate plans to raise or spend any money, including the candidate's personal funds.
- **Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement—Short Form).** The Form 470 may be filed by a candidate or officeholder who does not anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

Personal funds used to pay filing or ballot statement fees are not counted toward the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold. If a candidate does not raise any money and personal funds are used only to pay filing or ballot statement fees, the candidate is not required to file the Form 501.

If *any* monetary contributions will be received from others, a separate campaign bank account must be established.

If a candidate files the Form 470 covering a calendar year and later in that calendar year receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more, the candidate must file a Form 470 Supplement. The candidate must also file the Form 410 (Statement of Organization) and begin filing the Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement). If a bank account has not already been established, the candidate must also establish a campaign bank account.

QUICK TIP: Personal funds used to pay filing or ballot statement fees are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.

Exception: County Central Committee Candidates

- A candidate for a county central committee of a qualified political party is a local candidate. If a candidate for county central committee receives contributions of less than \$2,000 and makes expenditures of less than \$2,000, the candidate is not required to file any campaign reports or statements, including the Form 410, 501, 460, and/or Form 470 unless the candidate has one or more open committees for other races. A county central committee candidate who has not raised or spent \$2,000 or more for the county central committee race, but who has an open committee for another seat or past election, may have cross-filing obligations. For example, if a county central committee candidate has not raised or spent \$2,000 or more in connection with the county central committee race, but has an open committee for a different office in another jurisdiction the central committee candidate will need to cross-file in both jurisdictions for the open committee on dates that semi-annual or preelection reports are triggered by the open committee. (For more information on cross-filing please see Regulation 18405 and Chapter 9 of this manual.)

County central committee candidates who raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year are subject to the Act's campaign reporting requirements, and must file campaign reports and statements including a Form 501, 410, and 460.

County central committee candidates never file a Form 700, no matter how much they raise or spend.

B. Candidates Raising and Spending \$2,000 or More

A candidate who plans to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, including the candidate's personal funds, must:

- File the **Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)**.
- Establish a campaign **bank account**.
- File the **Form 410 (Statement of Organization)**.

A candidate or officeholder who would like to use leftover campaign funds from a previous election must redesignate or transfer the funds before they become "surplus funds." (See Chapters 5 and 11.)

As discussed in detail later in the manual, once a candidate controlled committee has raised or spent \$2,000 or more, the following reports must also be filed:

- **Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report)**. Within 90 days before the election, including the date of the election, if a committee receives a contribution(s) of \$1,000 or more from a single source, the Form 497 must be filed within 24 hours.
- **Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement)**. The Form 460 contains an overview of the committee's activity during a specified period. It is used to file semi-annual and preelection statements.

Committees Controlled by Two or More Candidates

If two or more candidates form one committee to support their candidacies for elective office, such as a slate of candidates running for school board or city council, they must:

- Each file the **Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)**.
- Establish **one bank account** for the committee (each candidate must deposit all contributions and make all expenditures from this bank account).
- File one **Form 410 (Statement of Organization)**.

Committees controlled by two or more candidates file only one **Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement)** to disclose the committee's activity each time the statement is due.

C. Candidate Controlled Committees – One Bank Account Rule

Under the Act, a candidate or officeholder must establish one controlled committee with one bank account for each election. All contributions must be deposited in and all expenditures must be made from the campaign bank account. The Act's one committee/one bank account rule for candidates and elected officeholders gives clear disclosure of the candidate or elected officeholder's campaign finances and ensures compliance with applicable local and state contribution limits. A committee set up by the candidate or officeholder for their election is the candidate's controlled committee.

QUICK TIP: A candidate or officeholder may only have one bank account per committee.

A candidate controls a committee if they have a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee or acts jointly with the committee in connection with its expenditures. Under the one committee/one bank account provisions of the Act, a candidate or officeholder who controls a committee for their election may not at the same time control a general purpose committee, such as an "Improve River City" committee. In limited circumstances, exceptions to the one committee/one bank account rule exist to permit a local candidate or officeholder to control a ballot measure committee, legal defense fund, or officeholder expense committee (if provided by local ordinance).

D. Committees Primarily Formed to Support or Oppose a Candidate

A “primarily formed committee” is formed to support or oppose a single candidate or a group of candidates all being voted on in the same election but is not controlled by the candidate(s) who is being supported. Primarily formed committees:

- Must file **Form 410 (Statement of Organization)**.
- Should establish a campaign **bank account**.

QUICK TIP: A “primarily formed candidate committee” is a committee not controlled by a candidate and whose main activity is making independent expenditures for the candidate or against their opponent.

QUICK TIP: A candidate’s own committee for election is not a “primarily formed” committee although it supports one candidate – it is a “candidate controlled” committee.

As discussed in detail later in the manual, once a committee has raised or spent \$2,000 or more, the following reports must also be filed:

- **Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report)**. Within 90 days before the election, including the date of the election, if a primarily formed committee makes a contribution(s) of \$1,000 or more to a candidate or ballot measure committee or receives a contribution(s) of \$1,000 or more from a single source, the Form 497 must be filed within 24 hours.
- **Form 496 (24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report)**. Within 90 days before the election, including the date of the election, if a primarily formed committee makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more, the Form 496 must be filed within 24 hours. The **Form 462 (Verification of Independent Expenditures)** must also be filed. See Chapter 10 for additional information on the Form 462.

- **Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement).**
The Form 460 contains an overview of the committee's activity during a specified period. It is used to file semi-annual and preelection statements.

A primarily formed committee is not required to file the Form 501. A primarily formed committee with little or no activity may be eligible to file the Form 450 or Form 425 instead of the Form 460. (See Chapter 8.)

E. Establishing a Campaign Bank Account

Candidates who anticipate soliciting or receiving contributions from others, or who anticipate spending \$2,000 or more of their personal funds in connection with their election, must open a campaign bank account. The account may be established at any financial institution (i.e, bank, credit union) located in California. A candidate's personal funds used to pay the filing fee or the ballot statement fee do not count toward the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold.

Under the Act's one bank account provisions discussed above, a candidate or officeholder may only have one controlled committee with one bank account per election. Candidates running for one office while holding another may establish a separate campaign bank account for each office, but may not have more than one bank account per office per election.

Although primarily formed committees are not required to establish a campaign bank account, it is recommended that they do so. Pre-numbered and pre-printed checks with the committee's name are useful in meeting the recordkeeping requirements described in Chapter 2.

QUICK TIP: The Political Reform Act does not require a federal tax ID number. However, most banks will require one in order to open a campaign bank account. A tax ID number may be obtained on the IRS website, www.irs.gov.

Campaign contributions may not be commingled with any individual's personal funds. All contributions must be deposited in, and expenditures must be made from, the campaign bank account. Except as noted below, candidates must first deposit personal funds to be used for the campaign in the campaign bank account before making campaign expenditures, even if the candidate does not expect to be reimbursed.

QUICK TIP: Campaign funds must be kept separate from personal funds.

Exceptions:

- Candidates may use their personal funds to pay a filing fee, a ballot statement fee, or the \$50 Secretary of State fee, without first depositing the funds into the campaign bank account.
- An officeholder may use personal funds to pay officeholder expenses.
- A candidate may contract with a vendor or collecting agent to collect contributions prior to promptly transferring the funds to the candidate's campaign bank account without violating the requirement that the candidate have no more than one bank account. Fees deducted by the vendor are considered expenditures from the campaign bank account at the time they are deducted.

F. Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement

Before soliciting or receiving any contributions or making expenditures from personal funds, a candidate must file the Form 501 with the filing officer who will receive the candidate's original campaign statements (i.e., city clerk or county elections). Judicial candidates file the Form 501 with the Secretary of State. A new Form 501 must be filed for each election for a specific office. Please note that a new Form 501 is required when seeking reelection to the same office. However, a new Form 501 is not required for the general election or special general election if the candidate filed a Form 501 for the connected primary or

special primary election for the same office sought. The Form 501 is considered filed on the date it is postmarked or hand-delivered.

Example: Todd Smith filed a Form 501 for the June 2022 primary election as a candidate for county supervisor. Todd Smith was a successful candidate in the June 2022 primary election and advanced to the November 2022 general election ballot. Todd Smith is not required to file a new Form 501 for the connected November 2022 general election since Todd filed a Form 501 prior to the June 2022 primary election for the same office sought.

Candidate Intention Statement		Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 501
A Check One: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (Explain) _____			For Official Use Only
1 Candidate Information:			
NAME OF CANDIDATE (Last, First Middle Initial) Cole, Rayna	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (707) 555-1234	FAX NUMBER (optional) (707) 555-1235	EMAIL (optional) rcole@gmail.com
STREET ADDRESS 1212 Fourth Avenue	CITY Oakmont	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95443
OFFICE SOUGHT (POSITION TITLE) City Council	AGENCY NAME City of Oakmont	DISTRICT NUMBER, if applicable 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-PARTISAN OFFICE
OFFICE JURISDICTION <input type="checkbox"/> State (Complete Part 2.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-County: _____ (Name of Multi-County Jurisdiction)		20XX (Year of Election)	PARTY PREFERENCE: (Check one box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY / GENERAL <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL / RUNOFF
2 State Candidate Expenditure Limit Statement: <i>(CalPERS and CalSTRS candidates, judges, judicial candidates, and candidates for local offices do not complete Part 2.)</i>			
(Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> I accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the election stated above. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the election stated above. Amendment: <input type="radio"/> I did not exceed the expenditure ceiling in the primary or special election held on: ____/____/____ and I accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the general or special run-off election.			
(Mark if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> On ____/____/____, I contributed personal funds in excess of the expenditure ceiling for the election stated above.			
3 Verification: I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.			
Executed on _____ [Date Required] <i>(month, day, year)</i>		Signature _____ [Signature Required] <i>(Candidate)</i>	

Completing the Form 501

A Type of Statement

Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of statement being filed:

- Initial: If this is the first Form 501 being filed for the election.
- Amendment: If any changes occur on a previously filed Form 501 (e.g., a change of address). Provide a brief explanation of the change(s).

1 Candidate Information

Provide the candidate's full name, street address (a business address may be used), and a daytime telephone number. A fax number and email address may also be provided.

Office Sought

Enter the title of the office sought (e.g., County Supervisor).

Agency Name

Enter the name of the agency (e.g., County of Riverside).

District Number

Enter the district number or letter, if applicable.

Office Jurisdiction

Check the appropriate box to indicate the jurisdiction of the office being sought:

- Multi-County: Candidates seeking an elective office where the jurisdiction of the agency contains parts of two or more counties (e.g., water district). Enter the name of the multi-county jurisdiction.
- County: Candidates seeking an elective county office (including Superior Court judge and most school board members).
- City: Candidates seeking an elective city office.

Year of Election

Enter the year of the election for the office being sought. Month and day are not required.

2 State Candidate Expenditure Limit Statement

This section does not apply to local candidates. It applies only to candidates for State Senate and Assembly and candidates seeking a state office.

3 Verification

The Form 501 must be signed by the candidate. It is not considered filed if it is not signed.

Answering Your Questions

A. When may I begin to solicit and receive contributions for my election?

You may solicit and receive contributions once you have mailed or hand-delivered the Form 501.

B. I am only going to pay the required county election fees to get my name on the ballot. No additional money will be raised or spent. Must I file the Form 501?

No. As long as your only expenditures are for the ballot qualification fees and no money will be raised, the Form 501 is not required.

C. Am I required to file the Form 501 when I run for reelection to the same office?

Yes. If you seek reelection to the same office, you are required to file an "Initial" Form 501 prior to raising or spending any money for the new election.

D. Am I required to file a document to withdraw as a candidate?

The FPPC does not administer the laws that govern what candidates must do to appear on a ballot or to remove their names from a ballot. Contact your local filing officer.

E. Am I required to file the Form 501 if I will set up a committee to fight my recall?

No. An officeholder who is the target of a recall is not required to file the Form 501.

F. Am I required to file the Form 501 if I am a replacement candidate in a recall election?

Yes. Replacement candidates must file the Form 501.

G. Are candidates who are seeking election to a particular district or seat (e.g., city council or community college board of trustees) required to specify the district/seat on the Form 501?

Yes. Each district/seat on the city council or the community college board of trustees is considered a specific office. Note: The “district number” is not required for candidates running for mayor or city council at large.

H. I have completed the process to be an official write-in candidate. Do I have any reporting obligations?

Yes. You have the same reporting obligations as any other candidate.

I. I am a candidate for a county central committee and would like to create a mailer for myself and a few other central committee candidates. May we create a mailing together and are there any reporting requirements?

Yes, you may. If each candidate's total spending on all of their campaign activity (including the mailer) remains below \$2,000 in a calendar year, there are no reporting requirements. If a candidate spends \$2,000 or more for their share of the mailer, or \$2,000 or more on total campaign activity, there are reporting requirements.

G. Form 470 – Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form

The Form 470 must be filed by a candidate or officeholder who does not anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. Payments from the candidate's personal funds used to pay filing or ballot statement fees do not count toward the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold.

QUICK TIP: If the Form 470 is filed and the candidate then raises or spends \$2,000 or more in that calendar year, the candidate must file the Form 470 Supplement, the Form 410, and begin filing the Form 460.

The Form 470 may not be used if the candidate or officeholder has an existing controlled committee established for a past election, future election, or ballot measure (including recalls).

There are special exceptions, discussed below, that apply to judges and unpaid elected officeholders (officeholders who receive salaries of less than \$200 per month).

When to File the Form 470 in Connection With an Election

Non-Incumbent Candidates

Candidates on ballot in first six months of the calendar year. The Form 470 may be filed with the declaration of candidacy but must be filed no later than the deadline for the first preelection statement.

Ex 2.1 - Non-incumbent judicial candidate Janice Chambers is listed on the November ballot. Janice does not intend to raise or spend \$2,000 in connection with the election. By June 30, Janice had received no contributions and Janice's only expenditures were for the filing and ballot statement fees paid for with personal funds. Janice is required to file Form 470 by the first preelection filing deadline.

Candidates on ballot in last six months of the calendar year. If the candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures:

- Before June 30: Form 470 must be filed by July 31.
- After June 30: Form 470 may be filed with the declaration of candidacy but must be filed no later than the deadline for the first preelection statement.

Candidates running in an election in the first three months of the year may be required to file the Form 470 in October, November, or December of the previous non-election year, as well as in the election year. Candidates should review the applicable filing schedule.

Officeholders on the Ballot

If an officeholder will be listed on a ballot during the first six months of the calendar year, the Form 470 (covering the year of the election) may be filed with the declaration of candidacy but must be filed no later than the filing deadline for the first preelection statement required in connection with the election. If the election will be held during the last six months of the calendar year, the Form 470 must be filed no later than July 31.

Ex 2.2 - A city council election will be held in February. The first preelection statement for this election is due in December of the previous year. A candidate that does not meet the \$2,000 committee threshold must file the Form 470 by the first preelection statement due date. The second preelection statement is due in January. If the candidate will not raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the year of the election, another Form 470 covering the entire calendar year of the election must be filed by the second preelection statement deadline since the Form 470 filed in December of the previous year covered the period ending December 31 of that calendar year.

Judges and Unpaid Elected Officeholders on the Ballot

During an election year, the deadline for filing the Form 470 will depend on the date of the election. Judges and unpaid officeholders running in an election during the first six months of the year may file the Form 470 (covering the year of the election) with the declaration of candidacy but must be filed no later than the filing deadline for the first preelection statement required in connection with the election.

If the election will be held during the last six months of the year, the Form 470 must be filed by July 31 if any funds were raised or spent (other than the candidate's personal funds for a filing or ballot statement fee) between January 1 and June 30. If no contributions were received or expenditures made by June 30, the Form 470 may be filed with the declaration of candidacy but must be filed no later than the filing deadline for the first preelection statement required in connection with the election.

Officeholders and Judges Not on a Ballot

See Chapter 9 for the reporting obligations of officeholders and judges who are not listed on the ballot.

Ex 2.3 - A city council election will be held in February. The first preelection statement for this election is due in December of the previous year. A candidate that does not meet the \$2,000 committee threshold must file the Form 470 by the first preelection statement due date. The second preelection statement is due in January. If the candidate will not raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the year of the election, another Form 470 covering the entire calendar year of the election must be filed by the second preelection statement deadline since the Form 470 filed in December of the previous year covered the period ending December 31 of that calendar year.

Where to File Form 470

Candidate/Officeholder	Where to File	What to File
Judges	Secretary of State	Original and one copy*
	County of Domicile	One copy
Multi-County Offices (Local agencies with jurisdiction in more than one county)	County with largest number of registered voters	Original and one copy
	County of Domicile, if different	One copy
County offices	County Elections Office	Original and one copy
City offices	City Clerk	Original and one copy

*Effective, January 1, 2023, filers required to file a report or statement by paper **with the Secretary of State** may instead file the paper report or statement by email. All statements must be signed using a verified digital signature. Please access the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.

**Officeholder and Candidate
Campaign Statement –
Short Form**

Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 470
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A Date of election if applicable:
(Month, Day, Year)

6/6/XX

Amendment (Explain Below)

1 Statement Covers Calendar Year 20 XX .

2 **Officeholder or Candidate Information**

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE
Rayna Cole

STREET ADDRESS
1212 Fourth Avenue

CITY STATE ZIP CODE
Oakmont CA 95443

AREA CODE/DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS
707-555-1234 rcole@gmail.com

OPTIONAL: FAX
707-555-1235

3 **Office Sought or Held**

OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD
City Council

JURISDICTION (LOCATION) DISTRICT NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)
City of Oakmont 1

4 **Committee Information**
List all committees of which you have knowledge that are primarily formed to receive contributions or to make expenditures on behalf of your candidacy.

COMMITTEE NAME AND I.D. NUMBER	COMMITTEE ADDRESS	NAME OF TREASURER
Friends Supporting Rayna Cole for City Council 20XX ID Number 1533XX	1618 C Street Oakmont, CA 95443	Gabriel Stoll

5 **Verification**

I anticipate that I will receive less than \$2,000 and that I will spend less than \$2,000 during the calendar year. I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this Statement. I have reviewed this Statement and, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in it is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ [Date Required] _____ By _____ [Signature Required] _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE

Completing the Form 470

A **Date of Election**

If the candidate or officeholder is running in an election during the calendar year, indicate the month, day, and year of the election.

1 **Period Covered**

The period covered is always the calendar year.

2 **Officeholder or Candidate Information**

Provide the candidate/officeholder's full name, street address (a business address may be used), and a daytime telephone number. A fax number and email address may also be provided.

3 Office Sought or Held

Indicate the office being sought or held and provide the location and district number of the office, if applicable.

4 Committee Information

A candidate or officeholder who is aware of a primarily formed committee that is receiving contributions and making expenditures on behalf of their candidacy must disclose the primarily formed committee's name, identification number, address, and the name of the treasurer.

Ex 2.4 - Rayna Cole's neighbors formed the Friends Supporting Rayna Cole for City Council 20XX committee. Rayna is aware of the committee but has no involvement with its day-to-day activities. Rayna Cole must disclose the committee's information on Rayna's Form 470.

5 Verification

The Form 470 must be signed by the candidate/officeholder. It is not considered filed if it is not signed.

Answering Your Form 470 Questions

A. What reporting period does the Form 470 cover?

The Form 470 is filed once each calendar year and covers the entire calendar year. When you file the Form 470 covering the year of the election with your declaration of candidacy, or on or before the deadline for filing your first preelection statement, you do not need to file any additional campaign statements as long as you do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.

B. If I am a non-incumbent candidate, am I required to file the Form 470 in connection with my election if I am running unopposed, my name does not appear on the ballot, and the only expenditure I make is from personal funds for a filing or ballot statement fee?

No. A Form 470 is not required. However, once you assume office, a Form 470 may be required.

C. If I am in a January election and will not raise or spend \$2,000 in connection with that election, when am I required to file Form 470?

You must file Form 470 in November of the preceding year (the deadline for filing your first preelection statement in connection with the January election). In addition, if your second preelection statement is due in January, another Form 470 must be filed because a Form 470 is required for each calendar year. The first Form 470 covers the calendar year preceding the election, and the second Form 470 covers the calendar year in which the election takes place.

D. I am running as a non-incumbent candidate for city council in November. I filed a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) and Statement of Organization (Form 410) to form a committee on May 1, but I did not qualify as a committee by June 30th. Should I file the Form 470 or the Form 460 by the July 31 semi-annual due date?

Because you intend to raise \$2,000 or more in the calendar year, you should file the Form 460. This allows you to avoid the requirement to file the Form 470 Supplement within 48 hours of raising or spending \$2,000 or more. But, it is permissible to file the Form 470 since the committee qualification threshold was not met by June 30th.

E. I am a city council member and I closed my campaign committee in March. May I file the Form 470 for the statement due July 31?

No. You may not file the Form 470 if you had an open committee at any time during the calendar year or intend to have one later in the year. You must continue filing the Form 460 as an officeholder for the remainder of the calendar year. The Form 470 may be filed the following calendar year if you do not have, nor intend to have, a committee for that entire calendar year.

F. I am in a June election this year and filed a Form 470 for last year because I started raising money in December. Am I required to file a 470 Supplement if I receive contributions totaling more than \$2,000 in January?

No. The Form 470 Supplement is only required if you file the Form 470 and subsequently raise or spend \$2,000 in the same calendar year. Since you filed the Form 470 last year, but did not meet the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold until the following calendar year, you are not required to file the Form 470 Supplement. You must file the Form 410 (Statement of Organization) and begin filing the other applicable campaign reports (e.g., Form 460, Form 497).

Form 470 Supplement

If a candidate files a Form 470 covering a calendar year in which the candidate is running in an election (i.e., with the declaration of candidacy, in lieu of a first preelection statement, or for the June 30 semi-annual filing) and later receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more, or makes expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more, the candidate must file a Form 470 Supplement.

When and Where to File the Form 470 Supplement

The Form 470 Supplement must be filed within 48 hours of receiving or spending \$2,000 or more.

The notification is sent to:

- Secretary of State's Office;
- Each candidate seeking the same office; and
- City or county clerk, or county registrar of voters, if the candidate is running for a city or county office.

The notification must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery, personal delivery, fax, or email.

The candidate must also file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) and begin filing the Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460). The 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) may also be required.

**Campaign Statement
Form 470 Supplement**

Amendment (Explain Below)

Date Stamp

**CALIFORNIA
FORM 470
SUPPLEMENT**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

This form is written notification that the officeholder/candidate listed below has received contributions totaling \$2,000 or more or has made expenditures of \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.

1 Officeholder or Candidate Information

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE
Rayna Cole

STREET ADDRESS
1212 Fourth Avenue

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Oakmont	CA	95443	rcole@gmail.com

AREA CODE/DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER	OPTIONAL: FAX
707-555-1234	707-555-1235

2 Office Sought

OFFICE SOUGHT	DISTRICT NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)
Oakmont City Council	1

DATE OF ELECTION (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
6/6/XX

3 Date Contributions Totaling \$2,000 or More Were Received or Date Expenditures of \$2,000 or More Were Made

4/1/XX
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

Completing the Form 470 Supplement

1 Officeholder or Candidate Information

Provide the candidate/officeholder's full name, street address (a business address may be used), and a daytime telephone number. A fax number and email address may also be provided.

2 Office Sought

Indicate the office being sought, the date of the election, and the district number, if applicable.

3 Date \$2,000 Threshold Was Met

Provide the date contributions totaling \$2,000 or more were received or the date expenditures of \$2,000 or more were made.

H. Form 410 – Statement of Organization

A candidate controlled committee or a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate (or group of candidates in the same election) that raises or spends \$2,000 or more in a calendar year qualifies as a recipient committee and must file Form 410. The Form 410 identifies the name of the committee and provides the public with information regarding the committee's purpose and its officers.

Annual Committee Fees

All committees that file a Form 410 must pay a \$50 fee to the Secretary of State no later than 15 days after the Form 410 is filed. Committees must pay the fee annually by January 15 until the committee terminates. If the annual fee is not paid by the January 15 deadline, the law imposes a \$150 penalty, which will require the committee to pay a total of \$200 (the \$50 annual fee plus the \$150 late penalty). Failure to pay the fine will result in a referral to the FPPC's Enforcement Division.

Note: Committees that are created and pay the initial \$50 fee in October, November, or December of a calendar year are not subject to the annual fee in the subsequent year.

If the committee is going to terminate, in order to avoid the fee for the subsequent year, a committee must cease activity by December 31 of the current year and file the terminating Form 410 with the Secretary of State on or before January 31 of the next year. There is no provision for extension of the deadline and fee payment.

When and Where to File the Form 410

File the original Form 410 with the Secretary of State within 10 days of raising or spending \$2,000 or more.

Ex 2.5 - On February 15, a candidate for mayor opened a campaign bank account with a personal loan of \$2,500. By February 25, the Form 410 must be sent to the Secretary of State and a copy to the city clerk.

Send the paper Form 410 to:

Secretary of State
Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Suite 495
Sacramento, CA 95814

Effective, January 1, 2023, filers required to file a report or statement by paper **with the Secretary of State** may instead file the paper report or statement by email. All statements must be signed using a verified digital signature. Please access the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.

In addition, candidates for local office and committees primarily formed to support or oppose local candidates must file a copy of the Form 410 with the local filing officer (i.e., city clerk or county elections) with whom the committee will file its original campaign statements.

The Form 410 may be filed prior to raising or spending \$2,000, but then must be amended within 10 days of reaching the \$2,000 threshold to disclose the date the committee qualified.

Ex 2.6 - Joe is seeking reelection to the city council. Joe wishes to use the same committee and bank account. In order to do so, Joe files a Form 410, checking the amendment box and indicating the year of the election. After filing the Form 501 for the new election, Joe is free to raise and deposit campaign contributions into the bank account.

24-Hour/10-Day Deadline for the Form 410

A committee that qualifies during the last 16 days before the election must file Form 410 within 24 hours of qualifying. The Form 410 must be provided to the filing officer with whom the committee will file its original campaign disclosure statements (e.g., Form 460) by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery. Outside of the 16 days prior to an election, an original Form 410 must be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days of qualifying as a committee (regular mail may be used). Effective, January 1, 2023, filers required to file a report or statement by paper **with the Secretary of State** may instead file the paper report or statement by email. All statements must be signed using a verified digital signature. Please access the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.

Ex 2.7 - A group of neighbors joined forces to help elect a candidate for mayor. On March 1, fourteen days before the election, the group received 10 checks of \$200 each. Because they qualified as a committee on that date, they must mail or personally deliver a Form 410 to the Secretary of State and a copy to the city clerk no later than March 11.

Ex 2.8 - Fourteen days before a local election, a candidate who had previously filed a Form 470 received a contribution of \$1,250, bringing the cumulative contributions received to date to \$2,150. Because the candidate has now exceeded the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold, the candidate must file the Form 410 with the local elections official within 24 hours. The Form 410 must also be filed within 10 days with the Secretary of State. The Form 470 Supplement must be filed within 48 hours as described in this chapter.

Committee ID Number

Upon receipt of the Form 410, the Secretary of State's office will assign the committee an identification number. This number is used on all reporting forms. After filing the Form 410, committees may go to the Cal-Access section of the Secretary of State's website to obtain the committee identification number. Contact the Secretary of State's office at (916) 653-6224 with any other questions about obtaining a committee identification number.

Amending the Form 410

When any information on the Form 410 changes, an amendment must be filed within 10 days of the change. This is especially important if the committee has a new treasurer or principal officer(s) since the individuals listed on the most recently filed Form 410 are liable for the committee's activity.

24-Hour/10-Day Deadline for Amendments to the Form 410

Changes to important information in the last 16 days before the election require a committee to file an amendment within 24 hours. If, during the last 16 days before the election, any of the following changes occur, the committee must file an amended Form 410 within 24 hours with the filing officer with whom the committee files its original campaign statements:

- The name of the committee.
- The treasurer or other principal officers.
- Any candidate who controls the committee.
- Any committee with which the committee acts jointly.

The amendment provided to the filing officer with whom the committee files its original campaign statements must be delivered by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight delivery, fax, or online transmission (if online filing is available). The originally signed Form 410 amendment must be filed with Secretary of State within 10 days (regular mail may be used). Effective, January 1, 2023, filers required to file a report or statement by paper **with the Secretary of State** may instead file the paper report or statement by email. All statements must be signed using a verified digital signature. Please access the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.

**Statement of Organization
Recipient Committee**

Statement Type

A Initial
 Not yet qualified or
 Date qualification threshold met

Amendment

Termination – See Part 5

Date qualification threshold met: 09 / 04 / 20XX

Date qualification threshold met: _____ / _____ / _____

Date of termination: _____ / _____ / _____

Date Stamp

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1 Committee Information I.D. Number (if applicable)

NAME OF COMMITTEE
 Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
 225 Presley Street

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
 Oakmont CA 95443 (707)555-6868

FULL MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)
 P.O. Box 1744, Oakmont, CA 95434

E-MAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED) / FAX (OPTIONAL)
 707-555-6869 / mrichards@oakmontmail.com

COUNTY OF DOMICILE JURISDICTION WHERE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE
 San Marino Oakmont

2 Treasurer and Other Principal Officers

NAME OF TREASURER
 Madeline Richards

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
 225 Presley Street

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
 Oakmont CA 95443 (707)555-6868

NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY
 Manuel Alvarez

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
 225 Presley Street

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
 Oakmont CA 95443 (707)555-6868

NAME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S)
 N/A

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE

Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

3 Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on [Date Required] By _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF TREASURER OR ASSISTANT TREASURER

Executed on [Date Required] By _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICEHOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

Executed on _____ By _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICEHOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

Executed on _____ By _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICEHOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

Completing the Form 410

A Statement Type

Check the “Initial” box if this is the first filing and indicate the date on which the committee met the \$2,000 threshold or check the “Not Yet Qualified” box. If the “Not Yet Qualified” box is checked, an amended Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of reaching or exceeding the \$2,000 threshold to provide the date the committee qualified.

Check the “Amendment” box to amend information on an existing Form 410 (e.g., to report the date the committee qualified as a committee).

1 Committee Information

Provide the full name of the committee.

Candidate Controlled Committees. A committee controlled by a candidate must include in its name the last name of the candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election.

Committees established by an officeholder to defend against a recall attempt must include the term “recall” in the committee name.

Primarily Formed Committees. A committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate(s) must include the last name of each candidate, the office sought, the year of the election, and must state whether the committee supports or opposes the candidate(s) (e.g., Committee to Support Sanchez for Kern County Supervisor 20XX).

If a primarily formed committee is sponsored by a business entity, organization, or association, the name of the sponsor must also be included in the name of the committee.

Committee Address

Provide the committee’s street address and mailing address. A post office box may be used as a mailing address. The committee may have more than one mailing address.

Committee Fax/Email Address

Provide the committee's fax number and email address. The email address is required.

QUICK TIP: The Secretary of State's office must reject the filing of a Form 410 if the committee's email address is not included.

County of Domicile and Jurisdiction Where Committee is Active

Indicate the county in which the committee is located and the jurisdiction in which the committee is active. These may be different.

2 Treasurer and Other Principal Officers

The committee must have a treasurer and may have an assistant treasurer. Provide the name, street address, and telephone number of the treasurer and assistant treasurer. If a candidate chooses to be their own treasurer, list the name, street address, and telephone number of the candidate.

A primarily formed committee must also list the name of the principal officer(s) and the principal officer's street address. If no individual other than the treasurer is a principal officer, the treasurer must be identified as both the treasurer and the principal officer. A principal officer is an individual that is responsible for the following types of activities:

- Authorizing the content of committee communications.
- Authorizing expenditures.
- Determining the committee's campaign strategy.

A committee may have several principal officers. If there are more than three, a committee need only identify on the Form 410 three individuals serving as principal officers.

QUICK TIP: See Chapter 2 for information about the responsibilities of a committee treasurer. The FPPC’s website includes a list of committee treasurers that have been fined by the FPPC two or more times.

3 Verification

The treasurer or assistant treasurer (if there is one) must complete the verification. If the committee is controlled by a candidate, the candidate must also sign the verification. The Form 410 is not considered filed if it is not signed by both the treasurer or assistant treasurer (if there is one), and the candidate. If a candidate is their own treasurer, the candidate must sign on both lines.

When two or three candidates control a committee, each candidate must sign the verification. If more than three candidates control the committee, one of the candidates may sign on behalf of all controlling candidates.

Bank Account

Report the name and address of the financial institution where the committee’s campaign bank account is located, as well as the campaign bank account number. If a bank account has not been opened at the time of filing an “Initial” Form 410, amend the Form 410 within ten days of opening the bank account to provide this information.

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4. Type of Committee Complete the applicable sections.

Controlled Committee

- List the name of each controlling officeholder, candidate, or state measure proponent. If candidate or officeholder controlled, also list the elective office sought or held, and district number, if any, and the year of the election.
- List the political party with which each officeholder or candidate is affiliated or check “nonpartisan.” Stating “No party preference” is acceptable.
- If this committee acts jointly with another controlled committee, list the name and identification number of the other controlled committee.

NAME OF CANDIDATE/OFFICEHOLDER/STATE MEASURE PROPONENT	ELECTIVE OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD (INCLUDE DISTRICT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE)	YEAR OF ELECTION	CHECK ONE		PARTY (list political party below)
			Nonpartisan	Partisan	
Manuel Alvarez	Oakmont City Council, District 1	20XX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(list political party below)

4 Type of Committee

Controlled Committee

Candidate controlled committees must complete this section. A candidate or officeholder’s own committee for election to office is their “controlled committee.” Provide the name of the candidate, office sought (include district number, if applicable), year of the election and, since all local elections in California are non-partisan, check the “Non-Partisan” box in the “Party” column. If two or more candidates form one committee to support their candidacies for elective office, this information must be completed for each candidate.

Primarily Formed Committee

Complete this section for a committee that is not controlled by a candidate or officeholder whose principal activity is raising or spending money to make independent expenditures supporting or opposing a specific candidate or a group of specific candidates all being voted upon in the same election on the same date.

Sponsored Committee

If the committee is sponsored by an entity, provide the name and address of the sponsor. In addition, indicate the industry group or affiliation of the sponsor. Individuals do not sponsor committees.

An entity sponsors a committee if any of the following criteria apply:

- The committee receives 80% or more of its contributions from the entity or its members, officers, employees, or shareholders in the preceding 24 months. A committee must make this determination at the time of filing each campaign statement based on activity occurring through the end of the statement period, and, if the committee is required to file a pre-election statement, upon receiving a contribution during the period between the second pre-election campaign statement period and the election.
- The entity collects contributions for the committee through payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or employees.
- The entity, alone or in combination with other organizations, provides all or nearly all of the administrative services for the committee.
- The entity, alone or in combination with other organizations, sets the policies for contribution solicitation or payment of expenditures from committee funds.

Answering Your Questions

A. Must we wait until \$2,000 or more is received to file a Form 410?

No. You may file a Form 410 prior to committee qualification. Check the “Not Yet Qualified” box. Once you have reached the \$2,000 threshold, file an amendment to report the date the committee qualified.

B. May our committee use a mail receiving and forwarding service as the committee’s street address on the Form 410?

No. Either the committee’s street address or the treasurer’s street address (home or business) must be provided. A post office box may be used as a mailing address.

C. As a candidate, may I be the designated treasurer on the Form 410?

Yes. You may be the treasurer or assistant treasurer.

D. May more than one candidate control a single committee to run for office?

Yes. Each candidate should file a Form 501 prior to raising or spending any money. For both the Form 410 and Form 460, each candidate must sign the verification, in addition to the treasurer or assistant treasurer. If the committee is controlled by more than three candidates, one candidate may sign on behalf of the other candidates.

E. I am a school board candidate. Prior to attending an FPPC webinar and learning that it was not permitted, I used personal funds to pay for some of my start-up campaign expenses. How is this reported on the Form 460?

So that the activity is properly disclosed, the amount of personal funds used should be reported on Schedule A as monetary contributions and on Schedule E (itemize purchases of \$100 or more). This provides clear disclosure to the public about where the funds were spent. If you wish to be reimbursed by the committee, you should report the amount on Schedule F as an accrued expense. If you have already been reimbursed by the committee, the amount will be reported on Schedule E as an expenditure. Non-disclosure of the payments is a violation of the Act. All future payments must be made from the campaign bank account; personal funds must be deposited into the account before making expenditures.

F. I am an officeholder and the target of a recall election. I have formed a separate committee to oppose the recall. On the Form 410, what sections do I complete under Part 4 — Type of Committee?

You should complete both the Controlled Committee and Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee sections. Be sure to include the word “recall” in the name of the committee.

G. I am running as a replacement candidate on a recall ballot. On the Form 410, what sections do I complete under Part 4—Type of Committee?

You should complete the Controlled Committee section.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

81004	Reports and Statements; Perjury; Verification.
81004.5	Reports and Statements; Amendments.
81007	Mailing of Report or Statement.
82007	Candidate.
82013	Committee.
82016	Controlled Committee.
82025	Expenditure.
82044	Payment.
82047.5	Primarily Formed Committee.
82048.7	Sponsored Committee.
84101	Statement of Organization; Filing.
84102	Statement of Organization; Contents.
84103	Statement of Organization; Amendments.
84106	Sponsored Committee; Identification.
84206	Candidates Who Receive or Spend Less than \$2,000.
84207	County Central Committee Candidates Who Receive or Spend Less Than \$2,000.
84215	Campaign Reports and Statements; Where to File.
84616	Electronic Retention for Local Government Agency Filings.
85200	Statement of Intention to be a Candidate.
85201	Campaign Bank Account.
87201	Candidates (Statement of Economic Interests).

Title 2 Regulations

- 18247.5 Primarily Formed Committees.
- 18250 Street Address.
- 18402 Committee Names.
- 18406 Short Form for Candidates or Officeholders Who Receive and Spend Less than \$2,000 in a Calendar Year.
- 18419 Sponsored Committees.
- 18430 Committees Controlled by More Than One Candidate.
- 18520 Statement of Intention to Be a Candidate.
- 18521 Establishment of Separate Controlled Committee for Each Campaign Account.
- 18531.5 Recall Elections.

FINANCES/RECORDKEEPING

One of the fundamental purposes of the Political Reform Act (Act), an initiative passed by the voters, is to ensure that receipts and expenditures in election campaigns are truthfully and fully disclosed. In order to do so, an individual that chooses to act as a committee treasurer, assistant treasurer, or principal officer must know and practice the finance and recordkeeping requirements and responsibilities discussed in this chapter.

A. Committee Treasurer and Principal Officer

Every committee must have a treasurer before the committee may accept contributions or make expenditures. An individual must be at a minimum 18 years of age to serve as a treasurer, assistant treasurer, responsible officer, or principal officer. In order to adequately perform the duties, the treasurer must understand the campaign finance laws and their responsibilities under the Act. The candidate controlling the committee may be the treasurer or assistant treasurer for their own committee. **No individual should accept the position of a committee treasurer as a mere figurehead.**

Contributions may not be accepted and expenditures may not be made if the treasurer's post is vacant at any time, even if the committee has an assistant treasurer. If the treasurer is unavailable to carry out their duties, a new treasurer must be designated and the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410) amended. The individual listed on the most recent Form 410 filed with the Secretary of State continues to be liable until an amendment is filed to designate a new treasurer.

The committee treasurer or assistant treasurer must sign and verify all reports and statements filed. The verification is signed under penalty of perjury and indicates that:

- The signer has used all reasonable diligence in preparing the statement; and

- To the best of their knowledge, the statement is both true and complete.

The signer is legally responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the document, even if it is prepared by a third party, including a professional accountant. An unsigned statement is considered “not filed” and is subject to late fines.

Treasurer Responsibilities

A committee treasurer is required to:

- Establish a system of recordkeeping sufficient to ensure that contributions and expenditures are recorded promptly and accurately in compliance with the Act’s recordkeeping and disclosure requirements. (Following the recordkeeping guidelines in this manual ordinarily constitutes compliance with this requirement.)
- Maintain campaign records personally or monitor records kept by others.
- Take steps to ensure all of the Act’s requirements are met regarding receipt, expenditure, and reporting of campaign funds.
- Prepare campaign statements personally or carefully review the statements and underlying records prepared by others.
- Correct any inaccuracies or omissions, and inquire about any information that would cause a person of reasonable prudence to question the accuracy of the campaign statements. Among the circumstances that might give rise to an inquiry regarding a contribution are: the size of the contribution; the reported source; the likelihood of that source making a contribution of that size; the manner in which the contribution is recorded in the campaign records; and all other circumstances surrounding receipt of the contribution.

QUICK TIP: Reconciling the committee’s bank statement with the committee’s records regularly will ensure accuracy and make completing the campaign forms easier.

Assistant Treasurer Responsibilities

An assistant treasurer may be designated on the Statement of Organization (Form 410). In the event that the treasurer is unavailable, the assistant treasurer is required, like the treasurer, to use reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing any campaign statements that they sign, and must certify to that effect under penalty of perjury. For statements signed by the assistant treasurer, both the treasurer and the assistant treasurer are liable for any violations pertaining to that report.

An individual must be at a minimum 18 years of age to serve as an assistant treasurer, although they should know the reporting obligations, restrictions, and prohibitions provided under the law. For a controlled committee, the candidate may be designated as the assistant treasurer.

Principal Officer(s) Responsibilities

A primarily formed committee must designate a principal officer(s) on the Statement of Organization (Form 410). The principal officer is also responsible for maintaining detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts necessary to prepare campaign statements. If no individual other than the treasurer has the primary responsibility for approving the political activity of the committee as described in this manual, the treasurer must be identified as both the treasurer and the principal officer.

B. Candidate/Officeholder Responsibilities

A candidate or officeholder is required to:

- Carefully review the campaign statements prepared for filing by the committee and ensure that the statements are properly filed.
- Correct any inaccuracies and omissions in campaign statements of which the candidate is aware, and check and correct any information on campaign statements which a person of reasonable prudence would question based on all of the surrounding circumstances.
- Make sure that the treasurer is exercising all reasonable diligence in the performance of their duties.
- Take whatever steps are necessary to replace the treasurer or raise the treasurer's performance to required standards if the candidate or officeholder knows, or has reason to know, that the treasurer is not exercising all reasonable diligence in the performance of their duties.
- Perform with due care any other tasks assumed in connection with the raising, spending, or recording of campaign funds insofar as such tasks relate to the accuracy of information entered on campaign statements.

C. Education

The FPPC provides educational workshops and webinars for candidates and treasurers. In addition, there are several instructive materials available on the website. Candidates and treasurers may also seek advice from FPPC staff by calling the toll-free advice line (866-275-3772) or emailing questions to advice@fppc.ca.gov.

D. Committee Audits

Each odd-numbered year, a total of 20 local jurisdictions are randomly selected for mandatory audit. All candidates in the selected jurisdiction are subject to audit if they have raised or spent \$2,000 or more. Additionally, 25% of contested Superior Court offices are randomly selected. Candidates who raise or spend \$15,000 or more in these selected races are subject to audit. In addition, the FPPC and the Franchise Tax Board are authorized to conduct discretionary audits.

QUICK TIP: The candidate and the treasurer may be fined by the FPPC if reporting and recordkeeping requirements are not met. Violations of the Act are punishable by fines of up to \$5,000 per violation.

E. Campaign Bank Accounts

Primarily Formed Committees

A non-candidate controlled “primarily formed committee” is not required to maintain a separate bank account; however, it is recommended that they do so. Pre-numbered and pre-printed checks with the committee’s name are helpful in meeting the recordkeeping requirements discussed in this chapter. Committees may not commingle campaign contributions with any individual’s personal funds.

Candidate Controlled Committees

Candidates who anticipate soliciting or receiving contributions from others, or who anticipate spending \$2,000 or more of their personal funds in connection with their election, **must** open a campaign bank account. A candidate’s personal funds used to pay the filing fee or the ballot statement fee do not count toward the \$2,000 threshold.

Establishing the Account

The account may be established at any financial institution (i.e., bank, credit union) located in California. Under the Act's one bank account rule discussed in Chapter 1, a candidate or officeholder may only have one controlled committee with one bank account per election. Candidates running for one office while holding another must establish a separate campaign bank account for each office, but may not have more than one bank account per office per election.

All campaign contributions must be deposited into the campaign bank account and all campaign expenditures must be made from the campaign bank account. Candidates must deposit **personal funds** to be used for the campaign in the campaign bank account **before** making campaign expenditures.

Exceptions:

- Candidates may use their personal funds to pay a filing fee, a ballot statement fee, or the \$50 Secretary of State fee, without first depositing the funds into the campaign account.
- An officeholder may use personal funds to pay officeholder expenses.
- A candidate may contract with a vendor or collecting agent to collect contributions prior to promptly transferring the funds to the candidate's campaign bank account without violating the requirement that the candidate have no more than one bank account. Fees deducted by the vendor are considered expenditures from the campaign bank account at the time they are deducted.

QUICK TIP: The Political Reform Act does not require a federal tax ID number. However, most banks will require one in order to open a campaign bank account. A tax ID number may be obtained on the IRS website, www.irs.gov.

QUICK TIP: Campaign funds may not be commingled with any individual's personal funds.

Expenditures from Multiple Accounts

A candidate who has more than one campaign committee must make all expenditures in connection with an election from the campaign bank account established for that election, including:

- Campaign strategic planning and fundraising expenses;
- Services and actual expenses of outside political consultants, the campaign treasurer, other staff, pollsters, and other persons who provide services directly in connection with the election;
- Voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives; and
- Payments for mailings, political advertising, yard signs, opinion polls or surveys, and other communications if the payments are either:
 1. For a communication that makes reference to the candidate's future election or status as a candidate; or
 2. Made three months prior to an election for which the candidate has filed a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), a declaration of candidacy, or nomination papers with an elections official, or any other documents necessary to be listed on the ballot for an elective office.

Ex 3.1 - Thien Vu is a city council member and still has an open committee from the city council election. Thien is running for county supervisor in the next election and has opened another bank account and committee for that race. Thien must use the campaign bank account for the county supervisor campaign to pay for the yard signs and all other expenses related to the upcoming county supervisor election.

QUICK TIP: Campaign funds become surplus on the 90th day following the closing date for the postelection reporting period or on the 90th day following the date of leaving office, whichever occurs last. The postelection reporting period for an election held in the first six months of the year is June 30 and the postelection reporting period for an election held in the latter six months of the year is December 31. Once the funds become surplus, they may not be used for a future election. See Chapter 5 for the permissible uses of surplus funds.

Redesignating the Bank Account

Officeholders: An officeholder seeking reelection to the **same office** in a city or county that has enacted its own contribution limits may use the bank account that was established for the prior election. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that does not allow a candidate to use the same committee for a future election.) The account may be redesignated at any time prior to receiving contributions in connection with reelection. The officeholder must file a new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) and an amended Form 410 (Statement of Organization).

If the officeholder/candidate is running for the same office in a city or county that has not enacted its own contribution limits, they must establish a separate controlled committee and campaign bank account when running for reelection.

Defeated Candidates: A candidate in a city or county that has enacted its own contribution limits that is defeated in an election may use the same bank account for a future election to seek the same office. The candidate must file a new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) and an amended Form 410 (Statement of Organization). If the candidate is running for the same office in a city or county that has not enacted its own contribution limits, they must establish a separate controlled committee and campaign bank account for their future election to seek that office. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit

should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that does not allow a candidate to use the same committee for a future election.)

The funds must be redesignated before they become “surplus funds.” Campaign funds become surplus on the 90th day following the closing date for the postelection reporting period.

Note: A campaign bank account may not be redesignated if the officeholder/candidate is seeking election to a **different office** or if the officeholder/candidate is running in a city or county that has not enacted its own contribution limits and is therefore subject to a contribution limit under the Act per AB 571 (2019). See Chapter 11 for the requirements that must be met in order to use leftover campaign funds for a future election to seek a different office.

Ex 3.2 - John Davis lost the city council election in June. The City has enacted its own contribution limit. John has \$3,500 remaining in the campaign bank account and is considering seeking another city council position in two years. In order to use the remaining \$3,500 for the future election, John must file a new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) and redesignate the bank account to the future election by amending the Form 410 (Statement of Organization) to indicate the new office sought and year of election. This must be done within 90 days following the end of the postelection reporting period for an election held during the first six months of the year.

Investments

Campaign funds may be transferred from a campaign bank account to certificates of deposit, interest-bearing savings accounts, money market funds, or similar accounts. The funds must come from a campaign bank account designated for a specific office and be deposited in investment accounts established only for that office. The funds must be redeposited into the same campaign bank account before being used for campaign expenses.

Credit Cards

One or more credit accounts may be established for each campaign bank account. A single credit card, however, may not be designated for more than one campaign bank account. In addition, payment of charges on a credit account must be made only from the appropriate campaign bank account.

In lieu of establishing a new credit account, a candidate may designate an existing personal credit card with a zero balance as the campaign credit card by listing the card number and date of designation in the campaign records. The candidate must ensure that no personal expenses are charged to this account until after all campaign charges have been paid with funds from the campaign bank account. Once all campaign expenses charged to the account have been paid, the candidate may resume using the card for personal purposes.

Petty Cash

Candidates may use campaign funds to establish a petty cash fund at each campaign office so long as the following conditions are met:

- A petty cash fund may not hold more than \$100 at any time.
- No expenditure of \$100 or more may be made from the fund.
- The fund may be used only for expenses associated with the election to the specific office or for the expenses of holding the office for which the petty cash fund was established.
- Once the funds are spent, payments made from petty cash must be reported as expenditures.

Legal Defense Fund Committees

The Act permits a local candidate or elected officer to establish a legal defense fund if the candidate or officer is subject to civil, criminal or administrative proceedings arising directly out of the conduct of an election campaign, the electoral process, or the performance of the officer's governmental duties. Contributions raised for legal defense **must be held in a separate bank account**. Any funds raised

may only be spent to defray attorney's fees and other related legal costs, as defined in the Act. (See Regulation 18530.45 for additional information.)

A candidate or officeholder may not use any funds to pay or be reimbursed for a penalty, judgement or settlement related to a claim of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment filed against the candidate or officeholder in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

A candidate or officeholder may use legal defense committee funds for *other* legal costs and expenses related to claims of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment, but if the candidate or officeholder is held liable, the candidate or elected officer must reimburse the legal defense fund for all funds used in connection with those other legal costs and expenses.

"Sexual assault" and "sexual abuse" have the same meaning as provided in Penal Code Section 11165.1. "Sexual harassment" has the same meaning as found in Government Code Section 12940(j).

The candidate and the treasurer of the legal defense fund committee are subject to the recordkeeping requirements discussed in this chapter. In addition, separate detailed accounts, records, bills, and receipts, for each legal proceeding, including documentation to support the basis and timing for raising legal defense funds, must be kept.

Recall Elections

An officeholder who is the subject of a recall may use an existing committee (set up for the office they currently hold) to receive contributions and make expenditures to oppose the qualification of the recall measure, and if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election.

The officeholder may instead choose to set up a separate committee with a separate bank account. The officeholder and committee treasurer are subject to the recordkeeping requirements discussed in this chapter. See Chapter 11 for additional information about recall elections.

F. Recordkeeping

An accurate and organized record must be kept of all campaign contributions and expenditures. All individuals who handle contributions and make expenditures must be aware of and practice the recordkeeping procedures required by the Act and FPPC regulations outlined in this manual. While others may be involved, the candidate, treasurer, and principal officer(s) as listed on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410), remain legally responsible for the accuracy of the records.

Record Retention

Candidates and committees must keep all records, including original source documentation such as bank statements and other records reflecting account activity, and copies of completed campaign statements, for a period of four years from the date the campaign statement relating to the records was filed.

Ex 3.3 - Sharon Goldstein, a city council member, filed the first campaign statement on January 31, 2019. The records associated with completing that statement, such as receipts and information about contributors, must be retained until January 31, 2023.

Records of Contributions Received and Other Receipts

Two types of records are required for receipts: a **daily record**, showing how much money was received on any given day; and a **contributor record**, with detailed information on each contributor of \$25 or more. The daily record requirement may be met simply with bank statements, copies of checks received, or other documentation that provides the required information listed below.

Date Received

A monetary contribution is received on the date the candidate or committee, or an agent of the candidate or committee, obtains possession or control of the cash, check, or other form of contribution, not the date it is deposited in the bank account. Contributions received by electronic methods such as wire transfer, credit card, or debit account transactions are also received on the date the candidate or committee obtains possession or control of the funds. The following list provides examples:

- A contributor makes a contribution over the telephone. The contribution is “received” by the committee on the date the contributor gives their debit/credit account information to the committee.
- A contributor makes a contribution via the Internet and the committee reviews the online transaction before the contribution is processed. The contribution is “received” by the committee on the date the committee receives the payment information.
- A contributor makes a contribution via the Internet and the contribution is made by direct deposit without review and before transaction reports are produced. The contribution is “received” by the committee when the committee has possession of the funds.
- A contributor makes a contribution by text message. The contribution is “received” by the committee on the date that the mobile fundraising vendor, acting as agent of the committee, obtains possession or control of the contribution.
- A contributor agrees to make contributions via installment payments by authorizing the committee to periodically charge their credit card or withdraw funds from their account. The contribution is “received” when the committee, or an agent of the committee, obtains possession or control of the funds for each installment payment. The contribution reported is only the amount of each installment payment when received. Installment payments scheduled to take place in the future, but not yet received, are not reportable.

Receipts Under \$25

A daily lump sum total must be kept for contributions received under \$25 and miscellaneous receipts under \$25.

Contributor Records

Contributions: \$25 to \$99.99

For each monetary or nonmonetary contribution or loan of \$25 or more, the date received, amount of the contribution, and full name and street address, including zip code, of the contributor must be documented.

In addition, the total amount received from the contributor over the course of the current calendar year (the “cumulative amount”) must be recorded.

Contributions: \$100 or More

Additional name information must be recorded for contributions from limited liability companies (LLCs). For contributions of \$100 or more received from an LLC that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, record the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC’s responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. For contributions of \$100 or more received from an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, record the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, record the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified and recorded.

If contributions totaling \$100 or more are received from an individual, in addition to the information required for contributions of \$25 or more as described above, the contributor’s occupation and employer must be recorded. If the contributor is self-employed, that fact also must be noted along with the name of their business. If a check is received from a business entity, generally the contributor is the business entity, not the person who signs the check.

A contribution of \$100 or more must be returned if the contributor's name, street address, and, if the contributor is an individual, their occupation and employer are not in the committee's records within 60 days from receipt of the contribution. Additionally, a contribution of \$100 or more from an LLC must be returned if, within 60 days, the committee's records do not contain both the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC's responsible officer (for an LLC that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor); the name of the LLC's principal officer (for an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee); or, for an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified and recorded.

Such contributions may be deposited in the committee's bank account pending receipt of the information, in which case they must be reported on the next campaign statement required to be filed (including the Form 497, 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report).

The Form 460 must be amended within 70 days from its closing date to disclose the missing contributor information unless the contribution is returned to the contributor. The Form 497 need not be amended. The committee also must note in its records the date the contributor information is received, if that date is different than the date the contribution is received.

When a contribution cannot be returned to the contributor within 60 days from the date the contribution was received, the contribution amount must be paid to the general fund of the local jurisdiction in which the committee is based. In the case of a Superior Court judge or a judicial candidate, the contribution must be paid to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State General Fund.

