

Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
State Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees
Senate Districts 7, 21 & 37 Special Primary and General Elections
March 17, 2015 and May 19, 2015

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 24 Hours <i>Contribution/ Independent Expenditure Reports</i>		496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-File only – no paper copy. *Note: Form 497 is filed only through March 16 and May 18, respectively. 496: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 or May 19 ballot. 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate on the March 17 or May 19 ballot, or to a political party committee.
<i>Mar 17 election (Primary)</i>	1/13/15 – 3/17/15*		
<i>May 19 election (General)</i>	3/18/15 – 5/19/15*		
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees making independent expenditures (“IEs”) must file this form with the FPPC. Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. E-mail only – no paper copy.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report (Primary)</i>	1/31/15 – 3/16/15	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-File only – no paper copy. File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to the March 17 election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
Feb 5, 2015 <i>IE Report (Primary)</i>	1/1/15 – 1/31/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper filing and online for E-filers. File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot.
Mar 5, 2015 <i>IE Report (Primary)</i>	2/1/15 – 2/28/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper filing and online for E-filers. Paper filing must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only. File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot.

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Apr 9, 2015 <i>IE Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	3/1/15 – 4/4/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue</i> <i>Advocacy</i> <i>Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	4/4/15 – 5/18/15	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-File only – no paper copy. ▪ File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to the May 19 election for a communication that identifies a state candidate but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
May 7, 2015 <i>IE Report</i> <i>(General)</i>	4/5/15 – 5/2/15	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ Paper filing must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only. ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot.
July 31, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/15	461 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 461: All committees must file this report. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made and have not been previously reported.

- **This filing schedule is prepared for the special election only. Committees making payments in connection with other elections may trigger other reporting deadlines.**
- ***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.
- **Odd Year Report:** File by April 30, 2015 if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made to committees controlled by elected state officers between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015.
- **Form 496:** 24-hour independent expenditure reports must be filed through March 17 for the primary election and May 19 for the general election.
- **Form 497:** Unlike the 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496), the deadline for 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) closes March 16 for the primary election and May 18 for the general election.
- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Forms 461 & 465:** All state committees must file an original and one copy in paper format by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted. An E-Filer also files an online/electronic report.

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- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) or to 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) that are due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. A \$10 per day late fine may be assessed on both the paper and electronic report resulting in a \$20/day fine.
- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website. Committees making “issue ads” featuring state candidates are also subject to contribution limits.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.