

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Filing Schedule for Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office Senate Districts 7, 21 & 37 Special Primary and Special General Elections Being Voted on March 17, 2015 and May 19, 2015

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Within 24 Hours</b> <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>		496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ E-File only – no paper copy.</li> <li>▪ <b>496:</b> File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made in connection with a state candidate.</li> <li>▪ <b>497:</b> File if a contribution totaling \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>▪ <b>497:</b> File if a contribution totaling \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to a candidate being voted upon in the March 17 or May 19 election, or to a political party committee.</li> <li>▪ The recipient of an in-kind or non-monetary contribution during this period must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is <i>received</i>.</li> </ul>
<i>Mar 17 election (Primary)</i>	<b>1/13/15 – 3/17/15</b>		
<i>May 19 election (General)</i>	<b>3/18/15 – 5/19/15</b>		
<b>Within 3 Days</b> <i>Top Ten Contributor List</i>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<a href="#">T-10</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committees primarily formed to make independent expenditures on a state candidate that have received \$1 million or more must file a list of their top ten contributors on Form T-10 with the FPPC within three business days.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Days</b> <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<a href="#">462</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committees making independent expenditures (“IEs”) must file this form with the FPPC – E-mail only, no paper copy.</li> <li>▪ Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 5, 2015</b> <i>Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	<b>1/1/15 – 1/31/15</b>	<a href="#">460</a> <a href="#">465</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>460:</b> All committees must file this report.</li> <li>▪ <b>465:</b> File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made.</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 5, 2015</b> <i>Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	<b>2/1/15 – 2/28/15</b>	<a href="#">460</a> <a href="#">465</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>460:</b> All committees must file this report.</li> <li>▪ <b>465:</b> File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made.</li> <li>▪ Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.</li> </ul>
<b>Apr 9, 2015</b> <i>Pre-Election (General)</i>	<b>3/1/15 – 4/4/15</b>	<a href="#">460</a> <a href="#">465</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>460:</b> Committees formed to support or oppose candidates who were unsuccessful in the March 17 election are not required to file this report.</li> <li>▪ <b>465:</b> File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made.</li> </ul>

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**May 7, 2015**

*Pre-Election  
(General)*

**4/5/15 – 5/2/15**

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- **460:** Committees formed to support or oppose candidates who were unsuccessful in the March 17 election are not required to file this report.
- **465:** File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made.
- Paper filings must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.

**Jul 31, 2015**

*Semi-Annual*

**\* – 6/30/15**

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- **460:** All committees must file unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2015.
- **465:** File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made and have not been previously reported.

- **This filing schedule is prepared for the special election only. Committees making payments in connection with other elections may trigger other reporting deadlines.**
- **\* 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.
- **E-File:** 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 496/497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. The extension does not apply to any 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) or to 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) that are due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. A \$10 per day late fine may be assessed on both paper and electronic reports resulting in a \$20 per day fine.

*Additional notes continued on page 3*

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- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website. Committees making “issue ads” featuring state candidates are also subject to contribution limits.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), click on the [Campaign](#) link.
- **Multi-Purpose Organizations (including non-profits):** Effective July 1, 2014, multi-purpose organizations making political contributions or expenditures are subject to new campaign disclosure rules. In general, an organization that uses its general dues account to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and report payments on Campaign Form 461. Such organizations qualify as a recipient committee if expenditures exceed \$50,000 in a 12-month period or \$100,000 in four years. Organizations qualifying as a recipient committee may need to file reports disclosing contributors. Some organizations will not need to file the year-end semi-annual report. See the [Campaign Reporting Rules for Multipurpose Organizations](#) fact sheet for complete instructions.