Ex 3.4 - Stanley Hughes, a city clerk candidate, received a contribution of \$100 from Martha Andersen on June 1. The only information Stanley received was Martha's name and address as listed on Martha's check. On Stanley's semi-annual statement covering the reporting period through June 30, Stanley reported receiving \$100 from Martha, listed Martha's name and address, and indicated that Stanley would amend the statement when Stanley received Martha's occupation and employer information. By July 31 of that same year, even after notifying Martha, Stanley still did not have her occupation and employer information. The committee must return \$100 to Martha.

If a contribution is returned to the contributor by check and the check is not cashed by the contributor within 90 days, the contribution amount must be paid within 30 days to the general fund of the local jurisdiction or to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State General Fund.

Intermediaries and Earmarked Funds

For contributions of \$25 or more made through an intermediary (see Chapter 3), records with the above information for **both** the intermediary and the contributor are required.

Records must also include the amount of earmarked funds, a notation that the funds have been earmarked, and the specific ballot measure, candidate or committee for which the funds have been earmarked.

A committee making contributions with earmarked funds must maintain documentation showing which earmarked funds were contributed.

Affiliated Entities

Information from affiliated entities (see Chapter 3) that describes the connection of affiliated contributors must be maintained in the records.

Nonmonetary Contributions

If the contribution is nonmonetary and valued at \$25 or more, a description and the fair market value of the contribution must be recorded. (See "Valuing Nonmonetary Contributions" in Chapter 3.)

Loans Received

If the contribution is a loan of \$25 or more, in addition to the above information for monetary contributions, the following information must be recorded:

- Interest rate of the loan, if any;
- Due date of the loan, if any; and
- Name and street address of any guarantor and the amount guaranteed, if any. The occupation and employer of any individual who guarantees a loan of \$100 or more must also be recorded.

If a candidate receives a loan from a commercial lending institution for their campaign, the institution is reported as the source of the loan. The candidate does not have to be reported as the guarantor, even if they are personally liable.

Documentation for Contributions Received and Other Receipts

The committee must keep copies of all documents reflecting deposits made and all records reflecting campaign bank account balances, such as bank statements, check registers, and passbooks.

The following documents produced or received by the committee also must be kept for receipts of \$25 or more: copies of contributor checks; contributor cards; letters of transmittal; notices received from contributors; memoranda or other records that describe the method used to determine the fair market value of donated goods or services (nonmonetary contributions); and loan agreements or other documents that reflect indebtedness.

Documentation for electronic transactions must include information collected when debiting the contributor's account, such as itemized transaction reports (including the credit card confirmation number), debit/credit account transaction records, and credit card receipts, or vouchers. Documentation of contributions received over the Internet must include a record of the transaction created and transmitted by the cardholder including the cardholder's name, street address and the last four digits of the card number.

For contributions or other receipts of \$100 or more, copies of any letters or other communications sent by the committee to obtain the documents listed above must be kept.

Expenditures Made

Expenditures: Under \$25

A daily lump sum total of all expenditures of less than \$25 must be kept.

Expenditures: \$25 or More

For expenditures of \$25 or more to a single payee, or a series of payments for a single product or service that total \$25 or more, the following must be recorded:

- Full name and street address, including zip code, of payee;
- Expenditure amount;
- Date each expenditure was made or, in the case of accrued expenses, the date the goods or services were received; and
- Description of the goods or services received.

Contributions to Other Committees and Independent Expenditures

For expenditures that are contributions or independent expenditures, the amount of the expenditure and the cumulative total paid in that calendar year in connection with the candidate, officeholder, committee, or ballot measure must be recorded.

For all such expenditures of \$25 or more, the following information is required:

- Date the contribution or independent expenditure was made;
- Whether the expenditure was an independent expenditure;

- Name of the officeholder or candidate and the office and district they hold or for which they seek nomination or election, or the number or letter of the measure and the jurisdiction in which the measure is to be voted on; and
- Cumulative amount spent on behalf of the candidate, measure, or committee.

QUICK TIP: See Chapter 3 for a detailed discussion and examples of when a contribution is made. Chapter 6 describes communications that are considered independent expenditures.

Loans Made to Others

The following additional information must be kept for loans made by the committee: interest rate, if any; due date, if any; and full name and street address of anyone guaranteeing the loan or who is liable directly, indirectly, or contingently for the loan. (For restrictions on loans to others. (See Chapter 5.)

Expenditures for Gifts, Meals and Travel

A candidate controlled committee that makes an expenditure of \$100 or more for a gift, meal, or travel, must keep a dated memorandum or some other form of dated written record containing a brief description of the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure, as well as the information described below:

- **Gifts:** The date of the expenditure, a description of the gift, and the name of any recipient who received a benefit of \$50 or more.
- **Meals:** The date of the meal, the name of each individual who attended the meal, and whether they are a member of the candidate's household or someone who has authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds.
- **Travel:** The dates of travel, the destination, the name of each individual who traveled, and whether they are a member of the candidate's household or someone who has authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds.

Documentation for Expenditures

All bank and credit card records for expenditures must be kept.

For expenditures of \$25 or more, canceled checks, bills, invoices, or statements; receipts; credit card charge slips; vouchers; contracts; loan agreements; and other documents produced or received by the committee reflecting additional obligations also must be kept. Copies of canceled checks may be retained if the copies contain a legible image of the front and back of the canceled check and the copies are obtained from the financial institution.

QUICK TIP: Expenditures may be made electronically using a bank account, credit card, debit card, or electronic payment service (e.g., PayPal) so long as detailed records are kept. It is important to note that electronic payment services such as PayPal or Venmo do not meet the one bank account criteria as outlined by the Act. Campaign bank accounts must be established through a bank with a physical location in California. A committee may use electronic payment services (e.g., PayPal) for expenditures, but the electronic payment service cannot serve as the campaign bank account.

If no receipt, voucher, or invoice is available, a voucher should be written as soon as possible with the date and amount of the payment, the name of the payee, and a description of the goods or services received. A voucher is not required for payments under \$25.

G. Mass Mailings, Mass Emails, Telephone Calls, and Notices to Contributors of \$5,000 or More

The following must be retained for a period of four years following the date the campaign statement relating to the records is filed:

- **Mailers.** A copy of any mass mailing sent by the committee (see Chapters 6 and 7).
- **Mass Emails.** An original sample of each mass email, the date sent and the number of individual emails sent (see Chapter 7).
- **Political Calls.** A script of the call or a copy of the recorded phone message when the committee coordinates on and pays for 500 or more telephone calls to expressly advocate support for a candidate or ballot measure (see Chapter 6).
- **Major Donor Notices.** A copy or record of all notifications to contributors of \$5,000 or more (see Chapter 3).

Answering Your Questions

A. May the candidate serve as the committee's treasurer?

Yes. The candidate may serve as the treasurer or assistant treasurer.

B. Are there private firms that provide treasurer or campaign reporting services?

Yes. The FPPC does not endorse or recommend any particular private firm. Candidates may find useful information on the websites of the California Political Attorneys Association and the California Political Treasurers Association.

C. Are there any specific accounting qualifications for someone to be able to serve as treasurer?

No. However, no individual should accept the position as a mere figurehead.

D. What should be done if the treasurer and assistant treasurer, or the candidate, are not able to sign a campaign statement before the deadline?

To ensure that the statement is filed on time, the committee may submit the filing if it is signed by one of the following: the candidate, treasurer, or assistant treasurer. If the candidate's signature is missing, submit an amendment to provide their signature as soon as possible. Likewise, if both the treasurer and assistant treasurer are unavailable, submit an amendment to provide the required signature as soon as possible.

E. I do not intend to raise any funds from others and I will not be spending any personal funds on my campaign other than the payments for the filing fee and ballot statement fee. Do I need to open a campaign bank account?

No.

F. I do not intend to raise any funds from others. I will be spending personal funds on my campaign, but I will not be spending \$2,000 or more. Do I need to open a bank account?

No.

G. I do not intend to raise any funds from others. I will, however, be spending \$2,000 or more of my personal funds on my campaign, not including the amount I spend on my filing fee. Do I need to open a bank account?

Yes. Since you plan to spend \$2,000 or more for your campaign, you must open a campaign bank account.

H. I will be raising money from others for my campaign, but I do not intend to raise or spend \$2,000 on my campaign during the calendar year. Do I need to open a bank account?

Yes. Since you are raising funds from others, even though you will not be raising or spending \$2,000 or more, you are required to open a campaign bank account. Contributions received and personal funds you will use for your campaign must be deposited in the account.

I. Are committee records and source documentation required to be kept on paper, or may the committee use an electronic recordkeeping system?

Electronic records are permitted, provided that all of the required information is collected and recorded in a timely and uniform manner that ensures the accuracy and reliability of the information. Committees are responsible for ensuring that electronic records can be read and/or printed for auditing purposes during the applicable retention period.

J. May a private service, such as PayPal, be used to collect contributions electronically?

Yes, so long as for each contribution of \$100 or more, (a) the service is able to provide the name of the contributor, and (b) the committee reports all the information needed to meet the statutory recordkeeping requirements, including the name, address, occupation, and employer of individual contributors of \$100 or more. Even if the company deducts a fee from the amount of the contribution, the entire amount of the contribution must be disclosed. The fees charged by the private service are reported as expenditures.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Codes Sections

82047.6	Principal Officer.
84100	Treasurer.
84104	Recordkeeping.
84105	Notification of Contributors.
84302	Contributions by Intermediary of Agent.
84305	Requirements for Mass Mailing.
84306	Contributions Received by Agents of Candidates or Committees.
84307	Commingling with Personal Funds.
84310	Identification Requirements for Telephone Calls.
84501	Advertisement.
85304.5	Legal Defense Fund; Local Candidates and Elected Officeholders.
85700	Donor Information Requirements; Return of Contributions.
90000	Responsibility.
90001	Mandatory Audits and Investigations.
90002	Audits and Investigations; Time.
90003	Discretionary Audits.
90007	Auditing Guidelines and Standards.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18250 Street Address.
- 18400 Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Responsible Officer, and Principal Officer Capacity.
- 18401 Required Recordkeeping for Chapters 4 & 5.
- 18402.1 Principal Officers.
- 18402.2 Limited Liability Companies, Responsible Officer.
- 18421.1 Disclosure of the Making and Receipt of Contributions.
- 18421.3 Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures Collected by Contract Vendors or Collecting Agents.
- 18421.31 Text Message Contributions.
- 18421.7 Reporting an Expenditure for a Gift, a Meal, or Travel.
- 18421.10 Reporting Contributions from Limited Liability Companies.
- 18426.1 Assistant Treasurer.
- 18427 Duties of Treasurers and Candidates with Respect to Campaign Statements.
- 18427.1 Notification to Contributors of Filing Obligations.
- 18432.5 Intermediary and Earmarked Funds Disclosure.
- 18440 Telephone Advocacy.
- 18524 Investment and Expenditure of Candidates' Campaign Funds.
- 18530.45 Legal Defense Funds – Local Candidates and Officers.
- 18570 Return of Contributions with Insufficient Donor Information.
- 18994 Auditing and Investigations.
- 18995 Standards and Guidelines for Auditing Statements and Reports.

CONTRIBUTIONS

This chapter begins with the definition of “contribution” and provides guidelines necessary for proper reporting, including a discussion on valuing nonmonetary contributions.

Many cities and counties have adopted campaign ordinances that include contribution limits and other restrictions. Check with your local elections or ethics agency. Effective January 1, 2021 a default state campaign contribution limit applies to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a contribution limit on such candidates per AB 571 (2019). Special rules apply to AB 571 candidate committees. Please see the FPPC’s AB 571 fact sheet available on the FPPC website for additional rules applicable only to AB 571 candidates.

A. What is a Contribution?

A “contribution” is a monetary or nonmonetary payment received by a candidate or committee for which the candidate or committee has not provided full and adequate consideration in return. A contribution may take any of the following forms:

- Money (cash, check, credit card, wire transfers, text contributions).
- Nonmonetary items (donated goods or services, discounts, cryptocurrency).
- Payments made by a third party for advertising or other communications coordinated with the committee.
- Loans (including loan guarantees, co-signing, and lines of credit).
- Money, nonmonetary items, and loans from the candidate to their own committee or from the candidate’s family.

- Enforceable promises to make a payment (for example, a contributor promises, in writing, to pay for specific goods or services and, based on that written promise, the committee expends funds or enters into a legally-enforceable contract to purchase the goods or services).

QUICK TIP: Contributions of \$100 or more may never be made or received in cash.

B. When is a Contribution Received?

A **monetary** contribution is received on the date the candidate, committee, or an agent of the committee, obtains possession or control of the cash, check, or other item that constitutes the contribution.

When an agent of the committee, such as a campaign consultant, receives a contribution for the committee, the agent must notify the treasurer no later than the closing date of the next campaign statement due. The date of the contribution is the date the agent obtained possession of the contribution.

Ex 4.1 - A committee's campaign consultant received a hand-delivered check at a May 14, Friday evening fundraiser. The check was delivered to the committee's treasurer the following Monday, May 17. The contribution was received on May 14, the day the committee's agent obtained possession of the check.

Ex 4.2 - The committee also contracts with a website service to receive contributions over the Internet. The website service sends the committee's treasurer an email each time a contributor logs on to the website service and enters their donor information and credit card number. By logging onto the website service, the treasurer can accept the contribution and receive the funds. The committee reports receipt of the contribution on the date it receives the email because it controls the contribution on that date.

A **nonmonetary** contribution is received on the **earlier** of the following:

- The date funds were expended by the contributor for the goods or services;
- The date the candidate, committee, or an agent of the committee obtained possession or control of the goods or services; or
- The date the candidate or committee received the benefit of the expenditure.

A nonmonetary contribution of **employee services** is made by the contributor and received by the candidate or committee on the **payroll date** of the employee. See the discussion later in this chapter for information about how to value a contribution of employee services.

A committee may solicit a contribution of **cryptocurrency** as a nonmonetary contribution, subject to specific requirements. Contributions received in cryptocurrency are subject to any applicable limits and may not be accepted from foreign principals, lobbyists, or anonymous sources. Committees cannot receive cryptocurrency contributions directly. However, a committee may receive cryptocurrency contributions through a payment processor selected to act as a vendor on behalf of the committee.

Any cryptocurrency contribution must be made and received through a U.S. based cryptocurrency payment processor registered with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, which utilizes know your customer (KYC) protocols to verify the identity of the contributor for all contributions. A committee that chooses to solicit contributions in cryptocurrency must ensure that the payment processor it selects to process these contributions does all of the following:

- Utilizes KYC procedures that enable it to know the identity of each contributor,
- Collects the name, address, occupation, and employer of each contributor at the time the contribution is made and transmits this to the committee within 24 hours of the time the contribution is made, and
- Immediately converts the cryptocurrency to U.S. dollars upon receipt at the prevailing rate of exchange at the time of receipt, and deposits the funds into the committee's campaign bank account within two business days of receipt.

The amount of a cryptocurrency contribution is the fair market value of the cryptocurrency at the time the payment processor obtains possession of the contribution. A cryptocurrency contribution is received on the date the payment processor, an agent of the committee, obtains possession of the cryptocurrency that constitutes the contribution.

An **enforceable promise** is received on the date the candidate, committee, or an agent of the committee, receives documents verifying that a contributor has made a legally enforceable promise to make a payment. A person makes an "enforceable promise to make a payment" if they:

- Guarantee, furnish security for, endorse or cosign a loan.
- Make and deliver a post-dated check.
- Establish a line of credit at a bank or other commercial lending institution for a candidate or committee.

Exceptions: A pledge card is not considered an enforceable promise to make a payment. "Enforceable promise" also does not include a contributor's agreement to make future installment payments through wire transfer, credit card transaction, debit account transaction, or similar electronic payment.

C. Contribution Exceptions

There are many exceptions to the definition of “contribution.” In addition to the most common exceptions listed below, Chapter 6 discusses certain types of communications that are not considered contributions.

Volunteer Personal Services: If an individual donates their personal or professional services to a campaign (including a volunteer’s travel expenses), no contribution has been made or received as long as there is no understanding of reimbursement.

However, if an employer donates employee services to a campaign, and any employee spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month performing campaign activity for one or more campaigns, the employer has made a nonmonetary contribution to the committee. Determine the contribution amount by allocating the gross salary to the time spent on campaign activity. See “Employee Time” later in this chapter for additional information.

Home/Office Fundraisers: If a person, other than a lobbyist (or a cohabitant of a lobbyist) or lobbying firm, holds a fundraiser or other campaign event in their home or office, the costs incurred by the occupant of the home or office need not be reported as long as the total cost of the event is \$500 or less. However, if someone else donates food, beverages, or anything else of value to the event, the fair market value of those donated goods is a nonmonetary contribution. In addition, the donated goods must be counted to determine whether the total cost of the event is \$500 or less.

QUICK TIP: For the home/office fundraiser contribution exception to apply, the total cost of the event must be \$500 or less no matter how many candidates or committees benefit from the event.

Note: The home/office fundraiser exception does not apply to a state lobbyist or to a cohabitant of a state lobbyist. A registered state lobbyist may not make a contribution to an elected state officer or candidate for elective state office if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the official's agency or the agency for which the candidate is seeking election. A fundraiser held in the home of a lobbyist is considered a contribution; therefore, a lobbyist is prohibited from holding a fundraiser in their home for a candidate seeking election to a governmental agency that the lobbyist is registered to lobby. A similar prohibition applies to lobbying firms holding fundraisers at their offices.

QUICK TIP: A state lobbyist may not hold a fundraiser for a local candidate/officeholder who is seeking election to a state office.

Ex 4.3 - Your neighbor holds a fundraiser in their home for your campaign. As long as the total cost of the event is \$500 or less, your committee is not required to report the cost of the event as a nonmonetary contribution.

Ex 4.4 - A business hosts a campaign fundraiser in its conference room. The business spends \$450 for beverages. A separate business entity provides the food valued at \$200. Since the total cost of the event now exceeds \$500, both businesses have made reportable nonmonetary contributions that must be reported by your committee.

Social Media – Internet Communications: Uncompensated Internet activity by an individual, such as sending or forwarding electronic messages, social networking, blogging, creating or hosting a website, to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure is not considered a contribution or expenditure. Certain Internet communications require advertisement disclosures as outlined in Chapter 7.

Ex 4.5 - Your friends send emails to their family and friends and post on their personal social networking sites communications supporting your campaign. Since your friends are not being compensated, these activities are not reportable even if you provided your friends with campaign materials.

Member Communications: Payments made by an organization (including a political party, union, trade association) for certain communications that are sent only to the organization's members, employees, or shareholders, or their families, are not contributions to a candidate endorsed in the communications. For example, if a union sends a mailing to only its membership, supporting your campaign, the cost of the mailing is not a reportable contribution.

Gifts: A payment or other benefit to a candidate or official that is made principally for personal purposes (not political purposes) is a gift unless the candidate or official provides payment or services of equal or greater value. Generally, gifts are subject to annual limits and must be disclosed by the candidate or official on a Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests). For additional information about gifts, see the fact sheet on the FPPC's website entitled, *Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel and Loans*.

Payments for Legislative, Governmental, or Charitable

Purposes: Behested payments made in connection with a legislative, governmental, or charitable purpose, are not considered to be made for political purposes; therefore, they are not considered contributions. However, if the payment is made at the behest of an elected official and the payment(s) totals \$5,000 or more from a single source in a calendar year, the official is required to file a Form 803 (Behested Payment Report) as described in Chapter 11.

D. Aggregating Contributions

Contributions received from certain combinations of individuals and entities must be added together to determine the total amount that will be treated as received from a single contributor.

The following contributions are aggregated:

- Contributions from an individual's personal funds and contributions made by an entity when the individual directs and controls the entity's contributions.
- Contributions from two or more entities that are directed and controlled by a majority of the same persons.
- Contributions made by entities that are majority owned by any person. Contributions made by the majority owner and all other entities majority owned by that person are aggregated, unless those entities act independently in their decisions to make contributions.

QUICK TIP: The term "person" includes an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, and association.

The following examples provide general guidance regarding aggregation of contributions. The FPPC may be contacted for advice related to your specific facts.

Ex 4.6 - Sally Perez contributed \$98 from Sally's personal funds and another \$98 from the funds of Sally's wholly-owned business, Flowers by Sally Perez, to the Anderson Committee. Because contributions from an individual and their business, or from any other account they direct and control, are considered to be from a single contributor, the Anderson Committee must itemize both contributions and report a cumulative amount received from Sally and Sally's business of \$196 on its committee campaign statement.

Ex 4.7 - EXtream Snowboards, Inc., made a contribution of \$99 to the Johnson Committee. EXtream Snowboards, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of LeesureTech Industries, which also made a contribution of \$99 to the Johnson Committee. If there was coordination between EXtream Snowboards and LeesureTech Industries, their contributions are considered to be from a single contributor. The Johnson Committee must itemize both contributions and report a cumulative amount received of \$198 on its campaign statement.

Ex 4.8 - William Smith is a developer with four separate corporations. William makes political contributions from personal funds and directs and controls the contributions of each of William's corporations. William made a contribution of \$1,000 from personal funds and contributions of \$2,000 from the funds of each of William's corporations to the committee. Because William directed and controlled all of these contributions, they are considered to have been made by a single contributor. The committee must itemize each contribution and show a cumulative amount received of \$9,000.

Ex 4.9 - Southwest TeleCom has a greater than 50 percent ownership interest in American TeleCom. Each entity, entirely on its own and with separate decision making bodies, makes a contribution of \$1,000 to a committee. The committee does not aggregate these contributions because Southwest TeleCom and American TeleCom acted independently in their decisions to make the contributions.

E. Reporting the Intermediary of a Contribution

An intermediary is a person or entity that makes a contribution on behalf of another person. For example, an employee who is reimbursed for a contribution by their employer is not the true source of the funds, but the intermediary of the employer's contribution.

A committee receiving a contribution of \$100 or more from an intermediary must report the true source and the intermediary. The campaign statement will identify both the intermediary's and the true source's name and address, and, if applicable, the occupation and employer.

Additionally, for contributions of \$100 or more from an intermediary that is a limited liability company (LLC) that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC's responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. If the contributor is an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, include the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified.

Failure to disclose the true source of a contribution is considered one of the most serious violations of the Political Reform Act.

Ex 4.10 - Berry and Vienna each made a \$100 contribution from their personal funds to support Tina Baker for city council, with the understanding that they would be reimbursed by their employer. Berry and Vienna must tell the committee that they are acting as intermediaries on behalf of their employer. The committee must itemize the \$200 contribution from the employer and also disclose Berry and Vienna as intermediaries.

Ex 4.11 - A business collects ten contributions of \$200 each earmarked for a candidate's campaign. The business deposits the contributions and provides the campaign committee one check from the business rather than providing ten individual checks. The committee reports the business as an intermediary and the individuals as the contributors.

Candidates and committees are required to check and, if necessary, correct any information regarding the true source of a contribution that a person of reasonable prudence would question based on all of the surrounding circumstances. If there is reason to question the source of a contribution (e.g., there is reason to believe the information contained on the contribution check does not contain the name of the person who is actually making the contribution), the donor should be asked if they are acting as an intermediary for the true source of the contribution.

This manual cannot address all scenarios that may need to be questioned, but it is prudent to question unusually large contributions from sources unfamiliar with the candidate or their agents; a series of contributions from a single employer; and, significant contributions from a nonprofit organization or multipurpose organization that is not registered as a political committee on the Secretary of State's website.

F. Reporting Various Types of Contributions

Electronic Receipt of Contributions: Contributions may be received by credit card, wire transfer, via the Internet, cell phone text message, telephone, debit account transaction, or similar electronic payment options. All of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements apply to these contributions. Some tips are:

- For contributions of \$25 or more, the committee treasurer should make sure that a copy of the credit card voucher or other documentation is sent to the committee as soon as practicable after the contributions are made.
- The entire amount charged to the contributor is reported as a contribution.

- Fees associated with this type of fundraising or deducted by the vendor before the contributions are sent to the committee are reported as expenditures. The fees are not deducted from the amount of each contribution reported.
- Contributions made by text message are received on the date the mobile device company receives the funds from the contributor, not the date the text was sent.

Ex 4.12 - Your committee holds a golf fundraiser and charges \$200 per person. After the event, you determine that it cost your committee \$50 per person to pay the caterer, hall rental, entertainment, invitations, etc. The invitations state that half of the ticket cost will be donated to a charity and half will be contributed to your committee. Report on Schedule A of the Form 460 a \$100 contribution from each of the ticket purchasers, as well as the contributor's name, address, occupation, and employer. Do not subtract the per person costs from each ticket sold. The expenses will be reported on Schedule E of the Form 460.

Cryptocurrency

The amount of a cryptocurrency contribution is the fair market value of the cryptocurrency at the time the payment processor obtains possession of the contribution. A cryptocurrency contribution is received on the date the payment processor, an agent of the committee, obtains possession of the cryptocurrency that constitutes the contribution. Some tips on reporting cryptocurrency contributions include:

- The entire amount of the cryptocurrency contribution is reported as a nonmonetary contribution. The processing fee charged by the payment processor is not deducted from the amount reported.
- The processing fee is reportable as an expenditure of the committee at the time the fee is deducted or charged.
- The entire amount of the cryptocurrency contribution is reportable as a "Miscellaneous Increase to Cash."

Ex 4.13 - Your candidate-controlled committee contracts with a payment processor, which charges a 2% processing fee, to accept cryptocurrency on its behalf for the upcoming election. The payment processor accepts a contribution in bitcoin valued at \$1,000 on October 15. The committee would report the receipt of the \$1,000 cryptocurrency in the following ways on the Form 460:

- Schedule C: The committee would report the receipt of the \$1,000 as a non-monetary contribution. The committee would disclose the date received as October 15 and report all the required contributor information. For the description of goods or services, include “cryptocurrency contribution”.
- Schedule E: The committee would report the processing fee of \$20 as an expenditure.
- Schedule I: The committee would report the \$1,000 contribution as a miscellaneous increase to cash, along with the name and address of the contributor. For description of receipt, include “cryptocurrency contribution”.

Please note that if a cryptocurrency contribution is received and valued at \$1,000 or more from a single source in the 90 days prior to or on the date of an election, the committee may incur additional filing obligations such as the Form 497.

Earmarked Contributions

A contribution to a committee that is earmarked for a contribution to any other particular committee, ballot measure, or candidate is required to be disclosed as outlined below.

A contribution is earmarked if it is made under any of the following circumstances:

- The committee or candidate receiving the contribution solicited the contribution for the purpose of making a contribution to another specifically identified committee, ballot measure, or candidate, requested the contributor to expressly consent to such use, and the contributor consents to such use.

- The contribution was made subject to a condition or agreement with the contributor that all or a portion of the contribution would be used to make a contribution to another specifically identified committee, ballot measure, or candidate.
- After the contribution was made, the contributor and the committee or candidate receiving the contribution reached a subsequent agreement that all or a portion of the contribution would be used to make a contribution to another specifically identified committee, ballot measure, or candidate.

However, there is an exception for dues, assessments, fees, and similar payments made to a membership organization or its sponsored committee in an amount less than five hundred dollars (\$500) per calendar year from a single source for the purpose of making contributions or expenditures. Such funds are not considered to be earmarked by each individual contributor, instead the membership organization is to be reported as the source for these funds.

The committee making an earmarked contribution shall provide the committee receiving the earmarked contribution with the name and address and, if applicable, the occupation and employer of the contributor who earmarked their funds and the amount of the earmarked contribution at the time it makes the contribution. If the committee making the contribution received earmarked contributions that exceed the amount contributed, or received contributions that were not earmarked, the committee making the contribution shall use a reasonable accounting method to determine which contributors to identify, but in no case shall the same contribution be disclosed more than one time to avoid disclosure of additional contributors who earmarked their funds.

Ex 4.14 - A restaurant donates a dinner for four worth \$200 to your committee. At your committee's auction, Gloria Sanchez bids \$300 and wins the dinner for four. Itemize \$200 as a nonmonetary contribution from the restaurant on Schedule C of the Form 460. Itemize Gloria Sanchez on Schedule I of the Form 460 (\$200 miscellaneous increase to cash) and on Schedule A of the Form 460 as a contributor of \$100 (the amount over the fair market value).

Fundraisers: The full amount (face value) of a fundraiser ticket is a reportable contribution, unless it is a joint committee/charity fundraiser advertised with specific attribution. The costs of the event are not subtracted when determining the amount of the contribution.

Auctions and Garage Sales: When items are donated for auction or sale at a fundraiser, the donated item is a nonmonetary contribution. (See below for determining the value.) When someone buys an item, the payment is considered a "Miscellaneous Increase to Cash" and is reported as such. If any person or entity pays \$100 or more, the payment is itemized.

When someone pays more for an item than it is worth, the amount that is equal to the fair market value is reported as a miscellaneous increase to cash and the amount over the fair market value is reported as a monetary contribution. Each is itemized at \$100.

Bar Receipts: Funds received by selling drinks at a fundraiser at fair market value are reported as miscellaneous increases to cash, not contributions.

Raffle Tickets: Receipts from the sale of raffle tickets at a fundraiser are reported as contributions. Items donated for raffle prizes are reported as nonmonetary contributions. (Note that Penal Code section 319 imposes some restrictions on raffles. Contact your county's district attorney for further information.)

Joint Checking Accounts: Individuals (including spouses) may make separate contributions from a joint checking account. For reporting purposes, the full amount of the contribution is reported as coming from the individual who signs the check. If two or more individuals sign the check, the contribution is divided equally between or among the signers, unless there is an accompanying document signed by each individual whose name is printed on the check that clearly indicates a different apportionment.

Ex 4.15 - Linda and Jerry Nelson have a joint checking account. From this account, Linda signed a \$100 check payable to Friends of Joshua Truman. The committee identifies Linda Nelson as the contributor of the full \$100.

A check drawn on a joint checking account that is signed by an individual not listed on the check (e.g., an accountant) must be accompanied by a document signed by at least one of the individuals listed on the check stating to whom the check is to be attributed.

Business Accounts: Generally, if a check is drawn on the account of a business entity, the contributor is the business entity, not the person who signs the check.

Ex 4.16 - Barbara Taylor was defeated in a June election. In order to use the leftover funds for a future election, Barbara must transfer the remaining funds to a new account within 90 days of the postelection reporting period. If the funds are not transferred by that date, they are considered “surplus funds” and may not be used for a future election.

Minor Children: A contribution made by a child under the age of 18 is presumed to be a contribution from their parent or guardian.

Text Contributions: For a contribution received by a text message, the contributor is the person who is subscribed to the cell phone number that texted the contribution.

Transfers from a Prior Campaign: Candidates who have more than one campaign bank account and controlled committee may transfer funds from one account/committee to another so long as the funds are not “surplus funds.”

Leftover funds become surplus upon the 90th day after leaving an elective office, or the 90th day following the end of the postelection reporting period following the defeat of a candidate for elective office, whichever occurs last. See Chapter 8 for information about how to report transferred funds.

Chapter 11 includes a discussion about the rules for using leftover campaign funds for a future election.

QUICK TIP: There are restrictions on transfers of funds to run for state office. See FPPC’s Information Manual for State Candidates (Manual 1) for further information. In addition, candidates and committees should check with the local elections office to determine if there are local contribution limits or other restrictions pursuant to a local campaign ordinance.

Contributions from the Candidate: A payment from a joint checking account that bears the name of the candidate and spouse is considered a contribution from the candidate. This is true even if the spouse signs the check.

A contribution received from a spouse’s legally separate funds and signed by the spouse is considered to be made by the spouse and is subject to possible contribution limits and other applicable provisions of the Act.

A candidate's business, other than a sole proprietorship, is considered a separate legal entity. Therefore, contributions from the business are not considered to be the candidate's personal funds and may be subject to local contribution limits. Generally, contributions from a candidate's sole proprietorship to the candidate are not considered to be from a separate entity and are therefore not subject to contribution limits, if any. Note: Contributions to another candidate or committee from the candidate and their sole proprietorship are aggregated for purposes of contribution limits. (See *Burch* Advice Letter, No. A-14-032.)

Contributions from Other Candidates: Candidates and committees may receive contributions, subject to contribution limits, if any, from other candidates or officeholders.

Undesignated Contributions: Candidates who are soliciting contributions for more than one office and receive a contribution that has not been designated for a specific office may deposit the contribution in any of their campaign bank accounts. An undesignated monetary contribution must be reported on the campaign statement for the reporting period in which it is received, and must be deposited in the campaign bank account for the controlled committee to which it is being allocated within 30 days of receipt.

Undesignated nonmonetary contributions must be allocated to a particular committee within 30 days of receipt or by the reporting deadline for the reporting period in which the contribution is received, whichever is earlier.

G. Valuing Nonmonetary Contributions

This section provides assistance in determining how to value nonmonetary contributions so that they may be reported accurately. The varieties of nonmonetary contributions are vast, so it is not possible to present all possibilities. Contact the FPPC for assistance.

Ex 4.17 - The owner of an electronics store donates an iPad valued at \$550 to your committee for sale at an upcoming auction. Although the cost to the owner is less than \$550, the nonmonetary contribution is reported at the fair market value amount of \$550 (the amount it would cost a member of the public to purchase the iPad).

Fair Market Value: When a nonmonetary contribution is received, the fair market value of the goods or services (the amount it would cost a member of the public to purchase the goods or services) must be reported. If the committee does not know the fair market value of a nonmonetary contribution (e.g., an original piece of artwork), the committee may send an email or a letter requesting that the contributor provide the value of the contribution in writing. The contributor is legally required to provide an amount if the value of the contribution is \$100 or more.

Ex 4.18 - Your committee treasurer knows the owner of a printing shop and the owner provides your committee a 50 percent discount on the printing of a brochure that normally would cost \$1,200. Your committee must report a nonmonetary contribution of \$600 from the printing shop.

Employee Time: If an employer donates the use of an employee to work on campaign activities for one or more campaigns, the amount the individual is paid is reportable as a nonmonetary contribution from the employer if the employee spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month working on campaign activity. To determine the contribution amount, the gross compensation is allocated to the time spent on campaign activity. Compensation

includes wages paid and any benefits in lieu of wages, such as stock options or an annuity purchase. Compensation does not include routine benefits, such as the employer's payments to a health care or retirement plan.

Ex 4.19 - An accounting firm provides your committee with the services of an accountant. The accountant spends 25 percent of their time working for the campaign. This percentage of their gross compensation is \$2,000. The amount of the nonmonetary contribution reported from the accounting firm is \$2,000.

Discounts: If the committee receives a discount on goods or services it purchases and the discount is not offered to the public in the regular course of business, the discount is a nonmonetary contribution that must be reported.

Private Air Transportation: A person who provides a candidate with a flight in a private airplane is making a nonmonetary contribution. The value is determined by using either the commercial rate to the destination, if available, or the charter rate divided by the number of passengers on the flight.

Email Lists: If a list of email addresses is donated, the fair market value must be reported as a nonmonetary contribution.

Corporate Stock: The contribution of corporate stock must be reported and valued as listed on the stock exchange on the date of receipt. When the stock is sold, the total proceeds of the sale are reported on Schedule I as a miscellaneous increase to cash. If the purchaser is unknown, report the brokerage firm as the source with a notation that the payment represents the sale of stock. Broker's fees must be reported on Schedule E.

H. Valuing Mailings, Telephone Banks, Polls

Generally, the fair market value of a communication is reported as a contribution when it expressly advocates support of or opposition to a candidate and was made at the behest of (or in coordination with) the affected candidate or primarily formed committee.

Ex 4.20 - The Express Paper Company agrees to produce a mailing for your committee. The value of the nonmonetary contribution is the amount it would have cost your committee if it had paid fair market value for the mailing, which is likely more than what the actual costs were to the company.

Multiple Candidates/Measures: If a communication expresses support of or opposition to more than one candidate or ballot measure, the fair market value attributable to each may be calculated by prorating the costs among the featured candidates and ballot measures. The prorated value is based on the amount of space allotted to each candidate or measure supported or opposed in the mailer.

The value of a mailer that supports or opposes candidates and measures being voted on in different jurisdictions may be prorated based on the number of mailers sent to each candidate or ballot measure's jurisdiction.

Ex 4.21 - A Chamber of Commerce produces and mails a one-page flyer urging voters to vote for supervisor candidate Smith and vote against two ballot measures. Half of the flyer is devoted to supporting candidate Smith and the other half equally opposes the two measures. The Chamber coordinates the mailing with candidate Smith. The total cost of producing and mailing the flyer was \$10,000. Candidate Smith must report a nonmonetary contribution of \$5,000 from the Chamber.

Political and Non-Political Material: The cost of a communication containing both express advocacy in support of or opposition to a candidate, as well as non-political material, may be prorated. Costs directly associated with the political message are reportable by the candidate, including, for example, compensation paid to employees who spend more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month producing or mailing the political materials, and the pro rata cost of paper, envelopes, and postage. The allocation may be based on the comparative number of pages or the comparative amount of weight between the political and non-political materials.

Bulk Rate Permits: Use of an organization's bulk rate permit is a nonmonetary contribution from the organization. If the committee pays the actual postage costs incurred under the bulk rate permit, the fair market value of the contribution is either:

- The price the organization paid for the bulk mailing permit; or
- The difference in postage costs between the bulk mailing rate and that of regular mail.

QUICK TIP: If the organization pays for the costs of the mailing using its bulk rate permit and the committee does not have such a permit, the amount it would have cost to pay for the mailing using regular mail or the cost of the bulk rate mailing plus the cost of a permit should be reported as a nonmonetary contribution.

Phone Banks: Businesses and other entities will sometimes allow a committee to use their phones to call prospective voters during non-business hours. The fair market value of the use of the phones is calculated to determine the amount reported as a nonmonetary contribution, even if only local calls are made. One method to determine the fair market value is to contact organizations that provide phone banks as a business. Note: Disclosures are required on certain paid telephone calls. (See Chapter 7.)

Polls and Surveys: A person or entity that provides data from a public opinion poll or survey to a candidate or committee is making a nonmonetary contribution if the candidate or committee requests the data or the data are used for political purposes. Standards used by the Federal Election Commission (11 CFR 106.4) may be used for valuing polling or survey data. The formula is based on the age of the data. The chart below illustrates the fair market value of data based on the number of days that pass from the date the entity originally received the data to the date the data were provided to the candidate or committee.

Ex 4.22 - A local business association commissioned a public opinion poll to determine voters' attitudes about candidates running for Supervisor and candidates running for City Council. The association provided the poll results to a candidate for Supervisor and certain City Council candidates. Since only a limited number of questions pertained to City Council issues, the candidates for Supervisor who received the poll results may prorate the poll costs to determine the nonmonetary contribution amount they must report.

Age of Data	Value
0 - 15 days	Full Value
16 - 60 days	50%
61 - 180 days	5%
More than 180 days	No Value

When only a portion of a survey is provided to or for the benefit of a candidate or committee, the nonmonetary contribution is the prorated portion of the total value of the survey.

I. Notification to Contributors of \$5,000 or More

Committees that receive one or more contributions totaling \$5,000 or more in a calendar year from an individual or entity that made the contribution(s) from personal, business, corporate, or general funds must send the contributor written notice that they may have a filing obligation.

Generally, the notice must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the contributor **within two weeks** of receiving contributions totaling \$5,000 or more. But, if a contribution of \$10,000 or more is received in the 90 days prior to or on the date of the election, the notice must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the contributor **within one week**. A copy of each notice or a record of all notices showing the date sent and the name and address of the person receiving the notice must be retained.

The notice does not need to be sent again for subsequent contributions received from the same contributor in the same calendar year. In addition, the notice is not required to be sent if the source of the contribution is a candidate, officeholder, or an existing committee because they already are required to file campaign statements.

The notice may be tailored as long as it contains language substantially similar to the language below:

Major Donors

If your contribution(s) to this committee and to other California state or local committees total(s) \$10,000 or more in a calendar year, California law requires you to file a Major Donor Committee Campaign Statement (Form 461). The deadline and location for filing this statement will depend upon the timing and type of contribution(s) you have made. For additional information, visit www.fppc.ca.gov and review the available campaign materials.

Multipurpose Organizations Including Nonprofits

If your organization is a multipurpose group, it may qualify as a major donor committee required to file Form 461 or as a recipient committee required to file the Form 460 disclosing donors. Refer to Government Code Section 84222 and FPPC Regulation 18422 to determine your filing requirements. For additional information, visit www.fppc.ca.gov and review the available campaign materials.

24-Hour/10-Day Reports

Major donors, nonprofits, and other multipurpose organizations that trigger reporting obligations must also file a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) if they:

Make contributions totaling \$1,000 or more to a single candidate, any of the candidate's controlled committees, or to a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure during the 90 days prior to the election, or on the date of the election, in which the candidate or ballot measure is being voted on; or

Make contributions totaling \$1,000 or more to state or county political party committees during the 90 days prior to a state election, or on the date of the election, including state special elections.

QUICK TIP: Once contributions of \$10,000 or more are made, the major donor may be required to immediately file Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report). Committees should provide donors the link to the appropriate FPPC filing schedule.

Electronic Filing

State committees that make contributions of \$25,000 or more must file electronically with the Secretary of State. State committees that are required to file the Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report) must file this form electronically even if the \$25,000 threshold has not yet been met. For more information on the electronic filing requirements, contact the Secretary of State's office at (916) 653-6224. Local committees should contact the local jurisdiction to determine if there are electronic filing requirements.

Late Filing Penalties and Fines

Failure to file campaign statements may result in late filing penalties of \$10/day (state committees may be fined \$20/day if they must file electronically and on paper) and fines of up to \$5,000 per violation.

FPPC Assistance

For assistance with your filing obligations, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission toll-free at (866) ASK-FPPC, send an email to advice@fppc.ca.gov, or refer to their website: www.fppc.ca.gov.

J. Returning Contributions

There are several provisions in the Act and FPPC regulations that regulate the return of contributions. The general rule is that a committee may return all or part of a contribution to the contributor so long as the return is reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

General Rules: If a contribution is deposited, cashed or negotiated, it must be disclosed on the next campaign statement, even if it is subsequently returned. If a contribution is not deposited, cashed, or negotiated, it is not required to be reported under the following circumstances:

- **Outside the 90-Day Election Period:** A contribution is not required to be reported (by the donor or the committee receiving the funds) if it is not deposited, cashed, or negotiated and it is returned to the contributor before the closing date of the campaign statement on which it would otherwise be reported.
- **During the 90-Day Election Period:** A contribution of \$1,000 or more received during the 90 days before an election, including the date of the election, is not required to be reported (by the donor or the committee receiving the funds) if it is not deposited, cashed, or negotiated and it is returned to the contributor within 24 hours of receipt.

Missing Contributor Information: A contribution of \$100 or more must be returned within 60 days of receipt if the committee has not obtained the contributor's name, address, and, in the case of a contributor who is an individual, their occupation and employer. If the committee returns the contribution for lack of information, and the check is not cashed by the contributor within 90 days, the committee must, within the next 30 days, forward the amount to the general fund of the local jurisdiction.

Answering Your Questions

- A. Our committee is holding a \$200 per person dinner fundraiser. The actual cost of the event to our committee will be \$75 per person. When someone pays \$200 to attend the dinner, do we subtract the \$75 cost to our committee and report receiving a \$125 contribution?**

No. Report the full amount paid for the fundraiser ticket (\$200) as the contribution. The costs to the committee will be reported on Schedule E (Expenditures) of the Form 460.

- B. When we send out a fundraising letter, are we required to put our committee identification number on the invitation?**

There is no requirement to include the committee identification number, but it is highly recommended. Many campaigns do so because others need the information for their own reporting forms.

- C. We would like to hold a raffle at our next fundraiser. Are there any restrictions on raffles?**

The Political Reform Act does not restrict raffles; however, Penal Code 319 does prohibit certain raffles. The Penal Code is interpreted and enforced by each county's district attorney. Contact the local district attorney where the raffle will be held for further information. Of course, be sure all of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements are met.

- D. If my nextdoor neighbor spends \$1,000 on an event to help raise funds for two different candidates and the event is held in their home, have they made a contribution to each committee?**

Yes. The total cost of a home fundraiser must be \$500 or less or the event will qualify as a nonmonetary contribution. This is true no matter how many committees benefit from the event.

E. If I hold a fundraiser in my home for my candidacy, and the total cost is \$500 or less, would the home/office fundraiser exception apply, meaning nothing would need to be reported on the Form 460?

No. A candidate must deposit any personal funds that will be used to promote their election into the campaign bank account. Therefore, any expenditures made for the fundraiser must be reported on your Form 460.

F. May a nonprofit organization hold a joint fundraiser with a political committee?

Yes. However, any costs incurred by the nonprofit organization which are not reimbursed by the political committee would be considered to be a nonmonetary contribution from the nonprofit to the political committee. The nonprofit organization should contact the IRS for any possible restrictions based upon the organization's tax status.

G. Is volunteer work provided by some people considered a nonmonetary contribution because of the volunteer's profession, such as free legal advice provided by a lawyer or bookkeeping done by a CPA?

No. Volunteer personal services, regardless of the profession of the individual, are not reportable so long as the individual providing the services is not paid by a third party.

H. Three candidates wish to conduct individual polls. A polling firm has offered a reduced rate because all three polls can be combined using one very large sample. Are the candidates receiving contributions from the polling firm because of the discounted fee, and are the candidates making contributions to each other?

To the extent each candidate pays only their share of the cost of the poll, the candidates are not making contributions to each other. Additionally, if the polling firm provides the discount as part of its standard business policy of providing discounts in similar situations and does not provide the discount for political purposes, the candidates will not receive a contribution from the polling firm.

I. A committee receives a contribution from a joint checking account signed by one of the individuals. The contribution exceeds local limits. If the committee later receives a document stating that the contribution is from both individuals, may the contribution be reported that way?

No. A document must accompany the contribution at the time the contribution is received in order for the contribution to be reported from both individuals. This is true for contributions made by check or electronic means.

J. If a potential donor takes me out to dinner to discuss my school board campaign and pays for my meal, do I report the meal as a nonmonetary contribution?

No. Because there is a personal benefit to you, the payment for the meal would be considered a gift to you, not a contribution.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82004.5	Behested Payment.
82015	Contribution.
82015.5	Contribution; Aggregation.
82018	Cumulative Amount.
82025	Expenditure.
82025.5	Fair Market Value.
82036	Late Contribution.
82041.3	Made at the Behest of.
82047	Person.
82047.6	Principal Officer.
84105	Notification of Contributors.
84211	Contents of Campaign Statement.
84216	Loans.
84300	Cash and In-Kind Contributions; Cash Expenditures.
84302	Contributions by Intermediary or Agent.
84306	Contributions Received by Agents of Candidates and Committees.
85308	Family Contributions.
85312	Communications to Members of an Organization.
85700	Donor Information Requirements; Return of Contributions.
85704	Prohibition on Earmarking.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18215 Contribution.
- 18215.2 Uncompensated Internet Activity by Individuals that is not a Contribution or Expenditure.
- 18216 Enforceable Promise to Make a Payment.
- 18402.2 Limited Liability Companies, Responsible Officer.
- 18421.1 Disclosure of the Making and Receipt of Contributions.
- 18421.2 Cryptocurrency Contributions.
- 18421.3 Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures Collected by Contract Vendors or Collecting Agents.
- 18421.10 Reporting Contributions from Limited Liability Companies.
- 18421.31 Text Message Contributions.
- 18423 Payments for Personal Services as Contributions and Expenditures.
- 18427.1 Notification to Contributors of Filing Obligations.
- 18428 Reporting of Contributions and Independent Expenditures Required to be Aggregated.
- 18430 Committee Controlled by More Than One Candidate.
- 18432.5 Intermediary and Earmarked Funds Disclosure.
- 18523 Nondesignated Contributions or Loans.
- 18531.7 Payments for Communications – Section 85312.
- 18533 Contributions from Joint Checking Accounts.

CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

Although the Political Reform Act (Act) is primarily a disclosure law, there are several important restrictions and prohibitions on receiving contributions. This chapter reviews these restrictions and prohibitions, as well as some that are contained in laws other than the Act.

In addition, while the receipt of campaign contributions generally will not create a conflict of interest for an elected officeholder in the performance of their duties, contributions may be the source of a conflict of interest for officeholders or candidates who are also appointed to certain boards or commissions. The section on “Disqualification and Campaign Contributions” covers this area of the law.

A. Local Contribution Limits

The Act does not contain contribution limits for local candidates, but provides that cities and counties may adopt contribution limits applicable to their elections. Many California cities and counties have adopted campaign ordinances that include contribution limits and other disclosure provisions.

QUICK TIP: Check with your local elections office to determine if local campaign finance rules apply to your campaign.

Effective January 1, 2021, a default contribution limit applies to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a contribution limit. Please see AB 571 (2019).

The FPPC’s website lists cities and counties with local campaign finance rules and links to the ordinances. For questions about local contribution limits, candidates and committees should contact their city clerk, county elections office, or their City Attorney’s or County Counsel’s office.

B. Restrictions under the Political Reform Act

Reporting the True Donor

If a contribution of \$100 or more is received from a single source in a calendar year, the source must be identified on the committee's Form 460. If a contribution is received through an intermediary, both the intermediary and the true source of the contribution must be identified. (See Chapter 3 for additional information about intermediaries.)

Failure to disclose the true source of a contribution is often referred to as campaign money laundering, which is a serious violation of the Act. One type of common violation is when an employer reimburses individual employees for contributions so that the committee receiving the contributions discloses the employees rather than the true source of the contribution (the employer) on campaign disclosure reports.

Another occurrence is when a person (organization, business, individual) makes a contribution to another person with the condition, agreement or understanding that the payment will be subsequently used for political purposes, such as a contribution to another committee. It is a violation for persons to conceal their identities by contributing through another person.

Committee treasurers must inquire about any information that a person of reasonable prudence would question based on all available information. It is not possible to describe every situation that might trigger a duty for a treasurer to inquire if a contribution is identified correctly. Some examples are the size of the contribution, the reported source, and the likelihood of that source making a contribution of the size reported.

Ex 5.1 - A committee receives contributions of \$1,000 each from ten different individuals in the same week. The committee treasurer and campaign fundraiser did not make specific solicitations to the individuals. Upon the treasurer's request, the individuals state that they all work for the same employer. The committee treasurer has a duty to inquire to determine if the employer reimbursed the employees.

If it is discovered that a committee received a contribution and the donor and intermediary were not properly identified, the contribution must be paid to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State General Fund. When the action is brought under a local campaign ordinance, a local committee may pay the contribution to the local jurisdiction for deposit in its general fund.

Cash Contributions

The committee may not accept a cash contribution of \$100 or more. Such a contribution will not be deemed “received” if it is not deposited or spent and is returned to the contributor prior to the end of the reporting period of the campaign statement on which the contribution would otherwise be reported. Even if the contribution is inadvertently deposited, it is not deemed “received” if it is refunded within 72 hours of receipt. However, a cash contribution of \$1,000 or more that is received in the 90 days before the election, including the date of the election, that is inadvertently deposited must be refunded within 48 hours in order to not be deemed “received.”

QUICK TIP: Even if change is immediately provided, a committee may not accept \$100 or more in cash from a single source. For example, if the committee is holding a fundraiser and charging \$50 per person, an attendee may not pay with a \$100 bill. The payment must be made by personal check, debit card, or credit card.

Anonymous Contributions

Anonymous contributions of \$100 or more are prohibited. If a committee receives a cash contribution of \$100 or more from an unknown source, it must be sent to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State General Fund.

Contributions Made by Money Orders/Cashier’s Checks/ Traveler’s Cheques

Contributions of \$100 or more made by money order, cashier’s check, or traveler’s cheque are prohibited and must be returned to the contributor, or, if made anonymously, sent to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State General Fund.

All monetary contributions of \$100 or more must be made by written instrument (such as a check) containing the name of the donor and drawn from the account of the donor or the intermediary. Contributions may also be received by credit card (including over the Internet), wire transfer, or other electronic means. (See Chapter 3.)

Contributor's Legal Name

Contributions must be made in the name by which the contributor is identified for legal purposes.

Commingling Funds

Campaign funds may not be commingled with any individual's personal funds; they must be kept in an account separate from any account that contains personal funds. In general, campaign funds may not be used for personal expenses. (See Chapter 5 for information about the use of campaign funds.)

QUICK TIP: Campaign contributions must be kept separate from personal funds and may not be used for personal expenses.

Contributions Delivered in State Office Buildings

A contribution may not be delivered to or received by another person, personally or through an agent, in the State Capitol or any other state office building for which the State of California pays the majority of the rent. "Personally delivered" includes the delivery of a copy or facsimile of a contribution, and the original or a copy of a contribution transmittal letter. This prohibition does not apply to contributions received or delivered in a legislative district office or those sent by postal mail.

Contributions from State Lobbyists

A state lobbyist may not make a contribution to an elected state officer or a candidate for elective state office if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the governmental agency of the elected officer or the agency to which the candidate is seeking election. The lobbyist also may not contribute to a local committee controlled by a state officer or candidate for elective state office.

State Lobbyist and Lobbying Firm Fundraisers

A fundraiser held in the home of a state lobbyist is considered a contribution; therefore, a lobbyist or a cohabitant of a lobbyist is prohibited from holding a fundraiser in their home for a candidate seeking election to a governmental agency that the lobbyist is registered to lobby. This includes a local candidate/officeholder that is seeking election to a state office. A similar prohibition applies to lobbying firms holding fundraisers at their offices.

Federal Law Prohibitions: Contributions from Foreign Nationals (including Foreign Principals and Foreign Governments)

Committees may not solicit or accept contributions from foreign nationals. Federal law prohibits contributions and expenditures solicited, directed, received or made directly or indirectly by or from foreign nationals in connection with any election — federal, state or local. This prohibition includes contributions made to political committees. Furthermore, it is a violation of federal law to knowingly provide substantial assistance in the making, acceptance or receipt of contributions or in connection with federal and nonfederal elections to a political committee. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, acting as an intermediary for foreign national contributions. (52 USCS Section 30121.) Contact the Federal Election Commission for information at (800) 424-9530 or info@fec.gov.

Federal Law Prohibitions: Contributions from National Banks or Federally-Chartered Corporations

National banks and federally-chartered corporations are subject to federal law prohibiting particular contributions and expenditures in connection with local, state, or federal elections. (The Federal Election Campaign Act, 52 USCS Section 30101, et seq. and specifically Section 30118; and see 11 C.F. R. Section 114.2.) Contact the Federal Election Commission for information at (800) 424-9530 or info@fec.gov.

Soliciting Contributions from Public Employees

Government Code Section 3205 prohibits a local candidate from knowingly, directly or indirectly, soliciting a political contribution from any employees of their agency or from a person on an employment list of that agency. There is an exception for solicitations that are made to a significant segment of the public. For further information, contact the Attorney General's office at (800) 952-5225 or the local district attorney.

C. Public Funds and Public Resources

Under Government Code Section 85300, the use of public moneys for the purpose of seeking elective office is prohibited unless:

- The governmental entity establishes a dedicated fund for this purpose by statute, ordinance, resolution, or charter; and
- Public moneys held in the fund are available to all qualified, voluntarily participating candidates for the same office without regard to incumbency or political party preference; and
- The state or local governmental entity has established criteria for determining a candidate's qualification by statute, ordinance, resolution, or charter.

QUICK TIP: Using public resources for campaign purposes is prohibited.

Please note that at the time of this publication, recently enacted provisions of Section 85300 are currently the subject of a court challenge. (See *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. v. Brown*, Super. Ct. Sacramento County, 2016, No. 34-2016-80002512.)

