

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Filing Schedule for City and County Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees Making Contributions or Independent Expenditures in Connection with the November 2, 2027 Election

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Aug 2, 2027** <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/27	<a href="#">461</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file this report.</li> </ul>
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/4/27 – 11/2/27	<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 made in connection with a candidate or measure listed on the November 2, 2027, ballot.</li> <li><b>497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with a candidate or measure listed on the November 2, 2027, ballot.</li> <li>File by personal delivery, e-mail, or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file electronically if available.</li> </ul>
Jan 31, 2028 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	7/1/27 – 12/31/27	<a href="#">461</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File only if contributions or independent expenditures were made in 2027 and not disclosed on an earlier report.</li> </ul>

#### Additional Notes:

- \*Period Covered:** The period covered by any report begins on the day after the closing date of the last report filed, or January 1, if no previous report has been filed.
- \*\*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) due the weekend before the election, and it 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.
- Local Ordinance:** Always check whether additional local rules apply.
- Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a report may not be required if a local agency requires electronic filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- Committee Status:** A city or county committee may make contributions or independent expenditures in connection with other elections. Generally, a city committee is one that spends more than 70% of its funds in connection with elections in one city, and a county committee is one that spends more than 70% of its funds in connection with elections in one county. See FPPC [Regulation 18227.5](#) to determine whether a committee is a city, county, or state committee.
- Form 511 - Paid Spokesperson Report:** File within 10 days of making either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure: 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).
- Multipurpose Organizations (including non-profits):** A multipurpose organization that uses its general dues account to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and may be required to report payments on Major Donor Report or Campaign Form 461. Such an organization will qualify as a recipient committee if expenditures exceed \$50,000 in a 12-month period or \$100,000 in four consecutive calendar years. An organization that qualifies as a recipient committee may need to file reports disclosing contributors. For more information, see the FPPC's fact sheet, [Multipurpose Organizations Reporting Political Spending](#).

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- **Public Documents:** All 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.