



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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January 10, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Budget

The Honorable Steve Padilla, Chair  
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva, Chair  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5

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

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance  
Department of Finance

Dear Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Gabriel, Senator Padilla, Assemblymember Quirk-Silva, Mr. Petek, and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to the supplemental reporting language contained in Item 8620-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2023 (Chapter 12 of the Statutes of 2023), I am providing you with the following statistics regarding the workload of the Fair Political Practices Commission for the 2023 calendar year:

Enforcement Division Workload

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Complaints Received	743	1,390	606	1,379	653
Referrals Received	1,914	1,518	1,751	1,724	1,971
Cases opened	1,820	1,155	1,185	990	831
Streamline cases approved by Commission	263	194	234	142	78
Mainline cases approved by Commission	73	77	32	14	18
Default cases approved by Commission	7	7	3	5	2

Total fines imposed by the Commission	\$797,384	\$1,940,107	\$472,248	\$617,548	\$376,531
Warning letters issued	584	777	475	681	860
Administrative terminations	104	62	59	53	87
Cases closed with violations found	1,031	1,117	803	895	998
Advisory letters issued	9	7	16	8	15
No action closure letters	423	402	237	217	296

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	2022	2023
<b>Advertisements</b>							
Number of Cases	20	58	28	77	19	13	8
Case Pendency	707	498	305	188	112	52	167
<b>Behested Payment</b>							
Number of Cases	0	4	12	0	28	4	3
Case Pendency	0	1016	418	0	41	80	15
<b>Campaign Bank Account</b>							
Number of Cases	12	15	1	0	3	0	1
Case Pendency	667	888	572	0	210	0	112
<b>Campaign Committee Coordination</b>							
Number of Cases	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	1501	1010	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Campaign Contribution Limits</b>							
Number of Cases	11	14	6	2	2	1	0
Case Pendency	501	348	442	458	17	13	0
<b>Campaign</b>							
Number of Cases	437	743	345	332	270	272	144
Case Pendency	323	351	312	210	128	38	59
<b>Cash and In-Kind Contributions and/or Expenditures</b>							
Number of Cases	6	2	1	2	0	0	0
Case Pendency	514	939	92	317	0	0	0
<b>Conflict of Interest Code</b>							
Number of Cases	0	2	0	10	9	13	0
Case Pendency	0	27	0	35	47	37	0
<b>Conflict of Interests</b>							
Number of Cases	22	28	17	12	5	0	2
Case Pendency	709	929	658	455	450	0	92
<b>Filing Officer Duties</b>							
Number of Cases	1	0	4	1	1	4	1

Case Pendency	836	0	369	16	83	42	11
<b>Gift</b>							
Number of Cases	6	6	2	1	3	1	1
Case Pendency	644	678	364	433	167	2	13
<b>Laundered Campaign Contributions</b>							
Number of Cases	6	3	5	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	1145	580	682	31	0	0	0
<b>Legal Defense Fund</b>							
Number of Cases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
<b>Lobbying Reporting</b>							
Number of Cases	49	34	62	29	5	1	2
Case Pendency	467	351	316	130	192	110	111
<b>Mass Mailings</b>							
Number of Cases	16	20	2	7	4	8	1
Case Pendency	484	354	308	359	157	44	1
<b>Misuse of Campaign Funds</b>							
Number of Cases	5	4	2	0	1	0	2
Case Pendency	684	272	561	0	605	0	115
<b>Other</b>							
Number of Cases	15	9	1	7	3	3	0
Case Pendency	182	30	381	33	1	30	0
<b>Other Entities</b>							
Number of Cases	2	9	13	14	5	2	0
Case Pendency	585	748	419	486	544	8	0
<b>Recordkeeping</b>							
Number of Cases	6	8	3	1	3	1	0
Case Pendency	557	294	637	677	499	113	0
<b>Revolving Door</b>							
Number of Cases	2	0	3	0	1	0	0
Case Pendency	684	0	669	0	18	0	0
<b>Slate Mailer Organization Violations</b>							
Number of Cases	3	2	0	2	1	0	0
Case Pendency	862	238	0	187	19	0	0
<b>Statements of Economic Interest</b>							
Number of Cases	544	416	1024	350	440	235	343
Case Pendency	249	247	260	138	96	55	32
<b>Unlawful Honorarium</b>							
Number of Cases	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	47	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Unlawful Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements or Other Expenditures</b>							

Number of Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Average Case Pendency (Except Open Cases)*</b>	282	403	388	318	244	119	43
<b>Cases Still Open</b>	1	21	39	153	167	248	323

\*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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Advice Calls	7,051	7,258*	5,050	8,580	5,213
Average Wait Time	43 sec	3 min 13 sec	58 sec	1 min 18 sec	37 sec
Average Length of Accepted Calls	3 min 50 sec	4 min 45 sec	4 min 52 sec	4 min 22 sec	4 min 16 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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Advice Emails	7,160	12,263	7,105	10,029	7,186
Advice Emails Responded w/in 24 hrs	6,933	11,395	6,201	8,198	5,294
Advice Emails Responded 24 hrs+	227	868	904	1,831	1,892

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Workshop / Presentation Requested*	44	43	39	73	61
Workshop / Presentation Performed**	44	41	39	63	59

\* This number includes workshops/presentations provided in response to a request from another agency as well as public workshops/presentations provided by the FPPC on its own initiative.

\*\*Two workshops were canceled due to severe weather and travel restrictions.

(d) Data regarding PRA advice letters issued.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Advice Letters Issued	172	117	107	90	109

Advice Letters Issued did not satisfy the 21-day requirement of Section 83114 of the Government Code	38	19	10	3	3
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(e) Data regarding advice letters issued pursuant to Section 1090 of the Government Code.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
1090 Advice Letters Issued	83	43	69	50	77
Advice Letters that took longer than 30 days to Issue*	3	14	13	7	16
Advice Letters that took longer than 90 days to Issue*	0	1	3	0	0

\*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 (916) 322-5796.

Sincerely,

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