In addition, laws outside the Act prohibit the use of public resources, such as office equipment, staff time, etc., for campaign or personal purposes. (Education Code Section 7054; Gov. Code Section 8314; Penal Code Section 426; and *Vargas v. City of Salinas* (2009) 46 Cal 4th 1.)

Ex 5.2 - Three city councilmembers and two county supervisors serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Since the councilmembers and supervisors were appointed to the commission, they may not vote on a LAFCO issue if they have received a contribution in the last 12 months of more than \$250 from someone who is a party, participant, or agent in the proceeding.

Government Code Section 54964 prohibits an officer, employee or consultant of a local agency from expending or authorizing the expenditure of any local agency funds to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. For further information about laws outside the Act, contact the Attorney General's office at (800) 952-5225 or the local district attorney.

D. Campaign Contributions and Disqualification

Campaign contributions received in connection with an elective office may serve as the basis for disqualifying an officer from voting on a matter affecting the contributor, and may limit the amount of a contribution an officer can receive from a contributor with certain matters pending before the officer's agency. These rules apply to decisions before both elected officers as well as appointed officers where the appointed officer is also a candidate for an elected office. Specifically, Government Code Section 84308:

- **Prohibits Contributions Over \$250:** Prohibits an officer from soliciting, accepting, or directing campaign contributions of more than \$250 from any party, participant, or agent of a party or participant, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the officer's agency and for 12 months following the date of that decision. This prohibition applies even when the contribution is for another candidate.
- **Requires Disclosure:** Requires disclosure of all such campaign contributions and also requires an officer's disqualification from making decisions in certain proceedings if the officer has received more than \$250 in campaign contributions from a party or participant within 12 months preceding the decision.

- **Permits Return of Contributions After Proceeding:** Permits an officer who does not willfully or knowingly accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than \$250 during the 12 months after the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding to cure the violation by returning the contribution, or the portion of the contribution in excess of the \$250, within 14 days of accepting, soliciting, or directing the contribution, whichever comes last. An officer's controlled committee, or the officer themselves if no controlled committee exists, must maintain records of curing any violation.
- **Permits Return of Contribution While Proceeding is Pending:** Allows an officer who receives a contribution that would otherwise require disqualification, who returns the contribution within 30 days from the time the officer knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involves a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, to participate in the proceeding.

Who is Covered?

Generally, appointed board members, commissioners, or individuals who head state or local government agencies and who make decisions in proceedings involving licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use are subject to Section 84308. Common positions include:

- Local agencies whose members are elected by the voters (e.g., board of supervisors, city council, school board)
- Planning Commissioners
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) members
- Members of redevelopment agencies that are not entirely comprised of elected members of the same agency
- Transportation Authority members
- Air Quality Management District members
- Waste Management Authority members
- California Coastal Commissioners

Ex 5.3 - A planning commissioner serves as the treasurer for a councilmember's campaign. The planning commissioner may not solicit, accept, or direct a campaign contribution of more than \$250 for the councilmember's campaign from a party, participant, or agent whose proceeding is pending before the planning commission.

Ex 5.4 - Sarah is a city council candidate. Sarah is also an appointed member of the city's planning commission. Christopher has a permit request pending before the planning commission. Sarah is prohibited from soliciting or receiving any contribution of more than \$250 from Christopher or Christopher's agent.

Ex 5.5 - Sarah wins the election and resigns from the position on the planning commission. Sarah is now serving solely in an elected position. Sarah is still required to disqualify herself from making decisions in proceedings involving a license, permit, or entitlement for use on the city council if Sarah has received contributions of more than \$250 from a party or participant in the proceeding within the preceding 12 months.

Exempted Agencies

Section 84308 does not apply to the following agencies:

- Judicial branch
- Legislature
- Board of Equalization (Gov. Code Section 15626 applies)
- Constitutional officers

QUICK TIP: Section 84308 applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82015	Contribution.
84300	Cash and In-Kind Contributions; Cash Expenditures.
84301	Contributions Made Under Legal Name.
84302	Contributions by Intermediary or Agent.
84304	Anonymous Contributions.
84307	Commingling with Personal Funds.
84308	Contributions to Officers; Disqualification.
84309	Transmittal of Campaign Contributions in State Office Buildings.
85700	Donor Information Requirements; Return of Contributions.
85701	Laundered Contributions.
85702	Contributions from Lobbyists.
85704	Prohibition on Earmarking.

Title 2 Regulations and Opinion

18215	Contribution.
18432.5	Intermediary and Earmarked Funds Disclosure.
18438.1	Officers and Agencies Under Government Code Section 84308.
18438.5	Aggregated Contributions Under Government Code Section 84308.
18438.6	Solicitation, Direction, and Receipt of Contributions Under Government Code Section 84308.
18438.7	Prohibitions and Disqualification Under Government Code Section 84308.
18438.8	Disclosure Under Government Code Section 84308.
18439	Definition of “Personally Deliver.”
18572	Lobbyist Contributions – Making a Contribution Defined.

Pelham Opinion (2001) 15 FPPC Ops. 1

USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

The use of campaign funds by candidates, elected officials, and others who control the expenditure of campaign funds, is strictly regulated. The expenditure of campaign funds must be reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

If an expenditure confers a substantial personal benefit on the candidate, officeholder, or any individual authorized to approve campaign expenditures, the expenditure must be directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. A substantial personal benefit means an expenditure of campaign funds which results in a direct personal benefit with a value of more than \$200.

The following are examples of specific expenditures and the rules regarding the use of campaign funds for such purposes. If the examples are not helpful, contact the FPPC for assistance about whether or not a specific use of campaign funds is permissible by sending an email with specific facts to advice@fppc.ca.gov.

QUICK TIP: Campaign funds must be used for political, legislative, or governmental purposes. The FPPC has fined committees for payments made from a campaign account that were used for the following personal purposes: auto care services, doctor visits, clothing, and personal life insurance premiums.

A. Campaign Expenditures

Election Night Celebrations

Costs associated with election night celebrations or similar campaign events are considered to be directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose; therefore, campaign funds may be used.

Attorneys' Fees

Generally, attorneys' fees and other costs related to administrative, civil, or criminal litigation may only be paid with campaign funds if the litigation is directly related to activities of the committee that are consistent with its primary objectives. Campaign funds may be used to pay for expenses related to the following:

- Action to halt defamation;
- Defense of an action to halt defamation;
- Defense of an action for violation of state or local campaign, disclosure, or election laws;
- Litigation to secure a place on the ballot or challenge the wording of the ballot pamphlet;
- Contested election;
- Election recount; and
- Compliance expenses (for example, completing campaign disclosure reports).

Reimbursements

If a bank account is required (see Chapter 1), the candidate must deposit personal funds in the campaign bank account and make expenditures from that account instead of spending personal funds for the campaign and later seeking reimbursement from campaign funds. However, any other individual (e.g., a volunteer or campaign worker) may make expenses from personal funds and be reimbursed, so long as the expenses are incurred for political, legislative, or governmental purposes and repayment is made within 45 days. An officeholder may use personal funds and be reimbursed for "officeholder" expenses. (See Chapter 8 for specific reporting rules and deadlines for reimbursements.)

Ex 6.1 - The candidate's spouse buys bagels for the morning shift of volunteer workers. After providing the treasurer with a receipt for bagels, the treasurer may reimburse the spouse for their expenses so long as the reimbursement is made within 45 days of the payment.

Automobile Lease or Purchase

When making payments associated with leasing, purchasing, or operating a vehicle, such as insurance, maintenance, and repairs, the campaign committee must be the lessee or hold title to the vehicle. Additional titleholders may not be the candidate, officeholder, treasurer, or any other person who may approve campaign expenditures, or a member of any such person's immediate family (spouse or registered domestic partner and dependent children). Additional lessees may not be the candidate, officeholder, treasurer, or a member of any of these persons' immediate family.

Reimbursed Automobile Expenses

Campaign funds may be used to reimburse an officeholder, candidate, immediate family member, treasurer, and committee staff for use of a personal vehicle if the use is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. Documentation should be kept which includes the trip's purpose and mileage in a manner approved by the Internal Revenue Service for deducting mileage expenses. The rate for reimbursement may not exceed that allowed under Internal Revenue Code Section 162. For more details, the Internal Revenue Service may be contacted at (800) 829-1040 (www.irs.gov).

Childcare Expenses

Campaign funds may be used to pay or reimburse a candidate for a dependent child's reasonable and necessary childcare expenses resulting *directly* from engaging in campaign activities. An officeholder may use campaign funds for childcare expenses resulting from directly engaging in campaign activity including that which is both political and legislative or governmental. Under the Act, "directly" means that the candidate would not have otherwise incurred the childcare expenses if not for the candidate engaging in campaign activities.

Under the Act, “childcare expenses” include the reasonable costs of:

- Professional daycare services
- Babysitting
- Nanny services
- Food and beverages
- Transportation to and from the location of a childcare services provider
- Before and after school programs
- Summer day camps
- Preschool
- Costs related to a nurse, home care provider, or other care provider for a disabled dependent child

Prohibited uses of campaign funds for childcare expenses include:

- Private school tuition
- Medical expenses
- Tutoring services
- Payments to a relative within the third degree of consanguinity, unless the relative owns or operates a professional daycare or babysitting service for which the cost is no greater than the relative would otherwise charge.

Clothing

The purchase of clothing is a personal expense. The committee may not use campaign funds to pay for a candidate’s business or casual clothing. Specialty clothing, such as formal wear worn by an officeholder or candidate, may be purchased with campaign funds if the use of such clothing is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

Ex 6.2 - A candidate has been asked to attend a formal event honoring the mayor. Since they do not own a tuxedo, they may rent one with campaign funds since the event is directly related to a political purpose.

Contributions to Other Candidates and Committees

Candidates may make contributions to other candidates and committees unless prohibited by local rules. Contributions to certain state committees are subject to limitations.

Donations

Campaign funds may be used to make donations or loans to bona fide charitable, educational, civic, religious, or similar tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as long as the donation or loan is reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. In addition, the donation may not personally benefit the officeholder, candidate, committee treasurer, or any individual with authority to approve the expenditure of campaign funds, or any such person's immediate family member (spouse or registered domestic partner and dependent children).

Ex 6.3 - A fundraiser will be held to raise funds for a veteran's memorial at the local civic center. The committee is permitted to donate campaign funds because the payment has a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

Ex 6.4 - Your committee would like donate funds to a homeless shelter where your spouse is a salaried employee. It is determined that a substantial part of the proceeds would benefit your spouse; therefore, this expenditure is not permissible.

Equipment and Appliances

Campaign funds may be used to buy, lease, or refurbish equipment or appliances, but only if their use is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. As with restrictions on vehicles, the committee must hold title, or be the lessee, on the equipment; no individual may be listed as owner or lessee.

Ex 6.5 - When the printer breaks down, the treasurer goes out and buys a new one. While shopping, the treasurer finds a great buy on a big screen TV. While the printer is a permissible expense, since it will be used to communicate with the voters, the television does not serve a directly-related political, legislative, or governmental purpose and, therefore, may not be paid for with campaign funds.

Fines, Penalties, Judgments, and Settlements

Generally, campaign funds may be used to pay the following fines, penalties, judgments, and settlements:

- Parking citations received while performing political, legislative, or governmental activities
- Fines assessed in relation to situations in which the use of campaign funds to pay for an attorney is allowed (discussed above)
- Fines imposed for late filing of campaign statements and Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

Ex 6.6 - Your treasurer was two days late in filing the committee's first preelection statement and the filing officer fined the committee \$20. The committee may pay the fine with campaign funds.

But campaign funds of any amount may not be used to pay a fine, penalty, judgment, or settlement relating to an improper use of campaign funds or an action involving bribery under Penal Code Section 86.

A candidate or officeholder may not use any funds to pay or be reimbursed for a penalty, judgement or settlement related to a claim of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment filed against the candidate or officeholder in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

A candidate or officeholder may use legal defense committee funds for *other* legal costs and expenses related to claims of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment, but if the candidate or officeholder is held liable, the candidate or elected officer must reimburse the legal defense fund for all funds used in connection with those other legal costs and expenses.

“Sexual assault” and “sexual abuse” have the same meaning as provided in Penal Code Section 11165.1. “Sexual Harassment” has the same meaning as found in Government Code Section 12940(j).

Food

A committee may use campaign funds to purchase a meal with a cost of \$200 or less, so long as the expenditure is reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. However, if the aggregate cost of the meal is more than \$200, the expense must be directly related to one of these purposes. When a candidate controlled committee reports itemized expenditures for gifts, meals, or travel, specific details must be included as described in Chapter 8.

Ex 6.7 - An officeholder attends a dinner sponsored by the police department to honor a local good Samaritan. Since the expenditure is directly related to a governmental purpose, the campaign may pay for their attendance even if the total cost is more than \$200.

Future Election

Campaign funds leftover after an election may be redesignated for a future election to seek the **same office** in a city or county that has enacted its own contribution limit so long as the funds are not “surplus funds.” If the city or county has not enacted its own contribution limit, campaign funds leftover must be deposited in a new bank account for reelection to the same office. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that does not allow a candidate to use the same committee for a future election.) In addition, campaign funds leftover after an election may be transferred to a new bank account for a future election to seek a **different office** so long as the funds are not “surplus funds.” There is a discussion on when leftover funds become “surplus funds” at the end of this chapter. See Chapter 11 for the other requirements that must be met in order to use the funds for election to a future office.

Gifts

Unless directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose, personal gifts may not be paid for with campaign funds. However, gifts of less than \$250 in a calendar year to campaign employees or workers are permitted because they are considered to be directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. When a candidate controlled committee reports itemized expenditures for gifts, meals, or travel, specific details must be included as described in Chapter 8.

Health-Related Expenses

A committee may use campaign funds to pay for health care benefits for its employees or independent contractors. However, campaign funds may not be used to pay for other health-related expenses such as health club dues, special dietary foods, or medical check-ups.

Independent Expenditures

Government Code Section 85501 states that a candidate controlled committee may not make independent expenditures and may not contribute funds to another committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.

However, a recent Sacramento County Superior Court decision in *Charles R. “Chuck” Reed v. Fair Political Practices Commission* found Section 85501 unconstitutional and enjoined the Commission from enforcing that provision.

Before making an independent expenditure to support or oppose another candidate, committees should seek advice from the FPPC. An advice letter (Downing, No. A-14-148) has been issued on the matter.

A candidate controlled committee for elective office may make independent expenditures to support or oppose a ballot measure.

Loans

Campaign funds may be used to make loans to other political committees, subject to applicable limits, if any. Transfers from a local candidate’s committee to their state committee must be attributed to the original contributors. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for State Candidates for more information on transfers and attribution.

Campaign funds may also be used to make loans to bona fide charitable, educational, civic, religious, or similar tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations, so long as the loan does not personally benefit the officeholder, candidate, committee treasurer, or any individual with authority to approve the expenditure of campaign funds, or any such person’s immediate family member. The loan must be reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. Campaign funds may not be loaned to an individual or to an entity other than those described above.

Professional Services

When the committee reasonably requires the services of professionals, such as accountants or attorneys, their fees may be paid with campaign funds as these expenditures are considered to be directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. (See below for restrictions on salary and compensation.)

Real Property

The committee may not purchase real property. It may, however, lease property for up to one year, so long as its use is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. The candidate, officeholder, committee treasurer, any individual with authority to approve the committee's expenditures, or an immediate family member of any of these persons may not be a lessee or sublessor, or hold legal title to the leased property.

Recurring Contributions

A "recurring contribution" is a contribution from a person to a candidate or committee that is automatically charged to the person's bank account, credit card, or other payment account on a repeated basis, such as weekly or monthly, without approval or any other affirmative consent by the person after their initial contribution to the candidate or committee.

A committee must obtain affirmative consent from a person making a recurring contribution at the time of the initial contribution. Any solicitation for a recurring contribution must be in a form that requires affirmative consent from the person making the contribution. Passive action by the contributor, such as failing to uncheck a pre-checked box authorizing a recurring contribution, does not meet the requirement of affirmative consent. A committee that accepts a recurring contribution is required to provide a receipt for each contribution, provide information necessary to cancel the recurring contribution, and immediately cancel a recurring contribution upon request.

A recurring contribution accepted in response to a solicitation that did not require affirmative consent must be returned to the contributor within 14 days of the earlier of the following:

- receipt of a request from the contributor to return the contribution, or
- the date on which the candidate or committee becomes aware that the solicitation of the recurring contribution was in violation of the Act.

A contribution accepted after a contributor requested to cancel a recurring contribution must be returned to the contributor within 14 days of the request to cancel the recurring contribution.

Refunding Contributions

The return of contributions to contributors is permitted.

Returning Contributions Lacking Contributor Information

When a contribution of \$100 or more is received in a calendar year from a single contributor, the committee must disclose the contributor's name and address, and, if the contributor is an individual, their occupation and employer. If the committee does not have this information in its records within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, it must be returned to the contributor. (See Chapter 2.)

Ex 6.8 - Paula Greene, a member of Supervisor Howard's staff, is also the treasurer of the Supervisor's campaign committee. Paula does all recordkeeping for the committee and completes the committee's campaign reports. Paula also has authority to approve committee expenditures. Campaign funds may be used to pay Paula Greene for services Paula provides as committee treasurer. Funds may not be used to supplement or pay her government salary.

Salary and Compensation

The candidate or officeholder, or any individual authorized to approve the committee's expenditures, may not receive a salary or other compensation from the committee for the performance of political, legislative, or governmental activities. However, the committee may pay for professional services such as an accountant or treasurer, even if the accountant or treasurer has authority to sign committee checks.

A spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office may not receive, in exchange for any services rendered, compensation from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate.

Security Systems

A candidate may use campaign funds to purchase an electronic security system. To do so, the candidate must have received threats to their physical safety because of their status as a candidate or elected official and the incidents must be verified by an appropriate law enforcement agency. No more than \$5,000 may be spent and a report to the FPPC is required.

Effective January 1, 2020, campaign funds may be used to pay for, or reimburse the state for, the installation and monitoring of hardware, software, and services related to the cybersecurity of the electronic devices of a candidate, elected officer, or campaign worker. Any expenditure of campaign funds for these purposes must be reported on the candidate or elected officer's campaign statements.

Tickets for Entertainment and Sporting Events

Campaign funds may not be used to purchase entertainment and sporting event tickets for use by the candidate or officeholder, or staff of the committee, unless attendance at the event is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

Ex 6.9 - Candidates for the office of mayor have been offered the chance to speak during half-time at the local college football game. Campaign funds may be used to purchase tickets for the candidates and committee staff to attend, but only because they will be speaking.

Tickets to Political Fundraisers

A committee may purchase tickets to political fundraisers (subject to any applicable contribution limits) for the candidate, officeholder, or their immediate family, or an officer, director, employee, or staff of the committee or the officeholder's governmental agency.

Travel

A committee may use campaign funds to pay for travel or accommodations for the candidate or officeholder, any individual with authority to approve the committee's expenditures, or staff of the committee so long as the standards set by Internal Revenue Code Sections 162 and 274 (deduction of travel expenses for tax purposes) are complied with. Contact the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-1040 for more information. When a candidate controlled committee reports itemized expenditures for gifts, meals, or travel, specific details must be included as described in Chapter 8.

Airline Mileage Programs

Some airlines have mileage programs that allow individuals to earn free tickets or other awards. These mileage credits and awards belong to the individual traveler, not the committee. The committee is not required to report either the receipt of the mileage credit awards or the redemption of the credits.

B. Surplus Funds

There are restrictions on how campaign funds held by an elected officeholder or candidate may be spent once the funds become “surplus.” Surplus funds may not be used for a future election. See Chapter 11 for information about all requirements that must be met in order to use leftover campaign funds for a future election before the funds become surplus.

Campaign funds held by an officeholder become surplus on the 90th day after the officeholder leaves the office for which the funds were raised, or on the 90th day after the end of the postelection reporting period following their defeat, whichever occurs last. Campaign funds held by a non-incumbent defeated candidate or a candidate that withdrew become surplus on the 90th day after the postelection reporting period following the election. The end of the postelection reporting period is June 30 for elections held during the first six months of the calendar year and December 31 for elections held during the last six months of the calendar year.

Surplus funds may only be used to make the following expenditures:

- Payments for outstanding campaign debts or officeholder expenses.
- Refunds to contributors.
- Donations to a bona fide charitable, educational, civic, religious, or similar tax-exempt, nonprofit organization, provided no substantial part of the proceeds will have a material financial effect on the candidate, on any member of the candidate’s immediate family (spouse or registered domestic partner and children), or the campaign treasurer.
- Contributions to a political party committee, so long as the funds are not used to make contributions in support of or opposition to a candidate for elective office. (For example, funds earmarked for overhead expenses.)

- Contributions to support or oppose any candidate for federal office, any candidate for elective office in a state other than California, or any ballot measure.
- Payments for professional services or attorneys' fees for litigation that arises out of campaign or election activities.
- Payment for an electronic security system. Contact the FPPC for information about specific requirements that must be met.

Answering Your Questions

A. Are there private firms that provide treasurer or campaign reporting services?

Yes. The FPPC does not endorse or recommend any particular private firm. Candidates may find useful information on the websites of the California Political Attorneys Association and the California Political Treasurers Association.

B. I am a candidate for a local office. It appears that I won't have any problem winning my seat. I would like to return some of my contributions to my contributors. May I do this?

At any time during the campaign, you may return all or part of a contribution to your contributors.

C. I am a candidate. I make long-distance phone calls on my home phone to request support from organizations statewide. How may I pay for them?

When the bill arrives and there are additional charges that can be directly attributed to the campaign activity, the committee should pay for that portion. If the personal charges are not changed by the campaign activity, there is no reporting required.

D. May I use campaign funds to pay a babysitter for the evenings that I am out campaigning?

Yes. Candidates may use campaign funds to pay for babysitting services for events that are directly related to campaign activity because the candidate would not have otherwise incurred childcare expenses if the candidate did not engage in the campaign activity.

E. As a candidate, I will be using my personal car to get around during the campaign. Is mileage considered a reportable contribution if I do not want to be reimbursed?

No. Incidental use of your personal car for campaign purposes is not considered a contribution and is not reportable.

F. May I use campaign funds to have an additional telephone line put in my home?

Yes, as long as the additional phone line is used for campaign purposes only. If, after the campaign, you choose to retain the additional phone line for personal purposes, you must pay the campaign what it would cost to install an additional line at that time.

G. Is it permissible to use campaign funds to pay an independent contractor (e.g., the campaign consultant) additional money if I win my election?

Yes. You may use campaign funds to pay a contractor for fees that are part of the written contract.

H. May I host a victory party or give bonuses to my campaign workers?

Yes. In most cases, the bonuses would be considered gifts and would be limited to \$250 per calendar year.

I. I lost my election and have funds remaining. May I, a non-incumbent, use the leftover funds to run again in two years?

If you wish to use funds left over from an unsuccessful race for a future election to the same office, file a new Form 501 and amend your existing Form 410 within 90 days after the end of the postelection reporting period. For elections occurring in the first six months of the calendar year, the end of the postelection reporting period is June 30. For elections occurring in the last six months of the calendar year, the end of the postelection reporting period is December 31. If you plan to run for a different office, file a new Form 501, transfer the funds to a new campaign bank account, and file a new Form 410. If the funds become “surplus,” they may not be used for a future election.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82022.5	Election-Related Activities.
82025	Expenditure.
82044	Payment.
84307.5	Fundraising Payments Made to a Spouse or Domestic Partner.
85201	Campaign Bank Account.
85304.5	Legal Defense Fund; Local Candidates and Elected Officeholders.
85501	Prohibition on Independent Expenditures by Candidate Controlled Committees.
85700	Donor Information Requirements; Return of Contributions.
85710.5	Recurring Contributions
89511	Campaign Funds Held by Candidates and Committees.
89511.5	Use of Personal Funds for Incumbent Elected Officers.
89512	Expenditures Associated with Seeking or Holding Office.
89513	Use of Campaign Funds for Specific Activities.
89514	Use of Campaign Funds for Attorney's Fees.
89515	Use of Campaign Funds for Donations and Loans.
89516	Use of Campaign Funds for Vehicle Expenses.
89517	Use of Campaign Funds for Real Property, Appliances or Equipment.
89517.5	Use of Campaign Funds for Security System.
89517.6	Use of Campaign Funds for Cybersecurity System.
89518	Use of Campaign Funds for Compensation.
89519	Use of Surplus Campaign Funds.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18526 Reimbursement of Expenditures.
- 18530.45 Legal Defense Funds – Local Candidates and Officers.
- 18570 Return of Contributions with Insufficient Donor Information.
- 18951 Surplus Funds.
- 18960 Direct Personal Benefit Defined.
- 18961 Incidental Use.

COMMUNICATIONS

Campaigns reach the voters through political communications including television, radio, and Internet advertising, mailers, billboards, precinct-walking, and flyers. The Political Reform Act (Act) requires that committees report most payments in connection with political communications as direct expenditures, nonmonetary contributions to the campaign, or independent expenditures. As discussed below, however, certain types of communications may not be reportable at all, or may be subject to special reporting requirements. This chapter reviews common communications in a campaign and how payments for the communications are reported.

The Act also requires “paid for by” disclosures on campaign ads to inform voters who is paying for the communication. Chapter 7 discusses the disclosure requirements that apply to communications, including mass mailings, made by candidate controlled committees for their own election and communications made by non-controlled committees that are primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate.

A. Payments for Communications Made by Candidate’s Campaign

In most cases, a candidate’s campaign committee will be funding the bulk of the communications to elect that candidate to office. When a candidate’s campaign committee makes expenditures for communications in furtherance of the candidate’s election, the committee simply reports these direct expenditures. The expenditures are reported on the committee’s Form 460, Schedule E, as described in Chapter 8.

B. Payments for Communications Made by Others

Generally, when someone other than the candidate or their committee pays for a communication that expressly advocates support of the candidate, and the communication is coordinated with or “made at the behest” of the affected candidate, the candidate has received a **nonmonetary contribution** that must be reported by the candidate’s controlled committee.

Payments for communications expressly advocating support of or opposition to a candidate, which are not coordinated with or made at the behest of the candidate, are **independent expenditures**, and the affected candidate is not required to report the payments; however, the person making the independent expenditure may have reporting obligations.

Whether a communication is a contribution, an independent expenditure, or some other type of reportable payment depends on several facts, including whether the communication “expressly advocates” support of or opposition to a clearly identified candidate or ballot measure. The information and examples below may be of assistance in making that determination. However, it is impossible to address all of the types of communications in a campaign. If presented with specific facts, FPPC staff may provide assistance.

QUICK TIP: If a third party pays for communications supporting or opposing the election of a candidate, these may be nonmonetary contributions to the candidate, if coordinated with the candidate, or independent expenditures.

Communications paid for by a candidate’s controlled committee to support their own candidacy, or to oppose their opponent, are direct campaign expenditures, not contributions or independent expenditures.

In most cases, communications paid for by a non-candidate controlled committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate are considered contributions or independent expenditures.

Coordinated Communications - Nonmonetary Contributions

When someone other than the candidate or their committee pays for a communication that is coordinated with or “made at the behest” of the candidate or their committee, the payment for the communication is a nonmonetary contribution to the affected candidate.

Coordination – “Made at the Behest”

A payment is coordinated with or “made at the behest” of the candidate or committee under each of the following situations:

- It is made at the request, suggestion, or direction of, or in cooperation, arrangement, consultation, concert, or coordination with the candidate or committee on whose behalf, or whose benefit the expenditure is made.
- The candidate or committee has made or participated in making any decision about the content, timing, location, mode, intended audience, volume of distribution, or frequency of placing the communication.
- A creator, producer, or distributor of the communication, or the person paying for the communication has had a discussion with the candidate or committee regarding the content, timing, location, mode, intended audience, volume of distribution, or frequency of placing the communication.

There is a rebuttable presumption that an expenditure funding a communication is **coordinated with or “made at the behest”** of a candidate or committee if:

- **Committee’s Needs.** It is based on information about the candidate’s or committee’s campaign needs or plans provided by the candidate or committee to the person making the expenditure, such as information concerning campaign messaging, planned expenditures, or polling data.
- **Agent.** It is made by or through any agent of the candidate or committee in the course of the agent’s involvement in the current campaign. “Current campaign” means the period beginning 12 months prior to the date of the primary or special

election in which the candidate is on the ballot for an elective office and ending on the date of the general or special runoff election for that office.

QUICK TIP: When a communication that expressly advocates support of a candidate is paid for by someone other than the candidate or their committee, and the communication is “made at the behest” of the affected candidate, the candidate must report the payment as a nonmonetary contribution.

- **Common Consultants.** The person making the expenditure retains the services of a person who provides either the candidate or the committee supporting or opposing the ballot measure with professional services related to campaign or fundraising strategy for the current campaign.
- **Republication.** The communication replicates, reproduces, republishes, or disseminates, in whole or substantial part, a communication, including video footage, designed, produced, paid for, or distributed by the candidate or committee.
- **Fundraising.** The committee making the expenditure is primarily formed to support the candidate or oppose their opponent and in the course of the current campaign, the candidate who benefits from the expenditure solicits funds for or appears as a speaker at a fundraiser for the committee making the expenditure.
- **Former Staff.** The person making the expenditure is established, run, or staffed in a leadership role, by an individual who previously worked in a senior position or advisory capacity on the candidate’s or officeholder’s staff within the current campaign.
- **Candidate’s Family.** The person making the expenditure is established, run, staffed in a leadership role, or principally funded by an individual who is an immediate family member of the candidate.

However, an expenditure is **not considered to be coordinated** with or made at the behest of a candidate or committee based solely on any of the following circumstances:

- **Interview.** A person interviews the candidate on issues affecting the person making the expenditure.
- **Candidate Material.** The person making the expenditure has obtained a photograph, biography, position paper, press release, or similar material from the candidate or the candidate's agents.
- **General Request for Support.** The person makes the expenditure in response to a general, non-specific request for support by a candidate or committee, provided that there is no discussion with the candidate or committee prior to the expenditure relating to details of the expenditure.
- **Public Appearance.** The person making the expenditure has invited the candidate or committee representative to make a public appearance before the person's members, employees, shareholders, or their families, provided that there is no discussion with the candidate or committee prior to the expenditure related to details of the expenditure.
- **Prior Contribution.** The person making the expenditure has made a contribution to the candidate or committee.
- **Informed after the Expenditure is Made.** A person informs a candidate or committee that the person has made an expenditure, provided that there is no exchange of information, not otherwise available to the public, relating to details of the expenditure.
- **Expenditure Benefits Another Candidate or Committee.** The expenditure is made at the request or suggestion of the candidate or committee for the benefit of another candidate or committee.
- **Hyperlink.** The communication includes a hyperlink to the Internet website or other social media page of a candidate or ballot measure committee.

FPPC Regulation 18225.7, summarized above, specifies when a communication is considered independent versus made at the behest of a candidate or committee. Because the determination is based on specific facts, persons are encouraged to contact the FPPC for guidance.

Independent Expenditures

An independent expenditure is a payment for a communication that:

- **Expressly advocates** the election or defeat of a **clearly identified candidate** or the qualification, passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure, and
- The communication is **not coordinated** with or “made at the behest” of the affected candidate or committee.

Clearly Identified Candidate

A communication clearly identifies a candidate when it uses the candidate’s name, photograph, or status as a candidate or officeholder. If a communication includes a group of candidates and refers to some well-defined characteristic of the group, the candidates are clearly identified even if it does not use specific names.

QUICK TIP: When a communication that expressly advocates support of a candidate is not “made at the behest” of the affected candidate, the payment is considered an independent expenditure and the candidate does not report the payment. The person making the payment may have reporting obligations.

Express Advocacy

A communication expressly advocates support of or opposition to a clearly identified candidate under the following scenarios:

- **Magic Words.** The communication uses words such as “vote for,” “elect,” “support,” “cast your ballot,” “vote against,” “defeat,” or “reject.”

Ex 7.1 - An individual paid \$4,000 for a newspaper ad stating “Vote for Autumn Gomez.” The communication expressly advocates support for a clearly identified candidate and must be reported either as a contribution if it was made at the candidate’s behest or as an independent expenditure if it was not.

Later, the same individual paid \$2,000 for post card-sized flyers that simply stated, “Vote on Election Day.” This communication is not reported as a contribution or independent expenditure because it did not expressly advocate support of or opposition to a candidate or measure.

Ex 7.2 - Friends of Gomez, a non-candidate controlled committee primarily formed to support Autumn Gomez’s candidacy, printed campaign literature stating, “Vote for Autumn Gomez.” The communication included a copy of a photograph the committee obtained from the public information counter at Autumn Gomez’s campaign headquarters. Autumn Gomez did not in any way coordinate with the committee in producing the campaign literature. Therefore, the committee made an independent expenditure, not a contribution to Autumn’s Gomez’s campaign.

On the other hand, if the committee contacted Autumn Gomez and arranged for a professional photographer to meet for the purpose of taking photographs for the mailer, the committee would be making a nonmonetary contribution to Autumn Gomez’s campaign.

Ex 7.3 - During Curt Anthony’s campaign, two newspaper advertisements supporting Curt Anthony were published without Curt Anthony’s knowledge or consent. Because the payments for these communications were not coordinated with Curt Anthony or made at Curt Anthony’s behest, they were independent expenditures by the person(s) funding the ads and were not reportable by Curt Anthony’s campaign. The person(s) who paid for the ads may have a filing obligation.

- **Unambiguously Urges.** The communication is made within 60 days prior to an election, it refers to a clearly identified candidate, and when taken as a whole, it unambiguously urges a particular result in an election. The message must be susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate.

A committee or person making independent expenditures must be aware that the communication cannot be coordinated with the affected candidate or measure committee. If there is coordination, the payments are reported as contributions.

C. Other Communications

Endorsements

An endorsement of a candidate may become a contribution or an independent expenditure when a payment is made in connection with the endorsement.

Frequently, a candidate will publish their endorsement by another official. As long as the communication does not advocate the election of the endorsing official (or the defeat of that official's opponent), a payment made to communicate the endorsement is not a contribution to the endorsing candidate or official, even though the endorsement was made at the behest of both individuals.

If a candidate pays for a communication supporting their own candidacy that also supports or opposes a ballot measure, the payment is not a contribution or independent expenditure made in connection with the ballot measure.

Ex 7.4 - The president of a police officers' association announces at its annual meeting that the association endorses John Law for county sheriff. Merely making an oral endorsement is not a contribution to or independent expenditure for John Law. Closer to the election, at the request of candidate John Law, the association mails a special flyer to the voters announcing its endorsement of John. Because the mailing was made at the behest of the candidate, the association has now made a nonmonetary contribution to John Law.

Ex 7.5 - A city council candidate paid for a mailing which quoted the mayor's verbal endorsement of their candidacy. Although the mayor was also on the ballot, the flyer was not a contribution to the mayor.

Ex 7.6 - Emmelyn Chin, a city council member running for reelection, sent out a flyer to registered voters in Emmelyn's district asking them to support Emmelyn's candidacy. The flyer also encouraged the voters to vote for Lorraine Sweet for Governor, although this endorsement was not made at Lorraine's behest. Because the gubernatorial election and city council election would appear on the same ballot for those living in Emmelyn Chin's district (and the flyer was sent only to voters in that district), the payment for the flyer is not an independent expenditure supporting Lorraine Sweet.

If a candidate pays for a communication that supports another candidate, and the payment is not made at the behest of the endorsed candidate, the payment is not considered to be an independent expenditure if: (1) the candidate paying for the communication also is included in the communication; (2) the non-paying candidate is listed on the same ballot as the paying candidate; and (3) the communication is targeted only to potential voters in the paying candidate's district.

QUICK TIP: See Chapter 7 for the disclosure and sender identification requirements for mass mailings sent by a candidate-controlled committee or a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate.

Social Media – Internet Communications

Paid Advertisements on the Internet. A paid advertisement that a candidate or committee places on the Internet is reportable under the Act. A candidate or committee that pays to place a communication on another person’s website must report the expenditure on a campaign statement. Similarly, a candidate must report a payment to purchase email addresses or any payment for general or public advertisements on Internet sites.

Ex 7.7 - John is running for school board and John’s neighbor George posts support for John’s candidacy on Facebook. In George’s Facebook post, George includes a picture of John that George got from John’s website. The communication is not reportable because George was not paid for the Facebook post.

Uncompensated Individuals’ Internet Activity. When an individual who is not compensated by a candidate or committee sends communications over the Internet (e.g., emails, social networking, blogging, website postings, and hyperlinks) that support or oppose a candidate or measure, these activities do not constitute reportable contributions or expenditures. Regulation 18215.2 creates a “safe harbor” for uncompensated individuals’ political activity on the Internet.

Paid Blogger. The safe harbor for an individual’s uncompensated Internet activity does not apply to a blogger a committee pays to support or oppose a candidate or measure. The committee must report payments to that individual. The safe harbor also does not apply to a blogger who receives a majority of their advertisement revenue from a single candidate or committee because they are not considered to be providing uncompensated personal services.

Ex 7.8 - Camille is running for local office and pays Julia to post a message on Julia's blog supporting Camille's candidacy. Camille's committee must report the payment as an expenditure on the Form 460.

D. Non-Contributions

There are some communications that are not considered to be contributions to the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee.

Ex 7.9 - The League of Women Voters invited all candidates for city council to speak at a forum. Only one candidate attended, but since at least two candidates running for the same office were invited, the cost of the forum is not a contribution to the candidate who attended.

Debates

If a nonpartisan organization hosts a debate or other forum and invites at least two opposing candidates, a payment for the event is not a contribution to the candidates.

Similarly, a payment for a debate or forum sponsored by a political party or a committee affiliated with a political party is not a contribution if a majority of the candidates for the party's nomination are invited to participate.

Ex 7.10 - At a union's regularly-scheduled monthly meeting, one candidate was invited to solicit votes. The union did not incur any additional costs in connection with the speaker's presentation, so no contribution was made.

Meetings

A payment made by a bona fide service, social, business, trade, union, or professional organization for reasonable overhead expenses associated with a regularly-scheduled meeting at which a candidate speaks is not a contribution if the organization pays no additional costs in connection with the speaker's attendance.

Non-Political Communications

A payment made at the behest of a candidate for a communication by the candidate or any other person is not a contribution to the candidate if the communication:

- Does not contain express advocacy;
- Does not refer to the candidate's election campaign, or their opponent's qualifications for office; and
- Does not solicit contributions to the candidate or to third persons for use in support of or opposition to the candidate.

Member Communications

Payments made by an organization or its sponsored committee for a communication that supports or opposes a candidate are not contributions or expenditures as long as the communication is made only to the organization's members, employees, or shareholders, or the families of its members, employees, or shareholders.

The payments may not be for general public advertising, such as billboards, newspaper ads, or radio or television ads. If the organization's sponsored committee makes the payments, the committee would report the payments as being made for general member communications.

Payments made by a political party for a communication that supports a candidate are not contributions to the candidate as long as the communication is distributed only to the party's members, employees, and families of its members and employees. The party must report the payments, however, as if they were contributions or independent expenditures.

Ex 7.11 - Your campaign consultant asks a labor organization to send a mailing supporting your election. The mailing will be sent only to the organization's membership. The mailing is not a contribution to you. Later, the campaign consultant asks the organization to send the mailing to all registered voters in your district. The mailing to the voters is a contribution to you.

Ex 7.12 - The Green Party pays for a mailing supporting your candidacy to all of its members five days before your election. The cost of the mailing exceeds \$1,000. The Party must file a Form 497 (24-Hour/10 Day Contribution Report). You are not required to disclose the mailing as a contribution.

News Stories

A payment for the cost of publishing or broadcasting a news story, commentary, or editorial is not a contribution when the payment is made by a federally regulated broadcast outlet or a regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation that routinely carries news, articles, and commentary of general interest.

Voter Registration

A payment made at the behest of a candidate as part of voter registration or get-out-the-vote activities is not a contribution if the communication does not expressly advocate support of or opposition to the candidate.

Ex 7.13 - At the behest of an elected official, an organization paid for a voter registration booth at a local fair. No other literature was distributed at the booth. The payment for the voter registration booth was not a contribution to the official.

Voting Records

An entity may publish the voting records of public officials. As long as only the voting records are published, the communication is not considered a contribution or an independent expenditure.

Answering Your Questions

A. A labor union pays for a mailing advocating the election of a candidate for city council. The mailing list includes both union members and non-union members and 20% of the mailing costs are attributed to non-union members. Must the candidate report the full cost of the mailing as a non-monetary contribution?

No. The candidate may pro-rate the cost and report as a nonmonetary contribution only the mailing costs for the non-union members.

B. A representative of an environmental organization interviewed a candidate for county supervisor about issues affecting the environment. Later, the candidate learned that the organization paid for a radio advertisement advocating the election of that candidate. Must the candidate report a nonmonetary contribution?

No. An expenditure is not made at the behest of a candidate just because a person interviews the candidate on issues affecting the person making the expenditure. As long as the candidate did not coordinate with the organization to produce the advertisement in any other way, the organization made an independent expenditure, not a contribution to the candidate.

C. I was elected to the city council in November. May I assist an independent expenditure committee that supported my candidacy in retiring its debt now that the election is over?

No. An “independent expenditure” is made without the coordination, cooperation, or consultation of the candidate. If you assist the committee, the expenditures are not considered independent.

D. I am a law enforcement officer running for city council. Is it permissible to wear my law enforcement uniform in my campaign literature?

The Political Reform Act does not contain restrictions related to a candidate wearing a law enforcement uniform; however, other laws may apply. Candidates should contact the District Attorney or City Attorney.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82015	Contribution.
82025	Expenditure.
82031	Independent Expenditure.
82041.3	Made at the Behest of.
82044	Payment.
82047	Person.
84211	Contents of Campaign Statement.
85312	Communications to Members of an Organization.

Title 2 Regulations

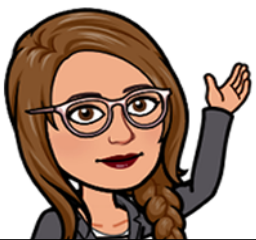
18215	Contribution.
18215.2	Uncompensated Internet Activity by Individuals that is not a Contribution or Expenditure.
18225.7	Made At the Behest; Independent versus Coordinated Expenditures.
18421.5	Reporting an Expenditure for Paid Online Communications.
18450.1	Definitions. Advertisement Disclosure.
18531.7	Payments for Communications – Section 85312.

This chapter describes the disclosures required by the Political Reform Act (“Act”) on mass mailings and other advertisements made by candidate controlled committees and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate. A disclosure is the portion of a political message that identifies the committee that paid for and authorized the communication. The basic disclosure for a communication made by a candidate’s committee for their own election is “paid for by [committee name].” The disclosure ensures that the committee paying for the ad is identified. The Act does not regulate the truth or accuracy of political communications given that the First Amendment provides broad protection for political speech.

Disclosure Example:

- FIGHTING TO RESTORE PUBLIC SAFETY ●
- WORKING TO EXPAND EARLY EDUCATION ●
- CROSSING PARTY LINES TO GET IT DONE ●

elizabeth lane



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Elizabeth Lane for City Council 20XX
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A. Which Communications Require an Ad Disclosure?

Candidate Controlled Committees

Under the Act, a candidate controlled committee must include a disclosure on mass mailings and certain telephone calls advocating the candidate's own election. In addition, radio and television advertisements require a "paid for by" disclosure. The Act does not require a specific disclosure on other communications, such as billboards and yard signs, when they are paid for by a candidate controlled committee in support of the candidate's own campaign. However, the FPPC recommends placing "paid for by [committee name]" and the committee's ID number on all public campaign materials.

Primarily Formed Committees Making Independent Expenditures

Under the Act, committees that are primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate must include a disclosure on the following communications:

- Mailings, including emails
- Paid telephone calls
- Radio ads
- Television and video ads
- Electronic media ads, including audio only ads
- Newspaper and magazine ads
- Billboards
- Yard signs
- Door hangers
- Flyers
- Posters

QUICK TIP: Check with your local elections office for rules on the placement of campaign signs and any local advertisement disclosure rules. Also check the rules on placing temporary political signs in California’s Outdoor Advertising Act Sec. 5405.3, on the Department of Transportation’s website.

Advertisement Disclosure Exceptions

Generally, a disclosure is not required on the following advertisements:

- Regular-size campaign buttons and bumper stickers, pins, or magnets
- Pens, pencils, rulers, mugs, potholders, key tags, golf balls and similar small campaign promotional items where a disclosure cannot be conveniently printed
- T-shirts, caps, hats, and other articles of clothing
- Skywriting and airplane banners
- Committee checks and receipts

Online Platform Disclosed Advertisement Requirements

Please note that advertisements that are “online platform disclosed advertisements” have different disclosure requirements than other types of online advertisements. “Online platform disclosed advertisements” are either (1) electronic media advertisements made via an online platform that allows users to engage in discourse and post content, or any other type of social media, for which the committee pays the online platform or (2) electronic media advertisements that are in the form of a graphic, image, animated graphic, or animated image that an online platform hosting the advertisement does not allow to hyperlink to an internet website containing required disclosures. For more information on “online platform disclosed advertisements” please refer to the “Online Platform Disclosed Advertisement Requirements” chart later in this chapter.

Electronic media advertisements that are not “online platform disclosed advertisements” shall follow disclosure requirements described in this chapter, other than those listed in the “Online Platform Disclosed Advertisement Requirements” chart.

B. How Must the Disclosure Appear?

Disclosures on political ads vary by the type of advertisement. Please review the advertisement disclosure charts available on the FPPC’s [website](#) for the specific requirements.

C. Advertisement Disclosures for Communications by Candidate Committees for their own Election

The disclosure on a communication made by a candidate’s committee for their own election must include “Paid for by [committee name],” unless otherwise noted in the [Communications by Candidate Committees for their own Election chart #1](#) available on the FPPC’s website.

QUICK TIP: A candidate’s personal Facebook page needs the “Ad paid for by” disclosure on Header Photo if the candidate has a controlled committee and is using their personal Facebook page for campaigning and/or fundraising.

D. Advertisement Disclosures for Independent Expenditure Ads Made by Committees Primarily Formed to Support or Oppose a Candidate

When a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate pays for an advertisement that is an independent expenditure, the advertisement disclosure must include the information contained in the [Independent Expenditure Ads on Candidates \(except ads by candidates and political party committees\) chart #2](#) available on the FPPC's website, including the names of the committee's top three contributors.

Top Contributors

"Top contributors" means the persons from whom the committee paying for an advertisement has received its three highest cumulative contributions of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more. If two or more contributors of identical amounts qualify as top contributors, the most recent contributor of that amount must be listed as the top contributor.

If an advertisement paid for by a committee supports or opposes a candidate, the determination of top contributors may not include any nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any person who has prohibited in writing the use of their contributions to support or oppose candidates if the committee does not use such contributions to support or oppose candidates.

Print Advertisement Disclosure Example:

Ruby Vargas

has your back
in **VERONA**

- ✓ Delivered improvements to I-5
- ✓ Supported art corridor expansion
- ✓ Funded mental health services



Ad paid for by Public Safety Workers and Educators to Re-elect Supervisor Vargas 20XX

Ad Committee Top Funder(s):
International Workers Association
State Safety Workers Association
California Teachers United

This advertisement was not authorized by a candidate or committee controlled by a candidate.

E. Online Platform Disclosed Advertisements

“Online platform disclosed advertisements” are either (1) electronic media advertisements made via an online platform that allows users to engage in discourse and post content, or any other type of social media, for which the committee pays the online platform, or (2) electronic media advertisements that are in the form of a graphic, image, animated graphic, or animated image that an online platform hosting the advertisement does not allow to hyperlink to an internet website containing required disclosures.

Electronic media advertisements that are not “online platform disclosed advertisements” shall follow disclosure requirements described previously in this chapter.

Online Platform Disclosed Advertisement Requirements

Communication	Disclosure and Manner of Display
Type of Advertisement Law Applies To:	Either (1) electronic media advertisements made via an online platform that allows users to engage in discourse and post content, or any other type of social media, for which the committee pays the online platform or (2) electronic media advertisements that are in the form of a graphic, image, animated graphic, or animated image that an online platform hosting the advertisement does not allow to hyperlink to an internet website containing required disclosures.

Communication	Disclosure and Manner of Display
<p>Ad Disclosure that Online Platform is Required to Place on Advertisement:</p>	<p>An Online Platform Must Do One of the Following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Display “Paid for by” or “Ad Paid for by” followed by “Ad Committee’s Top Funder(s)” followed by the committee’s top three contributors of \$50,000 or more, followed by a colon, followed by surrounded in quotation marks, the name of the committee easily readable to the average viewer located adjacent to any statement the communication is an advertisement (or is promoted or sponsored). The online platform may display only one hundred or more characters of the “committee major funding from” followed by the committee’s top three contributors and name of the committee disclosures if followed by a “...” that is clearly clickable and that links to a page that provides the disclosures. The ad may instead link to a website that the committee has created pursuant to other provisions of the Act that contains the committee’s name, top contributor information, and whether the ad was authorized by a candidate for independent expenditure ads on candidates. 2) Display a hyperlink, icon, button, or tab with the text “Who funded this ad?,” “Paid for by,” or “Ad Paid for by” that is clearly clickable and links to a page that provides the “Ad Committee’s Top Funder(s)” followed by the committee’s top three contributors of \$50,000 or more, followed by a colon, followed by the committee’s name disclosures. This text must be easily readable to the average viewer, in the same or similar font and in at least the same font size as the online platform’s text stating that the communication is an advertisement (or is promoted or sponsored). The ad may instead link to a website that the committee has created pursuant to other provisions of the Act that contains the committee’s name, top contributor information, and whether the ad was authorized by a candidate for independent expenditure ads on candidates. <p>If fewer than three contributors qualify as top contributors, only those contributors that qualify shall be disclosed. If there are no contributors that qualify as top contributors, the top contributor disclosure is not required. Please note that advertisements for a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office of the controlling candidate are not required to display top contributor disclosures.</p> <p>The Online Platform Must Also:</p> <p>Display a prominent button, icon, tab, or hyperlink with the text “View Ads” or similar text. The button, icon, tab, or hyperlink shall link to a page containing the records required to be displayed in the publicly available online database in one of the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Near the top of a profile, landing page, or similar location of a committee that paid for an advertisement in a position that the average viewer will readily see it upon viewing that page. 2) On a page that displays the committee’s profile information or biographical information. 3) On a page on which the average viewer would normally navigate to view additional information about a committee.

Communication	Disclosure and Manner of Display
<p>Information Committee Paying for Advertisement is Required to Provide to Online Platform:</p>	<p>Upon requesting the dissemination of the advertisement, committee must do all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expressly notify the online platform that the advertisement is one that falls under the Act. 2) Provide the online platform with committee's top contributors and the committee's name and identification number. 3) Provide the online platform with the name of the candidate to which the advertisement refers and the office to which the candidate is seeking election, or number or letter of the ballot measure and the jurisdiction to which the advertisement refers. 4) Update the online platform with any change in the name of the committee or its top three contributors within 5 business days.
<p>Records Required to be Kept and Provided to the Public in Online Platform's Public Database:</p>	<p>For all committees that purchased online platform disclosed ads and paid for five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in advertisements to the online platform during the preceding 12 months the database must contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A digital copy of the advertisement. 2) The approximate number of views generated from the advertisement and the date and time that the advertisement was first displayed and last displayed. 3) Information regarding the range charged or the total amount spent on the advertisement. 4) The name of the candidate to which the advertisement refers and the office to which the candidate is seeking election, as applicable, or number or letter of the ballot measure and the jurisdiction to which the advertisement refers. 5) The name and identification number of the committee that paid for the advertisement, if the committee is assigned an identification number. <p>These records are required to be made available by the online platform as soon as practicable and must be retained by the online platform for 4 years.</p>

F. Mass Mailings – Emails and Postal Mailings

A “mass mailing” is made when more than 200 substantially similar pieces of mail have been sent within a calendar month. A mass mailing also includes more than 200 substantially similar messages distributed to the public within a calendar month through electronic mail (“email”). Solicitation letters, notices of fundraising events, newsletters sent by the candidate or committee, and other types of campaign literature are common types of mass mailings.

QUICK TIP: The committee ID number is not required to be included on mass mailings, but the FPPC recommends that committees include the committee name and ID number on all public campaign materials.

Disclosures for Emails Sent by a Candidate for their own Election

Emails must include the committee’s name preceded by the words “paid for by” in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the email.

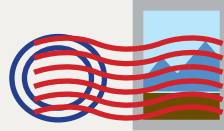
From: Rreynolds@yahoo.com
To: Voter1@gmail.com
Cc:
Subject: Reynolds for City Council 20XX

Don't forget to vote for Reynolds on Tuesday! This message was paid for by Reynolds for City Council 20XX.

Disclosures for Postal Mailings Sent by a Candidate for their own Election

A mass mailing sent by a candidate controlled committee must include the words “paid for by” immediately in front of or above the name and address of the committee on the outside of each piece of postal mail. The disclosure must be in no less than 6-point type and in a color that contrasts with the background (Example: no light blue disclosures on a blue background). A post office box may be used as the address only if the committee’s street address is on its Statement of Organization (Form 410) on file with the Secretary of State.

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Roxie Reynolds for City Council 20XX
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Torrance, CA 90503



Ahmed Cooper
315 S. Fairfield Street
Torrance, CA 90503

Mailings Sent by More than One Candidate Controlled Committee

A mass mailing sent by more than one candidate controlled committee must include the words “paid for by” immediately in front of or above the name and address of the committee that is paying the greatest share of the mass mailing including costs for designing, printing, and postage. This disclosure must appear on the outside of each piece of mail. If two or more committees pay equally for the mailer, the name and address of at least one of the committees must be shown on the outside and the names and addresses of all committees must appear on at least one insert. The disclosure must be in no less than 6-point type and in a color that contrasts with the background (Example: no light blue disclosure on a blue background). A post office box may be used as the address only if the committee’s street address is on its Statement of Organization (Form 410) on file with the Secretary of State.

QUICK TIP: If two or more candidate controlled committees pay equally for a mass mailing, the names and addresses of each of the committees must appear on at least one insert.

Mailings (including Emails) Sent by Committees Primarily Formed to Support or Oppose a Candidate

Postal Mailings. Any mailing (regardless of the number of pieces sent) paid for by a primarily formed committee as an independent expenditure supporting or opposing a candidate must include the disclosures below in Arial equivalent font, in at least 10-point size, in a contrasting color, centered horizontally and, except for the names of top contributors, underlined. The names of top contributors may not be underlined and the text may not be condensed. If there are no top contributors, the “Ad paid for by” need not be underlined. All text must appear in a printed or drawn box with a solid white background at the bottom of at least one page and set apart from other printed matter.

- “Ad paid for by [committee’s name]”
- “Ad Committee Top Funder(s) [names of top three contributors of \$50,000 or more]” each listed on a separate horizontal line, in descending order, beginning with the largest contributor. Mailings that are 20 square inches or less must only disclose the single top contributor of \$50,000 or more. This text may not appear in all capital letters.
- Below the top contributor information (if any), a statement that the advertisement was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate. This text must not appear in all capital letters.

QUICK TIP: A mass mailing paid for by an independent expenditure must include a statement that the mailing was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.

