

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for Political Party Committees January through December 2026 State Primary and General Elections June 2 and November 3, 2026

Note: Political party committees must file pre-election statements in connection with any state election, including a state special election, if the committee receives contributions of \$1,000 or more, or makes contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with a state election. This may be true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election by virtue of receiving contributions during the applicable reporting period. This includes state elections held in both even and odd-numbered years.

Semi-Annual and Pre-Election Deadlines

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes: Please read the notes carefully.
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/25	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460. The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.
Apr 23, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i> <i>(June 2 Primary)</i>	1/1/26 – 4/18/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the June 2, 2026, election.
May 21, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i> <i>(June 2 Primary)</i>	4/19/26 – 5/16/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the June 2, 2026, election.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	5/17/26 – 6/30/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.
Sep 24, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	7/1/26 – 9/19/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3, 2026, election.
Oct 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3, 2026, election.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/26	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460. The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

See the following pages for additional reporting information.

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Additional Reports

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	3/4/26 – 6/2/26 <i>(Jun 2 Primary)</i> 8/5/26 – 11/3/26 <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 496: File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or November 3, 2026, ballot. • 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>received</i> from a single source. • 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or November 3, 2026, ballot or to another political party committee. • E-file only. No paper copy is required.
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</i> <i>State Ballot Measure Payments</i>	Ongoing	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 496: Report each independent expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. • 497: Report each contribution totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single 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.
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 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	4/18/26 – 6/2/26 <i>(Jun 2 Primary)</i> 9/19/26 – 11/3/26 <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made 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. • E-file only. 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:** Unless otherwise noted, all paper filings may be filed by first-class mail or email with a verified digital signature. 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.

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- **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 an 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.
- **Forms 450 and 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper statements.**
- **Forms 496 and 497:** Payments for member communications are reportable within 24 hours if they would otherwise be considered a contribution or independent expenditure and are made during the election cycle.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.
- **Penalties:** Late statements and reports are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$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 you can visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.