

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Filing Schedule for Political Party Committees January through December 2026 State Primary and General Elections June 2 and November 3, 2026

**Note:** Political party committees must file pre-election statements in connection with any state election, including a state special election, if the committee receives contributions of \$1,000 or more, or makes contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with a state election. This may be true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election by virtue of receiving contributions during the applicable reporting period. This includes state elections held in both even and odd-numbered years.

### Semi-Annual and Pre-Election Deadlines

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Notes:</b> Please read notes carefully.
<b>Feb 2, 2026</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	<b>* – 12/31/25</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.</li> <li>The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.</li> </ul>
<b>Apr 23, 2026</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election</i> <i>(June 2 Primary)</i>	<b>1/1/26 – 4/18/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the June 2, 2026, election.</li> </ul>
<b>May 21, 2026</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</i> <i>(June 2 Primary)</i>	<b>4/19/26 – 5/16/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the June 2, 2026, election.</li> </ul>
<b>July 31, 2026</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	<b>5/17/26 – 6/30/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.</li> </ul>
<b>Sep 24, 2026</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election</i> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	<b>7/1/26 – 9/19/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3, 2026, election.</li> </ul>
<b>Oct 22, 2026</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</i> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	<b>9/20/26 – 10/17/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were <i>received</i> or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were <i>made</i> in connection with the November 3, 2026, election.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 1, 2027</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	<b>* – 12/31/26</b>	<a href="#">450</a> or <a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.</li> <li>The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.</li> </ul>

**See next page for additional reporting information.**

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## Additional Reports

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
<b>Within 24 Hours</b> <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	<b>3/4/26 – 6/2/26</b> <i>(Jun 2 Primary)</i>  <b>8/5/26 – 11/3/26</b> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	<a href="#">496</a> <a href="#">497</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>496:</b> File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or November 3, 2026, ballot.</li> <li>• <b>497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>received</i> from a single source.</li> <li>• <b>497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is <i>made</i> to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or November 3, 2026, ballot or to another political party committee.</li> <li>• E-file only. No paper copy is required.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Days</b> <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	<a href="#">462</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPPC by e-mail only. No paper copy is required.</li> <li>• Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate or measure supported or opposed by an independent expenditure.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Business Days</b> <i>\$5,000 Report</i> <i>State Ballot Measure Payments</i>	Ongoing	<a href="#">496</a> <a href="#">497</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>496:</b> Report each independent expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure.</li> <li>• <b>497:</b> Report each contribution totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure.</li> <li>• <b>Contributions Received:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Days</b> <i>Paid Spokesperson Report</i>	Ongoing	<a href="#">511</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure is made: 1) a payment totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement, or 2) a payment of any amount to an individual portraying a member of a licensed occupation (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter). <b>E-filers must also file a paper copy.**</b></li> </ul>
<b>Within 48 Hours</b> <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	<b>4/18/26 – 6/2/26</b> <i>(Jun 2 Primary)</i>  <b>9/19/26 – 11/3/26</b> <i>(Nov 3 General)</i>	<a href="#">E-530</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate listed on the ballot but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required.</li> <li>• E-file only. No paper copy is required.</li> </ul>

### Additional Notes:

- **\*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.
- **\*\*Paper Filings:** 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](mailto: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.

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- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 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.
- **E-filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Forms 450 and 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper statements.\*\*
- **Forms 496 and 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 election cycle.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.
- **Penalties:** Late statements and reports are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement or report could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **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](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) > Learn > Campaign Rules.