Emails. Emails sent by a primarily formed committee supporting or opposing a candidate must include the “Paid for by,” “Committee major funding from,” and “Not authorized by” disclosures printed clearly and legibly in a contrasting color and in no less than 8-point font at the top or bottom of the email. “Committee major funding from” and “Not authorized by” disclosures must not appear in all capital letters.

Recordkeeping for Mass Mailings (including Emails)

For each independent expenditure mailing and candidate-controlled mass mailing or email communication, the following information must be retained in the committee's records for a period of four years:

- A sample of the mailing;
- A record of the date of the mailing;
- The number of pieces sent; and
- The method of postage used for postal mailings.

G. Telephone Calls

Calls Made by Candidate Controlled Committees for their own Election

If a candidate controlled committee pays for **500 or more** similar telephone calls made by vendors ("robo" calls) or paid individuals advocating the candidate's own election, the name of the organization that authorized the call must be disclosed to the recipient of the call. If the organization authorizing the call does not have filing obligations under the Act, the name of the candidate that paid for the call must be disclosed to recipients. The disclosure must include the words "paid for by" or "authorized by." The disclosure is not required for telephone calls personally dialed by the candidate, campaign manager, or volunteers. The disclosure can occur anytime during the call.

Calls Made by Committees Primarily Formed to Support or Oppose a Candidate

If a primarily formed committee pays for a telephone call that expressly advocates support for or opposition to a candidate, the name of the committee must be disclosed to recipients. The disclosure must include the words "Ad paid for by." If the call is an independent expenditure, the disclosure must also include a statement that the advertisement was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate. The disclosure must also include the committee's top three contributors of \$50,000 or more during the 12-month period prior to the expenditure, if any. The disclosure must be spoken clearly for at least three seconds at the beginning or end of

the call, in a pitch and tone substantially similar to the rest of the call. Prerecorded telephone ads must disclose only the top two contributors of \$50,000 or more unless the ad lasts 15 seconds or less or the disclosure statement would last more than eight seconds, in which case only the single top contributor must be disclosed.

QUICK TIP: Anonymous robocalls are a violation of the Act. Committees are prohibited from contracting with a vendor for political calls that does not disclose who paid for or authorized the calls.

Recordkeeping for Telephone Calls

A committee must retain for a period of four years the following records for each telephone call:

- If the message was live, a script of the call.
- If the message was recorded, a copy of the recording.

Ex 8.1 - City Councilmember Reitz pays a vendor to make calls to 1,500 local voters to encourage them to reelect the Councilmember to the city council. The disclosure must state that the telephone calls were paid for by the candidate's committee. For example, "[t]his call was paid for by Reelect City Councilmember Reitz 20XX."

Ex 8.2 - At City Councilmember Reitz's request, Citizens for Better Schools (a general purpose committee) pays a vendor to make calls to 1,500 local voters to encourage them to reelect Councilmember Reitz to the city council. The disclosure must identify the committee paying for the call or the candidate authorizing the call. For example, "[t]his call was paid for by Citizens for Better Schools" or "[t]his call was authorized by Councilmember Reitz."

H. Electronic Media Ads

Please review the advertisement disclosure charts available on the FPPC's [website](#) for the specific disclosure requirements on electronic media ads.

I. Newspaper, Radio and Television Ads

Radio and television ads paid for by a candidate's committee for their own election must include the following disclosures:

- **Radio:** "Ad paid for by" followed by name of committee as it appears on most recent Form 410 at the beginning or end of advertisement read in a clearly spoken manner with pitch and tone substantially similar to the rest of advertisement.
- **Television:** "Ad paid for by" followed by name of committee as it appears on most recent Form 410 shown for at least four seconds. Letters must be in a type size greater than or equal to four percent of the height of the screen.

The Act does not require a specific disclosure on newspaper ads paid for by a candidate's committee for their own election. For newspaper ad requirements, candidates and committees should check the Elections Code.

Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate making independent expenditures for a newspaper, radio, or television ad to support or oppose a candidate are subject to the "Ad paid for by [committee name]" disclosure and other requirements as described in the advertisement disclosure chart available on the FPPC's website.

J. Paid Spokespersons for Ballot Measure Ads

Generally, candidate controlled committees and primarily formed committees spend campaign funds only in connection with the candidate's election. However, there may be times when a committee wants to pay for an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

The Act requires specific disclosure when any committee uses a paid spokesperson in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure. The committee must (1) file a Paid Spokesperson Report, Form 511, for an individual's appearance in a ballot measure advertisement and (2) include a disclosure on the ad in the following situations.

\$5,000 payment to an individual in an ad: The committee makes expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more for an individual's appearance in an advertisement to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of a state or local ballot measure.

Disclosure on ad: "(Spokesperson's name) is being paid by this campaign or its contributors."

Any payment to an individual in an ad portraying a professional (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter, scientist, engineer, lawyer, etc.):

The committee makes expenditures of any amount to an individual for their appearance in an ad supporting or opposing the qualification, passage or defeat of a state or local ballot measure that states or suggests that the individual is a member of an occupation that requires licensure, certification, or other specialized, documented training to engage in that occupation.

Disclosure on ad: "Persons portraying members of an occupation in this advertisement are compensated spokespersons not necessarily employed in those occupations."

Note: If the individual in the ad is actually a member of the occupation portrayed, the committee may omit this disclosure, and shall maintain documentation of the individual's license or certification for the occupation. Upon request from the FPPC, the committee must provide documentation of an individual's occupation by electronic means within 24 hours.

QUICK TIP: If the committee pays for a spokesperson in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure, the committee may also be required to file the Form 511 (Paid Spokesperson Report). See Chapter 10.

The advertisements include print, television, video, and radio ads, as well as telephone messages. The disclosures on the ads must be shown in highly visible font for print, television or video ads, or spoken in a clearly audible manner for radio ads or telephone messages. The disclosure must be shown continuously except when other required disclosures are being shown.

K. Updating a Disclosure

Advertisement disclosures must be revised if a committee's name changes, if the order of the top contributors changes, or if there is a new \$50,000 contributor. Television, radio, electronic media, or "robo" calls must be amended within five business days. Print media, mass mailings, or other tangible items must be amended every time an order to reproduce is placed.

L. Penalties

Failure to comply with the Act's disclosure requirements may result in fines of up to \$5,000 per violation. In addition, any person who violates the disclosure requirements for ballot measure and independent expenditure advertisements may be liable for fines of up to three times the cost of the advertisement, including placement costs.

Answering Your Questions

A. Are the disclosure rules the same for candidate controlled committees and committees primarily formed for candidates that will be making independent expenditures?

No. Stricter disclosure rules apply to independent expenditure advertisements because it is less clear to the public who is responsible for these ads. The Act requires disclosures on a broader range of advertisements when they are paid for by a committee making independent expenditures. See the ad disclosure charts in this chapter for additional information.

B. A committee primarily formed for a candidate has agreed to pay for several types of communications (yard signs, a billboard, door hangers) to advocate support of the candidate. The advertisements are prepared by the candidate's campaign consultant. What disclosures are required, if any?

The same disclosures are required as those for a primarily formed committee making independent expenditures except for the "not authorized by" disclosure.

C. If a business entity includes a copy of a candidate's flyer in its regular monthly mailing, is the candidate required to be identified on the outside of the mailer?

No. The candidate's name and address must be identified on the flyer only.

D. If a committee has more than one address, can any of the addresses be used on mass mailings?

Any address that is on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410) on file with the Secretary of State may be used.

E. A committee pays for a candidate's mailing as a nonmonetary contribution. Must the committee paying for the mailing or the candidate's committee be identified on the outside of the mailing?

The committee that pays for the mailing must be identified on the outside of the mailing.

F. If a candidate's committee is sending a postcard-type mailing, may the name of the committee appear only once?

Yes. The name must appear only once. The committee's address must also be included.

G. Where on the outside of the mailing must the candidate identification be placed?

There is no specific requirement for the location of the sender identification as long as it appears on the outside of the mailing. The words "paid for by" must be immediately in front of or above the committee name and address.

H. What type of disclosure is required for a committee that sends independent expenditure ads on candidates through Twitter?

Committees making independent expenditures via electronic media ads on Twitter may satisfy the Act's disclosure requirements in one of two ways: (1) providing its full disclosure statement on its Twitter profile/landing page or (2) including the phrase "Who funded this ad?" on its Twitter profile/landing page immediately followed by a hyperlink to an Internet Web site containing the full disclosure statement.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82025	Expenditure.
82031	Independent Expenditure.
82041.5	Mass Mailing.
82044	Payment.
82047	Person.
84305	Requirements for Mass Mailing.
84310	Identification Requirements for Telephone Calls.
84501	Advertisement.
84502	Disclosure; Committee Name.
84503	Top Contributor Disclosure.
84504	Disclosure; Radio and Telephone Ads.
84504.1	Disclosure; Video and Television Ads.
84504.2	Disclosure; Print Ads.
84504.3	Disclosure; Electronic Media Ads.
84504.4	Disclosure; Radio and Television Ads; Political Parties and Candidates.
84504.5	Disclosure; Independent Expenditure Ads; Political Parties and Candidates.
84505	Avoidance of Disclosure.
84506.5	Disclosure; Independent Expenditure Ads; Not Authorized by Candidate.
84504.6	Disclosure; Online Platform.
84504.7	Disclosure; Text Messages.
84509	Amended Disclosure.
84511	Ballot Measure Ads; Paid Spokesperson Disclosure.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18215 Contribution.
- 18225.7 Made At the Behest of; Independent versus Coordinated Expenditures.
- 18247.5 Primarily Formed Committees.
- 18401 Required Recordkeeping for Chapters 4 & 5.
- 18435 Definition of Mass Mailing.
- 18440 Telephone Advocacy.
- 18450.1 Definitions. Advertisement Disclosure.
- 18450.2 Definitions. Authorized and Paid For.
- 18450.4 Video and Television Advertisement Disclosure.
- 18450.5 Amended Advertising Disclosure.
- 18450.11 Spokesperson Disclosure.
- 18523.1 Written Solicitation for Contributions.

COMMITTEE REPORT – FORM 460

Generally, candidate controlled committees and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate(s) use the Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460) to report campaign activity for all semi-annual and preelection statements. The Form 460 is the main campaign disclosure statement and provides the public with an overview of the committee's activity, including money coming in and money going out, during a specified reporting period.

The statement must include all activity during the specified reporting period, even if it was previously reported. For example, a contribution that was already reported on the Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report) must still be reported on the committee's next Form 460.

A primarily formed committee may file the Form 450 (Committee Campaign Statement – Short Form) instead of the Form 460 if, during the reporting period, the committee:

- Has not received a contribution that must be itemized (a cumulative amount of \$100 or more from a single source);
- Has not received any other payment of \$100 or more (miscellaneous increases to cash);
- Has no outstanding loans made or received; and
- Has no accrued expense (unpaid bills).

QUICK TIP: A committee controlled by a candidate must use the Form 460 to report its campaign activity – the short Form 450 or Form 425 may not be used.

A primarily formed committee that has not received any contributions and has not made any expenditures during the six-month period covered by a semi-annual statement may file the Form 425 (Semi-Annual Statement of No Activity).

This chapter discusses how to complete the Form 460 and provides examples for each type of campaign activity that may have to be reported. The Forms 450 and 425 are available on the FPPC’s website and include detailed instructions for completing the forms.

Recipient Committee Campaign Statement Cover Page

COVER PAGE

Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 460
Page <u>XX</u> of <u>XX</u>	
For Official Use Only	

A Statement covers period from 7/1/XX through 12/31/XX

B Date of election if applicable: (Month, Day, Year)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

1 Type of Recipient Committee: All Committees – Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Officeholder, Candidate Controlled Committee
 State Candidate Election Committee
 Recall
(Also Complete Part 5)

General Purpose Committee
 Sponsored
 Small Contributor Committee
 Political Party/Central Committee

Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee
 Controlled
 Sponsored
(Also Complete Part 6)

Primarily Formed Candidate/Officeholder Committee
(Also Complete Part 7)

2 Type of Statement:

Preelection Statement
 Semi-annual Statement
 Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 Termination)
 Amendment (Explain below)

Quarterly Statement
 Special Odd-Year Report

3 Committee Information

I.D. NUMBER: 12344XX

COMMITTEE NAME (OR CANDIDATE'S NAME IF NO COMMITTEE):
Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX):
225 Presley Street

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE
Oakmont	CA	95443	707-555-6868

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.O. BOX:
P.O. Box 1744

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE
Oakmont	CA	95434	707-555-6868

OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS:
707-555-6869/mrichards@oakmontmail.com

Treasurer(s)

NAME OF TREASURER:
Madeline Richards

MAILING ADDRESS:
225 Presley Street

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE
Oakmont	CA	95443	707-555-6868

NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY:
Manuel Alvarez

MAILING ADDRESS:
225 Presley Street

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE/PHONE
Oakmont	CA	95443	707-555-6868

OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS:
707-555-6869/mrichards@oakmontmail.com

4 Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ [Date Required] Date	By _____ [Signature Required] Signature of Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer
Executed on _____ [Date Required] Date	By _____ [Signature Required] Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor
Executed on _____ Date	By _____ Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent
Executed on _____ Date	By _____ Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent

A. Completing the Form 460 Cover Page

A Statement Covers Period

If this is the first statement of the calendar year, the “from” date should be January 1. Otherwise, this date should be the day after the closing date of the most recently filed campaign statement. The closing date depends on the type of statement being filed (e.g., semi-annual, preelection). The period covered will be identified on the filing schedule for the specific election.

B Date of Election

When filing a preelection statement in connection with an election, provide the date of the election.

1 Type of Recipient Committee

Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of committee:

- Officeholder/Candidate Controlled Committee: Complete Cover Page Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Primarily Formed Candidate/Officeholder Committee: Complete Cover Page Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7.

2 Type of Statement

Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of statement being filed (e.g., semi-annual, preelection).

3 Committee Information and Treasurer(s)

This entire section must be completed and should include the same information as provided on the committee's most recently filed Statement of Organization (Form 410). An email address for the committee must be included. If the committee has not yet received an identification number from the Secretary of State, enter "pending" in the "I.D. Number" box.

4 Verification

All campaign statements are signed under penalty of perjury and must be verified by the committee treasurer or the assistant treasurer named on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410). The verification states that the signer has used all reasonable diligence in its preparation, and that to the best of their knowledge, it is true and complete. The Form 460 is not considered filed if it is not signed.

If an officeholder or candidate controls the committee, they also must sign the verification. If two or three officeholders or candidates control the committee, each of them must sign the verification. If more than three officeholders or candidates control the committee, one may sign the verification on behalf of the others.

Some local agencies may require local candidates and committees to file campaign statements electronically. The electronic filing system must include a procedure for filers to comply with the requirement that they sign the statements under penalty of perjury.

**Recipient Committee
Campaign Statement
Cover Page — Part 2**

5 Officeholder or Candidate Controlled Committee

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE
Manuel Alvarez

OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD (INCLUDE LOCATION AND DISTRICT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE)
Mayor, City of Oakmont

RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS ADDRESS (NO. AND STREET) CITY STATE ZIP
4245 McDow Street Oakmont CA 95443

Related Committees Not Included in this Statement: *List any committees not included in this statement that are controlled by you or are primarily formed to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of your candidacy.*

COMMITTEE NAME Friends Supporting Alvarez for Mayor 20XX	I.D. NUMBER 12399XX
NAME OF TREASURER Karen Lucci	CONTROLLED COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
COMMITTEE ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX) 10 Main Street	
CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE Oakmont CA 95443 707-111-2222	

COMMITTEE NAME	I.D. NUMBER
NAME OF TREASURER	CONTROLLED COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
COMMITTEE ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)	
CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE	

6 Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee

NAME OF BALLOT MEASURE

BALLOT NO. OR LETTER	JURISDICTION	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE
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Identify the controlling officeholder, candidate, or state measure proponent, if any.

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR PROponent

OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD	DISTRICT NO. IF ANY
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7 Primarily Formed Candidate/Officeholder Committee *List names of officeholder(s) or candidate(s) for which this committee is primarily formed.*

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE
NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE
NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE
NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE

Attach continuation sheets if necessary

B. Completing the Form 460 Cover Page – Part 2

5 Officeholder or Candidate Controlled Committee

Provide the name of the officeholder or candidate controlling the committee and indicate the office sought or held, including the location and district number, if any. If more than one candidate controls the committee, include the required information for all controlling candidates in an attachment.

Related Committees Not Included in this Statement

If the officeholder or candidate controls any other committees (i.e., ballot measure committee, legal defense fund committee, another election committee), those committees must be listed. If the candidate is aware of any primarily formed committees that exist to receive contributions or to make expenditures on behalf of their candidacy, those committees must also be listed.

6 Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee

Candidate controlled committees and primarily formed candidate/officeholder committees do not complete Part 6.

7 Primarily Formed Candidate/Officeholder Committee

Provide the name(s) of the officeholder(s) or candidate(s), the office(s) sought or held, and indicate whether the committee is supporting or opposing the officeholder(s) or candidate(s).

**Campaign Disclosure Statement
Summary Page**

Amounts may be rounded
to whole dollars.

SUMMARY PAGE

Statement covers period from <u>7/1/XX</u>		CALIFORNIA FORM 460
through <u>12/31/XX</u>		
Page <u>XX</u> of <u>XX</u>		I.D. NUMBER 12344XX

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NAME OF FILER
Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX

	A Column A TOTAL THIS PERIOD (FROM ATTACHED SCHEDULES)	B Column B CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL TO DATE
1 Contributions Received		
1. Monetary Contributions..... Schedule A, Line 3	\$ 6,773	\$ 100,000
2. Loans Received..... Schedule B, Line 3	9,000	11,000
3. SUBTOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS..... Add Lines 1 + 2	\$ 15,773	\$ 111,000
4. Nonmonetary Contributions..... Schedule C, Line 3	6,500	6,500
5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED..... Add Lines 3 + 4	\$ 22,273	\$ 117,500
2 Expenditures Made		
6. Payments Made..... Schedule E, Line 4	\$ 40,950	\$ 75,750
7. Loans Made..... Schedule H, Line 3	1,000	1,000
8. SUBTOTAL CASH PAYMENTS..... Add Lines 6 + 7	\$ 41,950	\$ 76,750
9. Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills)..... Schedule F, Line 3	1,550	3,550
10. Nonmonetary Adjustment..... Schedule C, Line 3	6,500	6,500
11. TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE..... Add Lines 8 + 9 + 10	\$ 50,000	\$ 86,800
3 Current Cash Statement		
12. Beginning Cash Balance..... Previous Summary Page, Line 16	\$ 39,500	To calculate Column B, add amounts in Column A to the corresponding amounts from Column B of your last report. Some amounts in Column A may be negative figures that should be subtracted from previous period amounts. If this is the first report being filed for this calendar year, only carry over the amounts from Lines 2, 7, and 9 (if any).
13. Cash Receipts..... Column A, Line 3 above	15,773	
14. Miscellaneous Increases to Cash..... Schedule I, Line 4	3,000	
15. Cash Payments..... Column A, Line 8 above	41,950	
16. ENDING CASH BALANCE..... Add Lines 12 + 13 + 14, then subtract Line 15	\$ 16,323	
<i>If this is a termination statement, Line 16 must be zero.</i>		
4 17. LOAN GUARANTEES RECEIVED..... Schedule B, Part 2		
	\$ 10,000	
5 Cash Equivalents and Outstanding Debts		
18. Cash Equivalents..... See instructions on reverse	\$ 1,000	
6 19. Outstanding Debts..... Add Line 2 + Line 9 in Column B above		
	\$ 14,550	

Calendar Year Summary for Candidates Running in Both the State Primary and General Elections		
	1/1 through 6/30	7/1 to Date
20. Contributions Received	\$ _____	\$ _____
21. Expenditures Made	\$ _____	\$ _____

Expenditure Limit Summary for State Candidates		
22. Cumulative Expenditures Made* (If Subject to Voluntary Expenditure Limit)		
Date of Election (mm/dd/yy)	Total to Date	
____/____/____	\$ _____	
____/____/____	\$ _____	

*Amounts in this section may be different from amounts reported in Column B.

C. Completing the Form 460 Summary Page

The Summary Page provides an overview of the committee’s financial activities, including all contributions received and expenditures made during the period covered by the statement. The Summary Page also includes the cumulative totals for contributions received and expenditures made during the calendar year. Although the Summary Page is located at the beginning of the Form 460, it should be completed last. Totals from certain schedules are carried forward to the Summary Page.

QUICK TIP: Complete the Summary Page after all other schedules have been completed. Totals from some of the schedules are carried forward to the Summary Page.

A Column A – Total This Period

This column reflects the committee’s activity through the current reporting period as reported on Schedules A through I. If there is no activity to report on a particular schedule, enter a zero or the word “none” on the appropriate line in Column A. There should be no blank lines.

B Column B – Total to Date

This column generally reflects the cumulative totals since January 1 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception if a committee is required to file a preelection statement in one year in connection with an election held in another year, such as elections held in January or early February. In this case, the cumulation period begins on January 1 of the year before the election and ends on the closing date of the semi-annual statement filed after the election.

Add the totals from Column B of the committee’s last campaign statement (if any) to the corresponding amounts in Column A to calculate the Column B totals for the current statement. If this is the first report being filed for a calendar year, only carry forward the amounts for loans and accrued expenses reported on Lines 2, 7, and 9 of Column B from the committee’s last statement. (Note: The amounts reported on Lines 2, 7, and 9 of Column B should be the same as the total outstanding amounts disclosed in column (d) of Schedules B, H, and F, respectively, of the current report.)

When loans (Schedules B and H) and accrued expenses (Schedule F) are paid, the figures to be carried forward from the schedules to Lines 2, 7, and 9 of Column A may be negative numbers. In this case, be sure to show them as negative figures on the Summary Page (e.g., with a minus sign (-) or in parentheses), and subtract them when totaling Columns A and B.

QUICK TIP: Loans and accrued expenses must be reported on each campaign statement until the amounts are paid off or forgiven.

1 Lines 1-5 (Contributions Received)

Collectively, these lines represent contributions received: monetary, nonmonetary, and loans.

2 Lines 6-11 (Expenditures Made)

Collectively, these lines represent expenditures made: payments, loans made, accrued expenses (bills that are still outstanding), and nonmonetary adjustments.

3 Lines 12-16 (Current Cash Statement)

The Current Cash Statement section should accurately reflect the committee's cash position at the end of the reporting period. If deposits or expenditures have been made that have not cleared the bank account, the committee's bank balance may not match the ending cash balance.

Beginning and ending cash balances should include the total amount of funds in the committee's campaign checking and savings accounts, plus any investments that can be readily converted to cash, such as certificates of deposit, money market accounts, stocks and bonds, etc.

Line 12 (Beginning Cash Balance)

The beginning cash balance must be the same as the ending cash balance reported on Line 16 of the previously filed statement. If this is the first statement of the calendar year and no previous statement has been filed but money was raised or spent in the previous reporting period, enter the amount of cash on hand on December 31. Otherwise, enter zero.

Line 13 (Cash Receipts)

This amount represents the total of all monetary contributions and loans received during the reporting period. Nonmonetary contributions should not be included.

Line 14 (Miscellaneous Increases to Cash)

This amount represents increases to the committee's cash position that are not contributions, loans, or repayments of loans made to others. Miscellaneous increases to cash include, for example, interest received from a bank account, refunds received from vendors, and proceeds from the sale of campaign property or auction items. The amount is carried forward from Schedule I.

Together, Lines 13 and 14 reflect all money that has been received during the current reporting period.

Line 15 (Cash Payments)

This amount represents the total amount the committee has spent during the reporting period, including loans made and any accrued expenses paid.

Line 16 (Ending Cash Balance)

This amount represents the total of Lines 12, 13, and 14 minus Line 15. The amount reported on Line 16 must equal the total amount of cash the committee has in its campaign bank account and the amount of all funds held in interest bearing accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, shares in government bonds, or any other investments that can be readily converted to cash.

If this is a termination statement, Line 16 must be zero.

4 Line 17 (Loan Guarantees Received)

This amount represents the total of all loan guarantees, endorsements, or security received during the period. The amount is carried forward from Schedule B, Part 2.

5 Line 18 (Cash Equivalents)

This amount includes investments that cannot be readily converted to cash, as well as the balance due on all outstanding loans the committee has made to others.

Do not include any amount that is invested in interest bearing accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, or any other investments that can be readily converted to cash. These amounts should be part of the ending cash figure reported on Line 16.

6 Line 19 (Outstanding Debts)

This amount is the total of all money owed by the committee. Using Column B, add Line 2 (loans received) and Line 9 (accrued expenses).

Lines 20, 21, & 22

These lines are for certain state candidates only. Local committees do not complete these sections.

Answering Your Summary Page Questions

A. Is there any circumstance where Line 16, Ending Cash Balance, would be a negative amount?

If you report a negative amount on Line 16, this means that either you have made a mathematical error in your calculations or the committee's bank account is overdrawn. Rounding off also may cause a small negative in the cash on hand balance.

B. Is there any circumstance where an amount in Column A would be negative?

Yes. When loans and accrued expenses are paid down, the amount reflected in Column A may be a negative amount.

C. What should I do if I am unable to balance my accounting records by the filing deadline?

Since the Political Reform Act does not provide for filing deadline extensions, complete the form as accurately as you can and file by the deadline. You should file an amendment with the corrections as soon as possible.

D. What is the most common mistake made on the Form 460 Summary Page?

Loan repayments are often reported twice, once on Schedule B and again on Schedule E. When the committee makes a loan repayment, it should only be reported on Schedule B.

D. General Rules for Reporting Contributions Received on Schedule A

Chapter 3 provides detailed information on the following topics, as well as other contribution reporting rules. The information below is a short summary of some of the most common reporting rules.

\$5,000 Contributor – Major Donor Notice

If contributions totaling \$5,000 or more are received from a single source in a calendar year, a “major donor” notice must be sent to the contributor within two weeks. If a contribution of \$10,000 or more is received from a single source within 90 days before the election or on the date of the election, the notice must be sent within one week. Do not send the notice if the contribution is from another recipient committee.

Joint Checking Account

If a check is received that is imprinted with two individuals’ names, report the contribution from the person who signed the check. However, if both individuals signed the check, or one signed the check but both have signed an accompanying document indicating that the contribution is from both, then report 50 percent of the contribution amount from one individual and 50 percent from the other, unless the document attributes specific amounts to each contributor.

Reporting Earmarked Contributions

A committee that makes a contribution to another committee earmarked for a third specifically identified committee must disclose the specifically identified committee as the recipient of the contribution and the other committee as an intermediary at the time the earmarked contribution is made. The specifically identified committee must disclose the contributor and intermediary at the time the funds are received from the intermediary. The intermediary must disclose receipt of the funds as a miscellaneous increase to cash on Schedule I of Form 460 at the time the funds are received and must disclose the expenditure as the transfer of an earmarked contribution from the contributor to the specifically identified committee at the time the funds are given to the specifically identified committee.

Ex 9.1 - Sarah Gomez made a \$500 contribution to your committee and notified you that they would later be reimbursed by their employer, Hilltop Dairy. Your committee will report Hilltop Dairy as the source of the contribution and must also disclose Sarah as the intermediary.

A committee that makes a contribution to another committee and subsequently reaches an agreement with that committee that all or a portion of the contribution would be used for another committee, ballot measure or candidate must include a notation on its next statement that the original contribution was subsequently earmarked, including the name of the specifically identified committee, ballot measure, or candidate. The committee that initially received the funds must also include a notation on its next statement that the original contribution was subsequently earmarked and must disclose the original contributor to any new committee to which it transfers the earmarked funds. The new committee shall disclose the true source of the contribution with a notation that the contribution was earmarked to the specific ballot measure or candidate.

Ex 9.2 - Temple Construction is a subsidiary of Temple Enterprises. Contributions made by the two entities must be aggregated and they qualify as a major donor. Your committee receives a contribution from Temple Construction. Temple Construction is required to notify you that its contribution is reported on a campaign statement filed under the name of Temple Enterprises. Your committee must identify both names on its report and, if you receive contributions from both entities, the contributions must be aggregated for purposes of reporting cumulative amounts.

A committee that makes a contribution earmarked for a specifically identified ballot measure or candidate must disclose a contribution to the committee that received the contribution with a notation that the contribution was earmarked to the specific ballot measure or candidate. The committee receiving the earmarked contribution must disclose the contributor with a notation that the contribution was earmarked for the specific ballot measure or candidate when the contribution is received. This committee is solely responsible for disclosing the ultimate use of the earmarked contribution, whether by contribution or expenditure, at the time the funds are used. If the committee receiving the earmarked contribution contributes any portion of the contribution to another committee to support or oppose the specifically identified ballot measure or candidate, that committee shall disclose the true source of the contribution to the new committee receiving the earmarked funds for disclosure on the new committee's campaign report. The new committee shall disclose the true source of the contribution with a notation that the contribution was earmarked to the specific ballot measure or candidate.

Intermediary

If a contribution of \$100 or more is received from a person who is acting as an intermediary for the true source of the contribution, disclose both the true source of the contribution and the intermediary. Failure to report the true source of a contribution is a serious violation of the Act.

Contributions from Family Trusts

If a contribution is received from a family trust account, it is attributed to the person who directed the contribution.

Aggregating Contributions

There are a variety of situations in which contributions from two or more contributors must be aggregated for reporting purposes. For example, when an individual who is the sole proprietor of a company makes a contribution from company funds and another contribution from personal funds, these contributions are added together for reporting purposes. Additional information and several examples are included in Chapter 3.

If contributions that must be aggregated are received from a major donor (i.e., an individual or business entity that makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year), the major donor must notify each committee to which it makes a contribution of the name under which the major donor is filing its campaign statement (Form 461). When reporting the contribution received, the recipient of the contribution must identify the name under which the major donor is filing its Form 461 and the name of the contributor, if it is different.

Contributor Information

If a committee receives a contribution of \$100 or more, but does not receive the required contributor information (name, address, and if the contributor is an individual, their occupation and employer) within 60 days of receiving the contribution, the committee must return the contribution to the contributor. Contributions may be deposited in the committee's bank account pending receipt of the information, in which case they must be reported on the next campaign statement (Form 460) filed. The campaign statement must be amended within 70 days from its closing date to disclose the missing contributor information, unless the contribution was returned to the donor.

See the chart below for examples of acceptable ways to report an individual's occupation and employer.

Individual Donor Information	
(Contributors of \$100 or more)	
<u>Complete</u>	<u>Incomplete</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retired• Consultant, A Better Business Agency• Self-Employed, No Separate Business Name• Homemaker or Student• Private Investor: stocks & bonds• Lawyer, Ortiz & Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manager• Next Door Neighbor• Friend• ABBA (no acronyms)• Business Person• Entrepreneur• Investor

Contributions of \$100 or more **must be returned within 60 days** if individual's name, street address, occupation, and employer are not obtained.

Calendar Year Cumulation Exception

The cumulation period for a statement is generally January 1 through December 31 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception if a committee is required to file a preelection statement in one calendar year in connection with an election held in the next calendar year, such as elections held in January or early February. In this case, the cumulation period begins on January 1 of the year before the election and ends on the closing date of the semi-annual statement filed after the election.

Ex 9.3 - A city calls a February 4 special election to fill a vacant city council position. Candidates running in the February 4 election are required to file two preelection statements in connection with the election. The first preelection statement is due in December of the year prior to the year in which the election will be held. In this case, the cumulation period begins on January 1 of the year before the election and ends on the closing date of the semi-annual statement filed after the election.

Returned Contributions

Not Deposited: A contribution need not be reported if it is not cashed, negotiated, or deposited and is returned to the contributor before the closing date of the campaign statement on which it would otherwise be reported. A contribution of \$1,000 or more received in the 90 days prior to the election, or on the date of the election, need not be reported if it is not cashed, negotiated, or deposited and is returned to the contributor within 24 hours of receipt.

Deposited, Negotiated, or Returned After Closing Date: A contribution that is cashed, negotiated, or deposited, and is not returned prior to the closing date of the campaign statement, must be reported on Schedule A. If the contribution is returned within 30 days of receipt, and within the reporting period, the return may be shown as a negative figure on Schedule A. Otherwise, the return of the contribution must be reported on Schedule E.

Returned for Insufficient Funds: If the committee deposits a check and the check is returned from the bank due to insufficient funds, both the receipt and the return of the contribution may be reported on Schedule A (the return will be reported as a negative amount) if the committee returns the check to the contributor during the same reporting period. Otherwise, the return of the contribution must be reported on Schedule E.

Transfers

If campaign funds are transferred from one of a candidate's controlled local election committees to another, the transfer is reported by the receiving committee on Schedule I, not on Schedule A.

Enforceable Promises

If a contribution is received in the form of an "enforceable promise" that has not been paid during the period, report the contribution as a memo entry on Schedule A.

Disclose the date of the promise, all of the required information about the contributor, and the amount promised, but do not include the amount in the summary totals. When the contributor makes the actual payment, fully disclose the contribution on Schedule A, if the payment is made to the committee, or on Schedule C, if the contributor pays the vendor directly, and include the amount in the appropriate summary section.

Installment Payments

Contributions may be received as installment payments made at regular intervals over a period of time via credit card, debit card, wire transfer, or similar electronic means. When a contributor authorizes a series of installment payments, the contribution is reported as received when the committee, or agent of the committee, obtains possession or control of the funds for each installment payment.

**Schedule A
Monetary Contributions Received**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE A

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1 DATE RECEIVED	2 FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER, IF LLC, REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR WHAT TO ENTER.)	3 CONTRIBUTOR CODE *	4 IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	5 AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	6 CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)	7 PER ELECTION TO DATE (IF REQUIRED)
9/2/XX	Joey's Super Market 500 North Mesa Street Oakmont, CA 95443	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		\$5,000	\$5,000	
10/15/XX	Martin Developers 1650 Wingfield Road Oakmont, CA 95443	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		\$198	\$198	
	Intermediaries: Marcus Brown \$99 325 Richmond Road, Oakmont, CA 95443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Bookkeeper, Martin Developers			
	Ashley Green \$99 448 Harbor Drive Oakmont, CA 95443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Sales Representative, Martin Developers			
12/15/XX	Angel Trujillo 6688 Fourth Avenue Oakmont, CA 95443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Requested	\$75	\$300	
SUBTOTAL \$				5,273		

8 Schedule A Summary

1. Amount received this period – itemized monetary contributions. (Include all Schedule A subtotals.).....	\$ 5,273
2. Amount received this period – unitemized monetary contributions of less than \$100.....	\$ 1,500
3. Total monetary contributions received this period. (Add Lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 1.)	TOTAL \$ 6,773

*Contributor Codes
IND – Individual
COM – Recipient Committee
(other than PTY or SCC)
OTH – Other (e.g., business entity)
PTY – Political Party
SCC – Small Contributor Committee

E. Completing the Form 460 Schedule A (Monetary Contributions Received)

Schedule A is used to report monetary contributions received by the committee, except for loans received, which are reported on Schedule B. Payments received for repayments on loans made to others are reported on Schedule H. Payments received that are not contributions, loans, or repayments of loans made to others, are reported as miscellaneous increases to cash on Schedule I.

1 Date Received

Enter the date the committee obtained possession or control of the contribution. For instance, in the case of a check, report the date the check was received, which may differ from the date the check was written and the date the check was deposited.

For contributions received by electronic transaction (such as credit card, debit account, or wire transfer, including those received over the Internet), report the date the committee received or had control of the credit/debit account information or other payment information, or the date the committee received or had control of the funds, whichever is earlier. Chapter 2 provides several examples of different types of contributions and when they are deemed “received.”

2 Contributor Information

Itemize persons that have contributed to the committee a cumulative amount of \$100 or more during the calendar year. Provide each contributor’s full name, street address, city, state, and zip code. Many local agencies require itemization at a lower threshold so check with your elections office.

Ex 9.4 - Wade Murphy contributed \$25 to your committee during the first reporting period of the calendar year. On your committee’s first campaign statement, Wade’s contribution was not required to be itemized. During the second reporting period, Wade contributed \$99 to your committee. Since Wade’s cumulative contributions for the calendar year are now \$100 or more, Wade must be itemized on the second campaign statement. The \$99 contribution will be reported under “amount received this period” and \$124 will be reported as the “cumulative to date” total. Wade’s name, address, occupation, and employer must also be disclosed.

If the contributor is a recipient committee, report that committee's identification number. If an identification number has not yet been assigned or is unknown, report the full name, street address, city, state, and zip code of that committee's treasurer. If the contributor is a limited liability company (LLC) that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the of the LLC's responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. For contributions of \$100 or more received from an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, include the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified.

If a contribution is received through an intermediary, provide the name, street address, city, state, zip code, and, if applicable, occupation and employer, of both the intermediary and the true source of the contribution. (See Chapter 3.) Additionally, for contributions of \$100 or more from an intermediary that is a limited liability company (LLC) that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC's responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. If the contributor is an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, include the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified.

3 Contributor Code

For each itemized contributor, check the appropriate box to indicate whether the contributor is an individual, a committee, "other" (such as a business entity), or a political party. (The code "SCC" is for small contributor committees and is applicable only to state candidates and committees.)

4 Occupation and Employer Information

If the contributor is an individual, provide the individual's occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, provide the name of their business. Do not leave this column blank. If the information has not yet been obtained, enter "requested" or similar language and amend Schedule A when the information has been received.

QUICK TIP: Once a committee has received \$100 or more from a contributor in a calendar year, all future contributions received from that contributor in that calendar year, regardless of the amount, must be itemized.

As explained in Chapter 2, a contribution of \$100 or more must be returned if the contributor's name, street address, and if the contributor is an individual, their occupation and employer are not in the committee's records within 60 days of receipt of the contribution.

5 Amount Received This Period

Report the amount of the contribution.

6 Cumulative to Date

Enter the cumulative amount of contributions (including monetary contributions, nonmonetary contributions, loans, and loan guarantees) received from the contributor. Contributions from a single source are generally cumulated from January 1 through December 31 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception to calendar year cumulation if the committee is required to file a preelection statement in one calendar year in connection with an election held in the next calendar year. See "Calendar Year Cumulation Exception" under Section D., General Rules for Reporting Contributions Received on Schedule A.

The amount listed in the "Cumulative to Date Calendar Year" column will differ from the "Amount Received This Period" column if the committee has received other contributions, including nonmonetary contributions, loans, or loan guarantees from the same source during

the calendar year. Once a committee has received \$100 or more from a contributor in a calendar year, all future contributions received from that contributor in that calendar year, regardless of the amount, must be itemized.

7 Per Election to Date

The “Per Election to Date” column is generally for state candidates and committees that are subject to contribution limits. The Act does not contain contribution limits for local candidates and committees; however, local ordinances may include limits and other restrictions and reporting requirements. Local candidates and committees should check with the local elections office about reporting obligations under local laws.

8 Schedule A Summary

Complete the Schedule A Summary section by entering the total amount of itemized contributions (\$100 or more) received this period on Line 1 and the total amount of unitemized contributions (less than \$100) received this period on Line 2. Add Lines 1 and 2 and enter that amount on Line 3. The amount on Line 3 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Line 2.

**Schedule B – Part 1
Loans Received**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE B - PART 1

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FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF LENDER (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	OUTSTANDING BALANCE BEGINNING THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT PAID OR FORGIVEN THIS PERIOD*	OUTSTANDING BALANCE AT CLOSE OF THIS PERIOD	INTEREST PAID THIS PERIOD	ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF LOAN	CUMULATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE
American Credit Union 350 South Park Street Oakmont, CA 95443 † <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		\$ 0	\$ 10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> PAID \$ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> FORGIVEN \$ 0	\$ 10,000 7/1/XX DATE DUE	5% RATE \$ 250	\$ 10,000 7/1/XX DATE INCURRED	\$ N/A PER ELECTION** \$ N/A
Manuel Alvarez 4245 McDow Street Oakmont, CA 95443 † <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Editor, Oakmont Weekly	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PAID \$ 1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> FORGIVEN \$ 0	\$ 1,000 N/A DATE DUE	0% RATE \$ -0-	\$ 2,000 1/15/XX DATE INCURRED	\$ 2,000 PER ELECTION** \$ N/A
3 SUBTOTALS		\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 250			

Schedule B Summary

1. Loans received this period (Total Column (b) plus unitemized loans of less than \$100.)	\$ 10,000
2. Loans paid or forgiven this period (Total Column (c) plus loans under \$100 paid or forgiven.) (Include loans paid by a third party that are also itemized on Schedule A.)	\$ 1,000
3. Net change this period. (Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.)	NET \$ 9,000

Enter the net here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 2. (May be a negative number)

†Contributor Codes
IND – Individual
COM – Recipient Committee (other than PTY or SCC)
OTH – Other (e.g., business entity)
PTY – Political Party
SCC – Small Contributor Committee

F. Completing the Form 460 Schedule B – Part 1 (Loans Received)

Schedule B is used to report activity on loans received by the committee. Outstanding loans are reported on each campaign statement until they are paid off or forgiven. Schedule B has two parts:

- Part 1 lists loans received or outstanding, and the repayment, forgiveness, or payment by a third party of a loan previously received.
- Part 2 lists information about loan guarantors, if any.

QUICK TIP: If the committee has drawn on a line of credit, it is reported as a loan.

1 Lender Information and Contributor Code

Provide the full name, street address, city, state, and zip code, of each lender of \$100 or more. For each itemized lender, check the appropriate box to indicate whether the lender is an individual, a committee, “other” (such as a business entity), or a political party. (The code “SCC” is for small contributor committees and is applicable only to state candidates and committees.) For loans that are contributions of \$100 or more from Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) please see instructions for Schedule A above for information required to be reported in connection with contributions received from LLCs. Loans received from commercial lending institutions in the normal course of business are not contributions.

QUICK TIP: A loan received from a commercial lending institution in the normal course of business is reportable on Schedule B but is not considered a contribution. Contributor codes and cumulative amounts are only required for loans that are contributions.

Financial Institution

If a financial institution (i.e., bank or credit union) has made a loan to the committee, or the committee has drawn on a line of credit from a financial institution, report the institution as the lender, even if the candidate has established the line of credit.

2 Individual Lender

If the lender is an individual (including a candidate or officeholder using personal funds to make a loan to their committee), provide the individual’s occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, provide the name of their business. Do not leave this column blank. If this information has not yet been obtained, enter “requested” or similar language and amend Schedule B, Part 1, when the information is received. (See Chapter 2 for information about the requirement to return contributions/loans if the name, address, occupation, or employer information is not received.)

QUICK TIP: A candidate or officeholder who deposits personal funds into their own campaign bank account may report the funds as a loan on Schedule B or as a contribution on Schedule A.

QUICK TIP: Report each loan separately, even if the committee has received more than one loan from a single source.

Loan Amounts

a Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

Enter the outstanding loan balance at the beginning of this reporting period (Column (d) of the last report filed). If the loan was received this period, enter zero.

b Amount Received This Period

Enter the amount received from the lender during this reporting period. If this loan was received in a previous reporting period, enter zero.

c Amount Paid or Forgiven This Period

Enter the amount of any reduction of the loan during this reporting period. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the reduction was a payment or forgiveness. When the lender forgives all or part of a loan, or a third party makes a payment on a loan, also report the lender or third party on Schedule A as a contributor. Enter zero if no payments were made during this reporting period.

d Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

Enter the outstanding balance of the loan at the close of this reporting period. Enter the due date, if any.

e Interest Paid This Period

Enter the interest rate and the amount of interest paid on the loan during this reporting period. If the lender is not charging interest, indicate “none” on the “interest rate” line. Interest paid is reported separately from payments made on the loan principal. Interest payments are also transferred to the Schedule E Summary.

f Original Amount of Loan

Enter the original amount of the loan and the date it was received. If this is the first time the loan is being reported, this is the same amount as reported in Column (b).

QUICK TIP: Do not report the repayment of a loan on Schedule E. Only the “Interest Paid This Period” should be reported on Schedule E.

g Cumulative Contributions to Date

Enter the cumulative amount of contributions (including loans, loan guarantees, monetary and nonmonetary contributions) received from the lender. Contributions from a single source are generally cumulated from January 1 through December 31 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception to calendar year cumulation if the committee is required to file a preelection statement in one calendar year in connection with an election held in the next calendar year. See “Calendar Year Cumulation Exception” under Section D., General Rules for Reporting Contributions Received on Schedule A.

The “Per Election to Date” column is generally for state candidates and committees that are subject to contribution limits. The Act does not contain contribution limits for local candidates and committees; however, local ordinances may include limits and other restrictions and reporting requirements. Local candidates and committees should check with the local elections office about reporting obligations under local laws.

3 Schedule B Summary

Complete the Schedule B Summary by entering the total amount of loans **received** this period on Line 1 and the total amount of loans **paid or forgiven** on Line 2. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and enter the difference (net change this period) on Line 3. The amount on Line 3 will be a negative amount when the loans paid or forgiven this period are more than the amount of new loans received. The amount on Line 3 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Line 2.

Outstanding Loans Received (Summary Page – Column B, Line 2)

Loans received are carried forward on future statements until they are paid off or forgiven. To determine the amount for Column B, Line 2 of the overall Summary Page, add the amount from Column A, Line 2 of this statement to the amount of Column B, Line 2 of the previous statement. If the amount in Column A, Line 2 is a negative number, subtract it from the amount in Column B, Line 7 of the previous statement.

**Schedule B – Part 2
Loan Guarantors**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE B - PART 2

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FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE*	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	LOAN	AMOUNT GUARANTEED THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE	BALANCE OUTSTANDING TO DATE
Joseph Alvarez 445 C Street Oakmont, CA 95443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Realtor, Alvarez and Mitchell Realty	LENDER American Credit Union DATE 7/1/XX	\$10,000	CALENDAR YEAR \$10,000 PER ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) N/A	\$10,000
SUBTOTAL				\$ 10,000	Enter on Summary Page, Line 17 only.	

G. Completing the Form 460 Schedule B – Part 2 (Loan Guarantors)

1 Guarantor Information

If someone other than the controlling candidate co-signs, endorses, or provides security for a loan of \$100 or more, enter the full name, street address, city, state, and zip code, of the guarantor. If the guarantor is a Limited Liability Company (LLC) please see instructions for Schedule A above for information required to be reported in connection with contributions received from LLCs.

Lines of Credit

If a third party establishes a line of credit of \$100 or more for the committee, enter the third party’s full name, street address, city, state, and zip code, as the guarantor.

2 Contributor Code

For each itemized guarantor, check the appropriate box to indicate whether the guarantor is an individual, committee, “other” (i.e., business entity), or a political party. (The code “SCC” is for small contributor committees and is applicable only to state candidates and committees.)

3 Individual Loan Guarantor

If the guarantor is an individual, provide the individual's occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, provide the name of their business. Do not leave this column blank. If this information has not yet been obtained, enter "requested" or similar language and amend Schedule B, Part 2, when the information is received.

4 Loan/Lender

Enter the name of the lender or the entity at which a line of credit was established and the date of the loan or the date the line of credit was established.

5 Amount Guaranteed This Period

Enter the amount guaranteed this period, if applicable. For lines of credit, enter the full amount established or secured by the guarantor during the period. (Report amounts **drawn** on a line of credit on Schedule B — Part 1.)

6 Cumulative to Date

Enter the cumulative amount of contributions (including loans, loan guarantees, monetary and nonmonetary contributions) received from the guarantor. Contributions from a single source are generally cumulated from January 1 through December 31 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception to calendar year cumulation if the committee is required to file a preelection statement in one calendar year in connection with an election held in the next calendar year. See "Calendar Year Cumulation Exception" under Section D., General Rules for Reporting Contributions Received on Schedule A.

QUICK TIP: Loan guarantees are not included in the Schedule B Summary, but are carried forward in a lump sum to Line 17 of the overall Summary Page.

The “per election” information is generally only required for state candidates and committees that are subject to contribution limits. The Act does not contain contribution limits for local candidates and committees; however, local ordinances may include limits and other restrictions and reporting requirements. Local candidates and committees should check with the local elections office about reporting obligations under local laws.

7 Balance Outstanding to Date

Report the outstanding balance for which the guarantor is liable at the close of the reporting period.

H. General Rules for Reporting Nonmonetary Contributions Received on Schedule C

Schedule C is used to report nonmonetary contributions received by the committee. Nonmonetary contributions are goods or services provided to the committee for which it does not pay the fair market value.

The fair market value is the amount the committee would pay for the goods or services on the open market – whatever it would cost any member of the general public to obtain the same goods or services. (See Chapter 3 for assistance in determining the fair market value of a nonmonetary contribution.)

Ex 9.5 - A restaurant donates food for a committee fundraiser. The cost of the food if purchased by the committee would be \$1,000. The committee must report \$1,000 as the fair market value of the contribution even though the cost to the restaurant was less than the fair market value.

Examples of Nonmonetary Contributions

- Items donated for a garage sale, raffle, or auction
- Poll results
- Signs, postage, and printing
- Food and entertainment provided for a fundraiser
- Discounts or rebates that are not extended to the general public
- Mailing lists, mailings, and other advertising
- Forgiveness of an accrued expense by the creditor
- Use of an office, automobile, or airplane
- Mail production, postage, printing, shipping, data and graphics
- Phone banking and public communications
- Media consulting services
- Video services
- Staff time and expenses
- Banner ads
- Precinct walking and door hangers
- Food for volunteers
- Slate mailer/slate cards
- Campaign materials, flyers for rally, buttons, t-shirts
- Corporate stock

QUICK TIP: If corporate stock is received as a contribution, the amount reported on Schedule C is the value listed on the stock exchange on the date of receipt. When the stock is sold, the proceeds are reported on Schedule I as a miscellaneous increase to cash. See Chapter 3 for additional information.

- Compensation paid by an employer to an employee who spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month working on campaign activities for one or more campaigns. Compensation includes gross wages paid and any benefits in lieu of wages, such as stock options or an annuity purchase. Compensation does not include standard benefits, such as the employer's payments to a retirement or health plan.

See Chapter 3 for exceptions, such as volunteer personal services, home/office fundraisers, and member communications.

**Schedule C
Nonmonetary Contributions Received**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE C

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Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX							
9/25/XX	Genesis Insurance Company 850 F Street Oakmont, CA 95443	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		Food for Fundraiser	\$1,500	\$1,500	N/A
10/1/XX	Citizens for Improving Oakmont (ID 116787XX) 1275 Main Street, Oakmont, CA 95443	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC		Employee Compensation for Campaign Activities	\$5,000	\$5,000	N/A
<i>Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.</i>					SUBTOTAL \$	6,500	

9 Schedule C Summary		*Contributor Codes IND – Individual COM – Recipient Committee (other than PTY or SCC) OTH – Other (e.g., business entity) PTY – Political Party SCC – Small Contributor Committee
1. Amount received this period – itemized nonmonetary contributions. (Include all Schedule C subtotals.).....	\$ 6,500	
2. Amount received this period – unitemized nonmonetary contributions of less than \$100	\$ 0	
3. Total nonmonetary contributions received this period. (Add Lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Lines 4 and 10.).....	TOTAL \$ 6,500	

I. Completing the Form 460 Schedule C (Nonmonetary Contributions Received)

1 Date Received

A nonmonetary contribution is received on the earlier of the following:

- The date that funds are expended by the contributor for the goods or services;
- The date that the candidate or committee obtains possession or control of the goods or services; or
- The date the committee receives the benefit of the expenditure.

Ex 9.6 - A general purpose committee, in coordination with your committee, printed a brochure advocating your election to the school board. The committee delivered the brochures to your committee headquarters on February 22 and paid the printing bill on March 15. Your committee received the nonmonetary contribution on February 22.

2 Contributor Information

Itemize persons who have contributed to the committee a cumulative amount of \$100 or more during the calendar year. Provide each contributor's name, street address, city, state, and zip code. For contributions received from Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) please see instructions for Schedule A above for information required to be reported in connection with contributions received from LLCs. Remember to maintain the names and addresses of contributors of \$25 or more in your records. (See Chapter 2.)

3 Contributor Code

For each itemized contributor, check the appropriate box to indicate whether the contributor is an individual, committee, "other" (i.e., business entity), or a political party. (The code "SCC" is for small contributor committees and is applicable only to state candidates and committees.)

4 Occupation and Employer

If the contributor is an individual, provide the individual's occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, provide the name of their business. Do not leave this column blank. If this information has not yet been obtained, enter "requested" or similar language and amend Schedule C when the information has been received.

5 Description of Goods or Services

Provide a brief description of the goods or services received.

QUICK TIP: If an individual donates their personal or professional services to a campaign (including their travel expenses), no contribution has been made or received as long as the individual is not paid or reimbursed.

6 Amount/Fair Market Value

Report the value of the nonmonetary contribution received.

7 Cumulative to Date

Enter the cumulative amount of contributions (including loans, loan guarantees, monetary and nonmonetary contributions) received from the contributor. Contributions from a single source are generally cumulated from January 1 through December 31 of the current calendar year. However, there is an exception to calendar year cumulation if the committee is required to file a preelection statement in one calendar year in connection with an election held in the next calendar year. See “Calendar Year Cumulation Exception” under Section D., General Rules for Reporting Contributions Received on Schedule A.

8 Per Election to Date

The “Per Election to Date” column is generally for state candidates and committees that are subject to contribution limits. The Act does not contain contribution limits for local candidates and committees; however, local ordinances may include limits and other restrictions and reporting requirements. Local candidates and committees should check with the local elections office about reporting obligations under local laws.

9 Schedule C Summary

Complete the Schedule C Summary section by entering the total amount of itemized nonmonetary contributions (\$100 or more) received this period on Line 1 and the total amount of unitemized nonmonetary contributions (less than \$100) received this period on Line 2. Add Lines 1 and 2 and enter the total on Line 3. The amount on Line 3 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Lines 4 and 10. **Reminder:** Once a contributor has contributed \$100 or more in a calendar year, all future contributions received from that person, regardless of the amount, must be itemized.

Answering Your Nonmonetary Contributions Questions

A. What is the value of the time provided by a graphic artist who volunteers to design a logo for my committee?

The artist's time is not reportable if it constitutes volunteer personal services. But, if the artist is an employee of a business and spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month working on the design, the paid compensation becomes a nonmonetary contribution from the artist's employer.

B. How do I determine the fair market value of a mailing list provided by another committee?

The most common way for a committee to determine the value is to contact a business from which a similar mailing list may be obtained.

J. General Rules for Reporting Expenditures Supporting/ Opposing Other Candidates, Measures, and Committees on Schedule D

Schedule D provides a summary of payments reported on Schedules E, F, and H that are contributions or independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates, measures, and committees. Such payments include:

- Monetary contributions or loans to other candidates and committees.
- Payments to vendors for goods or services for other candidates and committees (nonmonetary contributions).
- Donations to other candidates and committees of goods on hand, or the payment of salary or expenses for a campaign employee who spends more than 10 percent of their compensated time in a calendar month on campaign activities for other candidates or committees (nonmonetary contributions).

- Payments for communications (e.g., mailings, billboards, radio ads) that expressly advocates support of or opposition to a clearly identified candidate or ballot measure, but the payments are not made to, or at the behest of, the candidate or ballot measure committee (independent expenditures).

Candidate Controlled Committees

Payments made to support the controlling candidate's own candidacy, or to oppose the candidate's opponent(s), are not reported on Schedule D. These payments are direct campaign expenditures and are reported only on Schedule E.

