

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for State Officeholders and Candidates Not Listed on the June 2, 2026 Ballot

| Deadline | Period | Form | Notes |
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| Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i> | * – 12/31/25 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day. |
| Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i> | Ongoing – <i>File any time other than 90-day election cycle</i> | 497 | Only E-filers file this report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. E-file only. No paper copy is required. File within 10 business days of receipt of contribution. |
| Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i> | Ongoing | 462 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. Committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPPC by e-mail only. No paper copy is required. |
| Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i> | 3/4/26 – 6/2/26 | 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 ballot measure listed on the June 2, 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 ballot measure listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or if a contribution is made to a political party committee. E-file only. No paper copy is required. |
| Apr 23, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i> | 1/1/24 – 4/18/26 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File this statement if contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more are made in connection with the June 2, 2026, ballot. |
| May 21, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i> | 4/19/26 – 5/16/26 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File this statement if contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more are made in connection with the June 2, 2026, ballot. |
| Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i> | * – 6/30/26 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. |

See next page for additional reporting information.

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Additional Reports

Depending on committee activity, one or more of the following reports may also be required:

- **Payments Related to a State Ballot Measure (E-filers only):** File Form 496 (24-hour/10-day Independent Expenditure Report) or Form 497 (24-hour/10-day Contribution Report) within 10 business days of making payments totaling \$5,000 or more in connection with a single state ballot measure. No paper copy is required.
- **Form 511:** 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). **E-filers must also file a paper copy.****
- **Form E-530:** File within 48 hours of making a payment, or a promise of a payment, of \$50,000 or more 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.

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:** 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.
- **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 Reports (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Candidate-controlled committees that are not e-filers file paper copies with the elections' official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **E-filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper reports.**
- **Forms 496 and 497:** These reports filed online only.
- **Penalties:** Late statements and reports are 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 Form 460). Failure to file a statement or report could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.
- **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.