

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for Political Party Committees July through December 2025 November 4, 2025 State Special Election Ballot

Note: Political party committees must file pre-election statements in connection with any state election, including a state special election, if the committee receives contributions of \$1,000 or more, or makes contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with a state election. This may be true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election by virtue of receiving contributions during the applicable reporting period. This includes state elections held in both even and odd-numbered years.

Please read the notes carefully. **Special election covered: Proposition 50**

Semi-Annual and Pre-Election Deadlines

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes: Please read the notes carefully.
Jul 31, 2025 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/25	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.
Sep 25, 2025 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/25 – 9/20/25	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none">File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 4, 2025, election.
Oct 23, 2025 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/21/25 – 10/18/25	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none">File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 4, 2025, election.
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/19/25 – 12/31/25	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

Additional Reports

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/21/25 – 11/4/25	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none">496: File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the November 4, 2025, ballot.497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>received</i> from a single source.497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being listed on the November 4, 2025, ballot, or to another political party committee.E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPPC by e-mail only. No paper copy is required.Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate or measure supported or opposed by an independent expenditure.

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Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i> <i>State Ballot Measure Payments</i>	Ongoing	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 497: Due within 10 business days of making contributions of \$5,000 or more for qualification or passage of a state ballot measure. • Contributions Received: List all new contributions of \$100 or more received by the committee that have not been previously reported up through the date of the \$5,000 or more payment. • Exception: 497 reports are not required when a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state ballot measure makes a contribution to another committee primarily formed to support or oppose the same state ballot measure or another measure on the same ballot.
Within 10 Days <i>Paid Spokesperson Report</i>	Ongoing	511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure is made: 1) a payment totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement, or 2) a payment of any amount to an individual portraying a member of a licensed occupation (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter). E-filers must also file a paper copy.**
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	9/20/25 – 11/4/25	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate listed on the ballot but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required. • E-file only. No paper copy is required.

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.
- ****Paper Filings:** Unless otherwise noted, all paper filings may be filed by first-class mail or email with a verified digital signature. Persons required to file a report or statement by paper with the Secretary of State's Office *may* instead file by email (digitalfiling@sos.ca.gov) with a verified digital signature or other secure digital means as prescribed by the Secretary of State's Office. Please visit the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature.
- **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 an 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.
- **Odd Year Report:** File by October 31 if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to committees controlled by elected state officers, or committees primarily formed to support or oppose any state officer, between July 1 and September 30, 2025.
- **E-filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Forms 450 and 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper statements.**
- **Forms 496 and 497:** Payments for member communications are reportable within 24 hours if they would otherwise be considered a contribution or independent expenditure and are made during the election cycle.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.

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- **Penalties:** Late statements and reports are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement or report could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Public Documents:** All statements and reports are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the [Campaign Rules](#) page. Or you can visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.