If, during a calendar year, an officeholder or candidate uses **personal** funds to make contributions of \$10,000 or more, or independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more, to support or oppose **other** officeholders, candidates, committees, or ballot measures (including a controlled ballot measure committee), the candidate must file a Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committee Campaign Statement (Form 461). These payments are not reported on Schedule D.

Primarily Formed Committees

Payments made for communications that support or oppose the candidate for which the committee is primarily formed are required to be reported on Schedule D as either contributions or independent expenditures, depending on whether the payments were made at the behest of the candidate. These payments are also reported on Schedule E or F.

**Schedule D
Summary of Expenditures
Supporting/Opposing Other
Candidates, Measures and Committees**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE D

Statement covers period		CALIFORNIA FORM 460
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DATE	NAME OF CANDIDATE, OFFICE, AND DISTRICT, OR MEASURE NUMBER OR LETTER AND JURISDICTION, OR COMMITTEE	TYPE OF PAYMENT	DESCRIPTION (IF REQUIRED)	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)	PER ELECTION TO DATE (IF REQUIRED)
10/1/XX	Committee for Bike Lanes in Oakmont Yes on Measure E (ID 12456XX) City of Oakmont <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmonetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure	Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A
10/12/XX	Del Norte County Independent Central Committee (ID 11852XX) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmonetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure		\$500	\$500	N/A
	 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Monetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmonetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure				
SUBTOTAL \$				1,500		

8	Schedule D Summary
1. Itemized contributions and independent expenditures made this period. (Include all Schedule D subtotals.).....	\$ 1,500
2. Unitemized contributions and independent expenditures made this period of under \$100.....	\$ 0
3. Total contributions and independent expenditures made this period. (Add Lines 1 and 2. Do not enter on the Summary Page.)..... TOTAL..	\$ 1,500

**K. Completing the Form 460 Schedule D
(Summary of Expenditures Supporting/Opposing
Other Candidates, Measures and Committees)**

1 Date

Report the date the contribution or independent expenditure was made. A monetary contribution is made on the date it is mailed, delivered, or otherwise transmitted to the officeholder, candidate, or committee.

A **nonmonetary contribution** is made on the earlier of the following:

- The date an expenditure is made for the goods or services;

- The date the committee or an agent of the committee obtained possession or control of the goods or services; or
- The date the committee otherwise received the benefit of the expenditure.

Ex 9.7 - Your committee, working on behalf of the Friends of the Forest committee, arranged for the mailing of a campaign piece supporting their issue. The mailer is sent to voters directly from the mail house on September 4. On September 6, the mail house submits an invoice for payment to your committee. Your committee made a nonmonetary contribution to the Friends of the Forest committee on September 4 (the date they received the benefit of the expenditure).

A payment made in connection with the development, production, or dissemination of a communication that is an **independent expenditure** must be reported no later than the date the communication is mailed, broadcast, or otherwise disseminated to the public.

A payment for a communication that is never disseminated to the public is not considered an independent expenditure and need not be reported on Schedule D. The payment must be reported on Schedule E as an expenditure.

QUICK TIP: Schedule D is a summary of payments made by the committee that were contributions to other candidates and committees or independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates and ballot measures. The payments are also reported on Schedule E, F, or H.

2 Candidate and Office, Measure and Jurisdiction, or Committee

If a total of \$100 or more is contributed or expended during a calendar year to support or oppose a single candidate, ballot measure, or a general purpose committee (e.g., a political party), disclose the name of the candidate and the office sought or held, the number or letter and jurisdiction of the ballot measure, or the name of the general purpose committee. For each candidate or measure listed, indicate whether the payment was made to support or oppose the candidate or measure.

Ex 9.8 - The Committee to Elect Waters for Seaside Mayor 20XX made a contribution of \$100 to the Committee to Support Growth in Seaside, Yes on Measure C. In addition to reporting the contribution on Schedule D, the expenditure must also be reported on Schedule E.

3 Type of Payment

Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the payment was a monetary contribution, nonmonetary contribution, or independent expenditure.

4 Description of Nonmonetary Contribution Where No Payment is Made

Because payments must be described when they are reported on Schedule E or F, a description is not required on Schedule D for payments reported on Schedule E or F that are nonmonetary contributions or independent expenditures. However, if no payment was made, describe the goods or services. For example, if goods on hand (i.e., office supplies) are contributed to another candidate or committee, a description must be included.

5 Amount This Period

Provide the amount(s) of contributions or independent expenditures made this period relative to each candidate, measure, or committee.

6 Cumulative to Date Calendar Year

Report the cumulative amount contributed to or expended to support or oppose each itemized candidate, ballot measure, or committee since January 1 of the current calendar year.

If contributions are made to more than one election committee controlled by the same candidate, report the total amount contributed to all of the committees. Do not cumulate contributions made to a candidate's election committee with contributions made to other committees controlled by the candidate, such as a ballot measure committee or a legal defense fund committee. Contributions and independent expenditures are cumulative separately.

7 Per Election to Date

If contributions of \$100 or more were made to state candidates during a state election cycle, the cumulative amount contributed during the election cycle is reported in this column.

In addition, a local ordinance may require committees in that jurisdiction to report the cumulative amount contributed to a local candidate during a specified period. Check with the local elections office.

8 Schedule D Summary

Complete the Schedule D Summary by entering the total amount of itemized contributions and independent expenditures of \$100 or more (Line 1), the total amount of unitemized contributions and independent expenditures of less than \$100 (Line 2), and the total amount for both (Line 3). Totals from the Schedule D Summary are **not** carried forward to the overall Summary Page.

Answering Your Major Donor Questions

- A. Must a candidate file the Form 461 (Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committee Campaign Statement) if they make personal contributions to their controlled election campaign committee of \$10,000 or more?**

No. A candidate's contributions to their own election committee do not trigger the requirement to file the Form 461. But, if a candidate otherwise qualifies as a major donor committee by making personal contributions of \$10,000 or more to other candidates or committees, the Form 461 must also include personal contributions made to their own controlled committees.

- B. Must the spouse of a candidate file the Form 461 if they make personal contributions to their spouse's campaign of \$10,000 or more?**

If the contributions are made from community funds, neither the spouse nor the candidate will qualify as a major donor. But, if the candidate's spouse makes contributions from legally separate funds, the spouse will become a major donor and must file the Form 461.

- C. Must a candidate file the Form 461 if they make personal contributions to their controlled ballot measure committee of \$10,000 or more?**

Yes.

- D. Using personal funds, a candidate made contributions totaling \$9,000 to other candidates and committees. They also contributed \$3,000 to their own election committee. Since the total amount of all contributions made is \$12,000, must the candidate file the Form 461 as a major donor?**

No. Contributions to a candidate's own election committee are not counted toward the \$10,000 major donor threshold.

L. General Rules for Reporting Payments Made on Schedule E and Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills) on Schedule F

Schedule E is used to report money spent by the committee during the reporting period, except for payments made on loans received by the committee or payments made in the form of loans to other candidates or committees. Use Schedule B (Part 1) to report repayments on **loans received** by the committee. Use Schedule H to report **loans made** to other candidates and committees.

QUICK TIP: Expenditures of campaign funds must have a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. (See Chapter 5.)

An expenditure is “made” on the date the payment is made or the date the committee receives the goods or services, whichever is earlier. Use Schedule F to report amounts owed by the committee for goods or services received but not paid for by the end of the reporting period.

Ex 9.9 - During October and November, your committee:

- (a) Paid a deposit on a room for a fundraiser to be held January 10;
- (b) Ordered and received the fundraiser invitations for which you were billed but had not made a payment by December 31; and
- (c) Ordered, but did not receive, flowers for the fundraiser for which you will be billed at the end of January.

On your semi-annual statement covering the period ending December 31, report the payment for the room deposit on Schedule E. Because you received the invitations but had not paid for them by December 31, report the outstanding amount on Schedule F. The cost of the flowers will not be reported until the next reporting period because you did not pay for nor receive the flowers during the period covered by the statement.

The committee’s unpaid administrative overhead expenses, such as rent, utilities, phones, or employee salaries, need not be reported

on Schedule F if the committee has not received a bill in the normal course of business or if the due date for the payment is after the closing date of the statement. Regular administrative overhead does not include contracts for services such as accounting, legal services, campaign consulting, and public relations.

Ex 9.10 - On June 15, your committee received two bills for June services. One bill was from the restaurant where your committee held a fundraiser and the other was for office rent. The due date for both invoices is July 15. If, on June 30, the committee has not paid the two bills, the bill from the restaurant is reported on Schedule F as an accrued expense on your semi-annual statement. Since the rent bill is a regular administrative overhead expense, it does not need to be reported as an accrued expense.

Information Required

Itemize each payment or accrued expense of \$100 or more to a single payee, and any payments totaling \$100 or more for a single product or service made during the period.

If the committee has entered into an agreement to make payments over time for a product or service, other than general administrative expenses such as rent and utilities, the unpaid balance may be reportable on Schedule F as an accrued expense.

Payments for Online Communications

Additional expenditure reporting is required when a committee pays a person to provide favorable or unfavorable content about a candidate or ballot measure on an Internet site other than the committee's own website. The committee must specifically describe amounts the committee paid to provide favorable or unfavorable content on a candidate or ballot measure by:

- Providing such content for or posting on a website or blog, whether one's own or another's.
- Providing such content for or posting on a social media platform.
- Providing such video content for posting online.

Content means that which is offered on a website or other digital platform in writing, picture, video, photograph or other similar format.

Payments made to an individual, either directly or through a third party, must be reported on Schedule E or F using the code “WEB.” In addition, the following information must be included: the amount of the payment, the payee, the name of the individual providing content, and the name of the website or the URL on which the communication is published in the first instance. The committee is not required to know where the content is shared or passed on to after the initial post. The additional reporting is not required if the fact that the campaign paid for the content is posted in a clearly conspicuous manner with the posted content. (See Regulation 18421.5 for additional information.)

Savings Accounts/Certificates of Deposit/Money Market Accounts

Do not report on Schedule E the transfer of campaign funds into a savings account, certificate of deposit, money market account, or the purchase of any other asset that can be readily converted to cash. Report these amounts as cash on hand on the Summary Page, Line 16.

Transfers

If a candidate controlled committee transfers funds to another committee controlled by the candidate, the transfer is reported on Schedule E. The receiving committee reports the transfer on Schedule I (Miscellaneous Increases to Cash). There are restrictions on transfers of surplus funds (see Chapter 5) and on transfers of funds to run for state office. (See Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for State Candidates.)

Contributions and Independent Expenditures

If the committee makes contributions and/or independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates, officeholders, or committees, in addition to reporting the payments or accrued expenses on Schedule E or F, they must also be reported on Schedule D. For payments made for goods or services that are nonmonetary contributions or

independent expenditures, also identify the candidate, committee, or ballot measure supported or opposed by the expenditure in the “Description of Payment” column on Schedule E or F.

When a primarily formed committee makes a payment for a communication that expressly advocates support for or opposition to the candidate for whom the committee is formed, the payment is reported as a contribution or independent expenditure. As discussed in Chapter 6, the determination is based on whether the payment was made at the behest of the candidate. If the payment is an independent expenditure, additional forms, such as the Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462) and the 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496), may be required. (See Chapter 10 for additional information.)

If a primarily formed committee makes payments for contributions or independent expenditures to support or oppose **other** candidates, officeholders, committees, or ballot measures, it may qualify as a different type of committee (i.e., a general purpose committee), which has different reporting obligations. Contact the FPPC for assistance.

Subvendor Payments (often reported on Schedule G)

When an agent or independent contractor (such as a campaign worker, consulting firm, or advertising agency) makes an expenditure, or incurs a debt, of \$500 or more on behalf of the committee, the expenditure must be reported in the same detail as if it had been made directly by the committee. These are commonly known as “subvendor payments.” The committee must also obtain and keep receipts, invoices, and other documentation for subvendor payments. (See Chapter 2.)

Examples of subvendor payments that must be itemized include:

- Development of campaign strategy;
- Media placements – television, radio, cable, digital (specifically listing the TV or radio stations);
- Commissions paid to media firms for media placements;

- Travel expenses, such as a commercial airline or hotel paid \$500 or more;
- Print or online advertisements;
- Polling and survey research;
- Talent and media services, production costs;
- Voter canvas program;
- Robocalls;
- Printing and literature; and
- Design or management of campaign literature or advertising.

* If signature gathering, door-to-door solicitations, or canvassing is done by an individual, the agent or independent contractor does not need to supply the name of the individual to the committee, nor does the committee need to name the individual. For more information regarding this, please review Regulation 18431(e).

QUICK TIP: Payments made to subvendors may be itemized on Schedule E or Schedule G. Accrued expenses owed to a subvendor are reported on Schedule F.

Generally, agents and independent contractors must provide the committee with the required payment information no later than **three working days** prior to the deadline for filing the campaign statement; however, an expenditure of \$1,000 or more made for a contribution or independent expenditure in the 90 days before an election, including the date of the election, must be reported to the committee **within 24 hours**. Expenditures made by the agent or independent contractor for its own overhead and operating expenses need not be itemized.

Ex 9.11 - An agent purchased \$535 worth of flowers, \$250 worth of postage, and \$100 worth of balloons for a fundraiser. Itemize the agent on Schedule E (or Schedule F if the agent was not reimbursed during the reporting period). Provide the agent's name and address, a code or a description of the expenditures, and the amount being reimbursed (\$885). In addition, since the payment to the florist was \$500 or more, the florist must also be itemized. Provide the name and address of the florist, a code or description of the expenditure, and the amount paid to the florist (\$535).

In many cases, funds paid to an agent or independent contractor in one reporting period will not be used by the agent or contractor until a subsequent reporting period. Payments to an agent or contractor are reported on Schedule E of the campaign statement covering the period in which the payments are made. When the agent or contractor spends the money, subvendor payments are reported on the campaign statement covering the period in which the expenditures are made. Payments of \$500 or more must be itemized.

Subvendor payments are most commonly reported on Schedule G, but may be reported on Schedule E or F along with the payment made or owed to the agent or contractor. When itemizing subvendor payments on Schedule E or F, do not include the payments in the "Amount Paid" column, as this will inflate expenditure totals.

Credit Card Payments

When reporting payments to a credit card company, provide the name, street address, city, state, zip code, and the amount of payment. In addition, provide the name, street address, city, state, and zip code of any vendor that received \$100 or more, the amount paid to each itemized vendor, and a code or description of the payment.

If a payment has not been made on the credit card by the end of the reporting period, or only partial payment has been made, report the amount outstanding to the credit card company on Schedule F. Payments to the credit card company should be reflected on Schedule E when payments are made and Schedule F when there is a balance still owing at the end of the reporting period. Vendors are not required to be listed more than one time, on either Schedule E or Schedule F. Schedule G may also be used to disclose vendors.

Ex 9.12 - Sandra's committee for city council used the campaign credit card on December 28 at two different vendors to purchase office supplies and to have invitations to a fundraiser printed. The printing job cost \$560, while the office supplies were under \$100. Since the committee did not make a payment on the credit card by December 31, the end of the reporting period, the amount owed is reported on Schedule F. In addition to the total amount owed to the financial institution that issued the credit card, the committee also itemizes the printer, since the amount owed is \$100 or more. The committee will report payments it makes to the financial institution, but does not reitemize any vendors.

Contingency Payments

If the committee has entered into an agreement to pay a contingency fee, such as a bonus to a consultant if the campaign is successful, report the fee amount on Schedule F only if it is outstanding at the end of the campaign. The fee is not required to be reported as an accrued expense until it is due.

Reimbursements – Candidates

Candidates may not use their personal funds for campaign expenses (except for filing and ballot statement fees and the \$50 Secretary of State fee) without first depositing them into the campaign bank account.

Reimbursements – Volunteers, Employees, Agents and Contractors

Volunteers (including a candidate's spouse), employees, and agents or independent contractors (e.g., a consultant or an advertising agent),

may be reimbursed for goods, services, or travel expenses when the following criteria are met:

- The treasurer is provided with a dated receipt and a written description of each expenditure prior to reimbursement;
- The reimbursement is paid within 45 calendar days after the expenditure is made; and
- There is a written contract between the committee and the agent or independent contractor providing for the reimbursement of expenditures. (Volunteers and employees do not need a written contract.)

If the reimbursement does not occur within 45 calendar days, the expenditure is considered a nonmonetary contribution from the volunteer, paid employee, agent or independent contractor, unless the person seeking reimbursement has made a good faith effort to obtain reimbursement and is unable to collect from the committee.

Reimbursements – Officeholders

Officeholders may be reimbursed for expenses related to holding office paid for from personal funds when the following criteria are met.

- The expenditures are not campaign expenditures;
- The committee's treasurer is provided with a dated receipt and a written description of the expenditure; and
- Reimbursement occurs:
 - For a monetary expenditure: Within 90 calendar days after the officeholder incurs the expense.
 - For a credit card or charge account: Within 90 calendar days of the end of the billing period.

If the reimbursement does not occur within the 90-day period, the amount must be reported as a nonmonetary contribution from the officeholder to the committee and no reimbursement may occur.

An officeholder may be reimbursed from either the controlled committee campaign bank account established for election to the incumbent term of office, or from a controlled committee bank account established for a different election to the same office, if all of the conditions above are met. When reporting reimbursements to the officeholder, subvendor payments of \$100 or more must be itemized.

Expenditures Made for Gifts, Meals, and Travel Payments

A candidate controlled committee that makes an expenditure of \$100 or more for a gift, meal, or travel must further explain the expenditure in the “Description of Payment” column as described below. The explanation must be provided even if an expenditure code is used.

Gifts: When reporting an itemized expenditure for a gift, the committee must briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure. In addition, the committee must provide the date of the gift and a description of the gift. If the gift was made to an individual recipient, the name of the recipient must be included. If a gift was made to a group of recipients, the name of each recipient who received a benefit of \$50 or more is required. When the recipient of a gift with a value of \$50 or more is not known at the time the payment is required to be reported, the committee must report that the gift was for an “undetermined recipient.” Once the gift has been given to the recipient, the campaign statement must be amended within 45 calendar days to disclose the name of the recipient.

Meals: When reporting an itemized expenditure for a meal (other than a meal reported as an itemized expenditure for travel, as discussed below), the committee must briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure. In addition, the committee must provide the date of the meal, the number of individuals who were present at the meal, and whether the candidate, a member of their household, or an individual with authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds was present at the meal. It is not necessary to include the names of individual attendees on the report. However, the names of the attendees must be maintained in the committee’s records. (See Chapter 2.)

Ex 9.13 -The mayor’s election committee purchased \$50 restaurant gift certificates for two volunteer campaign workers. On Schedule E, the payment must be itemized. In the “Description of Payment” column, the following would adequately describe the payment: “12/5/XX – gift certificates for campaign workers, Linda Davis (\$50), and Richard Bailey (\$50).”

Ex 9.14 -The committee’s controlling candidate and campaign manager discuss the election campaign during a lunch meeting at a restaurant. The meal was charged to the campaign credit card. On Schedule E, the payment to the credit card company and the restaurant must be itemized. In the “Description of Payment” column, the following would adequately describe the payment: “9/1/XX – Lunch meeting regarding campaign attended by campaign manager and candidate.

Travel Payments: When reporting an itemized expenditure for travel, including lodging and meals, the committee must briefly describe the political, legislative, or governmental purpose of the expenditure. In addition, the committee must also provide the date or dates of the travel, the destination, and the goods or services purchased. The description must also include the number of individuals for whom the payment was made and whether the trip included the candidate, a member of their household, or an individual with the authority to approve expenditures of campaign funds. The names of individuals who traveled are not required to be disclosed on the report. However, the names of the travelers must be maintained in the committee’s records. (See Chapter 2.)

Ex 9.15 - A San Diego elected officeholder attended a fundraiser in Sacramento for a state ballot measure committee. The officeholder’s committee paid for the travel expenses. On Schedule E, the payment to the airline must be itemized. In the “Description of Payment” column, the following would adequately describe the payment:
“8/1/XX and 8/3/XX – Round trip airfare to Sacramento for officeholder to attend ballot measure committee fundraiser.”

**Schedule E
Payments Made**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE E

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CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc.	MBR member communications	RAD radio airtime and production costs
CNS campaign consultants	MTG meetings and appearances	RFD returned contributions
CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)*	OFC office expenses	SAL campaign workers' salaries
CVC civic donations	PET petition circulating	TEL t.v. or cable airtime and production costs
FIL candidate filing/ballot fees	PHO phone banks	TRC candidate travel, lodging, and meals
FND fundraising events	POL polling and survey research	TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals
IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*	POS postage, delivery and messenger services	TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor
LEG legal defense	PRO professional services (legal, accounting)	VOT voter registration
LIT campaign literature and mailings	PRT print ads	WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CODE OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
Del Norte County Bank (Visa) 8995 Pine Street, Crescent City, CA 95531			\$15,000
Subvendor: Mailings and More \$14,500 855 Redwood Street, Oakmont, CA 95443	LIT		
Lam and Pettit Consultants 2720 P Street Crescent City, CA 95531	PRO	See Schedule G for subvendors	\$20,000

* Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

SUBTOTAL \$ 35,000

4	Schedule E Summary	
1.	Itemized payments made this period. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.)	\$ 37,200
2.	Unitemized payments made this period of under \$100	\$ 3,500
3.	Total interest paid this period on loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part 1, Column (e).)	\$ 250
4.	Total payments made this period. (Add Lines 1, 2, and 3. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 6.)	TOTAL \$ 40,950

**Schedule E
(Continuation Sheet)
Payments Made**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE E (CONT.)

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CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc.	MBR member communications	RAD radio airtime and production costs
CNS campaign consultants	MTG meetings and appearances	RFD returned contributions
CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)*	OFC office expenses	SAL campaign workers' salaries
CVC civic donations	PET petition circulating	TEL t.v. or cable airtime and production costs
FIL candidate filing/ballot fees	PHO phone banks	TRC candidate travel, lodging, and meals
FND fundraising events	POL polling and survey research	TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals
IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*	POS postage, delivery and messenger services	TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor
LEG legal defense	PRO professional services (legal, accounting)	VOT voter registration
LIT campaign literature and mailings	PRT print ads	WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CODE OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
Del Norte County Independent Central Committee (ID 11852XX) 18885 Ocean Blvd. Crescent City, CA 95531	CTB		\$500
Manuel Alvarez 4245 McDow Street Oakmont, CA 95443		Reimbursement of filing fee	\$1,500
Nelson Legal Group, LLC 4950 Professional Blvd. Crescent City, CA 95531	PRO		\$200

M. Completing the Form 460 Schedule E (Payments Made)

1 Name and Address of Payee

Itemize each payment of \$100 or more made to a single payee during the reporting period, and any payments totaling \$100 or more made during the period for a single product of service. Include the name, street address, city, state, and zip code of the payee. Do not use a post office box number when reporting the address of a payee or creditor.

QUICK TIP: The spouse or registered domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office may not receive, in exchange for any services rendered, compensation from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate. **QUICK TIP:** The spouse or registered domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office may not receive, in exchange for any services rendered, compensation from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate.

2 Code or Description of Payment

When itemizing payments, provide either a code or a description of the payment. Expenditure codes are explained in detail in the Form 460, Schedule E instructions. If none of the codes listed on Schedule E fully explains the expenditure, leave the code column blank and provide a brief description of the goods or services purchased.

QUICK TIP: Campaign funds may be used only for certain types of legal payments. See Chapter 5 for information about the permissible uses of campaign funds.

If several expenditures are made to one vendor during the same reporting period, all of the payments to the vendor may be reported in a single record. When coding the expenditures, use the code that represents the largest share of the expenditures, and the description field for the other codes or a description. Alternatively, each expenditure may be reported separately by category.

For expenditures that are nonmonetary contributions or independent expenditures, provide the applicable code (“CTB” or “IND”) and disclose the name of the candidate or committee that received the contribution, or the name of the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed by the independent expenditure. Also include a brief description of the contribution or independent expenditure. These expenditures must also be disclosed on Schedule D.

3 Amount Paid

Enter the total amount paid to the payee during the reporting period.

Payment of Accrued Expenses

When paying for accrued expenses previously reported on Schedule F, report all payments on Schedule E, itemizing each payment of \$100 or more. Subvendor information does not need to be reitemized if it was disclosed on Schedule F of a previous statement.

4 Schedule E Summary

Complete the Schedule E Summary by entering the total amount of itemized payments of \$100 or more (Line 1) and the total amount of unitemized payments of less than \$100 (Line 2). If the committee is paying interest on loans, enter the amount from Schedule B, Part 1, Column (e) on Line 3. The total amount of all payments made is entered on Line 4. The amount on Line 4 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Line 6.

**Schedule F
Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills)**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

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CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc.	MBR member communications	RAD radio airtime and production costs
CNS campaign consultants	MTG meetings and appearances	RFD returned contributions
CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)*	OFC office expenses	SAL campaign workers' salaries
CVC civic donations	PET petition circulating	TEL t.v. or cable airtime and production costs
FIL candidate filing/ballot fees	PHO phone banks	TRC candidate travel, lodging, and meals
FND fundraising events	POL polling and survey research	TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals
IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*	POS postage, delivery and messenger services	TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor
LEG legal defense	PRO professional services (legal, accounting)	VOT voter registration
LIT campaign literature and mailings	PRT print ads	WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)

1	2	3	(a) OUTSTANDING BALANCE BEGINNING OF THIS PERIOD	(b) AMOUNT INCURRED THIS PERIOD	(c) AMOUNT PAID THIS PERIOD (ALSO REPORT ON E)	(d) OUTSTANDING BALANCE AT CLOSE OF THIS PERIOD
Nelson Legal Group, LLC 4950 Professional Blvd. Crescent City, CA 95531	PRO		\$2,000	0	\$200	\$1,800
Tri Cities Bank (Mastercard) 9650 Main Street Crescent City, CA 95531			0	\$1,750	0	\$1,750
Subvendor: Home Depot \$750 750 Industrial Way, Oakmont, CA 95443	CMP					
SUBTOTALS \$			2,000	\$ 1,750	\$ 200	3,550

* Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

4	<p>Schedule F Summary</p> <p>1. Total accrued expenses incurred this period. (Include all Schedule F, Column (b) subtotals for accrued expenses of \$100 or more, plus total unitemized accrued expenses under \$100.)..... INCURRED TOTALS \$ 1,750</p> <p>2. Total accrued expenses paid this period. (Include all Schedule F, Column (c) subtotals for payments on accrued expenses of \$100 or more, plus total unitemized payments on accrued expenses under \$100.)..... PAID TOTALS \$ 200</p> <p>3. Net change this period. (Subtract Line 2 from Line 1. Enter the difference here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 9.)..... NET \$ 1,550 <small>May be a negative number</small></p>
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N. Completing the Form 460 Schedule F – Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills)

1 Name and Address of Creditor

Itemize each accrued expense of \$100 or more owed to a single creditor. Provide the name, street address, city, state, and zip code of the creditor. Do not use post office box numbers. Continue to list an unpaid bill until it is paid off.

2 Code or Description of Payment

When itemizing accrued expenses, provide either a code or a description of the outstanding payment. Expenditure codes are explained in detail in the Form 460, Schedule E instructions. If none of

the codes listed on Schedule F fully explains the outstanding payment, leave the code column blank and provide a brief description of the goods or services.

If several accrued expenses are owed to one vendor during the same reporting period, all of the accrued expenses to the vendor may be reported in a single record. The code that represents the largest share of the accrued expenses should be used, and the description field may be used for other codes or descriptions. Alternatively, each accrued expense may be reported separately by category.

For accrued expenses in connection with nonmonetary contributions or independent expenditures, provide the applicable code (“CTB” or “IND”) and disclose the name of the candidate or committee that received the contribution, or the name of the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed by the independent expenditure. Also include a brief description of the contribution or independent expenditure. **These expenditures also must be disclosed on Schedule D.**

3 Amount Columns

For each itemized accrued expense, report any outstanding balance remaining for the accrued expense from the previous period in column (a), the amount of new accrued expenses incurred this period in column (b), the amount paid this period in column (c), and any outstanding balance at the close of the period in column (d).

When payments on accrued expenses are made, in addition to itemizing payments of \$100 or more on Schedule F, **itemize the payments on Schedule E.** Include unitemized payments on accrued expenses on Line 2 of the summary section of Schedule E.

Estimating Accrued Expenses

If the exact amount of a debt or obligation is unknown, an estimate may be reported. When the committee is made aware of the exact amount, the committee must 1) amend the statement on which the estimated amount was reported; or 2) make an adjustment on the next campaign statement by showing the difference between the estimated amount and the actual amount in column (b), “Amount Incurred This

Period.” If the actual amount is less than the estimate, the amount listed in column (b) should be a negative number and subtracted from the totals. When reporting estimated amounts or corrections to estimated amounts, note that fact on the campaign statement.

Ex 9.16 - On its second preelection statement, the committee’s treasurer reported an estimated accrued expense of \$5,000 owed to ABC Printing. An invoice was received during the next reporting period showing the actual amount owed as \$4,500. On Schedule F, column (a) of its next statement, the committee will report an outstanding accrued expense of \$5,000. In column (b), the amount incurred this period will be a negative \$500. The committee paid the entire bill and therefore will report \$4,500 as the amount paid this period in column (c), with a zero balance in column (d).

Forgiven Accrued Expenses or Third Party Payments

If a creditor reduces or forgives a debt previously reported on Schedule F, or if another person pays a debt for the committee:

- Indicate that the debt was forgiven, reduced, or paid by a third party and enter “see Schedule C” in the “Description of Payment” column. Also report the creditor or payor and the amount as a nonmonetary contribution on Schedule C.
- Report the amount forgiven, reduced, or paid by a third party in the “Amount Paid This Period” column and indicate that it was a forgiveness or third party payment **or** report the amount as a negative number in the “Amount Incurred This Period” column. Do not report the amount on Schedule E.

If the decision to forgive or reduce the debt is based on a bona fide business judgment that all or part of the debt is uncollectible, the creditor may not be making a contribution. Contact the FPPC for assistance.

4 Schedule F Summary

Complete the Schedule F Summary by entering the total amount of accrued expenses **incurred** on Line 1 and the total amount of accrued expenses **paid** on Line 2. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and enter the

difference (net change this period) on Line 3. The amount on Line 3 will be a negative amount when the accrued expenses paid are more than the amount of new accrued expenses. The amount on Line 3 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Line 9.

Outstanding Accrued Expenses (Summary Page, Column B, Line

Accrued expenses are carried forward on future statements until they are paid off. To determine the amount for Column B, Line 9 of the overall Summary Page, add the amount from Column A, Line 9 of the current statement to the amount of Column B, Line 9 of the previous statement. If the amount in Column A, Line 9 is a negative number, subtract it from the amount in Column B, Line 9 of the previous statement.

Answering Your Accrued Expenses Questions

A. When are unpaid bills reportable as accrued expenses?

The basic rule is that you must report an accrued expense any time you have received goods or services but have not paid for them by the end of the reporting period.

B. What if our committee has not yet received an invoice from the vendor?

If you have received the goods or services, you must report the accrued expense on Schedule F even if you have not received an invoice. If you do not know the actual amount, you may report an estimate. Once the committee is made aware of the actual amount, the committee must either amend the statement on which the estimated amount was reported or make an adjustment on the next campaign statement by showing the difference between the estimated amount and the actual amount. When reporting estimated amounts or corrections to estimated amounts, note that fact on Schedule F.

C. We have a contract to pay our campaign consultant \$1,000 per month. If the closing date of the campaign statement falls during the middle of the month, for example March 17, must we report an accrued expense for the period of March 1 through March 17?

No. When you have agreed in writing to pay a contractor a set amount at regular intervals, it is not necessary to prorate the amount owed to the contractor if the reporting period closes before the end of the contract period. The payment will be reported on the campaign statement for the period in which the payment is made.

D. When an accrued expense is owed and there are subvendor payments, when are the subvendors reported? For example, if we report an accrued expense owed on a credit card and list the subvendors, must we reitemize the subvendors again on Schedules E and F when the accrued expense is paid?

No. It is not necessary to reitemize subvendors when payments are made on accrued expenses, or if an accrued expense is reported on more than one statement. In this example, the subvendors must be reported on the first statement disclosing the accrued expense owed to the credit card company. On subsequent statements, only the credit card company must be itemized.

E. Prior to attending an FPPC webinar and learning that it was not permitted, I used personal funds to pay for some of my campaign expenses before I opened a campaign bank account. How do I report these expenditures on the Form 460?

So that the activity is properly disclosed, you should report the amount of personal funds used on Schedule A as a contribution and Schedule E as an expenditure (itemizing subvendors of \$100 or more). If you wish to be reimbursed by the committee, you may report the amount on Schedule F as an accrued expense. If you have already been reimbursed by the committee, you will report the amount on Schedule E as an expenditure itemizing subvendors of \$100 or more. Non-disclosure of the payments is a violation of the Act. All future payments must be made from the campaign bank account; personal funds must be deposited into the account before making expenditures.

O. General Rules for Reporting Payments Made by an Agent or Independent Contractor on Schedule G

Schedule G is used to report payments made by agents (such as campaign workers) and independent contractors (such as consulting firms or advertising agencies) on behalf of the committee. This schedule may be used in lieu of itemizing these amounts on Schedule E or F. See the general rules for Schedules E and F for additional information.

QUICK TIP: When reporting an agent or independent contractor's expenditure to an individual for conducting signature gathering, door-to-door solicitations, or canvassing, a committee is not required to name the individual, nor is the agent or contractor required to name the individual when providing information to the committee. For more information, please see Regulation 18431(e).

Schedule G may be completed by the committee from information provided by the agent or independent contractor or it may be completed by the agent or independent contractor. Agents and independent contractors must provide the committee with the required payment information **no later than three working days prior to the filing deadline** of the campaign statement. If an agent or independent contractor makes an expenditure of \$1,000 or more for a contribution or independent expenditure in the 90 days before an election, including the date of the election, they must provide the committee with the required payment information **within 24 hours**.

Schedule G
Payments Made by an Agent or Independent Contractor (on Behalf of This Committee)

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

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 NAME OF AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
 Lam and Pettit Consultants

CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc.	MBR member communications	RAD radio airtime and production costs
CNS campaign consultants	MTG meetings and appearances	RFD returned contributions
CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)*	OFC office expenses	SAL campaign workers' salaries
CVC civic donations	PET petition circulating	TEL t.v. or cable airtime and production costs
FIL candidate filing/ballot fees	PHO phone banks	TRC candidate travel, lodging, and meals
FND fundraising events	POL polling and survey research	TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals
IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*	POS postage, delivery and messenger services	TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor
LEG legal defense	PRO professional services (legal, accounting)	VOT voter registration
LIT campaign literature and mailings	PRT print ads	WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)

* Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE OR CREDITOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CODE OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
KXTL Radio 5656 Westside Way Oakmont, CA 95443	RAD		\$2,000
Good Day Oakmont 2620 H Street Oakmont, CA 95443	TEL		\$7,000
Northwest Airlines 2500 Crosby Circle Chicago, IL 60606	TRC	10/15/XX: Sacramento, Airfare to Attend Meeting (1, Consultant)	\$155
Albino's Italian Eats 1325 Sicily Street Oakmont, CA 95443	MTG	7/10/XX: Committee Staff Meeting (4, Candidate and Treasurer)	\$125

Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

TOTAL* \$ 9,280

P. Completing Form 460 Schedule G (Payments Made by an Agent or Independent Contractor)

1 Name and Address of Payee or Creditor

Itemize each payment of \$500 or more made by the agent or independent contractor. Provide the name, street address, city, state, and zip code of the payee or creditor. Do not use a post office box number.

2 Code or Description of Payment

When itemizing each payment, provide either a code or a description of the payment. If none of the codes listed on Schedule G fully explains the payment, leave the code column blank and provide a brief description of the payment. Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be reported on Schedule D.

3 Amount Paid

Enter the total amount paid to the payee during the reporting period.

Schedule G totals are not transferred to any other schedule or to the Summary Page.

Q. General Rules for Reporting Loans Made to Others on Schedule H

Schedule H is for reporting loans **made** by the committee. Campaign funds may be used to make loans to bona fide charitable, educational, civic, religious, or similar tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations, so long as the loan does not personally benefit the officeholder, candidate, committee treasurer, or any individual with authority to approve the expenditure of campaign funds, or any such person's immediate family member. The loan must be reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.

QUICK TIP: Most local committees will not make loans to others. If there is nothing to report on Schedule H, the schedule does not need to be included with the Form 460. Simply enter a zero or the word "none" on Line 7 of the overall Summary Page.

Because a loan is considered a contribution, loans to other candidates and committees are subject to applicable state or local contribution limits. Loans to other candidates and committees must also be reported on Schedule D.

Outstanding loans are reported on each campaign statement until they are paid.

QUICK TIP: If a primarily formed committee makes contributions (including loans) to candidates, officeholders, or committees (other than to the candidate for which the committee is primarily formed), it may qualify as a different type of committee with different reporting obligations. Contact the FPPC for assistance.

**Schedule H
Loans Made to Others***

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

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1	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF RECIPIENT (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
			(a) OUTSTANDING BALANCE BEGINNING THIS PERIOD	(b) AMOUNT LOANED THIS PERIOD	(c) REPAYMENT OR FORGIVENESS THIS PERIOD*	(d) OUTSTANDING BALANCE AT CLOSE OF THIS PERIOD	(e) INTEREST RECEIVED	(f) ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF LOAN	(g) CUMULATIVE LOANS TO DATE
	Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX Committee for Bike Lanes in Oakmont, Yes on Measure E (ID 12456XX) 1500 D Street Oakmont, CA 95443		\$ 0	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> PAID \$ 0 <input type="checkbox"/> FORGIVEN \$ 0	\$ 1,000 None DATE DUE	5% RATE \$ 0	\$ 1,000 7/15/XX DATE INCURRED	\$ 1,000 N/A
SUBTOTALS			\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 0		

*Loans that are contributions to another candidate or committee must also be summarized on Schedule D. Loans forgiven must also be reported on Schedule E.

(Enter (e) on Schedule I, Line 3)

2 Schedule H Summary	
1. Loans made this period (Total Column (b) plus unitemized loans of less than \$100.)	\$ 1,000
2. Payments received on loans (Total Column (c) plus unitemized payments of less than \$100.)	\$ 0
3. Net change this period. (Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.) (Enter the net here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 7.)	NET \$ 1,000 (May be a negative number)

**If Required

R. Completing the Form 460 Schedule H (Loans Made to Others)

1 Recipient Information

For each loan of \$100 or more that was made or outstanding during the reporting period, provide the recipient's full name and street address, including the zip code. If the recipient is an individual, provide the individual's occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, provide the name of their business.

Loan Amounts

a Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

Enter the outstanding loan balance at the beginning of this reporting period (Column (d) of the last report filed). If the loan was received this period, Column (a) should be left blank.

b Amount Loaned This Period

Enter the amount loaned to the recipient during this reporting period. If the loan was made in a previous reporting period, Column (b) should be left blank.

c Repayment or Forgiveness This Period

Enter the amount of any reduction of the loan during this reporting period. Indicate whether the loan was paid or forgiven. If the committee forgives a loan, also report the transaction on Schedule E and, if the recipient of the loan is a candidate or committee, report the forgiveness as a contribution on Schedule D.

d Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

Enter the outstanding balance of the loan at the close of this reporting period. Enter the due date, if any.

e Interest Received

Enter the interest rate and amount of interest received on the loan during this reporting period. Interest received is reported separately from payments received on the loan principal. Interest received is also transferred to the Schedule I Summary.

f Original Amount of Loan

Enter the original amount of the loan and the date it was made. If this is the first time the loan is being reported, this will be the same amount as reported in Column (b).

g Cumulative Loans to Date

For each loan that is a contribution, enter the cumulative amount of contributions (including loans, loan guarantees, monetary and nonmonetary contributions) made to the recipient during the calendar year covered by the statement. If the recipient is subject to state contribution limits, also enter the total amount contributed in connection with each election and identify the election year. Because loans are contributions, the total amount of contributions made to a state candidate's committee, including loans, may not exceed the applicable limit. (Loans to candidates or other committees must also be reported on Schedule D.)

2 Schedule H Summary

Complete the Schedule H Summary by entering the total amount of loans **made** on Line 1 and the total amount of loan payments **received** on Line 2. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and enter the difference (net change this period) on Line 3. The amount on Line 3 will be a negative amount when the loan payments received this period are more than the amount of new loans made. The amount on Line 3 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Column A, Line 7.

Outstanding Loans Made (Summary Page – Column B, Line 7)

Loans made are carried forward on future statements until they are paid off. To determine the amount for Column B, Line 7 of the overall Summary Page, add the amount from Column A, Line 7 of this statement to the amount of Column B, Line 7 of the previous statement. If the amount in Column A, Line 7 is a negative number, subtract it from the amount in Column B, Line 7 of the previous statement.

S. General Rules for Reporting Miscellaneous Increases to Cash on Schedule I

Schedule I is used to report increases to the committee's cash position that are not monetary contributions, loans, or repayments of loans made to others. Examples include:

- Proceeds, up to the fair market value, of items sold at a garage sale or auction.
- Contributions returned to the committee.
- Refunds received on deposits, such as a telephone or room rental deposit or from over-payment of bills.
- Interest received or credited to a checking or savings account or other time deposit.
- Interest payments received on loans made to others.
- Receipts from the sale of committee assets.

- Transfers of funds received by a controlled committee from another committee controlled by the same candidate. There are special rules for transferring funds to a committee for state office. (See Campaign Disclosure Manual 1.)
- Receipt of earmarked funds when acting as an intermediary. (See Chapter 8.)

Donated Items

When reporting sources who have purchased donated items (e.g., items sold at an auction), report the amount received, up to the fair market value, on Schedule I. Any amount in excess of the fair market value is reported as a contribution on Schedule A.

Ex 9.17 - A television was donated by Seaside TV Sales for your committee's auction. The television's fair market value was \$1,000. A person paid \$1,500 for the television. Report the purchaser information and report \$1,000 in the amount column of Schedule I. On Schedule A also report the purchaser as a contributor of \$500, the amount over the fair market value. Seaside will be reported as a contributor of \$1,000 on Schedule C for the nonmonetary contribution of the television.

Uncashed Checks

If the committee writes a check that is never deposited or negotiated, report the amount of the uncashed check on Schedule I.

Decreases to Cash

All decreases to cash must be reported as expenditures on Schedule E or H.

**Schedule I
Miscellaneous Increases to Cash**

Amounts may be rounded
to whole dollars.

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DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF SOURCE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	DESCRIPTION OF RECEIPT	AMOUNT OF INCREASE TO CASH
7/5/XX	Alvarez for City Council 20XX 225 Presley Street Oakmont, CA 95443	Transferred funds (ID 12257XX)	\$3,000

Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

SUBTOTAL \$ 3,000

5	Schedule I Summary
1. Itemized increases to cash this period.	\$ 3,000
2. Unitemized increases to cash of under \$100 this period.	\$ 0
3. Total of all interest received this period on loans made to others. (Schedule H, Column (e).)	\$ 0
4. Total miscellaneous increases to cash this period. (Add Lines 1, 2, and 3. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Line 14.)	TOTAL \$ 3,000

T. Completing the Form 460 Schedule I (Miscellaneous Increases to Cash)

1 Date Received

Report the date the committee received the miscellaneous receipt.

2 Source Information

Itemize sources of \$100 or more. Provide the full name, street address, city, state, and zip code of the source. Post office box numbers are not acceptable.

3 Description of Receipt

Provide a description of the receipt (e.g., refund on room deposit for fundraiser, interest earned on loans made to others).

4 Amount of Increase

Enter the amount of the receipt.

5 Schedule I Summary

Complete the Schedule I Summary by entering the total amount of itemized increases to cash of \$100 or more on Line 1 and the total amount of unitemized increases to cash on Line 2. Enter the total of all interest received this period on loans made to others (from Schedule H, Column (e)) on Line 3. Add Lines 1, 2, and 3 to determine the total miscellaneous increases to cash this period and enter the amount on Line 4. The amount on Line 4 is carried forward to the overall Summary Page, Line 14.

U. Amending the Form 460

To change or provide information missing from a previously filed Form 460, complete a new Cover Page and check the “Amendment” box under “Type of Statement.” Also check the box indicating the type of statement being amended (e.g., semi-annual, preelection) and enter the period covered by the statement being amended. Provide a brief explanation of the reason for the amendment and attach the schedule(s) being amended, including the Summary Page, if applicable. The amendment is filed with each of the filing officers that received the original filing.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

81004	Reports and Statements; Perjury; Verification.
81004.5	Reports and Statements; Amendments.
82013	Committee.
82015	Contribution.
82015.5	Contribution; Aggregation.
82018	Cumulative Amount.
82025	Expenditure.
82025.5	Fair Market Value.
82044	Payment.
82047.6	Principal Officer.
84105	Notification of Contributors.
84203	Late Contribution; Reports.
84211	Contents of Campaign Statement.
84212	Forms; Loans.
84213	Verification.
84216	Loans.
84216.5	Loans Made by a Candidate or Committee.
84302	Contributions by Intermediary or Agent.
84303	Expenditures by Agent or Independent Contractor.
84306	Contributions Received by Agents of Candidates and Committees.
84615	Campaign Reports and Statements – Electronic Filing for Local Agencies.
85201	Campaign Bank Account.
85700	Donor Information Requirements; Return of Contributions.
89511.5	Use of Personal Funds for Incumbent Elected Officers.
89515	Use of Campaign Funds for Donations and Loans.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18215 Contribution.
- 18216 Enforceable Promise to Make a Payment.
- 18250 Street Address.
- 18401 Required Recordkeeping for Chapters 4 & 5.
- 18402.2 Limited Liability Companies, Responsible Officer.
- 18421 Cash Equivalents.
- 18421.1 Disclosure of the Making and Receipt of Contributions.
- 18421.3 Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures Collected by Contract Vendors or Collecting Agents.
- 18421.5 Reporting an Expenditure for Paid Online Communications.
- 18421.6 Reporting Accrued Expenses.
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- 18421.9 Reporting Expenditures Charged to a Credit, Debit or Charge Card by a Candidate or Committee.
- 18421.10 Reporting Contributions from Limited Liability Companies.
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- 18533 Contributions from Joint Checking Accounts.
- 18570 Return of Contributions with Insufficient Donor Information.

WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE THE FORM 460

This chapter reviews when and where committees file the Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460). The Form 460 is the comprehensive report that discloses all receipts and expenditures of a committee. The Form 460 includes payments previously reported on forms such as the 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497). All reports and statements filed under the Political Reform Act (Act) are public records available for public inspection.

Candidates and officeholders who do not have an open committee during a calendar year are not required to file the Form 460, but may be required to file the Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement—Short Form (Form 470). Review Chapter 1 for information about the Form 470, including when and where to file.

Primarily formed committees that have minimal activity in a reporting period may be eligible to use the Recipient Committee Campaign Statement—Short Form (Form 450) or the Semi-Annual Statement of No Activity (Form 425) instead of the Form 460. These forms are filed at the same time and locations as the Form 460.

A. General Information

Filing Schedules: The FPPC posts on its website filing schedules for specific election dates (e.g., June and November elections). In addition, county elections offices and city clerks often post filing schedules. Local candidates and committees should contact their local filing officer as some local jurisdictions may require filings in addition to what is required by the Act.

QUICK TIP: If the FPPC's website does not have a filing schedule for your specific election date, contact your local elections office for information about the filing deadlines.

The committee treasurer is responsible for meeting all applicable filing deadlines. Filing officers are not required to send reminder notices about upcoming deadlines; however, they are required to notify committees that have missed a filing deadline.

Deadlines: Except where noted, statements filed on paper must be hand-delivered or postmarked by the due date. Deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday are extended to the next business day; however, this extension does not apply to the 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Reports (Form 496) or to the 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Reports (Form 497) required the weekend before an election. For example, if a committee receives a \$1,000 contribution on the Saturday before the election, the deadline is not extended to the next business day. The committee must file a Form 497 within 24 hours. There are no other provisions for extending a deadline.

Late Fines: A late filing penalty of up to \$10 per day may be assessed for each day the statement is late. The FPPC or a local filing officer cannot extend a filing deadline. A committee may request a waiver of late fines assessed by the local filing officer or the Secretary of State.

Failure to File: Filing officers must refer committees to the FPPC or another enforcement agency if a committee fails to file a campaign statement. Administrative penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation may be assessed. (See Government Code Section 83116.) Committees fined by the FPPC Enforcement Division are listed on the FPPC website.

B. When to File

Semi-Annual Statements

Most committees file a semi-annual statement for each half of the year, whether or not they receive contributions or make expenditures during the six-month period. An existing committee or a committee newly formed during the first six months of the year must file a semi-annual statement due on or before July 31 for the period covering January 1 through June 30.

Ex 10.1 - A county supervisor has a controlled committee. The supervisor is not seeking reelection and the committee did not raise or spend any funds during the calendar year. The committee must file a semi-annual statement for the period covering January 1 through June 30, due on or before July 31, and a semi-annual statement for the period July 1 through December 31, due on or before January 31.

Ex 10.2 - A primarily formed committee is formed in May to support a city council candidate in the November election. The committee must file a semi-annual statement for the period covering January 1 through June 30, due on or before July 31. In October, the committee must file the two required preelection statements (due dates and periods covered are listed on the filing schedule). The committee must continue to file semi-annual statements until it terminates.

Committees must also file a semi-annual statement due on or before January 31 of the following year for the period covering July 1 through December 31. The period covered for a committee newly formed during the last six months of the year will be January 1 through December 31.

Exception: Unpaid Elected Officeholders, Judges, and Judicial Candidates

Unpaid officeholders (defined in the Act as those who receive less than \$200 per month for serving in office) and judges are not required to file semi-annual statements (i.e., Form 460 or Form 470) during any six-month period in which they have not received any contributions or made any expenditures.

To determine whether \$200 has been received, only the elected official's fixed compensation for services (i.e., salary) need be counted. Payments for health benefits, reimbursement of expenses (including travel expenses), or per diem received from the elected official's agency are not counted.

Non-incumbent judicial candidates that will not be listed on a ballot and incumbent judges that will not be listed on a ballot who do not receive any contributions or make any expenditures in a six-month period are not required to file the Form 460 or Form 470.

Preelection Statements

In addition to semi-annual statements, candidate controlled committees and primarily formed committees must file two preelection statements before the election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot. For specific reporting periods and filing deadlines, refer to the filing schedules on the FPPC's website or contact the local filing officer. The second preelection statement must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight delivery.

QUICK TIP: Candidate controlled and primarily formed committees must file their second preelection statements by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight delivery (or online transmission, if available).

QUICK TIP: Some local agencies require additional statements before and after an election. Local committees should contact the county elections office or city clerk to determine if additional statements are required. Local campaign ordinances are also posted on the FPPC website.

Exception: Candidates Not on a Ballot

A candidate who will not appear on the ballot because they are running unopposed is not required to file preelection statements. In addition, a candidate who withdraws from an election and will not be listed on the ballot is not required to file preelection statements.

Recall Elections – Quarterly Reports

A committee established by an officeholder who is the subject of a recall election must file campaign statements (Form 460) on a quarterly basis until the semi-annual period in which the recall election is held. The quarterly filing schedule is:

Period Covered	Filing Deadline
January 1 - March 31	April 30
April 1 - June 30	July 31
July 1 - September 30	October 31
October 1 - December 31	January 31

During the semi-annual period in which the recall election is held, the committee must file two preelection statements and a semi-annual statement on the schedule provided by the filing officer.

Ex 10.3 - The local district attorney is the subject of a recall election being held in September. In March, they formed a separate committee to oppose the recall. The committee must file quarterly statements on April 30 and July 31. During the period covering July 1 through December 31, the committee must file two preelection statements in connection with the election, and a semi-annual statement for the period ending December 31, due on or before January 31 of the following year. After the January 31 filing, the committee will file semi-annual statements until it terminates.

Amendments

Except for amendments required to provide missing contributor information (see Chapter 2), there is no specified deadline for filing amendments to campaign statements. However, amendments should be filed as soon as practicable in the same location(s) as the original.

Faxing and Emailing Statements

Campaign statements that contain 30 pages or less may be faxed or emailed (if the local filing officer will accept an emailed statement) provided that the transmitted copy of the campaign statement is the exact copy of the original version. The original statement (with an original signature) must be sent by first-class mail, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery within 24 hours of the filing deadline.

C. Where to File

Candidates, candidate controlled committees, and primarily formed committees file statements based on the office sought by the candidate. The following chart summarizes the locations where campaign statements (i.e., Forms 450, 460, 470) are generally filed. Certain campaign activity may trigger reports that must be filed in another location (see Chapter 10.) An “original” campaign statement is one containing the original signature of the officeholder or candidate and/or the treasurer or assistant treasurer.

Candidate/Officeholder/ Primarily Formed Committee	Where to File	What to File
City Offices	City Clerk	Original and one copy
County Offices	County Elections Offices	Original and one copy
Multi-County Offices Local agencies with jurisdiction in more than one county	County with the largest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction County of Domicile, if different	Original and one copy One copy
Judges and Judicial Candidates	Electronic Filers Secretary of State Non-Electronic Filers Secretary of State County of Domicile	Electronically and one paper original* Original and one copy* One copy

*Effective, January 1, 2023, filers required to file a report or statement by paper **with the Secretary of State** may instead file the paper report or statement by email. All statements must be signed using a verified digital signature. Please access the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.

Electronic Filing

Judges and judicial candidates (including Superior Court judges and candidates) that have raised or spent \$25,000 or more must file electronically with the Secretary of State. The Act does not require other local candidates and committees to file electronically with their local jurisdictions. Some local agencies may require that campaign statements be filed electronically pursuant to a local ordinance. In those jurisdictions, paper copies may not be required, but most committees must submit a paper copy with a “wet signature” to the filing officer.

Multiple Controlled Committees in Same Jurisdiction

In general, a candidate or elected officer may only control one committee and have one bank account per election under the Act’s one bank account rule. (See Chapter 1.) However, if a candidate or elected officer controls more than one committee in the same jurisdiction (i.e., different terms of the same elective office, officeholder account, legal defense fund, or ballot measure committee), each of the committees must file preelection statements on the dates the candidate or elected officer is required to file in connection with their election. (See FPPC Regulation 18405.) This provides the voters with a complete summary of the contributions received and expenditures made by the candidate.

Note: A candidate’s election committee is not required to file based on the ballot measure committee schedule if they are not also being voted on in the election.

Multiple Controlled Committees in Different Jurisdictions

When an individual is simultaneously a candidate for elective state office and elective local office, or for elective office in two different local jurisdictions, they must file campaign statements for all committees they control with both jurisdictions on the dates the candidate is required to file semi-annual and preelection statements. The original statement should be filed with the relevant jurisdiction and a copy with the other jurisdiction. If a local candidate or officeholder also controls a state committee that is required to file electronically, the local committee must file the Form 460 electronically with the Secretary of State each time the Form 460 is due for either committee.

