

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office Listed on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 3 Business Days <i>Top Ten Contributor List</i>	Ongoing (Except during the 16 days before the election – see bold note)	T-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees (primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate) that raise \$1,000,000 or more and have received contributions of \$10,000 or more from a single source must file a list of their top ten contributors. If the requirement is triggered within 16 days of the election, Form T-10 must be filed within two business days. The Form T-10 must be filed with the FPPC by e-mail only.
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>	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 ballot measure listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. 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 November 3, 2026, ballot or made to a political party committee. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the non-monetary contribution. E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee files termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.
Sep 24, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/26 – 9/19/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement.
Oct 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or by email with a verified digital signature.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/18/26 – 12/31/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee files termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2026. The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

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Additional Reports

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

- **Payments Related to a State Ballot Measure:** 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. Payments of this type may change the nature of a primarily formed candidate committee. **Only E-filers file this report.**
- **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 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 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 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 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.
- **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 file paper reports.**
- **Forms 496 and 497:** All reports filed online only.
- **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 [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 the FPPC's fact sheet [Multipurpose Organizations Reporting Political Spending](#).
- **State Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to limits. Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website. Committees making "issue ads" featuring state candidates are also subject to contribution limits.

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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 (i.e., \$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 visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.