



City of Oakland
Public Ethics Commission
Complaint Form

For PEC Staff Use Only

Staff Initials:

Complaint #: _____

The Public Ethics Commission can investigate complaints of violations of laws related to campaign finance, lobbyist registration, public records, open meetings, and governmental ethics laws. The Commission has limited authority to enforce public records, open meetings, and governmental ethics laws but may be able to issue findings and recommendations, or to take limited action, such as mediation, on these issues.

If you would like to submit a complaint that is within the Commission's jurisdiction, please complete this form, which becomes a public record available for inspection and copying by the public, along with any documents submitted with this form. A copy of this complaint will be made available to the persons identified in the allegations below. For more information about the Commission's complaint process, see the [Commission's Complaint Procedures](#).

A **Formal Complaint** requires that you complete all of the information on this form, including your name, address, phone number, and signature verifying under penalty of perjury the information you provide in this complaint. The Commission must review and take action on the complaint and notify the complainant about the Commission's final action.

An **Informal Complaint** is a complaint that does not meet all the requirements of a Formal Complaint. Informal Complaints, such as anonymous complaints and complaints without all of the information required above do not require action or notification to the complainant upon final action. Commission staff reviews informal complaints and can determine whether the complaint should move forward to investigation. Informal tips can be submitted to Commission staff by phone, email, or fax.

Contact Information of Person Making Complaint (This information will be available to the public.)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Alleged Violation. Please select from below which law you allege has been violated:

- [The Oakland Sunshine Ordinance, California Public Records Act, or Ralph M. Brown \(open meetings\) Act](#)
- [Oakland Campaign Reform Act](#)
- [Oakland Limited Public Financing Act](#)
- [Oakland Lobbyist Registration Act](#)
- [Oakland False Endorsement in Campaign Literature Act](#)
- [Oakland Government Ethics Act](#)
- [Not sure which specific law, ordinance or regulations apply](#)

Description of Violation. Please complete the lines below or attach a handwritten or typed attachment that provides the following details: If you run out of space, please attach handwritten or typed pages that provide the following details:

- **Name of the person or persons you are alleging committed a violation.** Please include any known address, phone number, email address, title, employment address, etc.:

- **The facts of the alleged violation.** Please include the date and location of the alleged violation, if known:

- **The names, addresses, and phone numbers of any witnesses** who were involved and/or can provide additional information, if known:

- **Additional information or documentation that might aid in the investigation of the alleged violation.** Please include copies of such documentation and list them here.

Verification. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that my attached statements are true and correct.

Executed on _____ at _____
(Date) (City, State)

(Signature)

Complaint Submission. Please complete and submit this form and any attachments by email, mail or fax:

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Mail: Public Ethics Commission
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Oakland, CA 94612
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