Ex 10.4 - A school board member has an open committee from the school board election. The school board member opens a committee to run for mayor in their city. As an incumbent school board member and a candidate for mayor, they must file campaign statements for both committees with both the county elections office and the city clerk. Preelection statements and semi-annual statements required to be filed in connection with the mayoral election are filed as follows:

- Mayoral Committee
 - City Clerk – Original and one copy
 - County Elections Office – One copy

Ex 10.5 - A city council member has an open committee from the city council election. The council member opens a committee to run for State Assembly. Semi-annual and preelection statements required in connection with the State Assembly election are filed as follows:

- Assembly Committee
 - Electronic Filers: Secretary of State only – Electronically and one paper original
 - Non-Electronic Filers: Secretary of State – Original and one copy City Clerk – One copy
- City Council Committee
 - City Clerk – Original and one copy

An officeholder who does not have a controlled committee may file the Form 470 by July 31 for the position held. If the officeholder subsequently opens a committee to run for a different office, they must file the Form 460 for the required preelection and semi-annual statements. Since the Form 470 was filed in connection with a position for which the candidate does not have a committee, a Form 470 Supplement is not required. However, if the officeholder opens a committee prior to June 30 for election to a different office, the Form 460 must be filed by July 31 for both the position held and the office sought. The officeholder may file one Form 460 and list both the position held and the office sought on the Cover Page, Part 5.

Answering Your Questions

- A. I am currently a city council member without a campaign committee. I intend to run for the board of supervisors in the November election and will open a committee in July for that race. When must I file the first Form 460?**

As a city council member, you must file a semi-annual statement for the period January 1 through June 30 on or before July 31. Since you do not have an open city council committee, you may file the Form 470 instead of the Form 460. By the first preelection deadline for the county election, file the Form 460 with the county elections officer, as well as a copy with the city clerk.

- B. In June, I was elected to the city council. After filing the semi-annual statement due on July 31, I paid off my remaining bills and terminated my committee in August by filing a terminating Form 410 and Form 460. I will not engage in any further campaign activities. Am I required to file another Form 460 by January 31 of the following year as a semi-annual statement?**

As an elected officer, you must file semi-annual statements each year. You may designate the Form 460 you file in August as a terminating statement and a semi-annual statement, covering the period through December 31. However, if you subsequently receive any contributions or make any expenditures through December 31, file an amendment to your statement no later than January 31 of the following year. If you receive \$200 or more in a calendar month for your elected position, you will be required to file the Form 470 by July 31 every year, even though you have terminated your committee.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

- 81004.5 Reports and Statements; Amendments.
- 81005 Reports and Statements; Filing Deadline on Weekend or Holiday.
- 81007 Mailing of Report or Statement.
- 81007.5 Faxing of Report or Statement.
- 81008 Public Records; Inspection; Reproduction; Time; Charges.
- 82027 Filing Officer.
- 83116 Violation of Title.
- 84200 Semi-Annual Statements.
- 84200.5 Preelection Statements.
- 84200.8 Time for Filing Preelection Statements for Elections Not Held in June or November of an Even-Numbered Year.
- 84206 Candidates Who Receive or Spend Less Than \$2,000.
- 84215 Campaign Reports and Statements; Where to File.
- 84605 Who Shall File Online.
- 84615 Electronic Filing for Local Agencies.
- 91013 Late Filing of Statement or Report; Fees.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18110 Duties of Filing Officers – Campaign Statements.
- 18405 Candidates with Multiple Controlled Committees.
- 18406 Short Form for Candidates or Officeholders Who Receive and Spend Less than \$2,000 in a Calendar Year.
- 18426 Semi-Annual Statement Early Filing.
- 18531.5 Recall Elections.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

In addition to the forms associated with starting a campaign (Forms 501 and 410) and the main campaign disclosure form (Form 460), there are several other forms that may be required, depending on the committee's activity. For example, most committees must file the 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497).

Primarily formed committees making independent expenditures must file the independent expenditure reports discussed below. A candidate's controlled committee for their election will likely not be filing independent expenditure reports because it is making direct campaign expenditures for the candidate's election to office.

This chapter reviews the following special reports that may be required.

- 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Reports (Form 497)
- 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Reports (Form 496)
- Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462)
- Special Odd-Year Reports (Form 460)
- Paid Spokesperson Reports (Form 511)
- Reports of Communications Identifying State Candidates (Form E-530)

FPPC Reporting Forms

Your Committee	File
Receives Contributions:	
Receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more from a single source during the 90 days before the election or on the date of the election	Form 497
Makes Independent Expenditures:	
Makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate or ballot measure during the 90 days before the candidate or measure's election or on the date of the election	Form 496
Makes independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification of a single local measure	Form 496
Makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate or ballot measure	Form 462
Makes Payments:	
Makes contribution(s) totaling \$10,000 or more to state officeholders during the first or third quarter of an odd-numbered year	Form 460
Makes contributions totaling \$1,000 or more to another candidate or ballot measure committee during the 90 days before the candidate or measure's election or on the date of the election, or to a state or county political party committee during the 90 days before any state election or on the date of the election	Form 497
Makes contributions totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification of a single local measure	Form 497
Makes expenditures for an individual to appear in a ballot measure advertisement	Form 511
Makes payments of \$50,000 or more to "feature" a state candidate within 45 days before the candidate's election	Form E-530

A. 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497)

The 24-Hour/10-Day contribution report provides immediate reporting of contributions received or made near or on the election date. The Form 497 must be filed if a candidate controlled committee or a primarily formed committee:

QUICK TIP: When aggregating contributions from a single source, monetary contributions, nonmonetary contributions, and loans are included.

- **Receives** contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more from a single source during the 90 days before the candidate's election, including the date of the election; or
- **Makes** contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more to a candidate or a committee primarily formed to support a candidate(s) or ballot measure(s) during the 90 days before the candidate's or measure's election, including the date of the election; or
- **Makes** contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more to a state or county political party committee during the 90 days before any state election, including the date of the election.
- **Makes** contributions that total in the aggregate \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the **qualification** of a single local initiative or referendum ballot measure.

This Form 497 is required to be filed within 10 business days in the place(s) where the committee would be required to file campaign statements as if it were formed or existing primarily to support or oppose the local initiative or referendum ballot measure.

Contributions reported on the Form 497 must also be reported on the committee's next Form 460.

Ex 11.1 - Thirty days before the candidate's election, the candidate's committee received a \$500 contribution. Four days later, the same person contributed \$600. The candidate's committee must file a Form 497 since \$1,000 or more was received from a single source during the 90-day period before the election. The same person must contribute another \$1,000 or more in order for a subsequent Form 497 to be required.

QUICK TIP: If a committee makes a nonmonetary contribution, it must notify the recipient of the contribution's value within 24 hours.

Ex 11.2 - In June, the candidate's election committee for a November election received a contribution of \$2,000. The Form 497 is not required because it was not received during the 90-day period before the November election. In October, the same person made a contribution of \$600 to the candidate's committee. The Form 497 is not required until that person contributes \$1,000 or more in the 90 days before or on the date of the November election. Contributions received prior to the 90 days before the November election are not aggregated with contributions received during the 90-day period.

QUICK TIP: The 90-day, 24-Hour/10-Day reporting period includes the date of the election.

In some local elections, a candidate's name will not appear on a ballot if no other individual runs for that office. Following the determination by the elections official that the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot, the Form 497 is not required to be filed by the candidate even if the candidate's committee receives \$1,000 or more during the 90 days before the election, including the date of the election.

When and Where to File the Form 497

The Form 497 must be filed **within 24 hours** of **receiving or making** contributions as described above. A contribution is received on the date the candidate, committee, or an agent of the committee obtains possession or control of the check or nonmonetary item that constitutes a contribution. (See Chapter 2.) A contribution is made on the date it is mailed, delivered, or otherwise transmitted. A committee that makes a nonmonetary contribution must notify the recipient of the contribution's value within 24 hours by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight delivery.

QUICK TIP: A candidate who loans or makes contributions to their own campaign, in the aggregate of \$1000 or more, within the 90 days before an election, plus the date of the election, must file a Form 497.

QUICK TIP: If a candidate receives a contribution of \$1,000 or more, from a single source, in the 90 days before an election, plus the day of the election, they must file a Form 497, even if they have not been required to open a committee.

QUICK TIP: Contributions reported on the Form 497 must also be disclosed on the committee's next regular campaign statement (Form 460 or Form 450).

Exceptions:

- The Form 497 must be filed **within 48 hours** of **receiving** a nonmonetary contribution.
- The Form 497 must be filed within 10 business days when contributions that total \$5,000 are made to support or oppose the qualification of a single local measure.

Filing deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday. However, the extension does not apply on the Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday immediately prior to an election. For example, a fundraiser held on a Friday evening results in several individuals making contributions of \$1,000 or more. Generally, the committee must file the Form 497 on the following Monday. However, if the fundraiser is held the Friday evening of the week before the election, the “next business day” deadline extension does not apply, so the Form 497 must be filed within 24 hours.

Except for the Form 497 triggered at \$5,000, the Form 497 is filed in the same location the committee files its regular campaign statements (Form 460 or Form 450) and must be filed by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery service, or personal delivery. Regular mail may not be used. Some local agencies may have an electronic filing system or may accept the Form 497 via email.

Reporting Multiple Nonmonetary Contributions

If a committee anticipates that more than one nonmonetary contribution will be made to another committee or received from a single contributor during the 90 days before the election (including the date of the election), it may, on or before the deadline, file a single Form 497 covering the period in which the nonmonetary contributions will be made or received. The report must disclose the total value of nonmonetary contributions that will be made, or, if the actual value of nonmonetary contributions is not known at the time of filing, a good faith estimate of the value. If an estimated value differs from the reported amount by 20 percent or more, the committee must amend the Form 497 within 24 hours from the time the committee knows that the estimated value is incorrect.

497 Contribution Report

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

A NAME OF FILER Manuel Alvarez for Mayor 20XX AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER 707-555-6868 I.D. NUMBER (if applicable) 12344XX STREET ADDRESS 225 Presley Street CITY STATE ZIP CODE Oakmont CA 95443	B Date of This Filing 11/01/20XX Report No. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Report No. _____ (explain below) No. of Pages 1	Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 497 For Official Use Only	

1 Contribution(s) Received							
DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE*	TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED	TYPE OF ELECTION	CUMULATIVE AMOUNT
10/30/XX	Loretta Stone 28 Hemlock Street Oakmont, CA 95434	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> NON - MONETARY	Nurse - Oakmont Hospital	\$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Loan _____% Provide interest rate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GENERAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	\$2,000
10/30/XX	ABC Company 220 R Street Oakmont, CA 95434	<input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> NON - MONETARY		\$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Loan _____% Provide interest rate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GENERAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	\$3,000

Completing the Form 497

A Filer Information

Provide the committee's full name, telephone number, street address, city, state, zip code, and committee ID number.

B Date, Report Number, Number of Pages

Indicate the date the report is being filed; assign a unique number to each Form 497, such as 1, 2, 3, PR-1, PR-2, PR-3, etc.; and, indicate the number of pages included in the report.

1 Contributions Received

For contributions received, provide:

- The date received.
- The contributor's full name, street address, and zip code; for contributions of \$100 or more from a limited liability company (LLC) that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC's responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. If the contributor is an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, include the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6, for contributions of \$100 or more. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution.
- The contributor code. For each itemized contributor, check the box indicating whether the contributor is an individual, a committee, "other" (such as a business entity), a political party, or a small contributor committee.
- If the contributor is an individual, their occupation and employer must be provided. If the individual is self-employed, the name of the business must be provided.
- The amount of the contribution. Check the box if it was a loan.

Contributions Made

For contributions made, provide:

- The date made.
- The recipient's full name, street address, and zip code.
- The office sought or held (if the contribution is made to a candidate).
- The ballot measure number or letter and jurisdiction (if the contribution is made to a ballot measure committee).

- The amount of the contribution.
- The date of election.

Amending the Form 497

To amend a previously filed Form 497, file another Form 497 with the corrected or missing information, assign a new unique identifying number as the Report Number, check the “Amendment” box, and enter the identifying number of the report being amended. Describe the reason for the amendment in the space provided at the bottom of the form. There is no specified deadline for filing amendments; however, amendments should be filed as soon as practicable. Amendments are filed in the same location as the original.

Answering Your Form 497 Questions

A. Must a candidate file a Form 497 if, during the 90 days before the election, or on the date of the election, they loan their campaign committee \$1,000?

Yes. A candidate’s personal funds that are loaned to or contributed to the committee trigger the Form 497 requirement.

B. Must a candidate file a Form 497 if, during the 90 days before the election (or on the date of the election), they transfer campaign funds totaling \$1,000 or more from a campaign committee established for a prior office to the campaign committee established for the office they are currently seeking election to?

No. Transfers among a candidate’s own local campaign election committees are reported as miscellaneous increases to cash, not as contributions.

C. A committee will receive nonmonetary contributions from a single source during the 90 days before the election, including the date of the election. The contributions involve several days of telephone banking by paid individuals. Rather than filing several reports, may the committee file one Form 497 with an estimated value of the nonmonetary contributions anticipated to be received from this source during the 90 days before the election?

Yes. The committee may make a good faith estimate of the value that will be received during the period. The Form 497 must be filed within 48 hours of receiving the first \$1,000 in nonmonetary contributions. If the actual value differs from the estimated amount by 20 percent or more, the estimated report must be amended within 24 hours of determining the correct amount.

D. Must a committee file a Form 497 when a contributor forgives a loan of \$1,000 or more during the 90 days before the election, including the date of the election?

Yes. A loan forgiveness is reported as a contribution and triggers the Form 497 requirement.

E. A candidate has one open committee for a past election and one for the current election. If the committee for the past election receives \$1,000 or more from a single source in the 90-day, 24-Hour/10-Day reporting period for the current committee, must the committee for the past election file a Form 497?

Yes. When a candidate is in a 90-day reporting period, contributions totaling \$1,000 or more to any of the candidate's committees trigger the Form 497 requirement.

Ex 11.3 - City council candidate Martinez’s controlled committee for election to office does not file independent expenditure reports when it pays for mailers for the candidate’s election, because these payments are direct campaign expenditures made by the candidate. An independent group sending mailers attacking council candidate Martinez’s opponent, without the cooperation, knowledge or consent of council candidate Martinez, will file independent expenditure reports.

B. Independent Expenditure Reporting

As described in Chapter 6, a payment for a communication that expressly advocates support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure, which is not made at the behest of the candidate or measure committee, is an “independent expenditure.” Chapter 6 defines in detail “expressly advocates” and “made at the behest of” and provides examples to assist committees in determining whether a payment made for a communication is considered an independent expenditure.

The Act requires committees making independent expenditures to file several forms so that voters are fully informed about who is paying for the communications that urge voters to support or oppose a particular candidate or ballot measure. Because the affected candidate or measure committee will not report the expenditures, the committee making the independent expenditures must file certain forms at the same time the candidate is required to file. In addition, a verification form that identifies an individual who is responsible for ensuring that the campaign committee’s independent expenditures were not coordinated with the listed candidate or ballot measure (or the opponent) must be filed.

A committee that makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more must also file the forms 496 (24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report) listed below.

- Form 496 (24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report)
- Form 462 (Verification of Independent Expenditures)

What is the Date an Independent Expenditure is Made?

A payment made in connection with the development, production, or dissemination of a communication that is an independent expenditure must be reported no later than the date the communication is mailed, broadcast, or otherwise disseminated to the public. If the communication is never disseminated to the public, it need not be reported.

Candidate Controlled Election Committees

Communications paid for by a candidate's controlled committee to support their own election, or to oppose their opponent, are direct campaign expenditures, not contributions or independent expenditures.

If a candidate pays for a communication supporting their own candidacy that also supports or opposes a ballot measure, the payment is not considered a contribution or independent expenditure made in connection with the ballot measure.

If a candidate pays for a communication that supports another candidate, and the payment is not made at the behest of the endorsed candidate, the payment is not considered to be an independent expenditure if: (1) the candidate paying for the communication also is included in the communication; (2) the non-paying candidate is listed on the same ballot as the paying candidate; and (3) the communication is targeted only to the potential voters in the paying candidate's district.

Primarily Formed Committees

A committee that is primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate is not associated with the candidate. Therefore, payments made for communications that expressly advocate support or opposition of the candidate are considered to be independent expenditures because they are not made at the behest of the candidate.

Ex 11.4 - A committee is primarily formed to support a mayoral candidate. The committee must act totally independent of the mayoral candidate's campaign. Seven days before the election, the committee paid \$5,000 for an advertisement in a local newspaper urging voters to support the candidate. The primarily formed committee must file the Form 496.

Filing Deadlines for Independent Expenditure Forms

This chart summarizes the deadlines and filing locations for each of the independent expenditure forms. Each of the forms is discussed in detail below.

Deadline	Form	Filing Location
Within 24 hours	496	Filing officer where election is held
10 days after first independent expenditure	462	FPPC

Ex 11.5 - Ten days before an election, a committee spent \$1,700 on a mailing that equally advocated support of two candidates. The mailing was done completely independent of the candidates. Since the value to each candidate was only \$850 (less than \$1,000), the committee is not required to file the Form 496 for either candidate.

Three days before the election, the committee independently spent \$400 for lawn signs advocating support of one of the candidates included in the earlier mailing. Because the total spent on behalf of this candidate is now \$1,000 or more in the 90 days before the election including the date of the election, the committee must file the Form 496 in connection with this candidate.

24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496)

The 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report provides immediate disclosure of independent expenditures made near or on the election date. The Form 496 must be filed if a committee makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate or a single ballot measure during the 90 days before the candidate's or measure's election, including the date of the election.

Note: The Sacramento Superior Court ruled in *Charles R. "Chuck" Reed v. Fair Political Practices Commission* that San Jose Mayor Reed was not subject to independent expenditure restrictions. For more information, contact the FPPC's Legal Division.

Expenditures reported on the Form 496 must also be reported on the committee's next regular campaign statement (Form 460). The Form 462 (Verification of Independent Expenditures) must also be filed.

When and Where to File the Form 496

The Form 496 must be filed **within 24 hours** of making an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more **during the 90 days** preceding the election, including the date of the election, in which the candidate or measure will be voted on. An independent expenditure is made when the communication is disseminated to the public. There is no deadline extension for filing the Form 496. It must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. A separate Form 496 must be filed for each candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed.

The Form 496 is filed with the filing officer that receives the campaign statements for the candidate or measure supported or opposed. (See the chart below.) This allows voters in the affected jurisdiction to have access to reports disclosing who is spending funds attempting to influence them.

Local Elections: The Form 496 must be filed by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, personal delivery, or email, if available. Regular mail may not be used. A local ordinance may require that the form be filed electronically. Contact the local filing officer to determine if electronic filing or email is available.

Location of Filing Form 496

State Elections: The Form 496 must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State's office when it is filed in connection with a state candidate or measure. No paper copies are accepted. If the Form 496 is filed in connection with a CalPERS or CalSTRS election, a copy must also be filed with the relevant board's office.

Ex 11.6 - A city councilmember's election committee made an independent expenditure of \$8,000 to support a county ballot measure. The Form 496 must be filed with the county elections office.

10-day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496)

Additionally, a Form 496 is required to be filed within 10 business days when a committee makes independent expenditures that total in the aggregate \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the **qualification** of a single local initiative or referendum ballot measure.

Ex 11.7 - A county supervisor's election committee made an independent expenditure of \$10,000 to support a state ballot measure. The Form 496 must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State's office.

496 Independent Expenditure Report

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

A NAME OF FILER Friends Supporting Alvarez for Mayor 20XX AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER 707-111-2222 I.D. NUMBER (if applicable) 12399XX STREET ADDRESS 10 Main Street CITY STATE ZIP CODE Oakmont CA 95443	B Date of This Filing 11/1/20XX Report No. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Report No. (explain below) No. of Pages	Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 496 For Official Use Only
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1 List Only One Candidate or Ballot Measure

NAME OF CANDIDATE SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED Manuel Alvarez				NAME OF BALLOT MEASURE SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED			
OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD Mayor	DISTRICT NO.	SUPPORT X	OPPOSE	BALLOT NO./LETTER	JURISDICTION	SUPPORT	OPPOSE

2 Independent Expenditures Made Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
10/31/20XX	Newspaper Advertisement (cumulative total: \$6,000)	\$2,000

3 Contributions of \$100 or More Received*

DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE **	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED	INTEREST RATES
10/28/20XX	Joe Brown 1800 Second Street Oakmont, CA 95443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Retired	\$200	If loan, enter interest rate, if any _____%

Jurisdiction of Candidate or Measure Supported/Opposed	
Statewide	Secretary of State – Electronically only
Senate or Assembly District	Secretary of State – Electronically only
CalPERS/CalSTRS	Secretary of State – Electronically only Also file a copy at CalPERS/CalSTRS board office
Multi-County	County with the largest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction
County	County in which the candidate or measure will appear on the ballot. LAFCO proposals: County where measure likely to appear on the ballot and the LAFCO.
City	City in which the candidate or measure will appear on the ballot

Completing the Form 496

A Filer Information

Provide the committee's name, street address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, and committee ID number.

B Date, Report Number, Number of Pages

Indicate the date the report is being filed; assign a unique number to each Form 496, such as 1, 2, 3, PR-1, PR-2, PR-3, etc.; and, indicate the number of pages included in the report.

QUICK TIP: Generally, the “cumulative amount” means the amount of independent expenditures made in the current calendar year.

1 Name of Candidate or Ballot Measure Supported or Opposed

Provide the name of the candidate supported or opposed and the office sought or held (and district, if applicable). Or, provide the name of the ballot measure supported or opposed, the jurisdiction in which the measure is being voted upon, and its number or letter if it has been assigned. Indicate whether the independent expenditure supported or opposed the candidate or ballot measure.

2 Independent Expenditures Made

Provide the date the committee made the independent expenditure. In the “Description of Expenditure” field, include a description of the independent expenditure (e.g., radio advertisement, billboard, mailing) and the cumulative-to-date total for independent expenditures relating to each candidate or measure. List the amount of the specific expenditure in the “Amount” column.

3 Contributions of \$100 or More Received

Disclose contributions of \$100 or more received since the closing date of the last campaign statement filed through the date of the independent expenditure. If no previous campaign statement has been filed, disclose contributions of \$100 or more received since January 1 of the current calendar year.

Disclose the name and street address of the contributor and, if the contributor is an individual, their occupation and the name of their employer. If the individual is self-employed, disclose the name of the business. Also disclose the date and amount of the contribution, the contributor code, and type of contribution. If the contribution is a loan, enter the interest rate. Once you have disclosed a contribution on the Form 496, it is not necessary to report that contribution on any additional Form 496 filings; however, it must be reported on the committee's next regular campaign statement (Form 460 or Form 450).

For contributions of \$100 or more received from a limited liability company (LLC) that has qualified as an independent expenditure committee or major donor, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the LLC's responsible officer as defined in Regulation 18402.2. For contributions of \$100 or more received from an LLC that has qualified as a recipient committee, include the name of the committee and its principal officer as defined in Section 82047.6. For an LLC that has not qualified as a committee, include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution. If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility of approving a contribution, at least one such individual must be identified.

Amending the Form 496

To amend a previously filed Form 496, file another Form 496 with the corrected or missing information, assign a new unique identifying number as the Report Number, check the "Amendment" box, and enter the identifying number of the report being amended. Describe the reason for the amendment in the space provided at the bottom of the form. There is no specified deadline for filing amendments; however, amendments should be filed as soon as practicable. Amendments are filed in the same location as the original.

Ex 11.8 - A committee primarily formed to oppose a candidate made independent expenditures of \$20,000 to oppose the candidate in the primary election. A Form 462 is required for the primary election. If the committee makes independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more to oppose the candidate in the general election, another Form 462 must be filed.

Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462)

The Form 462 must be filed if the committee makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a single candidate or a single ballot measure. The purpose of the Form 462 is for officers of the committee making the independent expenditure to verify that the committee's expenditures are indeed independent and have not been coordinated with the affected candidate or ballot measure committee (or the opponent). The form also verifies that the committee has not received any unreported contributions or reimbursements to make the independent expenditures.

Ex 11.9 - A committee primarily formed to support a candidate on a November ballot made its first independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in September and filed the Form 462 listing the candidate. In October, the committee made several more independent expenditures to support the candidate. No additional Form 462s are required for that candidate for the November election.

When and Where to File the Form 462

The Form 462 must be filed within 10 days from the date of the committee's first independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a candidate or measure in a calendar year. An independent expenditure is made when the communication is disseminated to the public. A candidate or measure is listed only once for each election. Primary, general, and runoff elections are considered separate elections.

The Form 462 must be filed via email with the FPPC (form462@fppc.ca.gov). The originally signed form must be maintained with the committee's campaign records for four years.

Form 462
Verification of Independent Expenditures

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FORM 462

This verification form identifies the individual responsible for ensuring that a campaign committee's independent expenditures were not coordinated with the listed candidate (or the opponent) or measure committee and that the committee will report all contributions and reimbursements as required by law. An independent expenditure is not subject to state or local contribution limits.

Amendment (Explain)

1. Name of Committee:

NAME OF RECIPIENT COMMITTEE, ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL		COMMITTEE ID #	
Friends Supporting Alvarez for Mayor 20XX		12399XX	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
10 Main Street		Oakmont	
STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CA	95443	kluuci@hotmail.com	(707) 111-2222

2. Candidate or Measures:

This committee has reported an independent expenditure(s) to support or oppose the candidate(s) or measure(s) listed on a ballot for the election date identified below. (Note: The reporting of an independent expenditure may occur after this form is filed if an independent expenditure is made before the 90 day, 24-hour reporting period of Government Code Sections 84204 and 85500.)

NAME OF CANDIDATE (First/Last) OR BALLOT MEASURE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD/ BALLOT NO./LETTER	JURISDICTION AND DISTRICT, IF ANY	ELECTION DATE
Manuel Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor	Oakmont	11/4/20XX
NAME OF CANDIDATE (First/Last) OR BALLOT MEASURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD/ BALLOT NO./LETTER	JURISDICTION AND DISTRICT, IF ANY	ELECTION DATE
NAME OF CANDIDATE (First/Last) OR BALLOT MEASURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD/ BALLOT NO./LETTER	JURISDICTION AND DISTRICT, IF ANY	ELECTION DATE
NAME OF CANDIDATE (First/Last) OR BALLOT MEASURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD/ BALLOT NO./LETTER	JURISDICTION AND DISTRICT, IF ANY	ELECTION DATE

3. Verification:

I have not received any unreported contributions or reimbursements to make these independent expenditures. I have not coordinated any expenditure made during this reporting period with the candidate or the opponent of the candidate who is the subject of the expenditure, with the proponent or the opponent of the state measure that is the subject of the expenditure, or with the agents of the candidate or the opponent of the candidate or the state measure proponent or opponent. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct.

Signature _____ [Signature Required] Printed Name Karen Lucci Signed on _____ [Date Required]
(month, day, year)

(Check One): Principal Officer Candidate/Officeholder State Ballot Measure Proponent

FPPC Form 462 (Aug/2016)

Completing the Form 462

1 Name of Committee

Enter the name and street address of the committee that is making the independent expenditure(s). The address should be the same as the address listed on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410). Provide the committee's assigned committee ID number.

2 Candidates or Measures

List the name of the candidate(s) or ballot measure(s) and mark the applicable support or oppose box. For candidates, list the office sought or held. The candidate's or measure's jurisdiction (and district if applicable) and the date of the election must also be listed.

3 Verification

The form must be reviewed and signed by the committee's principal officer. A principal officer is an individual primarily responsible for approving the political activity of the committee. (See Chapter 1.) If the committee has more than one principal officer, only one individual must sign the Form 462. The individual must be listed on the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410). The same individual is not required to sign each Form 462. In the case of a controlled committee, the candidate or officeholder must sign the form.

Amending the Form 462

To amend a previously filed Form 462, file another Form 462 with the corrected or missing information, check the "Amendment" box, and describe the reason for the amendment in the space provided. Amendments to the Form 462 must be filed within 10 days of the change. Like the original, the amendment must be signed and dated and filed via email with the FPPC (form462@fppc.ca.gov).

Answering Your Independent Expenditure Questions

A. How frequently must the Form 462 be filed?

The Form 462 is required to identify the candidate or measure supported or opposed only once for each election. Once a candidate or measure is listed on the Form 462, no further filings are required for that candidate or measure for that election. If a committee makes independent expenditures related to a candidate in the primary election and later makes independent expenditures related to the same candidate in the runoff election, two Form 462s must be filed as they are separate elections.

B. Is an independent expenditure reportable by the committee for the candidate or the ballot measure named in the communication?

No. Because the communication is not made at the behest of the candidate or ballot measure committee, the expenditure for the communication is not reported by the affected candidate or measure committee. The person making the independent expenditure has the reporting obligations.

C. Is a candidate's controlled committee making an independent expenditure when it pays for a communication that supports the controlling candidate and supports or opposes a ballot measure listed on the same ballot?

No. This type of expenditure considered to be a direct campaign expenditure to promote one's own election.

D. May a committee pro-rate the value of a communication that contains both an independent expenditure and a non-political message?

Yes. The committee should value the independent expenditure as the portion of the costs directly associated with sending the message that expressly advocates support or opposition of a candidate or ballot measure.

C. Special Odd-Year Report (Form 460 or 450)

The odd-year report is designed to timely show if a committee is making large contributions to a number of state legislators or elected state officers during an off-election year when important issues such as the state budget or controversial legislation is being considered. The odd-year report must be filed, if during any odd-numbered year, the committee makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more to **elected state officers**, their controlled committees, or committees primarily formed to support or oppose any elected state officer during the first and third quarters of the year.

Ex 11.10 - Between July 1 and September 30 of an odd-numbered year, a local candidate's election committee contributes \$6,000 to the Governor's ballot measure committee and \$6,000 to the Secretary of State's election committee. The local committee must file a special odd-year report covering the period July 1 through September 30, by October 31.

The special odd-year report is completed in the same manner as a regular preelection or semi-annual statement (see Chapter 8) and includes all of the committee's activity during the reporting period, not just contributions to elected state officers.

When and Where to File the Special Odd-Year Report

The special odd-year report is filed where the committee files its regular campaign statements and is filed on the committee's regular campaign disclosure statement (Form 460 or Form 450).

Period Covered	Filing Deadline
January 1 through March 31	April 30
July 1 through September 30	October 31

D. Advertisement Reports

Paid Spokesperson Report (Form 511)

Promoting “truth in advertising,” the Act requires that when a teacher, firefighter, doctor, or other person is in a ballot measure advertisement giving their expert views for or against the measure, the advertisement must disclose if the person has been paid. The Form 511 must be filed if a committee pays an individual for their appearance in a ballot measure advertisement in the following situations:

Ex 11.11 - In support of a local ballot measure, a committee hires a public relations firm to produce a television advertisement. A local celebrity is paid \$5,000 or more to appear in the ad. The committee must include the ad disclosure described in Chapter 7 and must file the Form 511.

Payments of \$5,000 or More: The committee makes expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual for their appearance in an advertisement to support or oppose the qualification, passage, or defeat of a state or local ballot measure.

Ex 11.12 - A committee pays \$200 for a doctor to appear in a television advertisement supporting a local ballot measure. The ad will clearly identify the individual as a doctor. The committee is not required to include an ad disclosure, but it must file the Form 511.

Payments of Any Amount: The committee makes expenditures of any amount to an individual for their appearance in an advertisement to support or oppose the qualification, passage, or defeat of a state or local ballot measure and the advertisement states or suggests that the individual is a member of an occupation that requires licensure or certification or other specialized documented training as a prerequisite to engage in that occupation (nurse, doctor, firefighter, scientist, engineer, lawyer, etc.).

QUICK TIP: Chapter 7 contains the requirements for advertisement disclosures, including the specific disclosures that may be required if a committee pays a spokesperson to appear in a ballot measure advertisement.

Committees that pay a spokesperson to appear in a ballot measure advertisement may be required to include specific disclosures on the advertisements. (See Chapter 7.)

When and Where to File the Form 511

The Form 511 must be filed within 10 days of making an expenditure identified above. An expenditure is made on the date the payment is made or the date the services are received, whichever is earlier.

The Form 511 is filed in the same location the committee files its regular campaign statements (Form 460 or Form 450). Instructions for completing the Form 511 are provided on the FPPC's website.

Communications Identifying State Candidates (Form E-530)

The Act requires reporting of electioneering communications for state candidates, such as billboards on Interstate 5 saying "Thank you Senator Kim for your support of Central Valley Agriculture" placed right before the election. The Form E-530 must be filed if a committee makes a payment or a promise of a payment totaling \$50,000 or more for a communication disseminated within 45 days of an election that clearly identifies a candidate for elective state office, but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.

The report must disclose the amount and date of the payment(s), and the name of and office sought by the candidate(s) identified in the communication. In addition, if \$5,000 or more was received or promised from a single source to pay for the communication, the report must include the name and address of the contributor, as well as the date and amount received or promised. If the contributor is an individual, the individual's occupation and employer must also be included.

The report must be verified by a written “electronic filing declaration” signed, dated, and verified on the same date the report is transmitted to the Secretary of State. This declaration must be retained in the committee’s records for five years following the date that the campaign report to which it relates is filed. The statement must include the following language:

“I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this report and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.”

When and Where to File the Form E-530

The Form E-530 must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State **within 48 hours** of making or promising to make a payment of \$50,000 or more. There is no paper version of the Form E-530. To access the online form, go to the Secretary of State’s website (www.sos.ca.gov). If the committee has not previously filed electronically with the Secretary of State, the committee will need to request a filer ID and password. The request form (Electronic Filing Password Request) is located on the Secretary of State’s website under Campaign Finance.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

81004.5	Reports and Statements; Amendments.
81005	Reports and Statements; Filing Deadline on Weekend or Holiday.
82025	Expenditure.
82031	Independent Expenditure.
82036	Late Contribution.
82036.5	Late Independent Expenditure.
82044	Payment.
82047.6	Principal Officer.
84200.6	Special Campaign Statements and Reports.
84202.7	Time for Filing by Committees of Odd-Numbered Year Reports.
84203	Late Contribution; Reports.
84203.3	Late In-Kind Contributions.
84204	Late Independent Expenditures; Reports.
84204.5	Ballot Measure Contributions and Expenditures; Reports.
84213	Verification.
84511	Ballot Measure Ads; Paid Spokesperson Disclosure.
85310	Communications Identifying State Candidates.
85501	Prohibition on Independent Expenditures by Candidate Controlled Committees.

Title 2 Regulations

- 18250 Street Address.
- 18402.2 Limited Liability Companies, Responsible Officer.
- 18421.1 Disclosure of the Making and Receipt of Contributions.
- 18421.10 Reporting Contributions from Limited Liability Companies.
- 18425 24-Hour Contribution Reports.
- 18428 Reporting of Contributions and Independent Expenditures Required to be Aggregated.
- 18450.11 Spokesperson Disclosure.
- 18531.10 Communications Identifying State Candidates.
- 18539.2 Reporting Payments Pursuant to Government Code Section 85310.
- 18550 24-Hour Independent Expenditure Reports.

FILING OBLIGATIONS AFTER THE ELECTION AND TERMINATING THE COMMITTEE

After the election, a candidate's future filing obligations are determined by whether they were elected to office or not. Generally, a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate will terminate after the election. The Political Reform Act (Act) does not require any local candidate or primarily formed committee to terminate; however, campaign statements must continue to be filed as long as the committee remains open. In addition, the \$50 annual fee must be paid to the Secretary of State.

This chapter addresses the reporting requirements for successful candidates, defeated candidates, primarily formed committees, and the guidelines for terminating a campaign committee.

A. Successful Candidates

The requirements discussed below apply to candidates/officeholders immediately following the election and for subsequent non-election years. An officeholder retains their status as a "candidate" under the Act and must continue to file campaign reports – either the full Form 460 or the short Form 470 – until they have left elective office and terminated their committee. See "Candidates Using Campaign Funds for a Future Election" below to determine the requirements for a candidate/officeholder running for reelection or running for election to a different office.

Officeholders Who Filed Form 470 During Campaign

After the election, a candidate who filed the Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form) in connection with the election has no additional filing obligations that calendar year provided \$2,000 or more is not raised or spent during that calendar year. So long as a candidate/officeholder does not have an open committee, a Form 470 must be filed by July 31 of each subsequent non-election year.

Officeholders Who Filed Form 460 During Campaign

After the election, a successful candidate who filed the Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement) in connection with the election must continue to file the Form 460 semi-annually as long as the committee remains open. In addition, other special reports may be required. The candidate/officeholder has the option of maintaining their committee and campaign bank account or terminating the campaign committee and closing the bank account. An officeholder who maintains a committee may:

- Continue to receive contributions;
- Use campaign funds to offset officeholder expenses; or
- Use funds for a future election. (See “Candidates Using Campaign Funds for a Future Election” below.)

Once an officeholder terminates the committee, they may be required to file the Form 470 the following year. However, if a candidate/officeholder has an open committee at any time during a calendar year, the Form 470 (short form) may not be filed instead of the Form 460.

Exception: Judges and Unpaid Officeholders

Unpaid officeholders (defined in the Act as those who receive less than \$200 per month for serving in office) and judges are not required to file Form 460 or Form 470 for any semi-annual period in which they are not listed on a ballot and do not receive any contributions or make any expenditures. This exception applies even if a judge or unpaid officeholder has a controlled committee so long as the committee has not received any contributions or made any expenditures (excluding bank fees and interest).

To determine whether \$200 has been received, only the elected officeholder’s fixed compensation (i.e., salary) is counted. Payments for health benefits, reimbursement for expenses (including travel expenses), or per diem received from the officeholder’s agency need not be counted toward the \$200.

Judges and unpaid officeholders who are listed on a ballot must file the Form 470.

Behested Payment Reports (Form 803)

An elected officer who fundraises for worthy causes (such as for a local school, to build a new community center or restore a historic building) may have to file a “behested payments” report. Behested payments are payments made to a “payee,” such as a charity or a government agency, by a third party “payor” at the request or suggestion of an elected officer for a legislative, governmental or charitable purpose. These behested payments do not include payments made principally for personal purposes (i.e., gifts) or campaign purposes (i.e., contributions).

A common example is when an elected officer co-sponsors a charitable, governmental, or legislative event, such as a job fair or a conference on public policy issues, with outside sources. Payments made by outside sources in connection with these events generally are considered behested payments.

Form 803 Filing Procedures:

- File the Form 803 when a person donates \$5,000 or more in a calendar year to charitable organizations or events at the request of an elected officer.
- Once a source has made a behested payment(s) of \$5,000 or more during the calendar year, subsequent payments of any amount from that source during the calendar year must be reported.
- An elected officer must disclose a relationship to a nonprofit organization recipient of a behested payment and any proceeding before their agency at the time of payment or within 12 months prior to the reported payment in which the payor is involved in the proceeding. See Regulation 18424 for additional information.
- File the Form 803 with the elected officer’s agency within 30 days following the date of the payment.

- The elected officer’s agency must forward the Form 803 to the filing officer who receives the elected officer’s campaign statements within 30 days of receiving the form. The Form 803 is a public record. See the Form 803 example below.

QUICK TIP: Although behested payments are not considered gifts or contributions to the elected official, meals, lodging, and travel payments received by an official in connection with a co-sponsored event may be reportable gifts.

Ex 12.1 - At the mayor’s request, a catering company donated refreshments valued at \$5,000 for a city sponsored job fair. The mayor must file a Form 803 with the city clerk to report the behested payment.

Form 803 Exceptions:

- A Form 803 is not required of a non-elected officer.
- A payment is not subject to behested payment reporting if the elected officer makes a request for a payment from a local, state, or federal government agency.

Form 803 Reporting: Charitable Fundraising Solicitations Involving an Elected Officer

A payment is subject to behested payment reporting if the payment is made in response to a fundraising solicitation from a charitable organization where the solicitation meets the following:

- It was sent with the cooperation, control, or consent or at the suggestion or direction of the elected officer; and
- It “features” the elected officer.

A solicitation “features” an elected officer when it includes the officer’s photograph or signature, or singles out the elected officer **in the manner of display**. An elected officer is also featured in a solicitation if the roster or letterhead listing the governing body contains a majority of elected officers. See Regulation 18424.2 for additional information.

Behested Payment Report
A Public Document

Type or Print in Ink.

Amendment of Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if an Amendment ____/____/____ (Month, Day, Year) # _____ Confirmation Number	Date Stamp (Agency)	CALIFORNIA FORM 803
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1. Elected Officer or CPUC Member (Last name, First name)

ELECTED OFFICER OR CPUC MEMBER: Alvarez, Manuel	AGENCY NAME: City of Oakmont	AGENCY STREET ADDRESS: 225 Presley Street, Oakmont, CA 95443
DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSON (NAME AND TITLE): Madeline Richards	AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER: 707-555-6868	E-MAIL: mrichards@oakmontmail.com

2. Payor Information (For additional payors, include an attachment with the names, addresses, and proceeding information)

NAME: Wildwood Insurance Company	ADDRESS: 1022 Main Street	CITY: Oakmont	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 95443
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor Advised Fund (DAF) (see instructions)	DAF NAME:	DONOR(S) AND DONOR'S ADVISOR: (SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payor is a named party or the subject of a proceeding before my agency.		BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROCEEDINGS:		

3. Payee Information (For additional payees, include an attachment with the names, addresses and relationship information)

NAME: Boys and Girls Club of America	ADDRESS: 555 10th Street	CITY: Sacramento	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 95814
For a nonprofit organization payee, provide a brief description of any relationship to the official, official's immediate family member or staff member in the role of founder, salaried employee, decision-making capacity (board member or executive officer) or position on an honorary or advisory board.				
NAME AND TITLE:	ROLE WITH THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:	BRIEF DESCRIPTION:		

4. Payment Information (Complete all information. For estimated payment information check the box below.)

DATE (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)	AMOUNT	PAYMENT TYPE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF IN-KIND PAYMENT	PURPOSE	DESCRIBE THE LEGISLATIVE, GOVERNMENTAL, CHARITABLE PURPOSE, OR EVENT:
6/24/xx	\$5,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY DONATION <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES		<input type="checkbox"/> LEGISLATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENTAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARITABLE	Charitable fundraiser to support the Boys and Girls Club.
		<input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY DONATION <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES		<input type="checkbox"/> LEGISLATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> CHARITABLE	

The _____ (DATE/AMOUNT) is an estimate and reflects my best efforts at obtaining the accurate information. REASON FOR ESTIMATE:

5. Amendment Description and/or Comments (Provide date of original filing or confirmation number in Part 1.)

6. Verification

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and complete.

Executed on 6/30/20xx DATE By Manuel Alvarez SIGNATURE

FPPC Form 803 (February/2022)
advice@fppc.ca.gov

Legal Defense Committees

The Act permits a local candidate or elected officer to establish a legal defense fund, if the candidate or officer is subject to civil, criminal or administrative proceedings arising directly out of the conduct of an election campaign, the electoral process, or the performance of the officer's governmental duties. Contributions raised for legal defense must be held in a separate account, they may be subject to contribution limits if provided by local ordinance, and they must be fully reported. Any funds raised may only be spent to defray attorneys fees and other related legal costs, as defined in the Act. (See Regulation 18530.45 for additional information.)

A candidate or officeholder may not use any funds to pay or be reimbursed for a penalty, judgement or settlement related to a claim of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment filed against the candidate or officeholder in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

A candidate or officeholder may use legal defense committee funds for *other* legal costs and expenses related to claims of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment, but if the candidate or officeholder is held liable, the candidate or elected officer must reimburse the legal defense fund for all funds used in connection with those other legal costs and expenses.

“Sexual assault” and “sexual abuse” have the same meaning as provided in Penal Code Section 11165.1. “Sexual Harassment” has the same meaning as found in Government Code Section 12940(j).

Recall Elections

Under state law, an officeholder who is the subject of a recall may use an existing committee (set up for the office they currently hold) to receive contributions and make expenditures to oppose the qualification of the recall measure, and if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election.

An alternative option is to form a separate recall committee. A recall committee may be established once the officeholder receives a notice of intent to recall under Elections Code Section 11201. The committee must set up a separate bank account at a financial institution in California, file a Statement of Organization (Form 410), and, in addition to the officeholder's name, must include the word "recall" in the name of the committee. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 3 as a recall committee is considered a ballot measure committee. (FPPC Regulation 18531.5 contains specific guidance on recall elections.)

B. Defeated Candidates

Form 470 Filers

Following the election, a defeated candidate who filed the Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form) has no further reporting obligations so long as less than \$2,000 was raised or spent during the calendar year.

Form 460 Filers

Following the election, a defeated candidate must continue to file the Form 460 on a semi-annual basis and pay the annual committee fee as long as the committee remains open. In addition, other special reports may be required.

There is no deadline for terminating the committee or disposing of leftover funds; however, if there are leftover funds and the candidate wants to use the funds for a future election, the funds must be redesignated or transferred as discussed below. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that imposes additional provisions regarding terminating the committee.)

A defeated candidate in a city or county that has not enacted contribution limits, with no net debts outstanding must terminate their candidate controlled committee no later than 24 months after the candidate is defeated.

C. Candidates Using Leftover Campaign Funds for a Future Election

A local candidate or officeholder may use leftover campaign funds for a future election so long as the funds are not considered “surplus funds” and the requirements below are met. **Campaign funds become surplus on the 90th day after the closing date for the postelection reporting period or upon the 90th day after the date of leaving office, whichever occurs last.** Surplus campaign funds are subject to restrictions, as described in Chapter 5, and may not be used for a future election.

Ex 12.2 - John Davis lost the city council election in November. John has \$3,500 remaining in the campaign bank account and is considering seeking another city council position in two years. In order to use the remaining \$3,500 for the future election, John must file a new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) and redesignate the bank account to a future election by amending the Form 410 (Statement of Organization) to indicate the new office sought and year of election. This must be done within 90 days after the end of the postelection reporting period for the November election.

QUICK TIP: Candidates should also check with the city or county to determine if there are local restrictions for redesignating or transferring campaign funds.

Running for the Same Office

To use money remaining in the campaign bank account for a future election to the **same office** before the funds become surplus, a local candidate **not subject to AB 571** may redesignate their committee and campaign bank account by:

- Filing a **new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)** for the specific future election; and,
- Filing an **amended Form 410 (Statement of Organization)** to reflect the redesignation for the future election.

QUICK TIP: Candidates should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance with separate redesignation requirements.

Running for a Different Office

To use money remaining in the campaign bank account for a future election to a different office before the funds become surplus, a local candidate must:

- File a **new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)** for the specific future election;
- File a **new Form 410 (Statement of Organization)**; and,
- Open a **new bank account**. So long as the funds are not surplus and there are no local restrictions, the campaign funds from the other account may be transferred to the new bank account.

Ex 12.3 - Jayna Chacon is a city council member who plans to run for county supervisor in the next election. Jayna would like to use the remaining funds in the city council committee bank account for the county election. Jayna must file a new Form 501 before soliciting or receiving contributions for the county supervisor election. Jayna must also file a new Form 410 and open a new bank account. The city council committee campaign funds must be transferred to the county supervisor campaign bank account within 90 days after the date Jayna leaves the city council position.

D. Primarily Formed Committees

Generally, a committee established primarily to support or oppose a particular candidate(s) will terminate after the election, but the committee may remain open to:

- Raise funds to pay debts.
- Support or oppose other candidates or measures. The committee will need to amend its Statement of Organization (Form 410) to reflect the change.

A primarily formed committee must continue to file semi-annual campaign statements (i.e., Form 460 or Form 450) and pay the annual committee fee as long as the committee remains open.

Ex 12.4 - After the election, the committee primarily formed to support candidate Jones decides to support candidate Lopez in the next election. In order to do so, the committee must file an amended Form 410 (Statement of Organization) and will continue to file campaign statements.

E. Terminating the Committee

There is no deadline for terminating a committee controlled by a local candidate or officeholder in a city or county that has enacted contribution limits unless the controlling candidate/officeholder becomes a state officeholder. In that case, the candidate should refer to Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for State Candidates for the termination requirements. (Note: Candidates for a city or county office in a jurisdiction that has enacted a local contribution limit should check with the local jurisdiction to determine if there is a local ordinance that imposes additional provisions regarding terminating the committee.)

However, a candidate in a city or county that has not enacted contribution limits must terminate their candidate controlled committee no later than 24 months after the earliest:

- The date the candidate is defeated;
- Leaves office;
- The term of office for which the committee was formed ends; or
- For withdrawn candidates, no later than 24 months after the election from which the candidate withdrew.

Ex 12.5 - Blake Thomas is currently a city councilmember (elected in 2019) in a jurisdiction subject to AB 571. Blake runs and is reelected to that seat on November 7, 2023. Blake must terminate the candidate controlled city council committee from 2019 by no later than the term of office for which the committee was formed ends in 2023.

A primarily formed committee also does not have a deadline to terminate. However, the committee, by its nature, may need to change its committee status if it remains open after the election. A committee that remains open must continue to file semi-annual campaign statements (i.e., Form 460 or Form 450) and pay the annual fee, as described in Chapter 1, until it terminates. There are specific requirements that must be met in order for a committee to terminate.

A committee may terminate only if the committee:

- Has ceased receiving contributions or making expenditures and does not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures in the future;
- Has no remaining campaign funds;
- Has filed all required campaign statements, disclosing all reportable transactions, including the disposition of leftover funds; and
- Has eliminated all debts, or has no intention or ability to discharge debts.

A committee must file a Form 410 and a final Form 460 or Form 450. On the Form 410, the “Termination” box must be checked. List the committee’s identification number and the date of termination; the date of termination generally is the date all funds have been expended. Complete Section 1 and the treasurer or assistant treasurer must sign the verification. For candidate controlled committees, the controlling officeholder(s)/candidate(s) also must sign the verification.

Ex 12.6 - At the end of November, after winning the election, Arlene decides to terminate the committee. To do so, Arlene must file a Form 410 termination and a Form 460 termination showing that the committee has no remaining cash. On the Form 460 Cover Page, Type of Statement section, Arlene will mark both the termination and semi-annual boxes and enter December 31 as the closing date of the statement. Unless there is additional activity, Arlene is not required to file a semi-annual statement on January 31, and may file Form 470 by July 31 of the next year.

Form 450 or 460 also must be filed showing that all funds have been expended and the committee has no cash on hand. Check the “Termination” box on the cover page.

File the original Form 410 with the Secretary of State and a copy with the committee’s local filing officer who receives the committee’s original campaign statements. File the Form 450 or 460 in the committee’s regular filing locations.

F. Receiving a Refund After the Committee Has Terminated

Generally, once a committee has terminated, no transactions may be made by the committee. However, a candidate controlled committee that has terminated may accept a refund from a governmental entity (such as an overpayment of filing fees) without reopening. A committee may also accept a refund from a vendor or other person without reopening if the committee did not know of its entitlement to the refund prior to termination and the refund or refunds total no more than \$10,000.

To report this type of refund, the terminated committee must file a Form 460 for the period in which the refund was received and report the refund as a miscellaneous increase to cash on Schedule I of the Form 460 and as an expenditure on Schedule E when the funds are spent. See Chapter 5 for the permissible uses of campaign funds. For the rules related to transferring the refund to another committee. see Regulation 18404.1.

Ex 12.7 - A candidate was defeated in a November election and closed their campaign committee in December. In February of the following year, they received a \$1,500 refund from the county elections office for an overpayment of their filing fees. The candidate must disclose receipt of the refund on Schedule I of the Form 460. The refund must be used for a permissible expenditure as described in Chapter 5, such as to pay outstanding debts or to make a donation to a charity, and disclosed on Schedule E. If the candidate used personal funds to pay the filing fee, they may keep the refund without disclosing it on the Form 460.

Answering Your Questions

A. Must I file the Form 470 even if I waive my \$200 per month salary as a school board member?

Yes. The exception for unpaid officeholders (less than \$200 per month) does not apply when an officeholder waives their salary.

B. May I terminate my committee even if I have outstanding debt?

Yes. When you file your termination statement showing outstanding debt, you are declaring that you do not have the ability to discharge debts, loans, or other obligations. However, if you plan to raise additional funds, or pay the outstanding debt with personal funds, you may not terminate.

C. After terminating my committee, I received a refund from the city clerk for an overpayment of my filing fees. How do I report this?

If you used campaign funds to pay for the filing fees, you must file a Form 460 to report the refund as a miscellaneous increase to cash (on Schedule I). You must also report the expenditure of the funds on Schedule E. See Chapter 5 for the permissible uses of campaign funds.

If you used personal funds to pay for the filing fees, you may keep the refund and you are not required to report it on a campaign statement.

D. A nonprofit group paid for a survey they conducted and published. The group is claiming that my committee owes them for part of the costs of the survey, but my position is that, since they conducted the survey without my authorization, my committee does not owe them for the survey. The group has indicated that it may seek a small claims court judgment. I would like to close my committee, but should the committee remain open until the issue is resolved?

One of the requirements that must be met in order for a committee to terminate is for the treasurer to state, under penalty of perjury, that the committee has eliminated all debts or has declared that it has no intention or ability to discharge all of its debts, loans received, and other obligations.

If your treasurer does not want to declare that the committee has no intention or ability to discharge all of its debts, loans received, and other obligations, we recommend that the committee remain open until the issue is resolved.

E. Assemblymember Higuera’s photo, name and office appears in a Paws & Claws charitable fundraising event invitation, but neither the official nor their staff consented to the use of their photo or otherwise cooperated in the event invitation. Must Assemblymember Higuera file a Form 803 for resulting payments?

No. Where the solicitation is sent without the official or the official’s agent cooperation or consent, or any other actions (coordination, direction, suggestion, etc.) that satisfy “making a behest,” there is no duty for the official to report the payments on Form 803 related to their appearance in the event invitation.

Authority

The following Government Code sections and Title 2 regulations provide authority for the information in this chapter:

Government Code Sections

82004.5	Behested Payment.
82041.3	Made at the Behest of.
82015	Contribution.
84103	Statement of Organization; Amendment.
84200	Semi-Annual Statements.
84206	Candidates Who Receive or Spend Less than \$2,000.
84214	Termination.
84224	Behested Payment Disclosure.
85200	Statement of Intention to be a Candidate.
85201	Campaign Bank Account.
85304.5	Legal Defense Fund; Local Candidates and Elected Officeholders.
89519	Use of Surplus Campaign Funds.

Title 2 Regulations

18215	Contribution.
18402	Committee Names.
18404	Termination of Candidate's and Committees' Filing Requirements.
18404.1	Termination and Reopening of Committees.
18406	Short Form for Candidates or Officeholders Who Receive and Spend Less than \$2,000 in a Calendar Year.
18424	Behested Payment Reporting. Additional Information.
18424.1	Behested Payment Reporting. Good Faith Estimate.
18424.2	Behested Payment Reporting. Charitable Organization Fundraising Solicitations.
18424.3	Behested Payment Reporting. Payments from Donor Advised Funds.
18426	Semi-Annual Statement Early Filing.
18530.45	Legal Defense Funds – Local Candidates and Officers.
18531.5	Recall Elections.
18951	Surplus Funds.

APPENDIX – ABOUT THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT/ HOW TO GET HELP

The Political Reform Act of 1974

The Political Reform Act (the “Act”) was a voter-approved initiative on the 1974 primary election ballot. One of the major provisions of the Act requires the truthful and accurate disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures during elections.

The Fair Political Practices Commission

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the independent, nonpartisan state agency authorized to implement, interpret, and enforce the provisions of the Act. The Commission is comprised of a full-time chair appointed by the Governor, and four part-time commissioners, one each appointed by the Controller, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Governor. Each member serves a four-year term and no more than three members may be from the same political party. FPPC staff is comprised of four divisions: Executive, Administration and Technology, Enforcement, and Legal.

