

Fair Political Practices Commission

CalPERS Candidate Controlled Committees and Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose CalPERS Candidates In connection with the CalPERS September 28, 2026 Election & December 7, 2026 Runoff Election

NOTE: The new CA Secretary of State’s Office Cal-Access Replacement System (CARS) has a target launch date of November 16, 2026. Upon the certification of CARS and once the new system is live, all filings with the Secretary of State will be required to be filed electronically regardless of activity or threshold amounts. Please see notes below for additional reporting information and requirements upon the certification of CARS.

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing File any time other than a 90-day election cycle	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. Not required for committees primarily formed to support or oppose CalPERS candidates. File within 10 business days of receipt of contribution. E-file with the Secretary of State; no paper copy is required. Email a copy to CalPERS at Board_Election_Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov. Until the California Access Replacement System (CARS) is live, only e-filers file this report. Once the system is live, all filers file this report if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. File with FPPC by email only at Form462@fppc.ca.gov. No paper copy is required. Until the California Access Replacement System (CARS) is live, committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPPC by e-mail only. Once the CARS system is live, this report will no longer be required.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	6/30/26 – 9/28/26 <i>(for Sept 28 election)</i> 9/8/26 – 12/7/26 <i>(for Dec 7 runoff)</i>	496 or 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 496: Primarily formed committees file if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> in connection with a candidate being voted on the September 28 and/or December 7 ballots. Candidates: Do not file for expenditures made on your own committee’s behalf. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>received</i> from a single source. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> to or in connection with a candidate being voted on the September 28 and/or December 7 ballots. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the non-monetary contribution. E-file with the Secretary of State; no paper copy is required. Email a copy to CalPERS at Board_Election_Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	1/1/26 – 6/30/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. Email a copy to CalPERS at Board_Election_Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.
Aug 26, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	7/1/26 – 8/23/26	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate on the ballot must file either Form 460 or Form 470 (see notes below). All committees primarily formed for a candidate must file a Form 460. Email a copy to CalPERS at Board_Election_Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.

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Sep 28, 2026* <i>2nd Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	8/24/26 – 9/23/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file this statement. • Paper copies must be filed with the Secretary of State by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or by email with a verified digital signature. • Email a copy to CalPERS at Board Election Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.
Dec 7, 2026* <i>Pre-Election (Runoff)</i>	9/24/26 – 12/2/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees participating in the runoff election must file this statement. • Once the California Access Replacement System (CARS) system is live, state committees will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State. • Email a copy to CalPERS at Board Election Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.
Feb 1, 2027* <i>Semi-Annual</i>	12/3/26 – 12/31/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees participating in the runoff election must file this statement. • Once the California Access Replacement System (CARS) system is live, state committees will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State. • Email a copy to CalPERS at Board Election Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.
	9/24/26 – 12/31/26 (for those not listed on runoff ballot)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees not participating in the runoff election file this statement unless the committee filed to terminate on or before December 31, 2026. • Email a copy to CalPERS at Board Election Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov.

Additional Notes:

- ***Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour/10-day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before an election, and this extension never applies to any 24-hour/10-day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **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.
- **Form 460 and E-File:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file the Form 460. Committees that have received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more e-file. E-filers file the original online and one paper copy with the Secretary of State. Once the CARS system is live, all state committees will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State regardless of activity or threshold amounts.
- **Paper Filings with Secretary of State:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail or by email with a verified digital signature unless otherwise noted. Persons required to file a report or statement by paper with the Secretary of State's Office may instead file by email (digitalfiling@sos.ca.gov) with a verified digital signature or other digital means as prescribed by the Secretary of State's Office. Please visit the Secretary of State's [website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature. Once the CARS system is live, all state committees will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State, no paper copies will be required.
- **Form 410:** Candidates who have raised/spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year file the Form 410 (Statement of Organization). Once the CARS system is live, committees will file their committee registration online or electronically with the Secretary of State, no paper copy is required.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before August 26, 2026. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, and a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must be filed. Once the CARS system is live, the Form

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470 will be eliminated, and candidates will be required to amend their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) to include this information and file their committee registration online or electronically with the Secretary of State.

- **Multiple Candidate Controlled Committees:** All committees controlled by a CalPERS candidate must file statements on each filing deadline, in addition to the committee formed for this election.
- **Penalties:** Late statements are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (i.e., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Once the CARS system is live, all state committees will file online or electronically with the Secretary of State and late e-filed statements or reports will be subject to a fine of \$10 per day. Failure to file a statement or report could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website for further information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements and reports are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the [Campaign Rules](#) page. Or visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.
- **Voting Periods:** Begins August 28, 2026, for the September 28, 2026, election and November 6, 2026, for the December 7, 2026, runoff election.
- **Section 84200.9** sets pre-election deadlines.