Introduction

California's Political Reform Act ("Act") was adopted by voter initiative in 1974 and has been periodically amended by legislation and ballot measures. California's lobbying disclosure reports, as this manual describes, provide the public with the identity of persons who make and receive payments for the purpose of influencing the actions of the California State Legislature, the actions of the Governor in approving or vetoing legislation, and quasi-legislative actions of California state agencies, including the Governor's office.

This manual provides important information on lobbying disclosure rules for five types of filers:

- Lobbyists, including Placement Agents
- Lobbying Firms
- Lobbyist Employers
- Lobbying Coalitions
- $5,000 Filers

This manual is a guide prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The Act, FPPC regulations, and opinions are the controlling legal authorities.

If you need assistance, the FPPC provides advice by email and by a toll-free telephone advice line. The FPPC does not provide third party advice or advice on past conduct. In addition, the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov) contains forms, manuals, and a wealth of other helpful information.

Email Advice	Telephone Advice
advice@fppc.ca.gov (24-48 hour response time)	1-866-ASK FPPC (1-866-275-3772) Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Lobbying Advice

The FPPC provides advice on questions about reporting activity expenses, as well as general reporting rules the Act and FPPC regulations require. All forms are filed with the California Secretary of State. Therefore, questions regarding report filing instructions, including the electronic filing (e-filing) procedures should be directed to that agency: www.sos.ca.gov.