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To: Chair Silver, Commissioners Brandt, Ortiz, and Wilson

From: Chloe Hackert, Education & External Affairs Unit Manager

Subject: **Updated FPPC Campaign and Slate Mailer Organization Forms in Response to the New Secretary of State CAL-ACCESS**

Date: September 4, 2026

Executive Summary

Attached for your approval are updated FPPC campaign and slate mailer organization forms to take effect upon certification of the Secretary of State's new CAL-ACCESS filing system, which is set to take effect on November 16, 2026. These forms will be used only by local candidates and committees because all state candidate and committee filings will be done electronically through the new CAL-ACCESS.

Updates to the campaign and slate mailer FPPC forms result from the implementation of legislation that takes effect upon the certification of the new CAL-ACCESS:

- [AB 808](#) (2025) – Campaign Statements and Registrations: Filing Online or Electronically
- [SB 1239](#) (2018) – Political Reform Act: Campaign Disclosures

Updates to FPPC campaign Form 460 expenditure codes, which also take effect upon the certification of new CAL-ACCESS, were approved at the [February 13, 2025](#), Commission Meeting. Additionally, new instructions are proposed for FPPC campaign forms 460, 461, and 497 regarding additional disclosures for limited liability companies (LLCs) under FPPC Regulations [18402.2](#) and [18421.10](#).

The attached forms were made available on the Commission's website in July and August for public review and comment. All updates were made in yellow highlight. On August 18, 2026, the Commission hosted an Interested Persons meeting to solicit feedback and public comment on these updated FPPC forms. In response to public comments, Commission staff made minor changes, highlighted in green.

Staff recommends your approval of the following updated FPPC campaign and slate mailer organization forms:

- Form 401 – Slate Mailer Organization Campaign Report
- Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Report
- Form 461 – Major Donor/Independent Expenditure Committee Campaign Report
- Form 496 – 24-hour/10-day Independent Expenditure Report

- Form 497 – 24-hour/10-day Late Contribution Report
- Form 498 – 24-hour Late Payment Report
- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 511 – Paid Spokesperson Report

Elimination of Other FPPC Forms in Paper Format

Upon the certification of the new CAL-ACCESS, all filings with the Secretary of State will be required to be filed electronically, regardless of activity or threshold amounts. Therefore, the following hardcopy formats of campaign, slate mailer organization, and lobbying FPPC forms will be eliminated upon the certification of the new CAL-ACCESS.

Additionally, the recipient committee and slate mailer registration process will no longer be on paper statement of organization FPPC forms. Upon certification of the new CAL-ACCESS, all recipient committees and slate mailer organizations must register their committees or organizations electronically with the Secretary of State.

Moreover, all lobbying registration statements and lobbying disclosure FPPC forms will no longer be available in paper format, and all state lobbying activity must be registered and filed electronically with the Secretary of State upon certification of new CAL-ACCESS.

The information captured in the forms listed below will be electronically filed directly with the Secretary of State:

- Form 400 – Statement of Organization Slate Mailer Organization
- Form 402 – Statement of Termination Slate Mailer Organization
- Form 409 – Limited Liability Company (LLC) Statement of Members
- Form 410 – Statement of Organization Recipient Committee
- Form 507 – Business Entity: Advocacy & Advertisements Statement of Online Activity
- E-530 - Communications Identifying Candidates Issue Advocacy - State Candidates
- Form 601 – Lobbying Firm Registration Statement
- Form 602 – Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization
- Form 603 – Lobbyist Employer or Lobbying Coalition Registration Statement
- Form 604 – Lobbyist Certification Statement
- Form 605 – Lobbying Amendment to Registration
- Form 606 – Lobbying Notice of Termination
- Form 607 – Lobbying Notice of Withdrawal
- Form 615 – Lobbyist Report
- Form 625 – Report of Lobbying Firm
- Form 630 Attachment – Payments Made to Lobbying Coalitions
- Form 635 – Report of Lobbyist Employer/Report of Lobbying Coalition
- Form 635-C Attachment - Payments Received by Lobbying Coalitions
- Form 640 Attachment– Other Payments to Influence Legislative or Administrative Action
- Form 645 – Report of Persons Spending \$5,000 or More to Influence Legislative or

Administrative Action

- Form 690 – Amendment to Lobbying Disclosure Report

[SB 686](#) (2021) requires that no later than one year after the Secretary of State certifies new CAL-ACCESS, a Statement of Members is electronically filed with the Secretary of State by a LLC that qualifies as a committee or a sponsor of a committee. The Statement of Members is implemented in the new CAL-ACCESS and is ready for electronic filing at go-live.

[SB 746](#) (2022) permits the Business Entity: Advocacy & Advertisements Statement of Online Activity to be included in the new CAL-ACCESS, provided the system is certified and can accept the electronic report filing. The Business Entity: Advocacy & Advertisements Statement of Online Activity is implemented in the new CAL-ACCESS and is ready for electronic filing at go-live.

Consolidation of Other FPPC Forms

Additionally, upon the certification of the new CAL-ACCESS, the forms listed below will be eliminated. The information disclosed in these reports will be reported on other existing FPPC campaign forms or posted on the Secretary of State's website.

The information reported on Forms 425 and 450 will be captured in the newly updated FPPC Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Report. The information reported on Form 470 will be captured in the newly updated FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement. The information reported on Form 462 will be captured in the newly updated FPPC Forms 460 and 461 – Recipient Committee Campaign Report / Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committee Campaign Report. The information reported on FPPC Form T-10 will be captured in other campaign reports filed electronically, and the information will be available on the Secretary of State's website.

Forms that will be eliminated:

- Form 425 – Semi-Annual Statement of No Activity
- Form 450 – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement Short Form
- Form 462 – Verification of Independent Expenditures
- Form 470 - Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement Short Form and Form 470 Supplement
- T-10 – Committees Primarily Formed for State Ballot Measures or Candidates Top Ten Contributor List

Public Comment

The attached forms were made available on the Commission's website in July and August for public review and comment. Additionally, on August 18, 2026, the Commission held an Interested Persons Meeting to solicit public comments regarding these updated changes.

We received public comments from the Secretary of State's Office, the City of San Diego, the City of Sunnyvale, and River City Business Services regarding suggested revisions to assist filers and for consistency with the new CAL-ACCESS system.

In response to public comments, the following edits were made in green highlight:

- Form 460:
 - Added a text box to the first page of the updated Form 460 instructions to alert filers that all filings with the Secretary of State must be submitted electronically and that paper or emailed filings will no longer be accepted by the Secretary of State.
 - Added a check box in Part 1 of the Cover Page for “General Purpose Ballot Measure Committees” under “Officeholder, Candidate Controlled Committee.”
 - Eliminated the section for “Related Committees Not Included in this Report” in Number 5 of Cover Page Part 2 since this information will be displayed on the committee registration and is no longer reported on the Form 460 (AB 808 [2025]).
- Form 496:
 - Added a text box to Part 2 of the Form 496 to include the election year for the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed. Added additional instructions on completing this section.
- Form 497:
 - Added instructional text to Part 1 of the Form 497 for contributor information, “If LLC, refer to instructions for what to enter.”
 - Updated instructional text to match the language of the Form 460 for consistency: “Always check with your local jurisdiction to determine your specific filing requirements.”
- Form 501:
 - Added “officeholder” to the instructions for consistency about who files.
 - Removed “State Candidate Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling” instructions since only state candidates complete this information, which will be done exclusively on the Secretary of State’s new CAL-ACCESS system.

Conclusion

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