Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for
State Candidates and their Controlled Committees
Listed on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

Deadline	*Period*	*Form*	*Notes*
Within 10 Business Days *$5,000 Report*	**Ongoing** **(File anytime other than the 90-day election cycle)**	497	**Only E-filers file this report:** • File if a contribution of $5,000 or more is received from a single source. • No paper copy is required. • File within ten business days of receipt of contribution.
Within 24 Hours *Election Cycle Reports*	**8/5/26 – 11/3/26**	497	• File if a contribution of $1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. • File if a contribution of $1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with *another* candidate or measure listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot, or made to a political party committee. • The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of $1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the contribution. • E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Jul 31, 2026 *Semi-Annual*	*** – 6/30/26**	460	• All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.
Sep 24, 2026 *1st pre-Election*	**7/1/26 – 9/19/26**	460 or 470	• Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 22, 2026 *2nd Pre-Election*	**9/20/26 – 10/17/26**	460	• 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 *Semi-Annual*	**10/18/26 – 12/31/26**	460	• All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed 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.

See next page for additional reporting information.

Additional Reports

Depending on committee activity, one or more of the following statements 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 ten 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 Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Where to File:** State committees file statements 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.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **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 copies.**
- **Form 470 (2026):** Candidates who do not raise or spend $2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending $2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before September 24, 2026. If the candidate raises or spends $2,000 or more later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Forms 496 and Form 497:** All reports filed online only.

- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling $1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
    - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
    - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- **Multiple Committees:** All committees controlled by a state candidate listed on the November ballot must file statements on the pre-election filing deadlines and the committee formed for this election. For example, a candidate for Senate listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot maintains an Assembly officeholder committee must file pre-election statements for both committees even if the Assembly committee has not received or made payments.
- **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 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.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for additional information.
- **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.