



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Budget

The Honorable Anna M. Caballero, Chair  
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Chair  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4

Mr. Gabriel Petek, Legislative Analyst  
Legislative Analyst's Office

Ms. Keely Bosler, Director of Finance  
Department of Finance

Dear Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Ting, Senator Caballero, Assemblymember Carrillo,  
Mr. Petek, and Ms. Bosler:

Pursuant to the supplemental reporting language contained in Item 8620-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2021 (Chapter 21 of the Statutes of 2021), I am providing you with the following statistics regarding the workload of the Fair Political Practices Commission for the 2021 calendar year:

Enforcement Division Workload

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Complaints Received	564	1,352	743	1,390	606
Referrals Received	1,616	1,529	1,914	1,518	1,751
Cases opened	1,480	1,561	1,820	1,155	1,185
Streamline cases approved by Commission	262	173	263	194	234
Mainline cases approved by Commission	66	56	73	77	32
Default cases approved by Commission	12	6	7	7	3
Total fines imposed by the Commission	\$1,126,933	\$499,606	\$797,384	\$1,940,107	\$472,248

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Warning letters issued	505	554	584	777	475
Administrative terminations	297	177	104	62	59
Cases closed with violations found	1,142	966	1,031	1,117	803
Advisory letters issued	17	20	9	7	16
No action closure letters	318	252	423	402	237

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Advertisements</b>					
Number of Cases	19	50	26	69	15
Case Pendency	641	340	227	130	66
<b>Annual Fees</b>					
Number of Cases	311	92	90	4	2
Case Pendency	90	229	270	84	89
<b>Behested Payment</b>					
Number of Cases	0	3	11	0	26
Case Pendency	0	853	358	0	34
<b>Campaign Bank Account</b>					
Number of Cases	12	12	1	0	1
Case Pendency	667	713	572	0	62
<b>Campaign Committee Coordination</b>					
Number of Cases	1	2	0	0	0
Case Pendency	1501	823	0	0	0
<b>Campaign Contribution Limits</b>					
Number of Cases	11	13	6	2	2
Case Pendency	501	259	442	458	17
<b>Campaign</b>					
Number of Cases	426	683	319	289	199
Case Pendency	286	255	248	132	68
<b>Cash and In-Kind Contributions and/or Expenditures</b>					
Number of Cases	5	2	1	1	0
Case Pendency	228	939	92	17	0
<b>Conflict of Interest Code</b>					
Number of Cases	0	2	0	10	9
Case Pendency	0	27	0	35	47
<b>Conflict of Interests</b>					
Number of Cases	20	16	11	9	1
Case Pendency	622	479	422	368	107

<b>Case Violation Type</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Filing Officer Duties</b>					
Number of Cases	1	0	3	1	0
Case Pendency	836	0	156	16	0
<b>Gift</b>					
Number of Cases	6	5	2	1	2
Case Pendency	644	509	364	433	60
<b>Laundered Campaign Contributions</b>					
Number of Cases	4	2	4	1	0
Case Pendency	771	87	520	31	0
<b>Legal Defense Fund</b>					
Number of Cases	0	0	1	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	13	0	0
<b>Lobbying Reporting</b>					
Number of Cases	49	32	55	29	2
Case Pendency	467	279	199	130	105
<b>Mass Mailings</b>					
Number of Cases	16	20	2	3	2
Case Pendency	484	354	308	87	110
<b>Misuse of Campaign Funds</b>					
Number of Cases	5	4	1	0	0
Case Pendency	684	272	12	0	0
<b>Other</b>					
Number of Cases	15	9	1	7	3
Case Pendency	182	30	381	33	1
<b>Other Entities</b>					
Number of Cases	2	7	11	7	1
Case Pendency	585	514	409	265	284
<b>Recordkeeping</b>					
Number of Cases	6	8	2	1	0
Case Pendency	557	294	453	677	0
<b>Revolving Door</b>					
Number of Cases	2	0	2	0	1
Case Pendency	684	0	528	0	18
<b>Slate Mailer Organization Violations</b>					
Number of Cases	3	2	0	2	1
Case Pendency	862	238	0	187	19
<b>Statements of Economic Interest</b>					
Number of Cases	538	403	982	334	329
Case Pendency	231	208	224	104	53
<b>Unlawful Honorarium</b>					
Number of Cases	0	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	47	0	0	0

Case Violation Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Unlawful Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements or Other Expenditures</b>					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Average Case Pendency (Except Open Cases)*</b>	253	255	237	122	58
<b>Cases Still Open</b>	28	195	289	385	589

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

#### Legal Division Workload (b-f)

(a) Data collected from the advice phone system.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Advice Calls <sup>1</sup>	7,270	10,530	7,051	7,258*	5,050
Average Wait Time		1 min 4 sec	43 sec	3 min 13 sec	58 sec
Average Length of Accepted Calls		2 min 4 sec	3 min 50 sec	4 min 45 sec	4 min 52 sec

\*Telephone line was shut down mid-March through the end of May due to the stay at home order.

(b) Data regarding informal advice issued by email.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Advice Emails <sup>1</sup>	9,735	12,911	7,160	12,263	7,105
Advice Emails Responded w/in 24 hrs		12,834	6,933	11,395	6,201
Advice Emails Responded 24 hrs+		77	227	868	904

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Workshop / Presentation Requested <sup>1</sup>	35	53	44	43	39
Workshop / Presentation Performed		51	44	41	39

(d) Data regarding PRA advice letters issued.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Advice Letters Issued <sup>1</sup>	124	204	172	117	107
Advice Letters Issued did not satisfy the 21-day requirement of Section 83114 of the Government Code		73	38	19	10

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

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
1090 Advice Letters Issued <sup>1</sup>	85	69	83	43	69
Advice Letters that took longer than 30 days to Issue <sup>2</sup>		7	3	14	13
Advice Letters that took longer than 90 days to Issue <sup>2</sup>		0	0	1	3

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

<sup>2</sup>Days to issue is calculated from the date Legal Division receives all information from the requestor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [gwest@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:gwest@fppc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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