

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for City and County Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees Making Contributions or Independent Expenditures in Connection with the November 3, 2026 Election

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/26	461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees making independent expenditures must file this statement with the FPPC. Email 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 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/5/26 – 11/3/26	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 listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with a candidate or measure listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot. File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online if available.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	7/1/26 – 12/31/26	461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File only if contributions or independent expenditures were made in 2026 and not disclosed on an earlier statement. The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

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 report may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Committee Status:** A city or county committee may make contributions or independent expenditures in connection with other elections. Generally, a city committee spends more than 70% of its funds in connection with elections in one city, and a county committee spends more than 70% of its funds in connection with elections in one county. Please note that if a major donor or independent expenditure committee makes any contributions or expenditures during the calendar year to support or oppose candidates or measures voted on in state elections, including contributions to other state committees, it will be a state committee. See FPPC [Regulation 18227.5](#) to determine whether a committee is a city, county, or state committee.

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- **Form [511](#) – Paid Spokesperson Report:** File within 10 days of making either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure: 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).
- **Multipurpose Organizations (including non-profits):** A multipurpose organization that uses nondonor funds to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and may be required to report payments on Campaign 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 reports disclosing contributors. For more information, see the FPPC's fact sheet, [Multipurpose Organizations Reporting Political Spending](#).
- **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.