

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
State Candidate Controlled Committees
Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office
Assembly District 4 Special Primary Election
Being Voted on March 8, 2011**

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>90-Day Election Cycle Report</i>	1/11/11 – 3/8/11	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Filers only – file online - no paper filing. ▪ 497: Candidates file if a contribution of \$1,000 or more from a single source is received. Not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates. ▪ 496: Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate must file if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made.
Jan. 27, 2011 <i>Pre-Election</i>	1/1/11 – 1/22/11	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online and paper filing.
Feb. 24, 2011 <i>Pre-Election</i>	1/23/11 – 2/19/11	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online and paper filing. ▪ Paper filing must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.
Within 24 Hours <i>Late Reports</i>	2/20/11 – 3/7/11	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online only. No paper filing. ▪ 496: Must file if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made. ▪ 497: Must file if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is received. ▪ 497: Must file if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is made to a political party committee. ▪ The recipient of a late in-kind contribution must file a late contribution report within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is received.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing – File after 3/8/11	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Filers only - file online – no paper filing. ▪ File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. ▪ This report is not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates.
Aug. 1, 2011 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	2/20/11 – 6/30/11	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online and paper filing. ▪ The July 31, 2011 deadline falls on Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

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- **Special General Election: If this election is held a revised filing schedule will be prepared.**
- **New Rules Effective January 1, 2011:**
 - **E-Filing Threshold at \$25,000:** Beginning January 1, 2011 the threshold for which a state committee must E-file statements with the Secretary of State is lowered from \$50,000 to **\$25,000**. To determine the \$25,000 threshold count contributions received or expenditures made beginning January 1, 2000.
 - **File Late Reports Online:** California law requires candidate, ballot measure and political party committees to file late reports within 24 hours if the committee makes or receives contributions or makes independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more 16 days before an election. General purpose committees, including major donors and independent expenditure committees, must file late reports for contributions and independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made 16 days before an election.
Committees required to file these late reports with the Secretary of State must now file online, no paper copies are required. This is true even if the committee has not met the \$25,000 threshold that requires regular campaign disclosure reports to be filed online.
 - **Fewer Copies of Statements:** State committees will no longer file paper copies of statements at the counties of San Francisco and Los Angeles. This is true whether the committee is a paper or E-filer.
 - **County of Domicile:** State candidate committees that E-file with the Secretary of State will no longer file a copy with the candidate's county of domicile unless the state candidate has a local committee. State candidate committees that do not E-file continue to file paper copies at SOS and with the local filing officer.
- **E-Filers:** For purposes of this filing schedule, an e-filer is a state committee that has met the e-filing threshold discussed above.
- **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.
- **Prohibition on Candidate Independent Expenditures:** A controlled committee may not make independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates and may not contribute to another committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.
- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Refer to the contribution limit chart on the FPPC website.
- All statements are public documents.
- Except for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, filing deadlines may not be extended. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- Paper filings may be sent by first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- For important information, refer to www.fppc.ca.gov and click on the Candidates and Committees section.