

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
State Candidate Controlled Committees
Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office
Senate District 4 Special General Election
Being Voted on January 8, 2013**

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Contribution/ Independent Expenditure Reports</i>	11/7/12 – 1/8/13	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. ▪ 497: Candidates file if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is received. ▪ The recipient of an in-kind contribution must file a contribution report within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is received. ▪ 496: Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate must file if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made.
Nov 29, 2012 <i>Pre-Election</i>	10/21/12 – 11/24/12	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers.
Dec 27, 2012 <i>Pre-Election</i>	11/25/12 – 12/22/12	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ Paper filing must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.
Within 24 Hours <i>Contribution Reports</i>	12/23/12 – 1/7/13	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. ▪ File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is made to a political party committee.
Jul 31, 2013 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	12/23/12 – 6/30/13	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing File any time other than 90-day election cycle.	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only - no paper copy. ▪ E-filers only - file if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received. ▪ Not required for committees primarily formed for a state candidate.

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- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more since January 1, 2000.
- **Form 460:** All state committees must file paper reports. An E-Filer also files an online/electronic report.
- **Form 496/497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Only candidate controlled committees that are not E-Filers file paper copies with the election official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) and the deadline for the Form 497 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.
- **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:** All paper filings must be filed by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **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. Some committees that feature state candidates in advertisements are also subject to contribution limits.
- **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.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.