

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for State General Purpose Committees (other than Political Party Committees); State Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees; State Candidate-Controlled Committees

Making Contributions or Independent Expenditures in Connection with the November 4, 2025, State Special Election Ballot

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report State Ballot Measure Payments</i>	Ongoing	497	<p>State General Purpose and Candidate-Controlled Committees required to E-file with SOS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: Only required to be filed by Gov. Code Section 82013(a) recipient committees; not independent expenditure or major donor committees. 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 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 made in connection with a candidate or measure being voted upon at the November 4, 2025, election. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with a candidate or measure being voted upon at the November 4, 2025, election or to a political party committee. E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Oct 31, 2025 <i>Odd-Year Report</i>	* – 9/30/25	461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to committees controlled by an elected state officer or committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected state officer.
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/1/25 – 12/31/25	461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period covered is the day after the closing date of the last statement filed if no statement was filed by 10/31/25. The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

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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.
- ****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.
- **Form 461:** All state committees, including E-Filers, must also file paper statements.
- **Paper Filings:** All paper filings *may* be filed by first-class mail or by email with a verified digital signature unless otherwise noted. 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 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.
- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Multipurpose Organizations (including non-profits):** A multipurpose organization that uses its general dues account to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and may be required to report payments on Form 461. Such an organization will qualify as a recipient committee if expenditures exceed \$50,000 in a 12-month period or \$100,000 in four consecutive calendar years. An organization that qualifies as a recipient committee may need to file statements disclosing contributors. For more information, see FPPC's fact sheet, [Multipurpose Organizations Reporting Political Spending](#).
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.
- **Activity in Local Elections:** Committees making contributions or independent expenditures in connection with a local election should consult the filing schedule for that election, as Forms 497 and 496 may be required. Contact local jurisdictions to determine if there are contribution limits or other restrictions for those elections.
- **Penalties:** Committees that fail to file on time may be subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (i.e., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Public Documents:** All statements 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.