

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for State Officeholders and Candidates Not Listed on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing (File any time other than the 90-day election cycle)	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>	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 made to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot or if a contribution is made to a political party committee. 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 this statement.
Sep 24, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/24 – 9/19/26	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 November 3, 2026, ballot.
Oct 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	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 November 3, 2026, ballot.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. 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

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 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:** Unless otherwise noted, all paper filings may be filed by 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.
- **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 in 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 are 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. You can also visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.