



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3050 • Sacramento, CA 95811

January 10, 2025

The Honorable Scott D. Wiener, Chair
Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Committee on Budget

The Honorable Christopher Cabaldon, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5

Mr. Gabriel Petek, Legislative Analyst
Legislative Analyst's Office

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance
Department of Finance

Dear Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Gabriel, Senator Cabaldon, Assemblymember Quirk-Silva, Mr. Petek, and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to the supplemental reporting language contained in Item 8620-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2024 (Chapter 22 of the Statutes of 2024), I am providing you with the following statistics regarding the workload of the Fair Political Practices Commission for the 2024 calendar year:

Enforcement Division Workload

(a) Data collected regarding enforcement of the Political Reform Act ("PRA") of 1974:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Complaints Received	1,390	606	1,379	653	1,452
Referrals Received	1,518	1,751	1,724	1,971	1,387
Cases opened	1,155	1,185	990	831	1,402
Streamline cases approved by Commission	194	234	142	78	117
Mainline cases approved by Commission	77	32	14	18	25
Default cases approved by Commission	7	3	5	2	7
Total fines imposed by the Commission	\$1,940,107	\$472,248	\$617,548	\$376,531	\$802,238

Warning letters issued	777	475	681	860	847
Administrative terminations	62	59	53	87	80
Cases closed with violations found	1,117	803	895	998	1,054
Advisory letters issued	7	16	8	15	12
No action closure letters	402	237	217	296	469

Violations under the PRA, by category, and the average case pendency (as measured by the number days from the date case was opened until the date of final disposition):

Case Violation Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Advertisements					
Number of Cases	146	37	56	44	15
Case Pendency	692	501	375	295	97
Behested Payment					
Number of Cases	0	32	5	3	6
Case Pendency	0	172	197	15	31
Campaign Bank Account					
Number of Cases	2	4	4	3	2
Case Pendency	1212	393	235	373	23
Campaign Committee Coordination					
Number of Cases	0	3	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	849	0	0	0
Campaign Contribution Limits					
Number of Cases	4	4	2	0	0
Case Pendency	767	525	381	0	0
Campaign					
Number of Cases	412	353	365	184	122
Case Pendency	417	315	127	139	55
Cash and In-Kind Contributions and/or Expenditures					
Number of Cases	4	2	3	2	0
Case Pendency	768	1126	764	234	0
Conflict of Interest Code					
Number of Cases	10	10	20	0	10
Case Pendency	35	91	190	0	96
Conflict of Interests					
Number of Cases	26	19	10	7	1
Case Pendency	952	843	696	385	210
Filing Officer Duties					
Number of Cases	2	2	5	4	0
Case Pendency	704	411	192	300	0

Gift					
Number of Cases	3	8	9	1	6
Case Pendency	822	625	530	13	204
Laundered Campaign Contributions					
Number of Cases	3	2	0	1	0
Case Pendency	954	764	0	422	0
Legal Defense Fund					
Number of Cases	0	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	1024	0	0	0
Lobbying Reporting					
Number of Cases	40	8	1	5	0
Case Pendency	453	458	110	168	0
Mass Mailings					
Number of Cases	20	10	18	2	1
Case Pendency	984	629	326	100	39
Misuse of Campaign Funds					
Number of Cases	1	3	2	3	1
Case Pendency	1406	848	408	128	13
Other					
Number of Cases	7	3	3	0	1
Case Pendency	33	1	30	0	31
Other Entities					
Number of Cases	25	11	4	0	0
Case Pendency	775	881	185	0	0
Recordkeeping					
Number of Cases	2	4	3	0	0
Case Pendency	768	636	486	0	0
Revolving Door					
Number of Cases	2	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	1187	18	0	0	0
Slate Mailer Organization Violations					
Number of Cases	3	1	0	0	1
Case Pendency	528	19	0	0	148
Statements of Economic Interest					
Number of Cases	398	597	349	400	867
Case Pendency	256	270	204	68	26
Unlawful Honorarium					
Number of Cases	0	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	785	0	0	0
Unlawful Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements or Other Expenditures					
Number of Cases	0	0	0	0	0

Case Pendency	0	0	0	0	0
---------------	---	---	---	---	---

Average Case Pendency (Except Open Cases)*	431	319	197	99	32
Cases Still Open	40	68	131	193	370

*The Average Case Pendency number changes as cases within that category are closed and added to the average.

Legal Division Workload (b-f)

(b) Data collected from the advice phone system.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Advice Calls	7,258*	5,050	8,580	5,213	7,740
Average Wait Time	3 min 13 sec	58 sec	1 min 18 sec	37 sec	37 sec
Average Length of Accepted Calls	4 min 45 sec	4 min 52 sec	4 min 22 sec	4 min 16 sec	4 min 21 sec

*Telephone line was shut down mid-March through the end of May due to the stay at home order.

(c) Data regarding informal advice issued by email.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Advice Emails	12,263	7,105	10,029	7,186	9,141
Advice Emails Responded w/in 24 hrs	11,395	6,201	8,198	5,294	5,836
Advice Emails Responded 24 hrs+	868	904	1,831	1,892	3,305

(d) Data regarding responsiveness to public demand for information.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Workshop / Presentation Requested*	43	39	73	61	59
Workshop / Presentation Performed	41	39	63	59**	59

* This number includes workshops/presentations provided in response to a request from another agency as well as public workshops/presentations provided by the FPPC on its own initiative.

**Two workshops were canceled due to severe weather and travel restrictions.

(e) Data regarding PRA advice letters issued.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Advice Letters Issued	117	107	90	109	94
Advice Letters Issued did not satisfy the 21-day requirement of Section 83114 of the Government Code	19	10	3	3	3

(f) Data regarding advice letters issued pursuant to Section 1090 of the Government Code.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1090 Advice Letters Issued	43	69	50	77	42
Advice Letters that took longer than 30 days to Issue*	14	13	7	16	5
Advice Letters that took longer than 90 days to Issue*	1	3	0	0	0

*Days to issue is calculated from the date Legal Division receives all information from the requestor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-5796.

Sincerely,



Galena West
Executive Director

Distribution List

Electronic Copies:

Krista.Pfefferkorn@sen.ca.gov (Chief of Staff, Senator Wiener)

Abram.Diaz@asm.ca.gov (Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel)

Diego.Lopez@sen.ca.gov (Consultant, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4)

Patrick.Le@asm.ca.gov (Consultant, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5)

Aaron.Skaggs@sen.ca.gov (Chief of Staff, Senator Cabaldon)

Michael.Henning@asm.ca.gov (Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva)

Kirk.Feely@sen.ca.gov (Senate Republican Caucus)

Brent.Finkel@asm.ca.gov (Assembly Republican Caucus)

Jessie.Romine@dof.ca.gov; Charles.LaSalle@dof.ca.gov (Department of Finance)

LAO.Secretary@lao.ca.gov (Legislative Analyst's Office)

Senate.AgencyReports@sen.ca.gov (Secretary of the Senate)

Agency.Reports@asm.ca.gov (Chief Clerk of the Assembly)

Agency.Reports@lc.ca.gov (Legislative Counsel Bureau)