

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
State Slate Mailer Organizations
November 8, 2022 Election**

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Aug 1, 2022 <i>Semi Annual</i>	* – 6/30/22	401	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All slate mailer organizations must file this statement.
Within 24 Hours <i>Late Payment Report</i>	8/10/22 – 11/8/22	498	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a payment of \$2,500 or more is received from a single source to produce a slate mailer supporting or opposing candidates or measures being voted on in the November 8 election. Online filing only for all filers.
Sep 29, 2022 <i>1st Pre Election</i>	7/1/22 – 9/24/22	401	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer supporting or opposing candidates or measures being voted on in the November 8 election.
Oct 27, 2022 <i>2nd Pre Election</i>	9/25/22 – 10/22/22	401	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer supporting or opposing candidates or measures being voted on in the November 8 election.
Jan 31, 2023 <i>Semi Annual</i>	* – 12/31/22	401	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All slate mailer organizations must file this statement.

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.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-Hour Late Payment Report (Form 498) that is due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Statements filed after the deadline are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **California Access Replacement System (CARS):** The new Cal-Access system is expected to go live in 2021.
- **Form 401:** All state slate mailer organizations (SMOs) must file an original and one copy in paper format with the Secretary of State. Two copies must also be filed with the clerk of the county in which the SMO is domiciled. These statements must be filed on paper by personal delivery or first class mail. E-filers also file online/electronic statements. Once the California Access Replacement System (CARS) system is live, all SMO filings required to be filed with the Secretary of State will be filed online or electronically.
- **E-filer:** Until the California Access Replacement System (CARS) is live, only state SMOs that have received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more for the purpose of producing slate mailers, e-file. Once the CARS system is live, all state committees, including SMOs will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State.
- If an SMO receives payments to list a candidate or measure, but the payment is not from the candidate or measure committee listed on the ballot, the SMO should contact the FPPC for advice.

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- **Public Documents:** All reports and statements 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.

Local Elections:

- **Pre-Election Statements:** An SMO that produces slate mailers supporting or opposing local candidates, or slate mailers supporting or opposing measures being voted on in an election, is required to file pre-election statements if payments of \$500 or more are received for support of or opposition to the candidates or measures. Pre-election statements are also required if an SMO spends \$500 or more. To view filing deadlines for pre-election statements, see the filing schedule for the election of the specific candidate or measure.
- **Late Payment Reports:** An SMO that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more during the 90 days before an election, or on the date of the election, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a local candidate or measure in a slate mailer, must file a Form 498 within 24 hours. To determine the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period, see the filing schedule for the election of the specific candidate or measure.