



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811

January 10, 2020

The Honorable Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
Sacramento, CA 95818
Attention: Joe Stephenshaw, Yong Salas, Anita Lee and Sandy Perez

Dear Chair:

Pursuant to supplemental reporting language contained in the 2018 Budget Act for Item 8620-001-0001, I am providing you with the following statistics regarding the workload of the Fair Political Practices Commission for the calendar year 2019:

Enforcement Division Workload

(a) Data collected regarding enforcement of the Political Reform Act of 1974.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Complaints Received	1,180	564	1,352	743
Referrals Received	350	1,616	1,529	1,914
Cases opened	1,315	1,480	1,561	1,820
Streamline cases approved by Commission	234	262	173	263
Mainline cases approved by Commission	70	66	56	73
Default cases approved by Commission	7	12	6	7
Total fines imposed by the Commission	\$894,257	\$1,126,933	\$499,606	\$797,384
Warning letters issued	489	505	554	584
Administrative terminations	668	297	177	104
Cases closed with violations found	1,468	1,142	966	1,031
Advisory letters issued	14	17	20	9
No action closure letters	321	318	252	423



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Violations under the act, by category, and the average case pendency (as measured by the number days from the date case was opened until the date of final disposition).

Case Violation Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advertisements					
Number of Cases	22	66	14	42	17
Case Pendency	498	513	435	231	91
Annual Fees					
Number of Cases	1378	144	311	85	17
Case Pendency	249	242	90	189	88
Behested Payment					
Number of Cases	4	5	0	1	7
Case Pendency	197	674	0	413	91
CalPERS					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	1	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	344	0
Campaign Bank Account					
Number of Cases	5	8	8	2	0
Case Pendency	754	753	351	104	0
Campaign Committee Coordination					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	1	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	581	0
Campaign Contribution Limits					
Number of Cases	6	8	9	11	1
Case Pendency	89	507	305	125	199
Campaign Non-Filer					
Number of Cases	271	355	339	532	158
Case Pendency	309	301	194	156	81
Campaign Non-Reporter					
Number of Cases	33	39	40	27	7
Case Pendency	270	331	225	118	85
Campaign Reporting					
Number of Cases	18	28	15	12	3
Case Pendency	611	381	420	132	74
Cash and In-Kind Contributions and/or Expenditures					
Number of Cases	0	2	5	1	1
Case Pendency	0	846	228	615	92
City of Sacramento Ordinance					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	0	1
Case Pendency	0	0	0	0	49
Committee Naming Requirements					
Number of Cases	2	0	0	1	0
Case Pendency	1102	0	0	13	0



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Case Violation Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Conflict of Interests					
Number of Cases	55	30	13	11	4
Case Pendency	222	565	249	64	17
Filing Officer Duties					
Number of Cases	0	3	1	0	2
Case Pendency	0	317	836	0	43
Gift Over-the-Limit					
Number of Cases	13	4	4	3	1
Case Pendency	127	290	467	17	14
Gift Reporting					
Number of Cases	0	0	1	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	254	0	0
LAFCO					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	0	0
Laundered Campaign Contributions					
Number of Cases	7	11	3	2	1
Case Pendency	527	673	539	87	15
Legal Defense Fund					
Number of Cases	0	1	0	0	1
Case Pendency	0	288	0	0	13
Loans					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	2	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	17	0
Lobbying Reporting					
Number of Cases	57	22	38	27	21
Case Pendency	259	494	270	152	84
Mass Mailings					
Number of Cases	9	27	13	15	1
Case Pendency	505	438	283	147	96
Misuse of Campaign Funds					
Number of Cases	5	7	5	3	1
Case Pendency	90	567	684	197	12
Non-PRA					
Number of Cases	0	1	1	0	0
Case Pendency	0	126	600	0	0
Other					
Number of Cases	0	6	14	9	1
Case Pendency	0	220	152	30	46



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Case Violation Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Recordkeeping					
Number of Cases	5	7	4	6	0
Case Pendency	725	596	220	118	0
Revolving Door					
Number of Cases	1	1	2	0	1
Case Pendency	1278	934	684	0	322
San Bernardino County Ordinance					
Number of Cases	1	6	2	1	0
Case Pendency	110	963	585	369	0
Slate Mailer Organization Violations					
Number of Cases	2	3	2	2	0
Case Pendency	378	154	421	238	0
Statements of Economic Interest Non-Filer					
Number of Cases	351	427	483	350	421
Case Pendency	123	156	168	150	121
Statements of Economic Interest Non-Reporter					
Number of Cases	17	39	23	19	17
Case Pendency	397	490	218	244	75
Unlawful Honorarium					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	1	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	47	0
Unlawful Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements or Other Expenditures					
Number of Cases	1	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	629	505	0	0	0
Average Case Pendency (Except Open Cases)*	247	293	178	158	106
Cases Still Open	10	76	130	396	1136

*The Average Case Pendency number changes as cases within that category are closed and added to the average.

Legal Division Workload (b-f)

(b) Data collected from the advice phone system.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advice Calls ¹	7,612	9,622	7,270	10,530	7,051
Average Wait Time				1 min 4 sec	43 sec
Average Length of Accepted Calls				2 min 4 sec	3 min 50 sec



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(c) Data regarding informal advice issued by email.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advice Emails ¹	8,300	12,495	9,735	12,911	7,160
Advice Emails Responded w/ 24 hrs				12,834	6,933
Advice Emails Responded 24 hrs+				77	227

(d) Data regarding responsiveness to public demand for information.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Workshop / Presentation Requested ¹	41	48	35	53	44
Workshop / Presentation Performed				51	44

(e) Data regarding PRA advice letters issued.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advice Letters Issued ¹	176	195	124	204	172
Advice Letters Issued did not satisfy the 21-day requirement of Section 83114 of the Government Code				73	38

(f) Data regarding advice letters issued pursuant to Section 1090 of the Government Code.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1090 Advice Letters Issued ¹	53	57	85	69	83
Advice Letters that took longer than 30 days to Issue				7	3
Advice Letters that took longer than 90 days to Issue				0	0

¹Note: Data collected prior to 2018 calculated using hand-counting and is best rendition of numbers available. Shaded boxes reflect no data available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-7779.

Sincerely,

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