Governing Statutes

The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 – 91014.

Regulations

Regulations interpreting the Political Reform Act are located at Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, beginning at Section 18110.

Opinions and Advice Letters

The FPPC periodically issues opinions interpreting provisions of the Political Reform Act. The opinions are adopted at a public meeting, with opportunity for input from interested persons.

In addition, FPPC staff issues written advice letters as to the applicability of the Political Reform Act and regulations to a particular factual situation. Refer to the information on requesting written advice from the FPPC available on the FPPC website.

Contact Information for the FPPC

Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050
Sacramento, CA 95811

(916) 322-5660
(866) 275-3772 – Toll-free
www.fppc.ca.gov

Twitter: @CA_FPPC
Facebook: CA FPPC

FPPC Website

Visit the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov) to get copies of specific advice letters, sign up for RSS feeds, or to be put on mailing lists. The Commission's website also contains a wealth of helpful information, including:

- The Political Reform Act and its corresponding regulations
- Commission opinions
- Notices of Commission meeting dates, agendas, supporting documentation for agenda items, and meeting summaries
- Forms required by the Act (also available at the FPPC's offices, the Secretary of State's offices, and many local clerks' offices)
- Manuals, fact sheets, and useful summaries of the law
- Schedules of upcoming training opportunities.

Additional Campaign Manuals

Additional copies of this manual, and manuals for other types of campaign committees are available from the FPPC, the Secretary of State, and many city clerks and county elections offices. Manuals are available for:

- State candidates and officeholders, and committees primarily formed to support/oppose state candidates
- General purpose recipient committees (including PACs, sponsored committees, political party committees, and county central committees)
- Ballot measure committees
- Major donor and independent expenditure committees
- Slate mailer organizations

Obtaining Information Elsewhere

A subscription for regulations is available from:

Barclay's Law Publishing
P.O. Box 3066
South San Francisco, CA 94083
(800) 888-3600

Opinions and advice letters are available from these subscription services:

Westlaw (800) 328-9352
Database: "CA-ETH"
(Advice letters from 1986 to present)

Lexis-Nexis (800) 227-9597
Database: "CA Fair Political Practices Commission"
(Advice letters from 1990 to present)

Other Resources

The Secretary of State, city clerks, and county clerks or registrars of voters are the filing officers for campaign disclosure statements. Committee statements will be filed with the Secretary of State or the local elections office, depending on whether the filer is a state or local candidate or committee.

Secretary of State

The Secretary of State is also responsible for issuing campaign committee identification numbers.

(916) 653-6224
www.sos.ca.gov

Federal Election Commission

The Federal Election Commission answers questions regarding federal elections and contributions to all candidates from national banks, national corporations, and foreign nationals.

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
(800) 424-9530
www.fec.gov

Franchise Tax Board

The California Franchise Tax Board is responsible for responding to questions regarding tax status, tax-deductibility of political contributions, 501(c)(3) groups, audits, or any tax-related questions.

(800) 852-5711 or (800) 338-0505
www.ftb.ca.gov

Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service provides assistance regarding federal tax laws and obtaining a taxpayer identification number.

(877) 829-5500 (located in Washington, D.C.)

(800) 829-3676 (taxpayer ID number)

www.irs.gov

Federal Communications Commission

The Federal Communications Commission answers questions regarding rates for purchasing broadcast time and equal access to broadcast media.

(888) 225-5322 (located in Washington, D.C.)

www.fcc.gov

Email: fccinfo@fcc.gov

Local Campaign Ordinances

A city or county officeholder, candidate, or committee may be subject to additional reporting or other requirements under a local campaign ordinance. Common examples include the requirement to file campaign statements electronically, local contribution limits, lower itemization thresholds, or the requirement to file an additional preelection statement. A city or county campaign ordinance may never preempt state law.

Privacy Information Notice

Information required on all FPPC forms is used by the FPPC to administer and enforce the Political Reform Act (Government Code sections 81000 – 91014 and California Code of Regulations sections 18110 – 18997). All information required by these forms is mandated by the Political Reform Act. Failure to provide all of the information required by the Act is a violation subject to administrative, criminal or civil prosecution. All reports and statements provided are public records open for public inspection and reproduction.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice, please contact the FPPC at:

General Counsel
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 322-5660

Campaign statements are filed with the Secretary of State and city and county filing officers, depending upon the type of committee. (See Chapter 9.)

Enforcement

The Fair Political Practices Commission, the Attorney General, county district attorneys, and elected city attorneys of charter cities have enforcement authority under the Act. Failure to provide all or any part of the information required by the Political Reform Act is a violation subject to:

- An administrative enforcement proceeding before the Fair Political Practices Commission;
- A criminal misdemeanor proceeding;
- A civil action; and
- Levying of late penalties by filing officers.

Penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation of the Political Reform Act may be imposed.

LITERATURE AND MASS MAILING REQUIREMENTS

A copy of Section 84305 of the Government Code (see below) shall be provided by the elections official to each candidate or his or her agent at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy...(E.C. 16)

"Mass mailing" means over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry. (Government Code 82041.5)

PENAL PROVISIONS – ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Every person who violates Section 84305 of the Government Code relating to mass mailing is subject to the penal provisions set forth in Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 91000) of Title 9 of the Government Code. (Elections Code 18303)

- a. Any person who knowingly or willfully violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- b. In addition to other penalties provided by law, a fine of up to the greater of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or three times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or receive may be imposed upon conviction for each violation.
- c. Prosecution for violation of this title must be commenced within four years after the date on which the violation occurred. (Government Code 91000)

The Attorney General is responsible for enforcing the criminal provisions of this title with respect to state agencies, lobbyists and state elections. The district attorney of any county in which a violation occurs has concurrent powers and responsibilities with the Attorney General. (Government Code 91001(a))

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GOVERNMENT CODE

Section 84305

84305. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the candidate's, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate's, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84504.2 unless the name, street address, and city of the committee is shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.

(c) (1) A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(2) A committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass electronic mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 or 84504.3 unless the name of the committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(d) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a) or (c).

(e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Mass electronic mailing” means sending more than 200 substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month. “Mass electronic mailing” does not include a communication that was solicited by the recipient, including, but not limited to, acknowledgments for contributions or information that the recipient communicated to the organization.

(2) “Sender” means the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84216.5, inclusive.

(3) To “pay for” a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment: (A) to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or (B) as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.

(f) This section does not apply to a mass mailing or mass electronic mailing that is paid for by an independent expenditure.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 558, Sec. 1. (AB 864) Effective January 1, 2020. Note: This section was added on June 4, 1974, by initiative Prop. 9.)

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Section 84305.5

84305.5. (a) No slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures shall send a slate mailer unless:

(1) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures are shown on the outside of each piece of slate mail and on at least one of the inserts included with each piece of slate mail in no less than 8-point roman type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the street address of the slate mailer organization or the committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measure is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division.

(2) At the top or bottom of the front side or surface of at least one insert or at the top or bottom of one side or surface of a postcard or other self-mailer, there is a notice in at least 8-point roman boldface type, which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible, and in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter. The notice shall consist of the following statement:

NOTICE TO VOTERS

THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY (name of slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures), NOT AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION. Appearance in this mailer does not necessarily imply endorsement of others appearing in this mailer, nor does it imply endorsement of, or opposition to, any issues set forth in this mailer. Appearance is paid for and authorized by each candidate and ballot measure which is designated by an *.

(3) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures as required by paragraph (1) and the notice required by paragraph (2) may appear on the same side or surface of an insert.

(4) Each candidate and each ballot measure that has paid to appear in the slate mailer is designated by an *. Any candidate or ballot measure that has not paid to appear in the slate mailer is not designated by an *.

The * required by this subdivision shall be of the same type size, type style, color or contrast, and legibility as is used for the name of the candidate or the ballot measure name or number and position advocated to which the * designation applies except that in no case shall the * be required to be larger than 10-point boldface type. The designation shall immediately follow the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure where the designation appears in the slate of candidates and measures. If there is no slate listing, the designation shall appear at least once in at least 8-point boldface type, immediately following the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure.

(5) The name of any candidate appearing in the slate mailer who is a member of a political party differing from the political party which the mailer appears by representation or indicia to represent is accompanied, immediately below the name, by the party designation of the candidate, in no less than 9-point roman type which shall be in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. The designation shall not be required in the case of candidates for nonpartisan office.

(b) For purposes of the designations required by paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), the payment of any sum made reportable by subdivision (c) of Section 84219 by or at the behest of a candidate or committee, whose name or position appears in the mailer, to the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures, shall constitute a payment to appear, requiring the * designation. The payment shall also be deemed to constitute authorization to appear in the mailer.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 478, Sec. 9. Effective September 10, 2004.)

State of California

GOVERNMENT CODE

Section 84305.7

84305.7. (a) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that displays a logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark that is identical or substantially similar to the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark of a governmental agency, and that would reasonably be understood to imply the participation or endorsement of that governmental agency, the slate mailer organization shall obtain express written consent from the governmental agency associated with the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark prior to using the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark in the slate mailer or other mass mailing.

(b) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that displays a logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark that is identical or substantially similar to the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark of a nongovernmental organization that represents law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, and that would reasonably be understood to imply the participation or endorsement of that nongovernmental organization, the slate mailer organization shall obtain express written consent from the nongovernmental organization associated with the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark prior to using the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark in the slate mailer or other mass mailing.

(c) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that identifies itself or its source material as representing a nongovernmental organization with a name that includes the term “peace officer,” “reserve officer,” “deputy,” “deputy sheriff,” “sheriff,” “police,” “highway patrol,” “California Highway Patrol,” “law enforcement,” “firefighter,” “fire marshal,” “paramedic,” “emergency medical technician,” “public safety,” or any other term that would reasonably be understood to imply that the nongovernmental organization is composed of, represents, or is affiliated with, law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, the slate mailer or mass mailing shall disclose the total number of law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety members in the nongovernmental organization identified in the slate mailer or mass mailing, as provided in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d). If the slate mailer organization is not composed of or does not represent any members who are law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, the slate mailer or mass mailing shall disclose that the slate mailer organization does not represent public safety personnel, as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d).

(d) A disclosure pursuant to subdivision (c) shall include one of the following statements:

(1) If the slate mailer organization represents public safety personnel members: “This organization represents ____ public safety personnel.” The slate mailer organization shall fill in the blank part of the statement with the number of public safety personnel members it represents.

(2) If the slate mailer organization does not represent public safety personnel members: “This organization does not represent any public safety personnel.”

(e) A disclosure pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be in a format that satisfies all of the following:

(1) Printed in roman type that is no less than 14-point font.

(2) Located on the outside of the slate mailer or mass mailing within one-half of an inch of the recipient’s name and address.

(3) Contained in a box with an outline that has a line weight of at least 3.25 pt. The background color of the box shall be in a contrasting color to the background of the slate mailer or mass mailing. The outline of the box shall be in a contrasting color to both the background color of the mailing and the background color of the box. The color of the text of the disclosure shall be in a contrasting color to the background color of the box.

(f) (1) For purposes of subdivision (c), “member” means any of the following:

(A) A person who, pursuant to a specific provision of an organization’s articles or bylaws, may vote directly or indirectly for the election of a director or officer or for the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the organization in a merger or dissolution.

(B) A person designated as a member in the articles or bylaws of an organization that is tax exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)) and who has the right to vote to change the organization’s articles or bylaws or has paid dues to the organization.

(C) Members of a local union are considered to be members of any national or international union of which the local union is a part and of any federation with which the local, national, or international union is affiliated.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 855, Sec. 1. (SB 226) Effective January 1, 2018.)

GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS

When placing political signs within the City of Claremont we ask that you observe the following guidelines:

- Signs should be no larger than 4 square feet (i.e. 2ft. x 2ft.).
- Signs that are placed on wood stakes or posts should have a height of no more than 4 feet.
- Do not place signs in public parks, school grounds, sidewalks, grass parkways, or street medians. The City codes prohibit the location of political signs on all public property. Signs found on public property or in the public rights-of-way will be removed by City staff.
- Do not attach signs to City trees, traffic signs, or utility poles.
- Prior to placing signs on private property, obtain an authorization to do so from the owner of the property.
- Be responsible for removing all signs immediately following elections.

Although it is recommended that signs be no larger than 4 square feet nor have a height of more than 4 feet, Claremont Municipal Code Chapter 18.015.030F states:

Such signs of no more than four square feet in area and four feet in height are encouraged. Signs of a maximum 16 square feet in area and, if freestanding, a maximum of six feet in height are permitted. More than one such sign is permitted per premises. Political signs may not be placed on public property or within public rights-of way.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point Roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office. (E.C. 20008)

For more information on Political Advertisement Requirements please see the FPPC Manual 2.

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Political Advertisement Disclosures

Under California's Political Reform Act (the "Act"), committees, generally, must include "Ad paid for by" disclosures on campaign advertising, including campaign mailers, radio and television ads, telephone robocalls, and electronic media ads. Please see the [Advertising Disclosure Charts](#) for specific disclosure requirements. The questions below relate to disclosure requirements for committees that purchase advertisements or circulate communications supporting or opposing a state or local candidate or ballot measure in California. This fact sheet is informational only and contains only highlights of selected provisions of the law. It does not carry the weight of the law. For further information, consult the Act and its corresponding regulations, advice letters and opinions.

Who Must Use a Disclosure?

A candidate's campaign committee, a political action committee, a ballot measure committee, a political party committee, a major donor, and a person or entity making independent expenditures on candidates or ballot measures in California are all types of committees that are subject to disclosure rules. In general, a person or entity qualifies as a *committee* under the Act if they receive contributions from others for political purposes of \$2,000 or more per year; if they make independent expenditures on California candidates or ballot measures of \$1,000 or more per year; or if they make contributions to California candidates or ballot measures of \$10,000 or more per year.

General Questions

1. Q. What is an advertisement?
 - A. An advertisement is a communication that is made for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure. Advertisements include mass mailings (including emails), paid telephone calls, newspaper, radio and television ads, billboards, yard signs, and electronic media ads.
2. Q. What is a disclosure?
 - A. A "disclosure" is the portion of a political message that identifies the person or entity who paid for or authorized the communication. "Ad paid for by *committee name*" is generally the basic disclosure required by the Act on most campaign communications sent by a *committee*.
3. Q. Are the Act's disclosure rules the same for all committees and all ads?
 - A. No. Basic disclosure rules apply to campaign materials disseminated by a candidate for their own election campaign because it is generally clear to the public that the candidate is sending the communication. Stricter disclosure rules apply to ballot measure advertisements and independent expenditure advertisements on candidates and ballot measures, because it is less clear to the public who is responsible for these ads.

4. Q. Must a disclosure appear on ALL printed materials or campaign items?
- A. No. A disclosure is not required on the following items:
- Campaign buttons smaller than 10 inches in diameter, pins, bumper stickers smaller than 60 square inches, and magnets
 - Pens, pencils, rulers, mugs, potholders, key tags, golf balls and similar small campaign promotional items where a disclosure cannot be conveniently printed
 - T-shirts, caps, hats, and other articles of clothing
 - Skywriting and airplane banners
 - Committee checks and receipts
5. Q. What must the disclosure state?
- A. Generally, the basic disclosure must state: “Ad Paid for by *committee name*.” Please see the [Advertising Disclosure Charts](#) for specific disclosure requirements. In most cases, any recipient committee except a candidate committee or a political party committee must also list top three contributors of \$50,000 or more. An advertisement supporting or opposing a candidate that is paid for by an independent expenditure shall include a statement that it was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate. If the advertisement was authorized or paid for by a candidate for another office, the expenditure shall instead include a statement that “This advertisement was not authorized or paid for by a candidate for this office or a committee controlled by a candidate for this office.”
6. Q. How must the disclosure appear?
- A. Written disclosures must be printed clearly and legibly. Spoken disclosures must be spoken clearly. Disclosures must also be written or spoken in the same language used in the advertisement. **Specific requirements for color contrast, font, print size and time appearing on screen or read during a telephone or radio advertisement are listed in FPPC [advertising disclosure charts](#).**
7. Q. If a committee’s top contributor changes, must advertisement disclosures be updated?
- A. Yes. Television, radio, telephone, electronic billboard, or other electronic media advertisement shall be updated to reflect the new top contributors within five business days. Print media advertisement, including nonelectronic billboards, shall be updated to reflect the new top contributors before placing a new or modified order for additional printing of the advertisement.
8. Q. What are the rules for disclosures on communications in a language other than English?
- A. Disclosures on political advertisements must be written or spoken in the same language used in the advertisement, except for the name of the committee and the top contributors to the committee, if any.

9. Q. Must a disclosure appear on communications from an organization to its members?

- A. For political party communications, yes. For communications from other organizations to their members, a disclosure is not required.

Mass Mailing Questions

10. Q. On mass mailings, what must the disclosure state?

- A. A mass mailing – over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail sent within a calendar month – must include: the words “Paid for by” immediately in front of or above the name and address of the committee on the outside of each piece of postal mail. The disclosure must be in no less than 6-point type and in a color that contrasts with the background.

If a mass mailing is paid for by more than one candidate or committee, the words “paid for by” must appear immediately in front of or above the name and address of the candidate or committee who is paying the greatest share of the mass mailing (including costs for designing, postage, and printing) and must be placed on the outside of each piece of mail. If two or more candidates or committees pay equally for the mailer, the name and address of at least one of the candidates or committees must be shown on the outside, and the names and addresses of all candidates or committees paying for the mailer must appear on at least one insert.

11. Q. On emails, what must the disclosure state?

- A. When over 200 substantially similar emails are sent by a candidate or committee, the email must include “Paid for by and the committee name.” The committee’s street address is not required on mass emails sent by a committee, but may be included.

Advertising Issues Not Under FPPC’s Jurisdiction

12. Q. What are the rules about when and where political signs may be placed?

- A. The Act does not contain rules about when and where signs may be placed. You may visit the [California Department of Transportation website](#) for information about the State Outdoor Advertising Act and additional restrictions on political sign placement. You should also check with your local jurisdiction as there may be local laws that restrict or prohibit the placement of campaign signs at certain times and in specified places.

13. Q. Where can I get information about the National Do Not Call Registry?

- A. For information about the National Do Not Call Registry, administered by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), go to www.donotcall.gov.

SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

(a) Every simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

“NOTICE TO VOTERS
“(Required by Law)

“This is not an official ballot or an official county voter information guide prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.

“This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by _____ (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).”

This section shall not be construed as requiring this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

(b) A simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide referred to in subdivision (a) shall not bear an official seal or the insignia of a public entity, and that seal or insignia shall not appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.

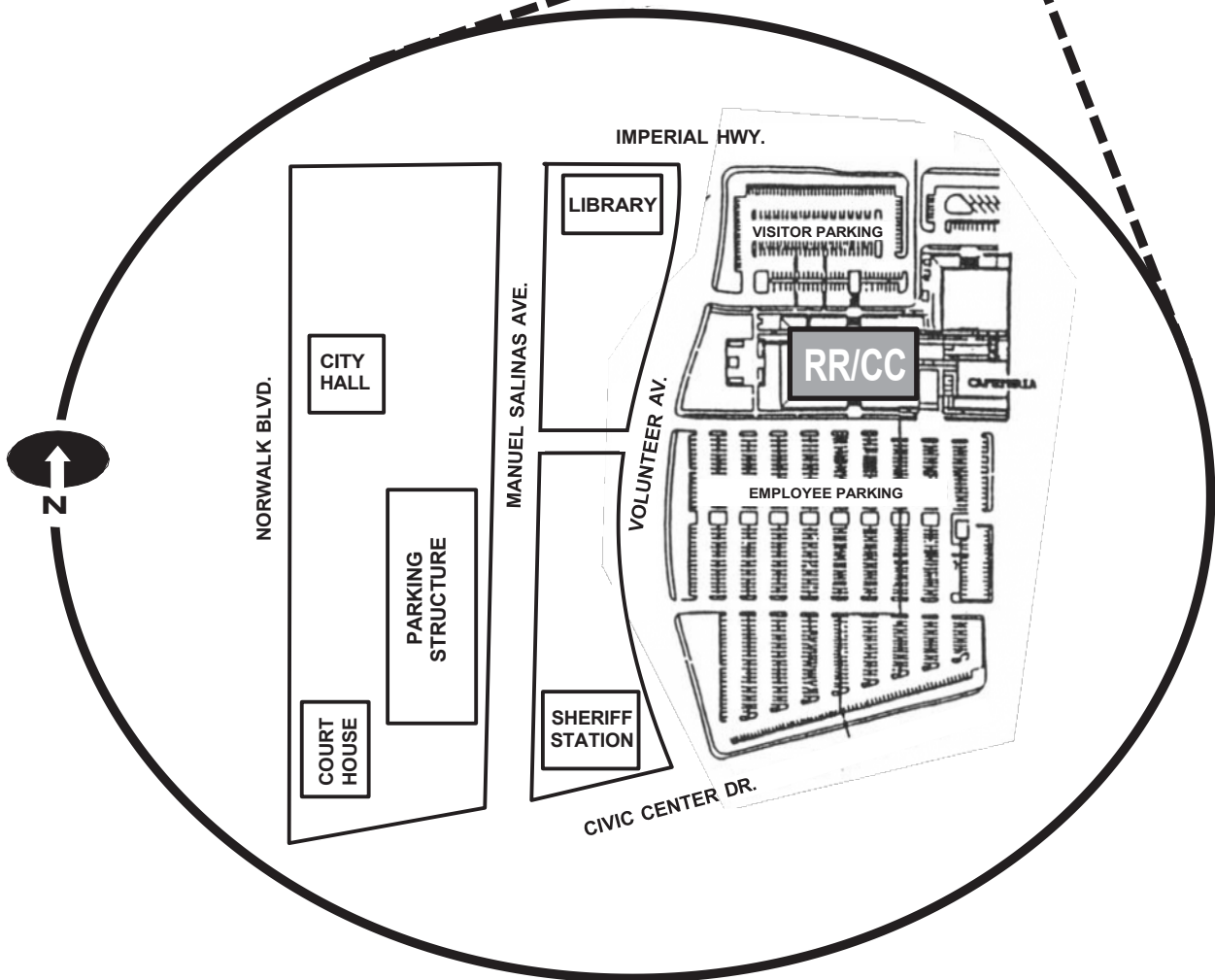
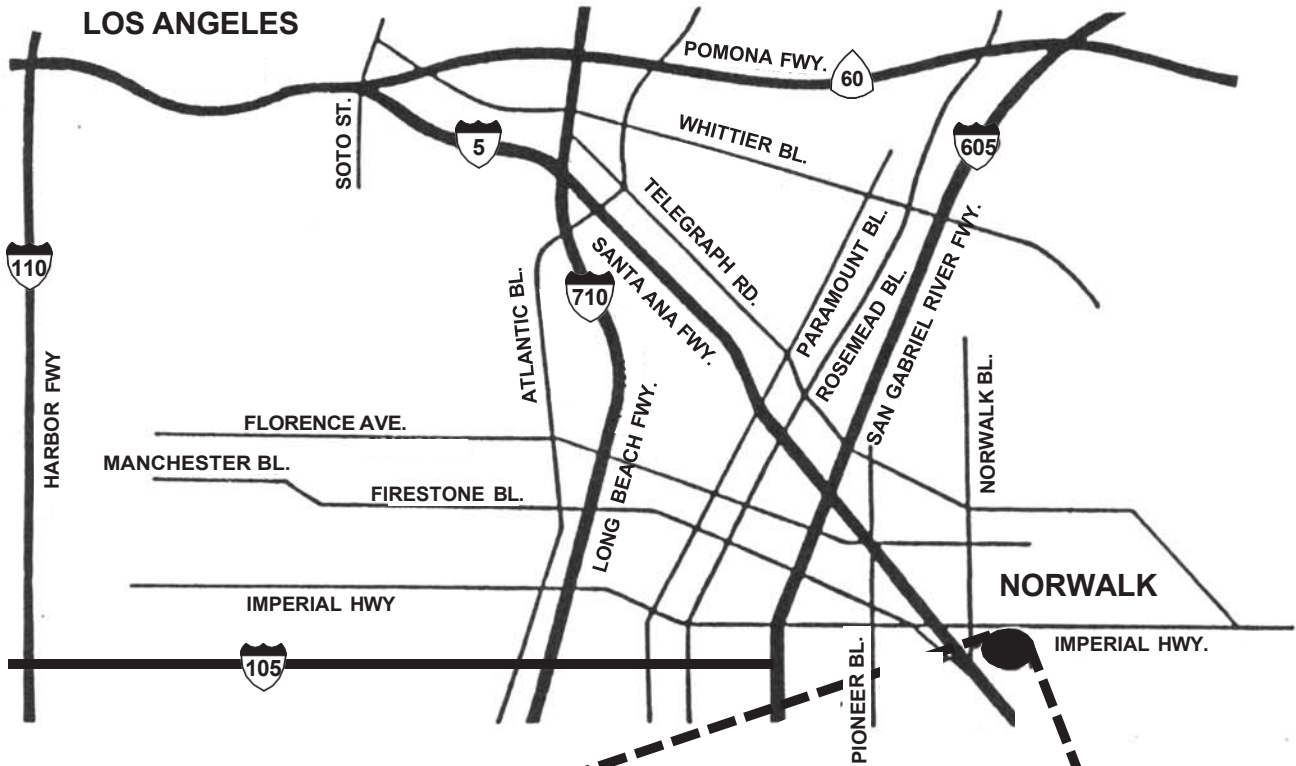
(c) The superior court, in a case brought before it by a registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition of cases of this nature.



**Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**

**Candidate Handbook
and Resource Guide**
General Election
November 5, 2024

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

TO: Candidates, Campaign Managers and other Interested Parties

FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for offices in the November 5, 2024 General Election. The handbook provides a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

We hope that you will find the current handbook format to be both informative and useful. Please review the information provided in this handbook carefully. Section 1 includes general candidate filing information and Section 2 includes election and campaign information. Online access to this handbook is available on our website, www.lavote.gov. Daily listings of candidates filing for elective offices will also be posted to the website for public access.

Our office staff is committed to providing the best possible service to you, your campaign staff and the voters of Los Angeles County. If you have questions or comments regarding items you would like to suggest for future candidate handbooks, please write a letter, send an e-mail to DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov or call me at (562) 462-2716.

For additional information regarding the election, consult our website or call 1-800-815-2666 option 4.

NOTICE

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist you in filing documents relating to the election. It includes a calendar of events and summary of provisions and filing requirements. It is not intended to provide legal advice and is for general guidance only.

Please note that it is not within the purview of this office to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. Individuals with questions concerning their own or other candidate qualifications or other related matters should seek legal counsel.

Candidates and others using this Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards, duties and factual material contained therein.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS	TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS
<p>DIRECTOR – CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 35055 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Water Code § 35057 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Govt. Code § 61042 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 30500 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Water Code § 30502 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – HEALTH CARE DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Health and Safety Code § 32100 and E.C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Health and Safety Code § 32100.5 and E.C. § 10554)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – IRRIGATION DISTRICT Each director shall be a voter and landowner of the district and a resident of the division, at the time nomination documents are issued or appointment is made. (Water Code § 21100 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Water Code § 21101 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>TRUSTEE – LIBRARY DISTRICT Each trustee shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code § 19611 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday, November 29, 2024 (Incorporated) Friday, December 6, 2024 (Unincorporated) (Ed. Code §§ 19422, 19510 and 19700)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code §§ 71250 and 71501 and E.C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at Noon, December 6, 2024 (Water Code §§ 71252, 71253 and Govt. Code § AB-72)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Public Resources Code § 5784(c) and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 6, 2024 (Public Resources Code § 5784.3 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – ANTELOPE VALLEY–EAST KERN WATER AGENCY Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code Appendix 98-51 and E.C. § 201)</p>	<p>Monday at noon, January 6, 2025 (Water Code Appendix 98–51 and Govt. Code § 24200)</p>
<p>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER – SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS Each board member shall be a registered voter of the district or trustee area, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code §§ 5030, 35107, 72022, 72103 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday, December 13, 2024 (Ed. Code § 5017)</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
<p>PARTY AFFILIATION – No Party Affiliation Required.</p>	
<p>FILING FEE, NOMINATING PETITIONS AND SALARY – Although neither a filing fee nor nominating petitions are required, a declaration of candidacy must be filed. Salaries vary. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603)</p>	
<p>PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT – Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. Names are not rotated on the ballot. (E. C. §§ 13111 and 13112)</p>	
<p>VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES (PLURALITY) – When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. (E. C. § 10551)</p>	

GENERAL INFORMATION

JURISDICTION/OFFICE*	TERMS ENDS
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	2 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	2 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
ASSESSOR	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
COUNTY SUPERVISOR	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
SHERIFF	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
STATE SENATOR	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
WATER AGENCY	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT	4 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	6 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE
UNITED STATES SENATOR	6 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE

*Some offices are not scheduled to be on the ballot in 2024.

CHAPTER 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All documents are to be filed with and duties performed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk unless otherwise specified.

DATES		EVENTS
APR. 26 (F) E-193	AUG. 9 (Th) E-88	<p>NOMINATION PERIOD – INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR CANDIDATES ONLY</p> <p>First and last day for independent candidates to circulate and leave nomination documents for examination and certification. The Secretary of State shall be notified of the signature verification method to be used. (E. C. § 8403(a)(2))</p>
MAY 9 (Th) E-180		<p>ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP</p> <p>Last day for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustment due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interest, or other factors as applicable. (E. C. §22000)</p>
MAY 16 (Th) E-173	JULY 10 (W) E-118	<p>SIGNATURE IN LIEU FORMS – SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE</p> <p>Between these dates, any Justice of the Supreme or Appellate Court may obtain forms for circulating petitions and securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. (Calif. Const. Art. VI, § 16 (d) and E. C. § 8106)</p>
JUNE 10 (M) E-148		<p>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</p> <p>Not later than this date, the Governor shall issue the General Election proclamation. (E. C. § 12000)</p>
JUNE 27 (Th) E-131		<p>STATEWIDE MEASURES – QUALIFICATION FOR BALLOT PLACEMENT</p> <p>Last day for initiative or legislative measure to qualify for General Election ballot. (Calif. Const. Art. II, § 8(c) and E. C. §§ 9016 and 9040)</p>

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<p>JULY 3 (W) E-125</p>	<p>NOTICE OF ELECTION AND MAP OF DISTRICT – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER AND RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS</p> <p>Not later than this date the District Secretary shall deliver a notice containing: 1) elective offices, 2) candidate statement word limitation (200 or 400 words), 3) designated party responsible for statement cost (candidate or district) and 4) requirement to pay in advance, if cost is payable by candidate.</p> <p>The District Secretary shall also provide a map delineating the district boundaries and depicting divisions within the district, if any, accompanied by a statement indicating in which division directors are to be elected and whether any elective officer is to be elected at large. (E. C. §§ 10509, 10522 and 13307)</p> <p>NOTE: WATER AGENCY AND WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICTS – Suggested date for district secretary to submit above mentioned.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Districts seeking to change division boundaries are required to follow Elections Code § 22000. This code requires that changes to division boundaries must be made prior to the 180 days preceding the election of any director.</p> <p>APPOINTMENTS IN LIEU OF ELECTION – RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS</p> <p>If no petition is filed by this date, and the board of directors of either the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District or the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains has not requested rescission of the previously adopted resolution providing for appointments in lieu of election, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint directors pursuant to Public Resources Code § 9314 and no election shall be conducted by the county elections official.</p>
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<p>JULY 5 (F) E-123</p>	<p>ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS and COMMUNITY COLLEGES)</p> <p>Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling the school district governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322)</p>
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DATES	EVENTS
<p>JULY 8 (M) E-120</p>	<p>FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS and COMMUNITY COLLEGE)</p> <p>Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver copies of the formal notice of governing board member election to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. (Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325 (b))</p> <p>BOARD RESOLUTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Local Nonpartisan Offices)</p> <p>Not later than this date, the jurisdiction’s governing body shall by resolution determine the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements, and requirement to pay in advance, if cost is payable by candidate. (E. C. § 13307(a) (1), (a), and (d))</p>
<p>JULY 8 (M) AUG. 7 (W) E-120 E-90</p>	<p>NOTICE OF ELECTION – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS – PUBLICATION</p> <p>Between these dates the notice of governing board member election shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation.</p> <p>A general press release shall be issued providing elective office information and the telephone number to call for candidate nomination procedures. (E. C. § 12112 and Ed. Code § 5363)</p> <p>NOTICE OF ELECTION - POSTING (School or Special Districts)</p> <p>A copy of the published notices shall be delivered to the District Secretary/Superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office. (E. C. § 12113)</p>
<p>JULY 15 (M) E-113</p>	<p>NOTICE OF ELECTION – WATER AGENCIES – PUBLICATION</p> <p>Not later than this date a notice designating the name and date of the election and the offices to be filled shall be published. (Water Code Appendix 98–52 and 103–6)</p>

DATES	EVENTS
<p>JULY 15 (M) E-113</p> <p>AUG. 9 (F) E-88 5:00 P. M.</p>	<p>NOMINATION PERIOD – LOCAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>First and last day for candidates in elections consolidated with the General Election to file nomination documents. See procedures for Candidate Statements. (E. C. §§ 10407 and 10510)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – LOCAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION (Including Judicial Candidates Nominated at Primary Election)</p> <p>During this period candidates for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the governing body (200 or 400 words) for inclusion with the sample ballot. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file nomination documents. (E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES</p> <p>During this period candidates for congressional and state legislative office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot booklet. State legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. The statement shall not exceed 250 words. If office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidate should file a statement with each county. (Govt. Code §§ 85601 and 88001(i) and E.C. § 13307.5)</p> <p>NOTE: Candidate statements are ONLY included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will NOT be included in the Vote By Mail material.</p>
<p>JULY 17 (W) E-111</p>	<p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE AND U.S. SENATOR</p> <p>Last day statewide constitutional office and United States Senator candidates may purchase space- via the Secretary of State’s office-for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide. Candidates for statewide constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) (Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i))</p>

DATES		EVENTS
JULY 26 (F) E-102	AUG. 2 (F) E-95	<p>NOTICE OF POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT – PUBLICATION</p> <p>Between these dates if only one person or no person has filed for each office to be filled, the notice of possible appointment shall be published once. (Water Code § 60141.1)</p>
JULY 30 (Tu) E-98		<p>CHANGE OF CANDIDATE DESIGNATION ON BALLOT</p> <p>Last day that any nominated candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than used at the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. For Federal, and State offices, the written request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the county elections official. For local offices, the request should be filed with the county elections official. (E. C. § 13107 (e)(h))</p>
AUG. 5 (M) E-92		<p>NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING FOR SHARED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk)</p> <p>Last day to notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time, and place of the drawing to be held on August 15, 2023. (E. C. § 13112 (c))</p>
AUG. 8 (Th) E-89		<p>DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS - PUBLICATION</p> <p>Not later than this date a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, setting forth the date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure. (E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502 and Govt. Code § 6061)</p> <p>NOTE: A copy of the published notice shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office (E. C. § 12113)</p>

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AUG. 9 (F)
5:00 P. M.
E-88

CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS

Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with the General Election.
(E. C. §§ 10401 and 10403)

NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE – LOCAL ELECTIONS

Last day for candidates to file nomination documents. **Fax not acceptable.**
(E.C. §§ 10407 and 10510)

NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE – INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR CANDIDATES

Last day for candidates to circulate and leave nomination documents for examination and certification.
(E. C. §§ 8403 and 8405)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Last day for candidates (including nonpartisan candidates nominated at the March 5, 2024 Primary Election) to file statement not to exceed the word limitation (**200 or 400 words**). Statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file nomination documents.
(E. C. § 13307)

NOTE: Candidate statements are **ONLY** included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will **NOT** be included in the Vote By Mail material.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Last day candidates for **congressional** and **state legislative** office may submit a statement for inclusion in the official sample ballot booklet. If office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidate should file a statement with each county. The statement shall not exceed **250 words**.
(Govt. Code §§ 85601 and 88001(i) and E. C. § 13307.5)

NOTE: State Legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures.
(Govt. Code § 85601 (b))

DATES**EVENTS**

AUG. 9 (F)
5:00 P. M.
E-88

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

No candidate, including incumbent, whose declaration of candidacy has been filed, may withdraw after this date except when nomination period has been extended for that office.
(E. C. §§ 10510 (a) and 10603 (b))

NOTE: Candidates nominated at preceding Primary Election may not withdraw.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT – SCHOOL DISTRICTS and COMMUNITY COLLEGES – PUBLICATION

After this date if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice stating that the governing board intends to make an appointment and the procedures for applying for the office shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.
(Ed. Code § 5328.5)

COUNTY MEASURES – FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Last day for the Board of Supervisors to order a county measure to appear on the ballot and direct the county auditor to review the county measure to determine its financial effect and prepare a fiscal impact statement.
(E. C. § 9160 (c))

SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION RESOLUTION (School Districts and Community Colleges)

Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling a special school district election to place a measure on the ballot. Copies shall be filed with the county elections official.
(Ed. Code § 5322 (b))

STATEMENT OF TAX RATE DATA – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT

Last day for local jurisdictions to file a bond issue statement with the county elections official.
(E. C. § 9401(a))

FORM 700 – CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Candidates must file a Form 700 no later than 5:00P.M. on the last day of the nomination period.
(Gov. Code §87302.3(a))

DATES	EVENTS
AUG.10** (Sa) E-87**	AUG. 14 (W) E-83 5:00 P. M. NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK AND WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS If nomination documents for the incumbent are not filed by 5:00 p.m. on August 9 , the nomination period shall be extended until August 14 , 5:00 p.m. for persons other than the incumbent. (E. C. §§ 8024 and 10516) NOTE: The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.
AUG.10** (Sa) E-87**	AUG. 19 (M) E-78 5:00 P. M. PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS/CANDIDATE NAMES, BALLOT DESIGNATIONS, AND BALLOT MEASURE TEXT During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations and ballot measure text (i.e., the 75 word YES/NO question) shall be open to public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. Any person may challenge the aforementioned candidate information by filing a petition for writ of mandate no later than August 19 . (E. C. §13313) NOTE: If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to August 15 through August 26** .
AUG. 14 (W) E-83	WRITE-IN PETITION TO PLACE JUDICIAL OFFICE ON BALLOT If the office did not appear on the Primary Election ballot, a petition containing signatures of 600 registered voters qualified to vote for the office must be filed in order to place the office on the General Election ballot. (E. C. § 8203 (b)) PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS (E. C. § 10515 and Ed. Code § 5326)

** August 10 (Saturday) and August 11 (Sunday) office will be closed.

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AUG. 14 (W)
E-83

APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION (HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER AND RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS)

If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, a certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting appointment of the candidates or, if there are no candidates, appointment of any qualified person no later than **November 25**.

(E.C. § 10515)

PARTY ENDORSEMENT LIST

The chair of any qualified political party may provide a written copy of the list of candidates endorsed or nominated by the party. Such a list shall be provided not later than 83 days prior to the candidate for a voter nominated office will appear on the ballot.

(E.C. § 13302(b))

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD – HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Last day a candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy papers when nomination period has been extended for that office.

(E. C. §§10516 and 10604)

AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE – DEADLINE

Last day for county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot.

(E. C. § 9605)

MEASURE – LETTER DESIGNATION

Last day jurisdictions may request in writing specific letter designations for their measure(s).

DATES	EVENTS
<p>AUG. 15 (Th) E-82 11:00 A. M.</p>	<p>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112)</p> <p>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING FOR SHARED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk) A public drawing shall be held to determine order of candidate names on ballot for state legislative districts that encompass more than one county by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13111 (i))</p>
<p>AUG. 16 (F) E-81</p>	<p>ARGUMENTS – LAST DATE TO SUBMIT Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502)</p> <p>NOTE: Deadlines for shared districts may differ. To check if a district is shared with another County or confirm the correct deadline for a specific jurisdiction, you may contact the Election Coordination Unit by calling (562)462-2912.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: These provisions do not apply to a measure on school district reorganization.</p> <p>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DATE TO SUBMIT Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure. (E. C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500)</p> <p>CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION Last day for city clerk to transmit the names of qualified candidates to county elections official. (E. C. § 10403)</p>

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<p>AUG. 17 (Sa) E-80</p>	<p>AUG. 26 (M) E-71</p>	<p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS</p> <p>During this period the county elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of any argument, analysis or other specified measure materials for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p>
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<p>AUG. 19 (M) 5:00 P. M. E-78</p>	<p>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER AGENCIES</p> <p>If on this date, only one person or no person has been nominated for each office, the board of directors shall, by resolution, request the Board of Supervisors to appoint the person nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person. (Water Code Appendix 98-52 and 103-6)</p>
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<p>AUG. 26 (M) E-71</p>	<p>REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</p> <p>Last day for authors of arguments for and against county, district or school measures to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504)</p> <p>NOTE: Deadlines for shared districts may differ. To check if a district is shared with another County or confirm the correct deadline for a specific jurisdiction, you may contact the Election Coordination Unit by calling (562)462-2912.</p>
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<p>AUG. 27 (Tu) E-70</p>	<p>NOTICE OF LIST OF CANDIDATES – WATER AGENCIES PUBLICATION</p> <p>Not later than this date a notice giving the names and addresses of all candidates in the election, the date of the election, and the hours the polls will be open shall be published once. If no election is to be held because of insufficient nominees, a notice of no election shall be published.(Water Code Appendix 98-52 and 103-6)</p>
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AUG. 27 (Tu) E-70	SEPT. 5 (Th) E-61	<p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REBUTTALS</p> <p>During this period, rebuttals for any county, district or school measure shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p>
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AUG. 29 (Th) E-68	<p>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST</p> <p>Last day for Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates and rotation list to each elections official. (E. C. §§ 8148 and 8149)</p> <p>DEATH OF CANDIDATE</p> <p>Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (E. C. § 10529 and Ed. Code § 5329)</p> <p>NOTE: This provision does not apply under certain circumstances as set forth in E. C. §§ 8026 and 8027.</p>
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SEPT. 3 (Tu)* E-63	<p>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT</p> <p>If on this date, only one person or no person has been nominated for each office, the governing board shall, by resolution, request the Board of Supervisors to appoint the person nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person. (Water Code § 60141)</p>
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*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

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SEPT. 4 (W) E-62	SEPT. 6 (F) E-60	TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832 to schedule a review of your transliterated name. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period.
SEPT. 6 (F) E-60		SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION First day county elections officials may process applications for special Vote By Mail Ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote by mail during the normal Vote By Mail Voting period because of military service or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. (E. C. §§ 300 (b) and 3103)
SEPT. 6 (F) E-60	OCT. 29 (Tu) E-7	FEDERAL ELECTION – OVERSEAS VOTER, APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT During this period, the county elections official may begin processing Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special Vote By Mail persons already registered to vote. (E. C. §§ 300 and 3001)
SEPT. 9 (M) E-57	OCT. 22 (Tu) E-14	STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY A name written on a ballot in any election will not be counted unless the person has filed a statement of write-in candidacy during this period stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)
SEPT. 16 (M) E-50		REGISTRATION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to submit to Secretary of State tapes/reports listing registrations for those persons registered as of September 6, 2023 (E-60). (E. C. § 2187 (c) (5))

DATES		EVENTS
SEPT. 21 (Sa) E-45		<p>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS</p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. (E. C. § 3114)</p>
SEPT. 26 (Th) E-40	OCT. 15 (Tu) E-21	<p>STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILED</p> <p>Between these dates, a state ballot pamphlet shall be mailed to all registered voters. (E. C. § 9094)</p>
OCT. 7 (M) E-29	OCT. 29 (Tu) E-7	<p>PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</p> <p>The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 29th day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the polls close. (E. C. § 15101(b))</p>
OCT. 7 (M) E-29		<p>EARLY TABULATION SNAP TALLIES</p> <p>Last day to be notified by the Secretary of State/Board of Supervisors that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require early tabulation and announcement. (E. C. § 14440)</p> <p>VOTE CENTER STAFF – APPOINTMENT</p> <p>Last day to appoint staff and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each pollworker. (E. C. §§ 12286,12307 and 12319)</p> <p>MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</p> <p>No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the county elections official shall begin mailing the materials required by Section 3010. (E. C. § 3001(b) and 3010)</p>

DATES**EVENTS**

OCT. 8 (Tu) OCT. 29 (Tu)
 E-28 E-7

NOTICE OF ELECTION/ NO ELECTION – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT – PUBLICATION

Between these dates a notice of election shall be published once. If no election is to be held because of insufficient nominees, a notice of no election shall be published.
 (Water Code §§ 60111 and 60141)

OCT. 11 (F)
 E-25

STREET INDEX TO COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES / CENTRAL COMMITTEES, COUNTY COUNCILS

Last day to furnish, without charge, a copy of the street index to the state and county central committees, upon written request. The supplemental street index shall also be made available to committees no later than **October 28**.
 (E. C. § 2185)

OCT. 15 (Tu)
 E-21

MAILING OF OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS (Historically commencing at E-40)

An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the jurisdiction no later than 21 days before the election.
 (E. C. § 13303)

OCT. 21 (M)
 E-15

REGISTRATION CLOSES

Last day to transfer or register to vote in the election.

OCT. 22 (Tu) NOV. 5 (Tu)
 E-14 8:00 P.M.
ELECTION DAY

NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE

A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen.
 (E.C. § 3500)

DATES	EVENTS
OCT. 22 (Tu) E-14	<p>WRITE-IN CANDIDATE STATEMENT</p> <p>Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)</p> <p>BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBER LIST</p> <p>Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual board members. (E.C. § 12303)</p>
OCT. 25 (F) E-11	<p>CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</p> <p>Suggested last date for Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the name of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the General Election, their address and the offices to which they seek election.</p>
OCT. 26 (Sa)** E-10**	<p>TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION</p> <p>On or before this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the tally center location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. (E. C. § 12109)</p> <p>VOTE CENTERS- FIRST DAY</p> <p>Vote Centers open beginning 10 days prior to election day. A Vote Center election may be conducted pursuant to (E. C. § 4005).</p>
OCT. 29 (Tu) E-7	<p>REPORT OF REGISTRATION</p> <p>Last day to transmit to Secretary of State the total county registration as of October 21 (E-15). (E. C. § 2187 (c) (6))</p> <p>COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>Last day to send copy of computer vote counting program and Certificate of Logic and Accuracy Test to Secretary of State. (E. C. § 15001)</p>

**October 26 (Saturday) and October 27 (Sunday) will be closed.

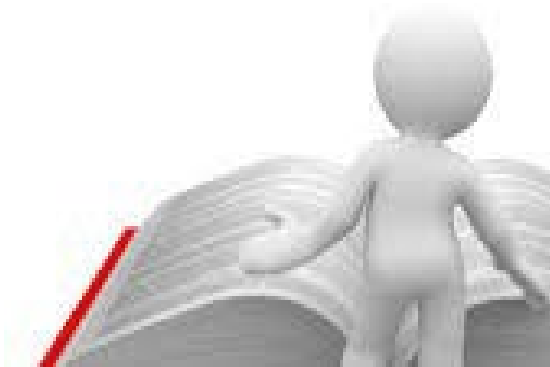
DATES	EVENTS
<p>OCT. 29 (Tu) E-7</p>	<p>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT AND WATER AGENCIES – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKE APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Last available regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to appoint to the office or offices to be filled, the person or persons nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person. (Water Code § 60141 and Water Code Appendix 98-52 and 103-6)</p>
<p>NOV. 5 (Tu) 8:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>ELECTION DAY</p> <p>Voting is from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (E. C. §§ 1200 and 14212)</p> <p>VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNS – 8:00 P.M.</p> <p>Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter to the county elections official’s office or at any polling place in the county. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017 and 3020)</p> <p>Any Vote By Mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter’s elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2. (E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)</p>

DATES	EVENTS
<p>NOV. 5 (Tu) 8:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>DEFACING OF UNUSED BALLOTS At 8:00 p.m., immediately after polls close, commence defacing or sealing all unused ballots and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed. (E. C. §§ 14403 and 14404)</p> <p>UNOPPOSED JUDGES – DECLARED ELECTED On this date, unopposed incumbent candidates for the offices of superior court judge who filed for office but whose names did not appear on the Primary or General Election ballots shall be declared elected. (E. C. § 8203)</p>
<p>NOV. 7 (Th) E+2</p>	<p>OFFICIAL CANVASS The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. § 15301)</p>
<p>NOV. 29 (F) NOON E+24</p>	<p>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – CALIFORNIA WATER, COMMUNITY SERVICES, COUNTY WATER, HEALTH CARE, IRRIGATION, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, AND WATER AGENCIES Before this date the Board of Supervisors shall if no election is held, appoint the persons nominated or, if no person has been nominated, any qualified person. (E. C. § 10515)</p>
<p>DEC. 2 (M) NOON E+27</p>	<p>TAKING OF OFFICE – ASSESSOR, SHERIFF AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS Officers take office at noon on the first Monday in December following the election. (Art. II, § 6, Art. IV, § 13, County Charter)</p>

DATES	EVENTS
DEC. 5 (Th) E+30	<p>COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS</p> <p>The official canvass must be completed within 30 days of the election. (E. C. §§ 15301, 15400, 15401 and 15372)</p> <p>NOTE: On November 29, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On December 3, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to declare the election concluded.</p>
NOV. 29 (F) NOON E+24	<p>TAKING OF OFFICE – HEALTH CARE AND RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS</p> <p>Officers, elected or appointed, take office at noon on the first Friday in December following the election. (E.C. § 10554, Health and Safety Code § 32100.5 and Public Resources Code §5784.3)</p>
DEC. 13 (F) E+38	<p>STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST BY SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile, certify and file in his/her office a statement of all votes cast. (E. C. § 15501)</p>
DEC. 29 (M) NOON E+54	<p>TAKING OF OFFICE – MUNICIPAL WATER, WATER AGENCIES AND WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICTS</p> <p>Officers, elected or appointed, shall take office at noon on the first Monday in January following the election. (Water Code § 60139, Water Code Appendix 98–51 and Govt. Code § 24200).</p>

CHAPTER 2

FILING PROCEDURES



GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

All candidates must be registered voters (**except for judicial candidates**) at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which he or she is filing. (E.C. § 201)

State law requires that all nomination documents contain the candidate's name and the elective office title to which he or she is seeking nomination or election; and be signed by the elections official at the time of issuance. Verbal and written instructions regarding procedures to be followed in completing the nomination process are given to candidates or authorized agents when the forms are issued.

Only official documents issued by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office may be used. The forms are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

NOMINATION FILING PERIOD

JULY 15 (M) through AUG. 9 (F), 5:00 P.M.	E - 113 - 88	NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES
AUG. 10** (Sa) through AUG. 14 (W), 5:00 P.M.	E - 87 - 83	NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD (If Eligible Incumbent Does Not File)
SEPT. 9 (M) through OCT. 22 (Tu), 5:00 P.M.	E - 57 - 14	FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD – If an incumbent for any office fails to file nomination documents by **August 9, 2024 5:00 p.m.**, the nomination period is extended for five (5) days. During this period, any qualified person, **other than the incumbent**, may file nomination documents for the office.

NOTE: The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing utilizing official Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk forms, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603). The deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy is **August 9, 2024 (E-88) no later than 5:00 p.m.**

**August 10 (Saturday) and August 11 (Sunday) – The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office will be closed.

NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

The **ballot name** may be designated as follows:

- First, middle and last names
- Initials only and last name
- A nickname may be included but must be in parentheses () or quotation marks “ ”
- A short version of the first name, such as “Bill” for William, “Dick” for Richard or “Kathy” for Kathleen

NO TITLES OR DEGREES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALLOT NAME. (E.C. § 13106)

WITHIN ONE YEAR OF ANY ELECTION, A CHANGE IN LEGAL NAME SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS THE CHANGE WAS MADE BY MARRIAGE OR BY DECREE OF COURT. (E.C. § 13104)

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be transliterated in those languages that do not use Roman Characters as instructed by the Department of Justice. These languages include Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Thai. If applicable, candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (88 days prior to the election). Candidates may review the transliteration of names and submit changes to the elections official no later than the last day of the review period, which is normally 60 days prior to the election but subject to change. To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832. Refer to Multilingual Voting Services Chapter for additional information.

CHARACTER-BASED OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be in a Character-Based format (Elections Code 13211.7) by (1) placing a check in the box marked for requesting a character-based name format on the Declaration of Candidacy **and** (2) completing the Character-Based Name Form. This applies only to character-based languages, including but not limited to Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, Japanese, and Korean. If a candidate has a character-based name by birth, that can be verified by a birth certificate or other valid identification, the candidate may use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration. A candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate to the local elections official that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, may use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

NOTE: On **August 15, 2024**, the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of Candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS

SELECTING YOUR BALLOT DESIGNATION – The **ballot designation** describes the current profession, vocation, occupation or incumbency status of the candidate that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name.

Ballot designations:

- Can be no more than three words.
- Must appear on the Declaration of Candidacy.
- Becomes public record once the information is filed on the Declaration of Candidacy; ballot designations **cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents**.

The listing of a designation on the ballot is OPTIONAL. Only one of the following categories is allowed:

- 1) **Elective Office Title:** Words describing an elective office title may be used **IF** the candidate holds the office at the time nomination documents are filed and the office was filled by a vote of the people.

Example A: Governing Board Member

Example B: Board member, XYZ School District

- 2) **Incumbent:** The word **Incumbent** may be used **IF** the candidate is seeking re-election to the same office and was elected to that office by a vote of the people or was appointed as a nominated candidate in lieu of an election.

- 3) **Appointed Incumbent:** The words **Appointed Incumbent** must be used **IF** the candidate was appointed to the office (**other than a judicial office**) and is seeking election to that office. The word Appointed may also be used with the office title.

Example A: Appointed Incumbent

Example B: Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

Exception: Candidates appointed to office in lieu of an election **do not** have to use the word appointed.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

- 4) **Principal Occupation:** No more than **three words** to either describe the current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate **or** the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents. Geographical names are considered one word.

Example A: High School Teacher

Example B: Attorney/Educator/Rancher

Example C: CEO/Councilmember

- 5) **Community Volunteer:** A Community Volunteer shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation subject to the following conditions:
- a) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - b) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - c) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation.
- 6) **No Occupation Desired:** If no ballot designation is requested, write the word "NONE" and place your initials in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy form.

FORMAT OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – Ballot designations selected which exceed space allotted on the ballot (approximately 60 characters) are printed in a smaller typeface pursuant to § 13107(i) of the California Elections Code. **Restrictions:** The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State's ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET – A ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation is required to be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation will appear on the ballot.
(E.C. § 13107.3)

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – If the designation is in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, the candidate will be notified by certified mail with a return receipt addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's ballot designation worksheet. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot.
(E.C. § 13107(f))

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS – Pursuant to Elections Code §13107(e), the elections official shall not accept a ballot designation if:

- a. It would mislead the voter.
- b. It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
- c. It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word(s) that it modifies.
- d. It includes a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
- e. It includes the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- f. It uses a word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- g. It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST)
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- a. Is it true?
- b. Is it accurate?
- c. Does it mislead?
- d. Is it generic? (This means “IBM” is unacceptable, “Computer Company” is acceptable.)
- e. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against.)
- f. Is it how this person makes a living?

