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To: Chair Ravel and Commissioners Casher, Eskovitz, Wasserman, Wynne
From: Lynda Cassady, Chief of Technical Assistance Division
Subject: Report of Division Activities
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Advice Requests & Incoming Calls

Email advice requests beginning January 1 through April: 2,300

Telephone advice requests beginning January 1 through April: 4,800

New Programs Status

- Beginning January 1, 2013 committees that make independent expenditures in connection with a state or local election must file a report with the FPPC. During the first quarter of this year over 20 local elections and one state special election triggered reports. Over 70 candidates and two measures were identified. The March 5, 2013 elections generated the highest volume of reporting with 15 elections. Not surprisingly, the most filings were in connection with the Los Angeles election.
- We are continuing to receive requests for approval of electronic filing programs. Additional agencies will be included on the approval list to be posted on the FPPC website in May.

Educational Resources

- A new [497 Contribution Report](#) fact sheet was posted in response to questions arising from the new 90-day reporting requirements for candidates and campaign committees.
- Barbara Smith prepared [summary reports](#) on the top 10 out-of-state contributors for the 2012 state ballot measures and the top out-of-state donors of \$10,000 or more to committees making independent expenditures in 2013 special state candidate elections.
- Staff is finalizing revisions to Campaign Manuals 5 and 6 and will schedule an Interested Persons meeting in May for public review of the manuals.
- Cynthia Fisher continues to prepare filing schedules for local special elections that will be held this summer and is preparing filing schedules for 2014 state and local elections. Persons interested in filing schedule website posting notifications can sign up [here](#).

Form 700- Statement of Economic Interests

Kelly Jones processes public requests for copies of Form 700. There has been over 900 statement requests and 5,000 pages copied. Kelly has done a very commendable job, as most requests have been received and processed the same day.

Form 700 statements for the Board of Supervisors and forms for judges and city council members will be posted in May. In 2012, there were over 10,500 page views for access to Form 700s posted on the FPPC website.

Webinar Training

Significant TAD resources are being devoted to developing and presenting webinar training on a variety of topics. Campaign training for PACs and filing officers are in development. A new webinar program will review the Form 800 series that are administered by local and state agencies. Persons interested in receiving notifications for upcoming training sessions can sign up [here](#).

Filing Officer Outreaches

Staff continues to provide outreach training to counties that administer campaign statements and Form 700s. Since this is a non-election year, staff is focusing its efforts on training in rural counties. Barbara Smith provided training to staff in both Inyo and Mono Counties, and Alex Castillo and Adrienne Tackley provided training to staff from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Alex Castillo and Ivy Branaman met with staff in Ventura County and in Nevada County. Several filing officers from the bay area attended a training session in Alameda County with Alex Castillo and Adrienne Tackley making the presentations. In Sacramento, Cynthia Fisher provided training on Form 700 duties to staff at the Sacramento County Retirement Board; and Trish Mayer provided Form 700 filing officer training to staff at CalPERS.

Conflict of Interest Code Review

Approved amendments and adoptions to conflict of interest codes include:

State Agencies:

Department of Conservation
Department of Industrial Relations
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BIZ)
Department of Water Resources
Prison Industry Authority

Multi-County Agencies:

Alta Irrigation District
Butte-Glenn Community College District
Inland Empire Health Plan JPA
Inland Empire Health Plan Health Access JPA
Lava Beds/Butte Valley Resource Conservation District
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Reclamation District #2093
Southern California Regional Rail Authority