

**Fair Political Practices Commission
2015 Filing Schedule for
State Candidate Controlled Committees
Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office**

| Deadline | Period | Form | Notes |
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| Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i> | 1/1/15 – 12/31/15 | 497 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Filers only: Candidates file if contributions totaling \$5,000 or more are received from a single source. Not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates. |
| Within 10 Business Days of the Expenditure <i>\$5,000 Report</i> | Ongoing | 496 497 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Filers only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 496: Report each independent expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. ○ 497: Report each contribution totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. ○ List all new contributions of \$100 or more received by the committee that have not been previously reported up through the date of the \$5,000 or more payment. |
| Feb 2, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i> | thru – 12/31/14 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All committees must file this report. ▪ The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day. |
| Apr 30, 2015 <i>Odd Year</i> | 1/1/15 – 3/31/15 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to other committees controlled by an elected state officer or a committee primarily formed for another elected state officer during the period covered. |
| Jul 31, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i> | 1/1/15 – 6/30/15 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Period covered is 4/1/15 – 6/30/15 if an odd year report was filed. |
| Nov 2, 2015 <i>Odd Year</i> | 7/1/15 – 9/30/15 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to other committees controlled by an elected state officer or a committee primarily formed for another elected state officer during the period covered. ▪ The October 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day. |
| Feb 1, 2016 <i>Semi-Annual</i> | 7/1/15 – 12/31/15 | 460 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Period covered is 10/1/15 – 12/31/15 if an odd year report was filed. ▪ The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day. |

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- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more since January 1, 2000.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must file an original and one copy in paper format by personal delivery or first class mail.
- **Forms 496/497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Only candidate controlled committees that are not E-Filers also file a paper copy with the elections official in the candidate's county of domicile.
- **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.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. A \$10 per day late fine may be assessed on both paper and electronic reports resulting in a \$20 per day fine.
- **State Special Elections:** If a state special election is held in 2015, a filing schedule for that election will be posted on the FPPC website. Additional statements may be required.
- **Expenditures for Local Elections:** 24-hour independent expenditure or contribution reports (Forms 496 or 497) must be filed if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made during the 90-day period prior to an election. Independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more also require the filing of Form 462 and Form 465. Additionally, supplemental pre-election campaign statements (Form 495) may be required if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made in connection with an election. Consult the filing schedule for the election.
- **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. Campaign finance ordinances for cities and counties are posted on the FPPC's website on the [Local Campaign Ordinances](#) page. Contact local jurisdictions for information on local restrictions, if any.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.

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- **Multi-Purpose Organizations (including non-profits):** Effective July 1, 2014, multi-purpose organizations making political contributions or expenditures are subject to new campaign disclosure rules. In general, an organization that uses its general dues account to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and report payments on Campaign Form 461. Such organizations qualify as a recipient committee if expenditures exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year or \$100,000 in four years. Organizations qualifying as a recipient committee may need to file reports disclosing contributors. Some organizations will not need to file the year-end semi-annual report. See the [Campaign Reporting Rules for Multipurpose Organizations](#) fact sheet for complete instructions.
- **Form T-10:** Committees that receive \$1 million or more must file this report with the FPPC within three business days.