

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for Political Party Committees
January through December 2020
State Primary and General Elections
March 3 and November 3, 2020**

Note: Political party committees must file pre-election statements in connection with any state election, including a state special election, if the committee receives contributions of \$1,000 or more, or makes contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with a state election. This may be true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election by virtue of receiving contributions during the applicable reporting period. This includes state elections held in both even and odd numbered years.

Semi-Annual and Pre-Election Deadlines

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes: Please read notes carefully.
Jan 31, 2020** <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/19	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460. • May be filed on January 23, 2020.
Jan 23, 2020 <i>1st Pre-Election</i> <i>(Mar 3 Primary)</i>	1/1/20 – 1/18/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the March 3 election.
Feb 20, 2020 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i> <i>(Mar 3 Primary)</i>	1/19/20 – 2/15/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the March 3 election.
Jul 31, 2020 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.
Sep 24, 2020 <i>1st Pre-Election</i> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	7/1/20 – 9/19/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3 election.
Oct 22, 2020 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i> <i>(November 3 General)</i>	9/20/20 - 10/17/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3 election.
Feb 1, 2021 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/18/20 – 12/31/20	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.

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Additional Reports

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	12/4/19 – 3/3/20 <i>(Mar 3 Primary)</i> 8/5/20 – 11/3/20 <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-file only. No paper copy is required. 496: File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being voted on the March 3 or November 3 ballot. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>received</i> from a single source. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being voted on the March 3 or November 3 ballot or to another political party committee.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPPC by e-mail only. No paper copy is required. Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate or measure supported or opposed by an independent expenditure.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report State Ballot Measure Payments</i>	Ongoing	496 497	<p>Only e-filers file this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 496: Report each independent expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. 497: Report each contribution totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. Contributions Received: List all new contributions of \$100 or more received by the committee that have not been previously reported up through the date of the \$5,000 or more payment.
Within 10 Days <i>Paid Spokesperson Report</i>	Ongoing	511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure is made: 1) a payment totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement, or 2) a payment of any amount to an individual portraying a member of a licensed occupation (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter). E-filers must also file a paper copy.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	1/18/20 – 3/3/20 <i>(March 3 Primary)</i> 9/19/20 – 11/3/20 <i>(November 3 General)</i>	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-file only. No paper copy is required. File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required.

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.
- **Deadlines:** Due to the election being held early in the year, the deadline for the first pre-election report for calendar year 2020 is earlier than the semi-annual report for calendar year 2019. A candidate/committee active in both calendar years may file the 2020 semi-annual report on January 23, 2020.

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- **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/10 Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) or to a 24-hour/10 Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before an election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week.
- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Forms 450 and 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper statements. Paper statements may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Forms 496 and 497:** Payments for member communications are reportable within 24 hours if the member communication would otherwise be considered a contribution or independent expenditure, and the payments are made during the election cycle.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.
- **Penalties:** Failure to file a statement on time subjects a committee to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available [here](#). Or, visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.