- 1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18422.5:
- 2 § 18422.5. Top Contributor Disclosure by Committees Primarily Formed for State Ballot
- 3 Measures or Candidates.
- 4 (a) Submitting Contributor List to Commission.
- 5 (1) Under Section 84223(a), a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state
- 6 ballot measure or to make independent expenditures on a state candidate that raises \$1,000,000
- 7 or more for an election must maintain and submit a list of its top 10 contributors to the
- 8 Commission. A committee must submit its list to the Commission by electronic mail, including
- 9 its committee identification number in the subject line of the message.
- 10 (2) The list of a committee's top 10 contributors must disclose the information required
- by Section 84223(b) on a form prescribed by the Commission, or in a substantially similar
- format or spreadsheet approved by the Executive Director. The committee must identify the state
- candidate(s) or ballot measure(s) it is primarily formed to support or oppose. And the top 10 list
- must identify whether a contributor is a recipient committee or major donor, and the recipient
- committee or major donor's committee identification number, if applicable.
- 16 (3) A committee must submit an updated list of its top 10 contributors to the Commission
- if a new contributor qualifies, an existing top contributor makes additional contributions of
- 18 \$5,000 or more in the aggregate, or a change occurs in the relative ranking of the contributors, as
- specified in Section 84223(c)(2), and when a reporting committee changes its name to add or
- 20 delete a ballot measure or candidate.
- 21 (4) During the 16-day period before the election, a committee must submit the list within
- 22 two business days of meeting the requirements in Section 84223(a) or a change in top contributor
- information or reporting committee name as specified in paragraph (3), above. Outside this time

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- 1 period, a committee must submit the list within three business days of meeting the requirements
- 2 in Section 84223(a) or a change in the top contributor information or committee name as
- 3 specified in paragraph (3), above.
- 4 (5) If a committee lists a state recipient committee on its top 10 contributors list, it must
- 5 provide the names of the top two contributors of \$50,000 or more to the state recipient
- 6 committee unless the state recipient committee has independently submitted a report under
- 7 Section 84223 for the same election. A committee is only required to update the top two
- 8 contributors to a state recipient committee under this subdivision if the state recipient committee
- 9 makes an additional contribution to the committee of \$5,000 or more.
- 10 (A) For purposes of this subdivision, the top two contributors to the state recipient
- committee may be determined by reference to campaign reports available online from the
- 12 Secretary of State's Cal-Access System.
- 13 (B) A committee, which has filed within the applicable deadlines, is considered to have
- complied with this subdivision if the committee makes reasonable efforts to disclose the top two
- contributors to the state recipient committee based upon the following criteria:
- 16 (i) Top contributors are determined for the Cal-Access two-year election period.
- 17 (ii) Top contributors are determined at the time the report is filed by aggregating
- contributions from the same source as reported by the state recipient committee on Cal-Access as
- 19 "Contributions Received" (contributions reported on Form 460) and "Late and \$5000+
- 20 Contributions Received" (contributions reported on Form 497).
- 21 (b) Commission Posting Lists.

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- 1 (1) With respect to the top contributor lists provided by a committee to the Commission
- 2 under Section 84223(a)-(d), the Commission will post or update the top ten contributor list
- 3 within the time frames specified in 48 hours pursuant to Section 84223(c)(4).
- 4 (2) With respect to the list of top contributors supporting or opposing a state ballot
- 5 measure under Section 84223(e), the Commission will make the list of top contributors
- 6 supporting or opposing a state ballot measure using the top contributor lists provided by
- 7 committees pursuant to Section 84223(a)-(d). The Commission will state on its website the
- 8 methodology used in compiling the state ballot measure top contributor lists, and post and update
- 9 the lists as timely as practicable.
- Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Section 84223,
- 11 Government Code.

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