

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
Political Party Committees
Senate District 35 Special Primary Election
December 9, 2014**

Note: Political parties are subject to reporting deadlines in connection with each special state election. This is true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election, but receives contributions and/or makes contributions/independent expenditures. Please read notes carefully.

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Contribution/ Independent Expenditure Reports</i>	9/26/14 – 12/9/14	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. Note: Form 497 is filed only through December 8. ▪ 496: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the December 9 ballot. ▪ 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received from a single source. ▪ 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate on the December 9 ballot, or to another political party committee. ▪ The recipient of an in-kind or non-monetary contribution during this period must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is <i>received</i>.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committees making independent expenditures (“IEs”) must file this form with the FPPC. ▪ Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. ▪ Email only – no paper copy.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	10/25/14 – 12/8/14	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-file only – no paper copy. ▪ File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to the December 9 election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
Oct 30, 2014 <i>Pre-Election</i>	* – 10/25/14	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the December 9 ballot during the period covered by the statement.
Dec 1, 2014 <i>Pre-Election</i>	10/26/14 – 11/22/14	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the December 9 ballot during the period covered by the statement. The paper filing of the Form 465 must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. ▪ The November 27 filing deadline falls on an official state holiday, so the deadline is extended to December 1 as November 28 is also an official state holiday.

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Feb 2, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/14	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 450 or 460: All committees must file this report. ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made between November 23 and December 8 to support or oppose a defeated candidate in the December 9 election. ▪ The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

- **This filing schedule is prepared for the special primary election only. If a general election is held, a revised schedule will be prepared. Committees making payments in connection with other elections may trigger other reporting deadlines.**
- ***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.
- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 496:** 24-hour independent expenditure reports must be filed through December 9 for the December 9 election.
- **Form 497:** Unlike the 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496), the deadline for 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) closes December 8 for the December 9 election.
- **Forms 496/497:** 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 90-day election cycle. All reports are filed online only.
- **Forms 450, 460 & 465:** All state committees must file an original and one copy in paper format by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted. An E-Filer also files an online/electronic report. All political parties and central committees file with the Secretary of State.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) or to 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) that are due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. A \$10 per day late fine may be assessed on both the paper and electronic report resulting in a \$20/day fine.
- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website. Committees making “issue ads” featuring state candidates are also subject to contribution limits.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.