

Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
State General Purpose Committees (Except Political Party Committees)
Senate Districts 7, 21 & 37 Special Primary and General Elections
March 17, 2015 and May 19, 2015

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Contribution/ Independent Expenditure Reports</i>		496 497	E-File only – no paper copy. *Note: Form 497 is filed only through March 16 and May 18, respectively.
<i>Mar 17 election (Primary)</i>	1/13/15 – 3/17/15*		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 496: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 or May 19 ballot. ▪ 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate on the March 17 or May 19 ballot, or to a political party committee.
<i>May 19 election (General)</i>	3/18/15 – 5/19/15*		
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committees making independent expenditures (“IEs”) must file this form with the FPPC. ▪ Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. ▪ E-mail only – no paper copy.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report (Primary)</i>	1/31/15 – 3/16/15	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. ▪ File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to the March 17 election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
Feb 5, 2015 <i>IE Report (Primary)</i>	1/1/15 – 1/31/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot.
Mar 5, 2015 <i>Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	* – 2/28/15	495 , 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. ▪ File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to support or oppose candidates on the March 17 ballot.
Mar 5, 2015 <i>IE Report (Primary)</i>	2/1/15 – 2/28/15	465	<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. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot.

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Apr 9, 2015 <i>IE Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	3/1/15 – 4/4/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue</i> <i>Advocacy</i> <i>Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	4/4/15 – 5/18/15	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. ▪ File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to the May 19 election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
May 7, 2015 <i>Pre-Election</i> <i>(General)</i>	* – 5/2/15	495 , 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. ▪ File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to support or oppose candidates on the May 19 ballot.
May 7, 2015 <i>IE Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	4/5/15 – 5/2/15	465	<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. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot.
Jul 31, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: All committees must file this report. ▪ 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.
- **Odd Year Report:** File by April 30, 2015 if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to committees controlled by elected state officers between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015.
- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 496:** 24-hour independent expenditure reports must be filed through March 17 for the primary election and May 19 for the general election.
- **Form 497:** Unlike the 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496), the deadline for 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) closes March 16 for the primary election and May 18 for the general election.

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- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This 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 the paper and electronic report resulting in a \$20/day fine.
- **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 forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at 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.