Candidates may review their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, in this office during working hours Monday through Friday from **August 10****, 2024 through **August 19**, 2024. If the nomination period is extended, the period is from **August 15** through **August 26**** (excluding weekends).

If you have any questions regarding the nomination procedures, please call the Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317.

**August 10, 17 and 24 (Saturdays) and August 11, 18 and 25 (Sundays) office will be closed.


CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Candidates who will have their Candidate Nomination Documents picked up and/or filed **via an Agent** must complete the AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS form.

Below is a generic **sample** of the Authorization Form.

1. Print candidate's (your) name.
2. Print the elective office title.
3. Print the agent's name and phone numbers
4. Check the box for each applicable form.
5. Complete the middle section of the form as you would like your name to appear on the ballot, along with the other information requested.
6. Complete **INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION** box.
7. Sign and date the form before giving it to your Agent.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

ELECTION PLANNING SECTION
(562) 462-2317

**AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE
CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

I, _____, candidate for the office
CANDIDATE'S NAME — PLEASE PRINT

of _____, hereby authorize
OFFICE TITLE

AGENT'S NAME _____ (_____) AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER _____
AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER

to receive and/or file the following nomination documents: Please check applicable forms ()

<input type="checkbox"/> Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Candidacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Designation Worksheet
<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Intention	

I am aware that the Nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file such documents.

I request that my name be placed upon the ballot as follows: (Please print)

<small>FIRST NAME</small>	<small>MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL</small>	<small>LAST NAME</small>
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My residence address is:

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

My telephone numbers are: (_____) _____ DAYTIME (_____) _____ EVENING
 (_____) _____ FAX

My internet addresses are: WEBSITE _____ E-MAIL _____

I would like the following information to be used for purposes of listings prepared and issued to the news media and/or the public. (If none given, the above information will be listed.)

INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (_____) _____ EVENING PHONE: (_____) _____

FAX: (_____) _____

WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

If you are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know **“HOW DO I GET STARTED?”**, there are five (5) steps to the candidate nomination process.

STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)

Candidates or authorized agents are required to fill out a Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form providing the following information:

1. Name as you wish it to appear on ballot.
2. Full name as registered to vote.
3. Residence address.
4. Telephone/fax numbers.
5. E-mail and/or web site address.
6. Address and telephone number for publication/media/internet.
7. Elective office title for which you are applying.
8. Signature and date.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATE REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION FORM		<input type="checkbox"/> SIL _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DOI _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL FOR RE _____ AGENT _____
NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS (Please Print IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)		
FIRST	MIDDLE NAME (Last Initial) (and/or Nickname)	LAST
NAME AS REGISTERED (if different from ballot name)		
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS		
CITY NAME		ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Home/Fax)		RESIDENCE:
ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES (INTERNET, NEWS MEDIA) (If none given, above)		
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY NAME		ZIP CODE
WEBSITE:		EMAIL:
OFFICE TITLE (Include District, Division or Office No.)		
PARTY PREFERENCE (If Applicable)		
ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT?	YES	NO
	IF "YES", CHECK ONE	ELECTED
		APPLICANT

The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available online at www.lavote.net. Information on the form is used in preparing nomination documents. It is important that the information is accurate. This information will be printed on listings distributed to the news media and the general public. **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS ARE VERIFIED AT THE TIME OF FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS.**

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)


STEP 2 – ISSUING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

An **Application for Nomination Documents** is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form.

This application must be signed by the candidate or an authorized agent acknowledging awareness of:

1. Qualifications for office.
2. Campaign statement filing requirements.
3. Receipt of candidate handbook.
4. Last day to file nomination papers.

Candidate or Agent must verify that the candidate information, including the name to appear on ballot, office title, addresses, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail and web site are printed correctly on all forms.

	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION DOCUMENTS
I am aware of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Qualifications for Candidacy for office.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Requirements for filing Campaign Statements.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Election Candidate Handbook was received.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Last day to file Nomination Papers.	
Which is <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> 5:00 P.M.	
FULL TERM _____ <small>(PLEASE INITIAL)</small>	UNEXPIRED TERM _____ <small>(PLEASE INITIAL)</small>
_____ <small>(CANDIDATE or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)</small>	
(FILED BY) _____	(DATE FILED) _____
NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT	
OFFICE AND DISTRICT	
PARTY (IF APPLICABLE)	
OCCUPATION	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS CITY NAME	
TELEPHONE NUMBERS	EVENING
	FAX

THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET AND NOMINATION PETITION FORMS, IF APPLICABLE, ARE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)

The **Declaration of Candidacy Form** is a two-sided form used to declare your candidacy, provide your ballot designation, and take the loyalty oath. This form contains the candidate’s name as it will appear on the ballot, based on data from the CRQ. Once filed, these forms are public information. A prospective candidate must execute the Declaration of Candidacy and file it with the county elections official.

1. Fill in your name and designation (occupation) to appear on ballot. Refer to Name to Appear on the Ballot and Ballot Designation Provisions in this Chapter.
2. Fill in your residence, business and mailing addresses.
3. Provide daytime and evening telephone numbers (fax numbers, e-mail and web site address information is optional).
4. If you are an incumbent, you are to list the name of public office you presently hold.

OFFICIAL FILING FORM
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
Elections Deputy

Date Issued _____ Date Received _____

(Secretary of State Use Only)

Declaration of Candidacy
For Voter-Nominated Office
(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8040, 8121, 8140, 13105)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for nomination/selection to the office of _____

My name is _____
First _____ Middle/Initial (optional) _____ Last _____

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot _____

Print Ballot Designation Requested _____

Candidate wishes if preferring no designation: _____

A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write in the word "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.5)

NOTE: The Secretary of State (SOS) will publish one of the addresses below in the certified list of candidates and on the SOS website. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for these purposes. If no box is checked, the first address listed below will be published. If a business telephone, residence telephone, FAX number, e-mail address, or website is provided, that information will also be published.

Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Residence Address: (Required) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____ () _____
Area Code Business Area Code Residence Area Code Fax

E-mail and Website: _____
E-mail _____ Website _____

IMPORTANT: REVERSE SIDE OF PAGE MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED

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5. Print name in space provided in “Oath of Office”.
6. Fill in place of execution and date.
7. Sign name under penalty of perjury that information is true and correct.

I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office if any: _____

I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, action or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

If sworn/inducted, I will accept the nomination/selection and not withdraw.

A candidate for voter-nominated office shall also complete all of the following:

1. I hereby certify that:
(a) At the time of presentation of this declaration, as shown by my current affidavit of registration, I have disclosed the following political party preference, if any: _____

(b) My complete voter registration and party affiliation/preference history, from 2008 through the date of signing this document* is as follows:

Party Registration	County	Timeframe (By Year (e.g., 2008-2009))
_____	_____	2008 _____
_____	_____	2009 _____
_____	_____	_____

* Please note that only 10 years of party affiliation/preference history will be provided on the Secretary of State's website. Any information provided regarding affiliation/preference history prior to 2008, will not be included.

2. Pursuant to Section 8002.2 of the Elections Code, select one of the following:
_____. Party Preference: _____ (Insert the name of the qualified political party as disclosed upon your affidavit of registration).
_____. Party Preference: None (If you have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party upon your affidavit of registration).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____, Signature of Candidate: _____

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
I _____ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Name) _____ Signature _____

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____,
County Elections Officer _____

WARNING: Every person signing on behalf of a candidate or party of a minor party who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place an declaration of candidacy in his or her possession shall be deemed to be in violation of the Elections Code (Elections Code § 13200).

Oath of Office

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and lawfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature of Candidate: _____

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
I _____ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Name) _____ Signature _____

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____,
County Elections Officer _____

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NOTE: DOCUMENTS NOT SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ELECTIONS OFFICIAL MUST BE NOTARIZED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 4 – BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

If a candidate submits a ballot designation, the “Ballot Designation Worksheet” shall be filed with the elections official at the time the candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy Form. If candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate’s name on the ballot.

Ballot Designation Worksheet

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 13107.3 and California Code of Regulations section 20711, this entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted and you will **not** be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.** If information requested is not applicable, please write N/A in the space provided. Otherwise the information **MUST** be provided. Upon filing, this worksheet will be a public record.

Candidate Information

Candidate Name: _____
Office: _____
Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
Business Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____
Gender (optional, for translation use only): _____

Attorney Information

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act in your behalf): _____
Address: _____
Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
Business Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Proposed Ballot Designation: _____
1st Alternative: _____
2nd Alternative: _____

You may select as your ballot designation:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a “/”]
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected
- (c) “Appointed [full title of public office]” if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office
- (d) “Incumbent” if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office
- (e) “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office

In the space provided on the next page or on an attachment sheet, describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation. Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment. These documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 5 – FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Listed below are mandatory and optional documents to be filed for candidacy. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines are met. All candidates are urged to file documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush.



DOCUMENTS	APPLIES TO	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Ballot Designation Worksheet	All Candidates	Election Information Section (800) 815-2666 Option 4
Candidate Statement Form	Optional for all eligible candidates. Available to state legislative candidates who have agreed to limit their campaign expenditures voluntarily.	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Transliteration Form	Candidates for Local Offices	Translation Services Unit (562) 462-2730 (562) 462-2832
Candidate Campaign Statement Forms	Candidates for Federal and State Offices	Campaign Finance Section (562) 462-2339

CHAPTER 3

FILING PROCEDURES



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

STATE LAW PROVIDES THAT STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate's age and occupation.
2. Statements may not include references to other candidates.
3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed, *unless there are issues with Elections Code compliance or Court ordered changes.*
4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee is required to print the Spanish statement. **In compliance with California Law, only English and Spanish candidate statements are included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet** for candidates who wish to have one printed at the candidate's or local agencies' expense. (Translations may be provided in other languages in accordance with federal law. See "Translations" later in this chapter for further information.)
5. No reference to candidate's political party affiliation or any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.
6. If the legislative district to be voted on is shared by more than one county, the candidate must file a statement with each county.
7. If candidate's name does not appear on the official ballot, the candidate is not entitled to a candidate statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.
(E. C. § 302)

ESTIMATED COST – The form on which the statement is submitted is issued with the nomination documents and contains word limitation information and an estimated cost.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk **makes every effort** to provide candidate statements that are published in the sample ballot to voters **as early as possible** during the voting period and prior to the voters' receipt of their Vote By Mail ballots. However, this is not always possible due to the volume of material (for over 5.6 million registered voters in statewide and countywide elections) and the complexity of coordinating mail distribution among the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the United States Postal Service, and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's print and mail vendors. While the initial mass mailing of Vote By Mail ballots must occur no later than the **29th day** prior to every election, sample ballot booklets are mailed up to the **21st day** prior to the general election and up to the **10th day** prior to a presidential primary election pursuant to **EC. § 13300(c)** and **§ 13303(a)**. Please consider this as you determine if you will be opting for a candidate statement.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

The estimated cost is determined prior to all information being available; therefore, it is an approximation of the actual cost that varies from election to election and may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

1. Statement will be **typed** using Time New Roman font in 11 point size. However, the statement may be **typed and submitted** using any standard font. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Text submitted indented or centered will be typed in block paragraph form. See samples of candidate statements later in this chapter for recommended form and style content. Please note, if using any standard font less than Times New Roman in 11 point size, the printed candidate statement may extend to two (2) or more columns once formatted.
2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be printed in block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. However, you may use dashes/hyphens. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line. Words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated.
3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein.

NOTE: If a statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc., the printed statement may extend to two (2) columns per page. Each page contains two (2) columns, additional columns used will increase the estimated cost. In these cases, **the actual cost for the statement may double** and additional cost may be billed to you after the election.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION — All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. Additionally, candidates should verify the length of the statement to ensure they do not exceed the intended number of columns for their statement.

Candidate Statements & Measures

STATEMENT OF [CANDIDATE NAME]
CANDIDATE FOR [OFFICE TITLE],
[Trustee Area/Division No.]
[CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT]

FORMAT/CONTENT: This is an example of an acceptable format to be used in a candidate's statement of qualifications. The guidelines for the content of the statement are in a separate section of the information Booklet.

ENHANCED WORDS: It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be **bold**, underlined, or **CAPITALIZED**. Hyphens/dashes are allowed. The beginning of each paragraph may also be highlighted as shown in this example.

PARAGRAPHS: The candidate statement is printed in "block" paragraphs, which means each paragraph will start on the left and the right margin will be justified. A double space will appear between, shown in this example.

1 column (1 statement)

Candidate Statements & Measures

STATEMENT OF [CANDIDATE NAME]
CANDIDATE FOR [OFFICE TITLE],
[Trustee Area/Division No.]
[CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT]

Age:

Occupation:

Santa Monica Native!

- SMMUSD: Madison, Lincoln, Samohi
- Played in our parks, body-surfed our waves, taught in our schools, community activist
- SMC, UCLA, LMU
- Renter, Homeowner, Teacher, Entrepreneur

Santa Monica Commissioner since 2003

- Past President, CalParksBoard
- 2013 Commissioner of the Year, Chair, Recreation & Parks Commission

Working For Residents

- Host, Brock on Your Block
- Columnist, SM Mirror
- Co-Chair, Historic San Vicente Coalition
- Smart Group
- Samohi Alumni President
- Kiwanis Lieutenant-Governor
- SM Elks Trustee/Citizen of the Year
- Salvation Army Advisory Board/Volunteer of the Year
- Civic Auditorium Working Group
- Boys & Girls Club Council

I will fight for you!

- Residents First!
- Restore Public Safety/Reduce Crime NOW!
- Common Sense City Government!
- STOP Overdevelopment!
- STOP wasting our tax dollars!
- STOP Traffic gridlock
- STOP overtaking!

- ENFORCE e-scooter laws!
- ENACT building height/density limits.
- Palm trees must be our only high rises!
- Intelligent change that preserves character
- Sustainably adapt buildings
- Value YOUTH and SENIORS!
- Champion RENT CONTROL/affordable FAMILY housing
- Find REAL homelessness solutions!
- Transparent government LISTEN to residents
- Racial Justice Now!
- Free public transportation for residents
- Free citywide high-speed internet
- Parks are paramount. Create SAFE open space!
- Envision the future by honoring our past!
- I will take action where incumbents have failed!

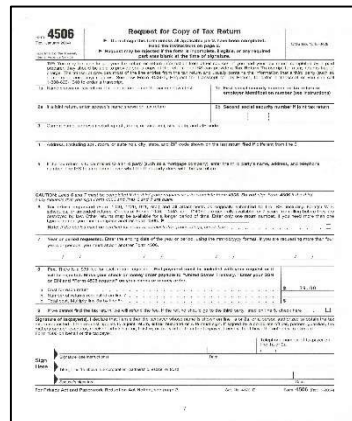
Restore the soul of our city!

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

TRANSLATIONS – Translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with Federal Voting Rights Act provisions and Department of Justice specifications. These booklets are sent only to voters who have requested translated material. Additional booklets are provided at the polling places on Election Day.

INDIGENT CANDIDATES – If a candidate alleges to be indigent and is unable to pay the advance fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit an Affidavit of Financial Worth to the local agency to be used in determining the candidate's indigence eligibility. The affidavit shall be submitted by the candidate with their candidate statement by the specified deadline. The candidate shall certify under penalty of perjury the truth and correctness of the content of the affidavit. A determination shall be made whether or not the candidate is indigent and the local agency will notify the candidate of its findings. If a determination is made that the candidate is indigent, the local agency shall print and mail the statement without payment of the advance fee. The candidate will be billed the actual pro rata share of the cost following the election. If a determination is made that the candidate is **not** indigent, the candidate shall withdraw the statement or pay the requisite fee within three days of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays.



PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – Candidate statements are confidential until after the close of the nomination period (E. C. § 13311). Once the filing period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a **ten (10) calendar day period**. If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the statements are open to public examination for **another ten (10) calendar day period**. A fee may be charged to any person wishing to obtain a copy of the material. During both periods, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the content/data to be amended or deleted.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR CITY OFFICES – City candidates should contact the City Clerk for information on viewing candidate statement content.

STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S OWN QUALIFICATIONS

This applies to all candidates.

The California Elections Code and case law prohibit **CANDIDATES** from making any reference to another candidate or to another candidate's qualification, character or activities. If the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** discovers improper content in a candidate statement, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will notify the candidate and give the individual an opportunity to correct the improper language in the candidate statement. If the candidate refuses to correct the improper language, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL**, as well as any other voter, may bring legal action against the candidate to correct the statement. The prevailing party may also be entitled to obtain attorney's fees for bringing the action.

The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will not accept language in a candidate statement that in any way makes reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13308. The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will remove the improper language from the statement and not allow it to be printed. The candidate will be notified of the improper language and its removal from the statement.

All prospective candidates may want to refer to California Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311, 13313, and 13314, as well as the California Court of Appeal ruling in *Dean v. Superior Court*, (1998 4th Dist.) 62 Cal. App.4th 638. However, this list is not exhaustive and candidates are solely responsible for preparation and submittal of candidate's statements that are in conformance with the law. A copy of the above described Elections Code Sections and the *Dean* decision are available from our office at no cost.

WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES
(Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office for counting words on candidate statements, ballot measure text, arguments, rebuttals and other ballot enclosures. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 400 word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

- 1. **PUNCTUATION MARKS** are not counted. Symbols such as "&" (and), and "#" (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.
- 2. **THE WORDS** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.
- 3. **PROPER NOUNS**, such as geographical names, and names of persons or things, as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: "Gus Enwright" = 1 word
"City of Los Angeles" = 1 word
"Dalai Lama" = 1 word

- 4. **ABBREVIATIONS** such as acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: UCLA, PTA, USMC, LAPD, U.S.M.C.

- 5. **HYPHENATED WORDS** that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the U.S. at any time within the last 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: Attorney-at-law

- 6. **DATES...** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987 3/18 7/21/89

- 7. **NUMERIC COMBINATIONS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14

- 8. **MONETARY AMOUNTS** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000.00

MONETARY AMOUNTS consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.

EXAMPLE: \$4 million

- 9. **TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBERS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1-800-815-2666 1-562-462-2317

- 10. **INTERNET WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: <http://www.co.la.ca.us> www.lavote.gov <http://www.lacounty.info>

CHAPTER 4

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES



**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

(Election Code §§ 8600 and 8601)

IMPORTANT: A person may **not** be a write-in candidate at the general election **for a voter-nominated office**.

A person who has not followed the usual procedure for placing his or her name on the ballot for the election may still be elected to office as a write-in candidate.

There is no party affiliation requirement for signers of write-in nomination petitions in the general election. The candidate does not have to be registered with any qualified political party. Additionally, he or she must be registered to vote in California unless the candidate is running for a congressional or judicial office.

NOMINATION PAPERS – Candidate must file the requisite number of signatures on the nomination papers, if any, required pursuant to Sections 8062, 10220, and 10510, or, in the case of a special district not subject to the Uniform District Election Law, the number of signatures required by the principal act of the district.

Write-in candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk **NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE 14th DAY** prior to the election.

A write-in candidate **is not required** to pay a filing fee.

FILING DEADLINE		
SEPT. 9 (Tu) through OCT. 22 (Tu) 5:00 P.M.	E- 57 - 14	FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY.
OCT. 22 (Tu)	E- 14	LAST DAY FOR GENERAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE.

All candidates are urged to file the following documents as early as possible:

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – Refer to General Information on Filing Procedures for Candidates in Chapter 2 of Section 1 of this handbook.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FORMS – If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, contact the Campaign Finance Section at (562) 462-2339.

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Write-in election results are not determined until the canvass is completed. California election law allows a prescribed number of days for the conduct of the official canvass. During the official canvass, write-in ballots must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified or unqualified write-in candidate and whether a voter has over voted. All aspects of the canvass shall be open to the public. **Write-in votes are counted and certified in an election only if qualified candidates have filed the required nomination documents with the elections official.**

OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT – Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. For judicial, school and UDEL contests, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled and eligible candidates are appointed in lieu of the election. California law however, provides that for such offices a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted must have been filed with the elections official to require the office(s) be placed on the ballot by means of a petition drive.

(E. C. §§ 8203 and 10515; Ed. Code § 5326)

NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON BALLOT – If candidate's name does not appear on the official ballot, the candidate is not entitled to a candidate statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

(E. C. § 302)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

1. Depending on the contest, the person who receives a plurality of the votes cast is elected to that office. This includes write-in candidates **(E. C. § 15452)**
2. In order for a candidate, including a write-in candidate, to win election to a judicial or county office, the candidate must receive a majority of the ballots cast for candidates for that office. **(E. C. §§ 8140, 8141 and 15450)**
3. A write-in candidate for a school district governing board member or special district board of director member contest must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that office. When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes for however many seats are to be filled are elected.
4. Voters may write in any name they wish for any office regardless of whether the candidate is qualified or not. However, votes will only be tabulated for **officially qualified** write-in candidates.

SECTION 2



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CHAPTER 1

CONTACT INFORMATION



CONTACT INFORMATION



REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC)

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(Except for Holidays)

OFFICE ADDRESS

12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650
FAX: (562) 864-4064

MAILING ADDRESS

P O Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) (562) 462-2259

**ELECTION INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666
option 4**

2nd Floor, Room 2013
General information regarding election, registration and
voter services.

Fax Number.....(562) 864-4064

**CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCEDURES..... 1-800-815-2666
option 4**

2nd Floor, Room 2013
Information regarding election dates, offices to be filled,
qualifications for office, nomination filing dates and
procedures.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE (562) 462-2339

2nd Floor, Room 2003
Campaign finance filing requirements for candidates,
committees and officeholders.

**VOTER REGISTRATION 1-800-815-2666
option 2**

Requests for voter registration forms or register to vote
online at www.lavote.gov.

Note: The registration deadline for the **November 5th General Election** is Monday,
October 21, 2024.



OFFICIAL SAMPLE/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INQUIRIES 1-800-815-2666
option 2

FAX NUMBERS..... (562) 462-2354
(562) 868-0861

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT TRANSLATION 1-800-481-8683

To receive an Official Sample Ballot booklet translated into Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Telugu, Thai or Vietnamese.

VOTE CENTER STAFF 1-800-815-2666
option 7

To become a vote center staff or report problems at a vote center location during the voting period (E-10 to Election Day).

VOTE CENTER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION (562) 347-2447

To offer a building to be a vote center.
Election Operation Center

HOURLY VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION..... (562) 462-2726

For projected turnout reports issued each hour on the half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666
option 4

Available Wednesday, **November 6, 2024.**

VOTER FRAUD HOT LINE..... 1-800-815-2666
option 5

To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE



The RR/CC website (www.lavote.gov) has the following information for voters, candidates, media and community activists:

- Voter Registration Information
- Vote By Mail Information
- Vote Center Location Look-up
- “My Districts” Look-up
- Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form
- List of Candidates Who Have Filed (posted and updated daily during the filing period)
- Candidate Handbooks for Upcoming Elections
- Campaign Finance Disclosure (including county offices and measures)
- Multilingual Voter Services
- Services for Voters with Specific Needs
- Election Results
- RR/CC Strategic Plan
- RR/CC Twitter Postings



COUNTIES WITH SHARED DISTRICTS

The following is a list of Registrar of Voters offices that share districts with Los Angeles County.

ORANGE COUNTY

1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. C
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 567-7600
Fax: (714) 567-7556

VENTURA COUNTY

800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200
Ventura, CA 93009
(805) 654-2664
Fax: (805) 648-9200

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

777 E. Rialto Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92415
(909) 387-8300
(800) 881-8683
Fax: (909) 387-2022

KERN COUNTY

1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-3590
(800) 452-8683
Fax: (661) 868-3768

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

POLITICAL REFORM DIVISION

1500 11th Street, Room 495
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-6224
Fax: (916) 653-5045

ELECTIONS DIVISION

1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 657-2166
Fax: (916) 653-3214

TDD: 1-800-833-8683
Web: www.sos.ca.gov

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION* (FPPC)

Advice / Assistance

1102 Q Street, Suite 3050
Sacramento, CA 95811

(866) 275-3772
(916) 322-5660
Fax: (916) 322-0886
Web: www.fppc.ca.gov

Enforcement Division (To report violations) complaint@fppc.ca.gov

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION ** (FEC)

999 E St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
(800) 424-9530
TDD (202) 219-3336
Web: www.fec.gov

U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)

633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001
(301) 563-3919
(866) 747-1471
Fax: (301) 734-3108
Web: www.eac.gov

CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1300 I St., #125
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-9555

Or

300 S. Spring St., Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 269-6000

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Hall of Justice Building
211 W. Temple St., Suite 1200
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-3512

*Non-Federal Candidates
**Federal Candidates

TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATIONS

NOTE: The RR/CC's office is NOT an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations. Reports of violations are referred as listed below:

VIOLATION OF:	REFERRED TO:
The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of California Government Code at Sections 81000 through 91015), i.e. mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests	Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (866) 275-3772
Election procedures	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California Secretary of State, Elections Division (916) 657-2166
Unlawful use of public funds, violation of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Open meeting laws (Brown Act)	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Local ordinances	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
False or misleading campaign materials	There is no agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.

During the vote center voting period and Election Day, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the vote centers that need attention, please contact our office at 1-800-815-2666 option 7.

CHAPTER 2

FINANCIAL REPORTING



**CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES
AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

All candidates/committees are required by the Political Reform Act to file a campaign statement by the first filing deadline listed below **regardless of activity**. All statements filed should reflect the cover period after the closing date of the last statement or January 1 if no previous statement has been submitted. **Monetary penalties may be assessed for late filing of campaign statements. Failure to file required statements will be referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.**

**FILING
DEADLINES**

2024 FILING REQUIREMENTS

<p>90 Days Prior to Election</p> <p>Begins: 8/07/2024</p> <p>Ends: Election day</p>	<p><u>LATE CONTRIBUTION and/or LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS</u></p> <p>Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a late contribution (including a loan) that total in the aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more or makes an independent expenditure of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more after August 7, 2024, and on election day November 5, 2024, <u>must file a Contribution Report Form 497 within 24 hours.</u> The recipient of a non-monetary or in-kind contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</p> <p align="right">(Gov. Code §§ 84203 and 84204)</p>
<p>1st Pre-election</p> <p>Due: SEPT. 26, 2024</p> <p>Cover Period: 07/01/2024 to 09/21/2024</p>	<p><u>FIRST CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election should file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p>Candidates who do not raise or spend over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) should file a <u>Form 470</u>.</p> <p>All statements must be received by personal delivery or first-class mail.</p> <p align="right">(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200.7)</p>

<p>2nd Pre-election</p> <p>Due: OCT 24, 2024</p> <p>Cover Period: 09/22/2024 to 10/19/2024</p>	<p><u>SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p><i>All statements must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.</i></p> <p>(Gov. Code § 84200.7)</p>
<p>Due: JAN 31, 2025</p> <p>Cover Period: 10/20/2024 to 12/31/2024</p>	<p><u>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p>Statements must be received by personal delivery or first-class mail.</p> <p>(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200)</p>

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS

FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Candidates must file **no later than August 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm.**

(Gov. Code § 87302.3(a))

FORM 501 - CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

Candidates who **intend** to solicit or receive contributions for their campaign must file a Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501.

(Gov. Code § 85200)

FORM 470 - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SHORT FORM)

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in contributions and spend less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the cost of a candidate statement if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing this form by **September 26, 2024**. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the two thousand dollars (\$2,000) threshold is reached.

(Gov. Code § 84206)

FORM 470S - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SUPPLEMENT)

Candidates who have filed a Form 470 Short Form and **thereafter** receive contributions or make expenditures totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more are required to file this form with whom original campaign statements are filed and with each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent **within 48 hours** of receiving or expending the two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(Gov. Code § 84206)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Recipient committees, including any group, individual, or candidate, that receive two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the Secretary of State and our office, within 10 days of receiving the contributions. They must also include a \$50 payment made to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, the annual fee must be paid no later than January 15 of each year until the committee terminates.

(Gov. Code § 84101.5)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF TERMINATION

Candidates and their committees are required to file semi-annual statements every six months until all campaign activity ceases, all campaign money is spent, and Form 410 (see part 5) is filed.

(Gov. Code § 84214)

FORM 460 - RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent, or will raise or spend two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more during a calendar year in connection with the election AND/OR if two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate, is required to file this form.

(Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)

WHERE TO FILE

All candidates and committees must file the original campaign statements with:

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Campaign Finance Section
12400 East Imperial Highway, Room 2003
Norwalk, CA 90650
Phone: (562) 462-2339
Fax: (562) 651-2548

Detailed instructions for complying with the Political Reform Act are in each candidate's
Campaign Finance Packet.

REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for
Candidates and Committees

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY....

The Political Reform Act imposes certain duties and obligations on candidates, officeholders, committee treasurers and others participating in the political process. For example:

- Detailed records must be maintained for all financial activity, and contributions received for political purposes must not be commingled with personal funds.
- Campaign statements must be filed at specified times disclosing contributions received, expenditures made, and other financial information. In some cases, candidates can avoid filing long form campaign statements by submitting a “Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470).”
- Campaign statements must be hand delivered or postmarked as first-class mail by the legal filing deadline date established by law. NOTE: The ***second pre-election statement must be filed in person or guaranteed overnight delivery***. Mail which is not received by the filing officer shall be presumed not to have been sent unless the filer possesses a postal receipt establishing the date of the deposit, and the name and address of the addressee.
- The Political Reform Act provides a formula for assessing late fines of original campaign statements filed in our office. The fine is \$10 per day, starting the day after the filing deadline, until the statement is filed; however, no liability may exceed the cumulative amount of reported contributions, expenditures, of the Form 460 or \$100, whichever is greater.

Failure to submit a required statement is a misdemeanor. Persons who fail to submit required statements are referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Defeated candidates must file campaign disclosure reports until the campaign committee has been terminated by filing Form 410 (see part 5).

It is recommended that campaign disclosure statements be mailed by certified mail or by purchasing a certificate of mailing. This will eliminate any question regarding receipt of your statement.

Unsigned forms are incomplete and are not considered filed until they are signed.

Chapter 3

CAMPAIGNING



GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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Chapter 976, 1977 Legislation.
- PART 2 - **MASS MAILINGS**
Government Code §§ 82041.5, 84305 and 89001.
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Elections Code § 18301.
- PART 5 - **DISTRIBUTION OF VOTE CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION**
Elections Code § 18302.
- PART 6 - **ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT VOTE CENTER LOCATION**
Elections Code §§ 18370, 18371, 18540, 18541, 18544, 18545 and 18546.
- PART 7 - **SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**
Elections Code §§ 20202 and 20203.
- PART 8 - **OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – POLITICAL SIGNS**
Business and Professions Code § 5405.3.
- PART 9 - **U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS**
- PART 10 - **INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**
- PART 11 - **FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES**

PART 1
LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Pursuant to Chapter 976, 1977 Statutes, the Legislature finds and declares:

- (a) That a need exists for adequate identification of the source of campaign Appeals directed at the voters in order to assist them in making rational decisions at the polls.
- (b) That by requiring such identification of campaign literature, the public is better able to evaluate the source of campaign material, may be more adequately informed, and can better distinguish between truth and falsity.
- (c) That by requiring identification, anonymous attacks, which cannot adequately be responded to in the heat of a campaign, will be discouraged.
- (d) That by requiring identification, a candidate who believes they have been libeled may more readily seek redress in a civil action for damages.
- (e) That limiting identification requirements to pejorative campaign material is inadequate because subtle attacks on candidates or measures can be framed which appear to be supportive but, in fact, are pejorative.
- (f) That a distinction needs to be made between campaign materials of small size that usually carry little more than a "Vote for ____" message, such as is often the case with buttons, matchbooks, pens, and the like, on the one hand, and campaign materials which carry more complex messages, on the other. In the case of the former, because of their characteristically small size and limited content, it would be an undue burden to require that identification as to source be included.

PART 2
MASS MAILINGS

Definition.

"Mass mailing" means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry.

Gov. Code § 82041.5

Manner of sending mass mailings.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of such mailing in no less than 6-point type. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

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- (b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- (c) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision. **Gov. Code § 84305**

Newsletter or mass mailing.

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. **Gov. Code § 89001**

PART 3

TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

Legislature's findings.

The Legislature hereby finds the following to be true:

- (1) The major political parties have become an integral part of the American governmental system requiring regulation as to their structure, governing bodies, and functions by state government in the public interest.
- (2) The Legislature has found it necessary and appropriate in the regulation of political parties to create and provide for the convening of state conventions, state central committees, and county central committees for parties qualified by law to participate in the direct primary election, by statute.
- (3) Over the several years preceding the adoption of this section organizations of electors using as a part of their names the name of a political party qualified to participate in the direct primary election have endorsed candidates for nomination of that party for partisan office in the direct primary election and have publicized and promulgated such endorsements in a manner which has resulted in considerable public doubt and confusion as to whether such endorsements are those of a private group of citizens or of an official governing body of a political party.
- (4) The voting public is entitled to protection by law from deception in political campaigns in the same manner and for the same reasons that it is entitled to protection from deception by advertisers of commercial products.

E. C. § 20001

Restraining order or injunction.

The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, broadcasting, or telecasting of any matter in violation of this chapter, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 20006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Representation requirements.

No candidate or committee in their behalf shall represent in connection with an election campaign, either orally or in campaign material, that the candidate has the support of a committee or organization which includes as part of its name the name or any variation upon the name of a qualified political party with which the candidate is not affiliated, together with the words “county committee,” “central committee,” “county,” or any other term that might tend to mislead the voters into believing that the candidate has the support of the party’s county central committee or state central committee, when that is not the case.

This section shall not be construed to prevent a candidate or committee from representing that the candidate has the support of a committee or group of voters affiliated with another political party, which committee or group is identified by the name of that party, where the name of the committee or group also includes the name of the candidate.

Any member of a county central committee or state central committee may commence an action in the superior court to enjoin misrepresentation by a candidate or committee in their behalf, in the manner prohibited by this section, to the effect that the candidate has the support of the state or county central committee involved. **E. C. § 20007**

Political advertisement requirements.

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words “Paid Political Advertisement.” The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section “paid political advertisement” shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office. **E. C. § 20008**

Simulated ballot requirements.

- (a) Every simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

<p>“NOTICE TO VOTERS” (Required by Law)</p> <p>“This is not an official ballot, or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.”</p> <p>“This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by _____(insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).”</p>

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

- (b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 2009**

No pictures of candidates in campaign material.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) no person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may, with actual malice, produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains (1) a picture or photograph of a person or persons into which the image of a candidate for public office is superimposed or (2) a picture or photograph of a candidate for public office into which the image of another person or persons is superimposed. "Campaign material" includes, but is not limited to, any printed matter, advertisement in a newspaper or other periodical, television commercial, or computer image. For purposes of this section, "actual malice" means the knowledge that the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation, or a reckless disregard of whether or not the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation.
- (b) A person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) only if each picture or photograph in the campaign material includes the following statement in the same point size type as the largest point size type used elsewhere in the campaign material: "This picture is not an accurate representation of fact." The statement shall be immediately adjacent to each picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a).

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- (c) (1) Any registered voter may seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction prohibiting the publication, distribution, or broadcasting of any campaign material in violation of this section. Upon filing a petition under this section, the plaintiff may obtain a temporary restraining order in accordance with Section 527 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (2) A candidate for public office whose likeness appears in a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) may bring a civil action against any person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization that produced, distributed, published, or broadcast the picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a). The court may award damages in an amount equal to the cost of producing, distributing, publishing, or broadcasting the campaign material that violated this section, in addition to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- (d) (1) This act shall not apply to a holder of a license granted pursuant to the Federal Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.) in the performance of the functions for which the license is granted.
- (2) This act shall not apply to the publisher or an employee of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis for any material published in that newspaper, magazine, or other periodical. For purposes of this subdivision, a "newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis" shall not include any newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that has as its primary purpose the publication of campaign advertising or communication, as defined by Section 304. **E. C. § 20010**

PART 4

PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS

In addition to any other penalty, any person who prints or otherwise duplicates, or causes to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by Section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor. **E. C. § 18301**

PART 5

DISTRIBUTION OF VOTE CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's vote center location other than a vote center location listed for that voter in an official vote center list that constituted the latest official vote center list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to such mailing or distribution.

E. C. § 18302

PART 6

**ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT VOTE CENTER LOCATION**

Legislature's findings.

The Legislature finds and declares that no person, other than the voter and the election official, should have access to, or possession of, the ballot except as permitted by the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Electioneering within 100 feet of a vote center location.

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a vote center location or an elections official's office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking their ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of their qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a vote center location or an elections official's office" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

E. C. § 18370

Electioneering during Vote By Mail voting.

- (a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a Vote By Mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time [they know] the Vote By Mail voter is voting.
- (b) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by Section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

E. C. § 18371

Compelling another in voting.

- (a) Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the penal code for 16 months or two or three years.
- (b) Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of penal code in for 16 months or two or three years.

E. C. § 18540

Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.

- (a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a vote center location, do any of the following:
 - (1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking their ballot.
 - (2) Place a sign relating to voter's qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of their qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
 - (3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a vote center location.
- (b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.
- (c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

E. C. § 18541

Fine for person in possession of firearm or unauthorized uniformed personnel.

- (a) Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by

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imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

(b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the vote center location to cast their vote.

(2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of their public employment or who is at the vote center location to cast their vote.

(3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official.

(4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held. **E. C. § 18544**

Fine for hiring of person in possession of firearm or uniformed personnel.

Any person who hires or arranges for any other person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held. **E. C. § 18545**

Definitions.

As used in this article:

(a) "Elections official" means the county elections official, registrar of voters, or city clerk.

(b) "Immediate vicinity" means the area within a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which the voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. **E. C. § 18546**

PART 7

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Authorization to use candidate or committee name.

It is unlawful for any person who solicits funds for the purpose of supporting or promoting any candidates or committees to include in any part of its name the name of that candidate or committee unless that person shall have previously obtained the authorization of the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to use the candidate's or committee's name in the name of that person.

Authorization by a candidate or committee shall not be construed as rendering the person soliciting funds a controlled committee as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code. **E. C. § 20202**

Notice of "not authorized by candidate" to be included in fundraising communication

Any person who solicits or receives contributions on behalf of any candidate or committee for the purported and exclusive use of that committee or the candidate's election campaign and who is not authorized by the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to do so, shall include a notice in any fundraising communication, whether through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, printed literature, direct mailing, or any other type of general public advertising, or through telephone or individual oral fundraising appeal, clearly and conspicuously stating that the person is not authorized by the candidate or committee and that the candidate or committee is not responsible for the actions of that person.

E. C. § 20203

PART 8

**OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – POLITICAL SIGNS
(INCLUDING PLACARDS AND POSTERS)**

Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.

Nothing in this chapter, including, but not limited to, § 5405, shall prohibit the placing of temporary political signs, unless a federal agency determines that such placement would violate federal regulations. However, no such sign shall be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

- (a) Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- (b) Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- (c) Is no larger than 32 square feet.

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- (d) Has had a statement of responsibility filed with the department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the temporary political sign and who will reimburse the department for any cost incurred to remove it.
B. & P. Code § 5405.3

The State agency responsible for administering outdoor advertising laws including those for political signs is:

STATE OFFICE

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 942874, MS-36
SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001
TDD 1-800-735-2929
PHONE (916) 654-6473
Contact by email: ODA@dot.ca.gov**

A Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to the appropriate Department of Transportation district office according to the county location of the temporary political sign(s). The forms may be obtained by contacting the department listed above or from the:

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE SECTION ROOM 2003
12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
Telephone (562) 462-2339**

Placement of Signs in Unincorporated Areas

The Outdoor Advertising Act prohibits placement of any temporary political signs on interstate highways, public or primary highways, and streets in unincorporated areas of the state, including Los Angeles County. This includes telephone poles, street signs, utility poles, street medians, sidewalks, bus stop benches and bus shelters located on the above highways and streets. (Please see B & P Code § 5215 and § 5220 for definitions of various highways.) The County Code provisions also prohibit the placement of temporary political signs on private property in the unincorporated areas without the consent of the owner or occupant.

Note: In some instances, **city ordinances** also regulate the placement and removal of temporary political signs. Please check with the city clerk or police department of a city before placing such signs within its boundaries.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

PART 9

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS

The U.S. Postal Service can provide assistance for mailing requirements to political candidates and committees. Business Mail Entry Units will explain addressing, sorting, fees, and postage. Additionally, they will also review a mailing piece to ensure mailability.

To avoid delays and other delivery problems in your campaign mailings, call the U.S. Postal Service:

ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED	LOCATION OF OFFICE	OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER
900XX 902XX - 908XX	LOS ANGELES CITY	(877) 672-0007
910XX – 935XX	SIERRA COASTAL DIST.	(661) 775-6663
917XX – 918XX 926XX – 928	SANTA ANA DIST.	(877) 672-0007

PART 10

PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Voting more than once.

It is a crime to vote more than once in any election.

E. C. § 18560

Interfering with the Vote By Mail voting process.

It is a misdemeanor to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the election's official of a completed application for a Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. § 18576

It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted Vote By Mail ballot or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. §§ 18577 and 18578

It is a misdemeanor to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time [they are] voting a Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. § 18371

Vote By Mail ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in a prison term.

Penal Code § 126

Other penalties.

It is a crime to interfere with anyone's right to vote.

E. C. § 18502

It is a crime to pay, or offer to pay, a person any amount of money or to give them anything of value in exchange their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone to not vote.

E. C. §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524

It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system.

E. C. §§ 18564 and 18565

PART 11

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES

Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions or expenditures in connection with any U.S. election (federal, state, or local), either directly or through another person. This prohibition applies to foreign-owned corporations and associations, as well as to foreign governments, political parties and certain individuals and partnerships. Additionally, U.S. candidates for federal, state, and local offices are prohibited from accepting contributions from these sources.

The ban on political contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals was first enacted in 1966 as part of the amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), an “internal security” statute. The goal of the FARA was to minimize foreign intervention in U.S. elections by establishing a series of limitations on foreign nationals. These included registration requirements for the agents of foreign principals and general prohibition on political contributions by foreign nationals. In 1974, the prohibition was incorporated into the Federal Campaign Act which gave the Federal Election Commission (FEC) jurisdiction over its enforcement and interpretation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please call the FEC in Washington, D.C. at 800 424-9530 or (202) 694-1120.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Fee Schedule As of 02/10/2021

Item	Fee
Boundary Maps - District Congressional, Senate, Assembly & Supervisorial	\$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$1.43 Handling Fee Per Request.
Certified Copy - Affidavit or Transcript	\$1.50 For Copy of Own Registration. \$6.75 Per Copy for All Others. (Public and Authorized)
Campaign Statement Copies	\$0.10 Per Page. \$5.00 retrieval fee per request.
Certification of Election Documents (Except Affidavits of Registration)	\$1.75 Per Certified Copy.
Precinct Map on Plotter Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Map on Standard Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Maps on CD or GIS Shape File Precinct Maps on DVD Precinct/District Maps on 35 mm Microfilm Shipping and Handling Fee for CD or DVD	\$11.00 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost) \$4.67 \$16.00 \$18.00 \$246.00 \$6.00
Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/ color)	\$30.00 Each
Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/o color)	\$13.00 Each
Customized District Map with Acetate Overlay Map That Allows Distinction from Original Background Map.	\$48.00 Each
Polling Place Maps	\$17.00 Small (11" X 17") Each Page. \$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies in Size.
Photocopies (Miscellaneous)	\$0.46 Per Copy.

**Fee Schedule (Continued)
As of 02/10/2021**

Item	Fee
Returned Checks	\$33.00 Each
Search – Records or Files	\$5.00 for each record or file searched.
Statement of Votes Cast (SVC)	\$0.37 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost)
Telefaxing	\$0.04 Per Page Plus \$1.43 Handling Fee.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File Los Angeles County Voter Files	\$146.00 Per File.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File (Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files)	(Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files) \$54.00 Per File \$39.00 For Each Additional File
*Index to Voter (Street Index)	Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names. General Public for Political Purposes Only: \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Voted Index	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Precinct Rosters (Combined Index-Roster)	\$5.50 Per Roster Or \$0.22 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost)
*Absent Voter Report	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Applicant Is Required to Execute Contract with The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	

CHAPTER 4

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES



MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

BACKGROUND

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English speakers. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to **transliterate** the names of candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters.

(*Transliteration* is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.)



TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

The **six** languages that are required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act in Los Angeles County are **Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese.**

Also, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 14201, Los Angeles County is required to provide assistance in the following languages: **Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Farsi, Gujarati, Indonesian, Hindi, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian Telugu, and Thai.**

IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE COST

The County will automatically provide *translated sample ballot booklets* to voters who request it two weeks before the election and after they received the English sample ballot booklet. However, as noted in the *Candidate Statements* (see Chapter 4) there is a cost for a Spanish translated candidate statement which appears in the English sample ballot booklet. This translation is optional, and the candidate needs to make a request for this service and pay for it when they file candidate statements with the county elections official.

TRANSLATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidates are encouraged to keep the translation process in mind when developing their statements and use unmistakable and straightforward vocabulary. The use of jargon, colloquialisms, slang, or other expressions is strongly discouraged, as these are difficult to translate appropriately into other languages and their meaning may often be misinterpreted or lost.

It is not the policy of this Department to accept translated statements from candidates. This is to ensure that translated materials are culturally and linguistically appropriate. Certified subject matter experts and linguists, who have extensive experience translating election materials, translate these statements and other documents.

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

For certain languages, this department will transliterate your name. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their own transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the translated sample ballot print deadline. Various community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to ensure uniform name recognition within the community. Once transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submission of transliteration requests will be accepted after the review period. **There will be no exceptions.**

All candidates will be required to file a transliteration form together with their nomination documents. Transliteration forms must be submitted no later than the last day to file nomination documents.

TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

Candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official only during the established review period. Timeframe: **E-62 through E-60** (subject to change). To review your transliterated name and obtain the schedule for the established review period, you may call (562) 462-2730.

CHARACTER-BASED NAME

There is a state form called the California Secretary of State CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM. This is separate from the County's Transliteration Form. The Character-Based Name Form is used by candidates who are running for state level contests such as Assembly and Senate during statewide primary election cycles. If you are a candidate **running for a state office** and wish to use a character-based name given by birth or if you identify by a particular character-based name, you may fill out and submit this form with supporting documentation and description no later than the last day to file nomination documents. This is pursuant to EC 13211.7.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ◆ ML Assistance Hotline 1-800-481-8683
- ◆ Mailing of translated election materials to voters before every election, upon request
- ◆ ML assistance at targeted vote center locations

Translated copies of the “ML Voter Services” information sheet are available at the RR/CC Election Information counter, 2nd Floor, Room 2013. For further assistance please contact the Ballot Management Section at (562) 462-2832.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



TRANSLITERATION FORM

FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS (Cities, School Districts, Water Districts, etc.)

I, _____, candidate for nomination to the _____ office of _____
to be voted for at the _____
agree as indicated below:

CHECK ONE:

- I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian / Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, and Thai.
- I am submitting an attachment of the transliteration(s) for the language(s) below. I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any language not submitted.

<u>Languages</u>	<u>Name Transliteration</u>	<u>Languages</u>	<u>Name Transliteration</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Armenian:		<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bengali:		<input type="checkbox"/> Korean:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Burmese:		<input type="checkbox"/> Mongolian:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian / Khmer:		<input type="checkbox"/> Russian:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese:		<input type="checkbox"/> Telugu:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farsi:		<input type="checkbox"/> Thai:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gujarati:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hindi:			

GENDER IDENTIFICATION:

- Male Female Non-Binary

I am aware of the deadline to submit transliterations and review period. I understand that I may request changes to transliterations during the review period and that transliterations are considered final upon expiration of the deadline. I further understand that there will not be an extension of the review period.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Candidate Filing #:

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650 LAVOTE.GOV

TRN 01/2022



California Secretary of State
CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM
 (Elections Code § 13211.7)

Candidate Name, Character-based name, and Office

1

Candidate Name: _____

Character-based Name: _____

Office: _____

Character-based name
 Attach supporting documents

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Check at least one box below and attach supporting documents

I would like to use a character-based name given by birth (please provide a certificate or valid identification for verification). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description:

I do not have a character-based name given by birth. I wish to identify by a particular character-based name (please provide proof you have been known and identified in the community by that character-based name for the past two years). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description:

Date (is day), 20____

X

Signature of Candidate

For your reference, attached is **Elections Code Section 13211.7**.

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CHAPTER 5

ELECTION RESULTS



ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Can a candidate view all parts of the ballot counting process? Yes, the ballot counting process is open to public observation. If you wish to observe the process, you may go to the Ballot Processing Center at 13401 Crossroads Parkway North, City of Industry, CA 91746, to check in and be provided with an observer's badge. Tours are available.

How/where are results available on election night?

- **Website:** Results are available on the Internet at www.lavote.gov
- **In person:** You are welcome to come to the Ballot Processing Center which is open for public observation. Please email outreach@rrcc.lacounty.gov or call (562) 277-0037 to coordinate a visit or to ask election-related questions.
- **Ballot Processing Center:** Hard copy bulletins are printed and distributed.

Are election night results final? No. California State law allows a specified period after the election for the completion of the official canvass. Results released on election night are semi-official.

POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

Supplemental counts of outstanding ballots will be scheduled to begin approximately 3 days after the election. These counts are conducted to get the majority of Vote By Mail and provisional ballots tallied during the canvass process.

Outstanding ballots include:

- Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations on election day.
- Write-in ballots
- Provisional ballots voted at the vote center locations.

Semi-official election results are updated following a supplemental count. If a race is very close, the outcome may not be known until the canvass is complete.

CANVASS/CERTIFICATION

Canvass is the process of reconciling election day data and the supplemental counting of Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations, including provisionally cast and write-in ballots. The numbers of voted ballots reported by vote center staff and Vote By Mail ballots are matched to the computer tally. California law permits 30 days to complete the official canvass and certify the final results of the election. The law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy. Part of the canvass process is a legally required manual recount of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballot in 1% of all of the voting precincts in an election. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Candidates and members of the general public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from randomly selected voting precincts. After election night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting is posted in our Norwalk office.

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

The Semifinal Official Canvass Statement of Votes Cast (SVC) which reports election results by individual voting precincts is available the Thursday after the election at the elections office. For most elections, this report is also posted on the department's website. Once the election is certified, the final Statement of Votes Cast is made available at our office and on the website.

ELECTION CONTEST

An election contest may involve a recount, but it is not the same as a requested recount. It is a court action and can be filed for a variety of reasons and at different times. For complete information, refer to Elections Code Division 16, Election Contests.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

Certain precinct supplies and all voted ballots must be preserved for 22 months when a federal office is on the ballot and 6 months for most all other elections. If no legal action is pending at the end of this period, the documents may be destroyed or recycled. Unused ballots may be destroyed or recycled after the election.

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

A recount is conducted by the elections official for the purpose of verifying the number of votes counted for any office or measure in an election. California Elections Code Division 15, Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

Who May Request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request. **(E.C. § 15620)**

Timing of Recount Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results. **(E.C. § 15620)**

Format of Request

The request must:

- be submitted in writing. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- specify the contest to be recounted. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed. **(E.C. § 15620)**

The request may specify:

- the order in which precincts shall be counted. **(E.C. § 15622)**
- the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both). **(E.C. § 15627)**
- in which county/counties the recount is sought for statewide contests. **(E.C. § 15621)**
- any other relevant material to be examined. **(E.C. § 15630)**

REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

Place of Filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- With the county elections official of any or all of the affected counties if the election is conducted in more than one county. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- With the Secretary of State if the contest is voted upon statewide. **(E.C. § 15621)**
- With the City Clerk if it is a city election (or if the city has not consolidated with the county). **(E.C. § 15620)**

Notice of Recount

A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum, or measure to be recounted.
- The Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure. **(E.C. § 15628)**

Process of Recount

- The recount is open to the public. **(E.C. § 15629)**
- A recount shall start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for not less than six hours each day until completed. **(E.C. § 15626)**
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the election's official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official. **(E.C. § 15625)**

REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

Result of Recount

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted. **(E.C. § 15632)**
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed and the election results re-certified. **(E.C. § 15632)**
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official. **(E.C. § 15633)**

Cost and Payment

- The elections official shall determine the amount of **deposit** necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day. **(E.C. § 15624)**
- The voter filing the request for recount must deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day. **(E.C. § 15624)**
- If upon completion of the recount the results are reversed, the deposit shall be returned. **(E.C. § 15624)**

CHAPTER 6

FAQ'S



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How may I apply for office?

A. You may visit the Election Information Section located on the 2nd Floor, Room 2013 or by calling 1-800-815-2666 option 4 for information on the offices up for election, qualifications, filing dates, and to determine if you are eligible to run for office. You may also visit the Department's website at www.lavote.gov.

Q. May I have someone pick up my paperwork?

A. Yes. However a letter of authorization signed by the candidate is required. The letter should include the candidate's name, office, residence address, publication address if any, telephone/email number(s); the name of the authorized person(s) that will be responsible for picking up and filing the candidate's nomination documents.

Q. What is a Candidate Statement?

A. A brief description of a candidate's education and qualifications to be included in the sample ballot and mailed to voters within an election jurisdiction. A candidate statement is **optional**. A candidate statement form is provided for this purpose along with instructions, provisions, and word limit and counting guidelines. The candidate statement fees and the word limit applicable to the district will be provided.

Q. What is a Campaign Statement?

A. Specific campaign finance disclosure forms are required to report election campaign contribution and expenditure activities.

Q. What are the office hours to obtain nomination documents, and how long will it take to complete documents?

A. The Election Information Section will be open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. It is recommended that individuals who wish to take out nomination documents arrive at least 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. if possible to avoid delays (heavy lobby, stair well and elevator traffic) especially on the **deadline** to file nomination documents (**August 9, 2024**). The time frame to process candidates varies and depends on how efficiently the staff qualifies the candidate and how accurately the candidate completes required documents.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Will I be able to obtain up-to-date filing information?**
- A.** Yes. You may obtain a list of the candidates who have been issued and have filed nomination documents from the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor in Room 2013 or via our website at www.lavote.gov.
- Q. Can a candidate change their mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?**
- A.** Depending on the office, a candidate may not withdraw once their declaration of candidacy has been filed.
- Q. Is it possible to correct the wording or spelling on a candidate statement after submission?**
- A.** No. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents. This means that you will be required to submit a signed written statement to withdraw your original statement then file a new statement during the nomination filing period. If you wish to withdraw your statement and not submit a new statement, you have until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. After this period, your statement cannot be withdrawn. **(E.C. § 13307(3))**
- Please review your candidate statement carefully for proper grammar and format before submitting. Any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the election official may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the data/materials to be amended or deleted during the 10-day public examination period. However, if the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. **(E.C. § 13313(b))**
- Q. Can a credit card be used to pay a candidate statement fee or purchase voter material?**
- A.** No. Cash, money orders, cashier's or personal checks are the only acceptable forms of payment. Checks for candidate statements (unless otherwise specified) are to be made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.
- Q. How soon will a list of qualified candidates be available after the close of the nomination (candidate filing) period?**
- A.** This office will publish a tentative list, as well as a final list of candidates, daily on the internet and on hardcopy reports. Hardcopy reports will be available in the Election Information Section on the 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can a candidate statement fee be refunded?
- A.** Yes, a candidate statement fee can be refunded. Candidates who are nominated by district and elected at large are the exception.

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