San Francisco Ethics Commission Filing Schedule for Candidates and Controlled Committees for City Elective Office Being Voted on November 3, 2020



Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2020 Semi-Annual	* – 6/30/20	460 or 470	 460: All committees must file Form 460.
Sep 24, 2020 1 st Pre-Election	7/1/20 – 9/19/20	460 or 470	 Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 22, 2020 2 nd Pre-Election	9/20/20 – 10/17/20	460	 All committees must file Form 460.
Oct 30, 2020 3 rd Pre-Election	10/18/20 – 10/28/20	460	 All committees must file Form 460.
Feb 1, 2021 Semi-Annual	10/29/20 – 12/31/20	460	 All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2020.

Additional Filing Requirements (Information):

- * 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.
- Form 501: All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- Form 410: (Statement of Organization) must be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- Form 460: Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file the Form 460. The Form 460 must be e-filed with the San Francisco Ethics Commission.
- Form SFEC 125: All committees which receive contributions which were "bundled" must file SFEC Form 125 at the time they are required to file a semiannual or pre-election statement (see page 2 for more information).
- Form SFEC 161: Each committee which pays for a "mass mailing" must e-file a SFEC Form161 (including a copy of the mailing specification notes) within 5 days of the mailing, or within 48 hours if sent within the last 16 days prior to the election.
- <u>FPPC Form 470</u>: Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2020 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before September 24, 2020. If, later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed. This report is not required if a Form 470 was filed by July 31st.

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Additional Notes Cont.:

- Method of Delivery: Form 470 may be filed on paper with original signature, all other forms must be <u>e-filed</u>.
- Late Filing Fines: Late filed statements required to be e-filed will be assessed a \$25 per day late fine, until the statement is e-filed. Late filed statements required to be filed on paper will be assessed a \$10 per day late fine, until the statement is filed.
- Cross-Filing Rules: When a candidate or officeholder controls more than one committee for the purpose of election to office, all committees of that candidate or officeholder MUST file FPPC Form 460 semi-annual and pre-election statements each time any committee statement is due (see Cal. Code Regulation <u>Section 18405</u>).
- Prohibition on Contributions from Contractors doing Business with the City: See Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 1.126 and its regulations for more information.
- Prohibition on Contributions from Corporations: See Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code <u>Sec. 1.114(b)</u> and its <u>regulations</u> for more information.
- Prohibition on Contributions for Official Action: See Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 1.114(d).
- Prohibition on Contributions from Individuals with a Pending Land Use Matter: See Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 1.127.
- Advertisement Disclaimers: Many candidate advertisements require disclaimers, please see <u>disclaimer charts</u> on the Ethics Commission website for specific disclaimer requirements.
- **Complete Training:** Candidates for City elective office and their treasurer/assistant treasurer must complete a <u>training</u> conducted by Ethics Commission staff prior to each election in which the candidate will appear on the ballot.
- Resources: Local <u>campaign guides</u> and <u>Ethics Commission website</u>.

Definitions

"Mass Mailing": Over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry (see <u>SFEC Form 161</u>).

"Bundled Contributions": Delivering or transmitting contributions, other than one's own or one's spouse's, except for campaign administrative activities and any actions by the candidate that a candidate committee is supporting.

"Campaign Administrative Activity": Administrative functions performed by paid or volunteer campaign staff, a campaign consultant whose payment is disclosed on the committee's campaign statements, or such campaign consultant's paid employees.