



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Committee on Budget

The Honorable Steve Padilla, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4

Mr. Gabriel Petek, Legislative Analyst
Legislative Analyst's Office

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance
Department of Finance

Dear Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Ting, Senator Padilla, Assemblymember Carrillo, Mr. Petek, and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to the supplemental reporting language contained in Item 8620-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2022 (Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 2022), I am providing you with the following statistics regarding the workload of the Fair Political Practices Commission for the 2022 calendar year:

Enforcement Division Workload

(a) Data collected regarding enforcement of the Political Reform Act of 1974:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Complaints Received	1,352	743	1,390	606	1,379
Referrals Received	1,529	1,914	1,518	1,751	1,724
Cases opened	1,561	1,820	1,155	1,185	990
Streamline cases approved by Commission	173	263	194	234	142
Mainline cases approved by Commission	56	73	77	32	14
Default cases approved by Commission	6	7	7	3	5

Total fines imposed by the Commission	\$499,606	\$797,384	\$1,940,107	\$472,248	\$617,548
Warning letters issued	554	584	777	475	681
Administrative terminations	177	104	62	59	53
Cases closed with violations found	966	1,031	1,117	803	895
Advisory letters issued	20	9	7	16	8
No action closure letters	252	423	402	237	217

Violations under the act, by category, and the average case pendency (as measured by the number days from the date case was opened until the date of final disposition):

Case Violation Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advertisements							
Number of Cases	79	20	58	28	77	19	13
Case Pendency	693	707	498	305	188	112	52
Annual Fees							
Number of Cases	144	311	93	92	5	3	0
Case Pendency	242	90	242	287	285	192	0
Behested Payment							
Number of Cases	6	0	4	12	0	28	4
Case Pendency	934	0	1016	418	0	41	80
Campaign Bank Account							
Number of Cases	10	12	15	1	0	3	0
Case Pendency	927	667	888	572	0	210	0
Campaign Committee Coordination							
Number of Cases	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	1265	1501	1010	0	0	0	0
Campaign Contribution Limits							
Number of Cases	9	11	14	6	2	2	1
Case Pendency	675	501	348	442	458	17	13
Campaign							
Number of Cases	444	437	743	345	332	270	272
Case Pendency	374	323	351	312	210	128	38
Cash and In-Kind Contributions and/or Expenditures							
Number of Cases	3	6	2	1	2	0	0
Case Pendency	1002	514	939	92	317	0	0
Conflict of Interest Code							
Number of Cases	2	0	2	0	10	9	13
Case Pendency	399	0	27	0	35	47	37
Conflict of Interests							
Number of Cases	38	22	28	17	12	5	0
Case Pendency	837	709	929	658	455	450	0

Filing Officer Duties							
Number of Cases	3	1	0	4	1	1	4
Case Pendency	317	836	0	369	16	83	42
Gift							
Number of Cases	6	6	6	2	1	3	1
Case Pendency	758	644	678	364	433	167	2
Laundered Campaign Contributions							
Number of Cases	12	6	3	5	1	0	0
Case Pendency	762	1145	580	682	31	0	0
Legal Defense Fund							
Number of Cases	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Case Pendency	288	0	0	13	0	0	0
Lobbying Reporting							
Number of Cases	22	49	34	62	29	5	1
Case Pendency	494	467	351	316	130	192	110
Mass Mailings							
Number of Cases	29	16	20	2	7	4	8
Case Pendency	497	484	354	308	359	157	44
Misuse of Campaign Funds							
Number of Cases	8	5	4	2	0	1	0
Case Pendency	865	684	272	561	0	605	0
Other							
Number of Cases	7	15	9	1	7	3	3
Case Pendency	206	182	30	381	33	1	30
Other Entities							
Number of Cases	8	2	9	13	14	5	2
Case Pendency	1038	585	748	419	486	544	8
Recordkeeping							
Number of Cases	8	6	8	3	1	3	1
Case Pendency	676	557	294	637	677	499	113
Revolving Door							
Number of Cases	1	2	0	3	0	1	0
Case Pendency	934	684	0	669	0	18	0
Slate Mailer Organization Violations							
Number of Cases	5	3	2	0	2	1	0
Case Pendency	718	862	238	0	187	19	0
Statements of Economic Interest							
Number of Cases	478	544	416	1024	350	440	235
Case Pendency	219	249	247	260	138	96	55
Unlawful Honorarium							
Number of Cases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	0	0	47	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Travel Payments, Advances,							

Reimbursements or Other Expenditures							
Number of Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Case Pendency	505	0	0	0	0	0	0

Average Case Pendency (Except Open Cases)*	366	278	342	287	182	113	46
Cases Still Open	3	5	89	195	301	380	432

*The Average Case Pendency number changes as cases within that category are closed and added to the average.

Legal Division Workload (b-f)

(b) Data collected from the advice phone system.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advice Calls	10,530	7,051	7,258*	5,050	8,580
Average Wait Time	1 min 4 sec	43 sec	3 min 13 sec	58 sec	1 min 18 sec
Average Length of Accepted Calls	2 min 4 sec	3 min 50 sec	4 min 45 sec	4 min 52 sec	4 min 22 sec

*Telephone line was shut down mid-March through the end of May due to the stay at home order.

(c) Data regarding informal advice issued by email.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advice Emails	12,911	7,160	12,263	7,105	10,029
Advice Emails Responded w/in 24 hrs	12,834	6,933	11,395	6,201	8,198
Advice Emails Responded 24 hrs+	77	227	868	904	1,831

(d) Data regarding responsiveness to public demand for information.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Workshop / Presentation Requested*	53	44	43	39	73
Workshop / Presentation Performed	51	44	41	39	63

* This number includes workshops/presentations provided in response to a request from another agency as well as public workshops/presentations provided by the FPPC on its own initiative.

(e) Data regarding PRA advice letters issued.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Advice Letters Issued	204	172	117	107	90
Advice Letters Issued did not satisfy the 21-day requirement of Section 83114 of the Government Code	73	38	19	10	3

(f) Data regarding advice letters issued pursuant to Section 1090 of the Government Code.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1090 Advice Letters Issued	69	83	43	69	50
Advice Letters that took longer than 30 days to Issue*	7	3	14	13	7
Advice Letters that took longer than 90 days to Issue*	0	0	1	3	0

*Days to issue is calculated from the date Legal Division receives all information from the requestor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-5796.

Sincerely,



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