The second revision of the proposed campaign manual for Independent Expenditure Committees is posted on the Interested Persons webpage. View IP webpage here.

Staff has incorporated many comments since the initial May notice of the draft manual. I wish to specifically note two items of interest:

--FPPC regulation 18550 requires a person filing the Form 496 24-hour Independent Expenditure IE report to disclose the cumulative total of independent expenditures, IEs, made to support or oppose a candidate. Commission advice is that the cumulative amount includes only IEs made in connection with the current election. For example, IEs made in connection with a general election would not include the amount of the IEs made in connection with a primary election or a prior year’s election.

--Staff invites comments on the advice relating to reporting non-monetary contributions on a Form 497 24-hour Contribution Report. Government Code Section 84203 requires a person reporting a nonmonetary contribution on Form 497 to state the name and address of the person to whom the late contribution has been made. Since 2008, the Commission advice was to report the vendor in the field titled ‘Recipient.’ Staff is now considering that the field should report the committee receiving the benefit of the non-monetary contribution rather than the vendor. Comments on this issue are encouraged.

As noted in previous communications all campaign manuals are under review. At this time, it appears Campaign Manual 6 will likely be on the Commission’s November or December agenda and the next manual that will be noticed for an IP meeting will be the ballot measure manual.

Please email comments to Dixie Howard at dhoward@fppc.ca.gov or call our office and request to speak to Ms. Howard. Another hearing will not be held.