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Via email to: AStottlemeyer@sutter.gov

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-26-063

Dear Ashley Stottlemeyer:

This letter responds to your request for advice on behalf of the County of Sutter regarding the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹

QUESTION

May the committees involved in the County’s August 4, 2026, election combine the semi-annual statement with the second pre-election statement due July 23, 2026?

CONCLUSION

In connection with the August 4, 2026, election, committees may use a filing schedule that combines the semi-annual campaign statement with the second pre-election statement. The combined statement will be due on July 23, 2026, covering the period June 21, 2026, through July 18, 2026.

ANALYSIS

Committees are required to file two pre-election campaign statements during an election, disclosing contributions received and expenditures made in connection with that election. These statements are filed 40 days before the election and again 12 days before the election. (Section

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

84200.8.) Semi-annual statements are filed on January 31 and July 31, respectively. (Section 84200.)

The County of Sutter is holding a special election on August 4, 2026. The first semi-annual report for 2026, covering the period January 1 through June 30, is due on July 31, 2026. The first pre-election statement filed in connection with this election would cover the period January 1, 2026, through June 20, 2026. The second pre-election statement would then cover the period of June 21 through July 18. It would be due on July 23, 2026, before the deadline for the semi-annual statement.

There is a mechanism in the Act that permits combining statements when an overlapping reporting period occurs, or the filing of the semi-annual statement would be an additional, unnecessary filing to the two pre-election statements. (Section 84205.) Combining the second pre-election statement with the semi-annual statement would be appropriate for the County's August 4, 2026, election.

Accordingly, specified committees involved with the August 4, 2026 measure appearing on the ballot may combine the semi-annual statement with the second pre-election statement. The statement will cover the period of June 21 through July 18 and be due on July 23, 2026. A campaign statement filing schedule that outlines the due dates for filing statements is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have other questions on this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

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