



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

November 4, 2025 State Special Election Information

About the FPPC

The Fair Political Practices Commission is a five-member independent, non-partisan commission that has primary responsibility for the impartial and effective administration of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”). The Act regulates campaign financing, conflicts of interest, lobbying, and governmental ethics. The Commission’s objectives are to ensure that public officials act in a fair and unbiased manner in the governmental decision-making process, to promote transparency in government, and to foster public trust in the political system.

What is the FPPC’s jurisdiction?

The FPPC enforces violations of the Political Reform Act and Government Code section 1090. Violations that do not fall under the Act may be pursued by a local district attorney, the state attorney general, or other enforcement agencies.

FPPC does not regulate:

- False or misleading campaign materials
- The content or truthfulness of political communications, including advertisements
- Misuse of public funds *unrelated to* campaign mass mailings
- The drawing of legislative districts

FPPC does regulate:

- Campaign mass mailings at public expense
- Improper use of campaign funds
- Late or lack of disclosure on campaign statements

State Candidate-Controlled Ballot Measure Committees

Under the Act, state candidates may control a ballot measure committee by following rules set by the Act and FPPC regulations. A ballot measure committee controlled by a state candidate or officeholder may use campaign funds only for expenditures related to the measure or potential measure. Those include payments for reasonable and ordinary operating costs, administrative overhead, fundraising activities, travel, compliance costs, and attorney’s fees incurred as a result of the committee’s activities. (See Regulation 18521.5 for additional information.)

Top 10 Contributor List Disclosure

The FPPC posts lists of the top 10 contributors to committees primarily formed to support or oppose state ballot measures and to independent expenditure committees supporting or opposing state candidates that raised at least \$1 million. The lists provide a snapshot of the top funders for various campaigns, giving California voters quick access to information on major campaign spending.

Two types of committees are required to report their top contributors to the FPPC:

1. Committees that raise \$1 million or more *and* are primarily formed to support or oppose a state ballot measure
2. Committees that raise \$1 million or more *and* are primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate

[November 2025 State Special Election Top 10 Contributor List](#)

General purpose committees (commonly referred to as PACs) and committees controlled by a state candidate for their own election are not required to submit their top contributors to the FPPC. However, the California Secretary of State's campaign finance database provides comprehensive data on any state committee's donors.

[Secretary of State's Office Cal-Access database](#)

FPPC Filing Schedules

The FPPC posts state and local filing schedules for major elections on its website. For information on important filing deadlines and what campaign statements are due, please reference the applicable filing schedule for the relevant election.

[FPPC November 4, 2025 State Special Election Filing Schedules](#)

Additional Resources

[Secretary of State's Office November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election Information](#)

[Campaign Mass Mailings at Public Expense FPPC Webpage](#)