

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
Political Party Committees
Senate Districts 7, 21 & 37 Special Primary and General Elections
March 17, 2015 and May 19, 2015**

Note: Political parties are subject to reporting deadlines in connection with each special state election. This is true even if the committee does not make a payment in connection with the particular election, but receives contributions and/or makes contributions/independent expenditures. Please read notes carefully.

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 received from a single source. ▪ 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate on the March 17 or May 19 ballot, or to another political party committee. ▪ The recipient of an in-kind or non-monetary contribution during this period must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is <i>received</i>.
<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 but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
Feb 5, 2015 <i>Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	1/1/15 – 1/31/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot during the period covered by the statement.

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Mar 5, 2015 <i>Pre-Election (Primary)</i>	2/1/15 – 2/28/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the March 17 ballot during the period covered by the statement. The paper filing of the Form 465 must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.
Apr 9, 2015 <i>Pre-Election (General)</i>	3/1/15 – 4/4/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot during the period covered by the statement.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report (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 being voted upon but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.
May 7, 2015 <i>Pre-Election (General)</i>	4/5/15 – 5/2/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are <i>received</i> or independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more are <i>made</i> during the period covered by the statement. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate on the May 19 ballot during the period covered by the statement. The paper filing of the Form 465 must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.
Jul 31, 2015 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/15	450 or 460 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paper filing and online for E-filers. ▪ 450 or 460: All political party committees must file this report. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made and have not been previously reported.

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- **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.
- **E-Filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **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.
- **Forms 496/497:** 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 90-day election cycle. All reports are filed online only.
- **Forms 450, 460 & 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. All political parties and central committees file with the Secretary of State.
- **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 available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.