

24-hour Contribution and Independent Expenditure Reporting Period Starts August 5, 2020

Election season is in full swing! Now that the nomination period is ending and candidates and measures are being finalized for the ballot, it is important to remember that there are additional reporting requirements for certain campaign activity. The 24-hour contribution report (Form 497) provides immediate reporting of contributions received or made near or on the election date.

Receiving contributions of \$1,000 or more

Form 497 must be e-filed within 24-hours if your campaign committee **receives** contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more from a single source during the 90 days before or on the day of the election.¹ The 24-hour reporting requirement includes contributions or loans of \$1,000 or more from a candidate's personal funds to their own campaign committee.



Making contributions of \$1,000 or more

Form 497 must be also e-filed if your campaign committee **makes** contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more to a candidate or a committee formed to support or oppose a candidate(s) or ballot measure(s) during the 90 days before or on the day of the election.

Independent expenditures

A committee making independent expenditures to support or oppose a candidate or measure during the 90 days before or on the day of the election must file Form 496 within 24-hours disclosing the expenditure.

Late and non-filers subject to penalties

Late filings for pre-election statements, late statements reporting significantly large contributions or expenditures, and late 24-hour contribution reports, all deprive the public of important information in the period close to election time and may also impact the lifting of voluntary campaign expenditure ceilings impacting opponents' campaigns. Late and non-filers will be subject to enforcement penalties. In addition, the Commission may publish a list of late and non-filers during the pre-election period online.

Get the assistance you need

- For questions about requirements under the California Political Reform Act, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) by email at advice@fppc.ca.gov or call 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772). Telephone advice is available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- For NetFile technical assistance, email filerhelp@netfile.com.
- For questions about Oakland campaign rules, contact Public Ethics Commission staff by email at ethicscommission@oaklandca.gov or call 510-238-3593.

¹ Filing deadlines for the 24-hour reports are extended to the next business day when the deadlines fall on Saturdays, Sundays, or official state holidays.