

NOTICE

Fair Political Practices Commission Interested Persons Meeting November 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 1102 Q Street, Suite 3800 Hearing Room Sacramento, CA 95811

Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") staff will hold an Interested Persons meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to solicit public input concerning the implementation of changes resulting from recent legislation <u>AB 1170</u> (Valencia) – Electronic Filing of Statements of Economic Interests (SEIs).

Staff presents for discussion the implementation of the new requirements from AB 1170, effective January 1, 2025, requiring certain filers listed under Section 87500 to file their SEIs directly with the Commission using the Commission's electronic filing (e-filing) system.

Existing law provides that the Commission is the filing officer for statewide elected officers and candidates and other specified public officials. Currently, those who file an SEI with the Commission have the option of using the Commission's e-filing system, filing with the Commission through their agency's e-filing system if the agency has an approved e-filing system, or filing on paper. AB 1170 requires public officials for whom the Commission is the filing officer to file their SEIs directly with the Commission using the Commission's e-filing system. In 2024, 10,199 filers used the Commission's e-filing system, 4,964 filed using their agency's e-filing system, and 2,902 filed on paper.

Additionally, existing law requires the Commission to redact private information, including signatures, from the data made available on the FPPC's website for SEIs filed through the Commission's online filing system. AB 1170:

- 1. Repeals the general authority to redact private information and instead specifically require the FPPC to redact the signature, telephone number, email address, and mailing address of the filer from SEIs posted on the FPPC website.
- 2. Permits the filer's residential address to be redacted in specific situations from the copy of the SEI posted on the FPPC website, upon the request of the filer.
- 3. Codifies FPPC regulation permitting redaction of personally identifying information about family members on a current or former elected officer's SEI posted on the FPPC website, if there is a reasonable privacy concern and upon the request of the filer.

Lastly, existing law requires filing officers to retain certain reports and statements filed by paper for 2 years in paper format before converting those filings to electronic or other specified

formats. AB 1170 authorizes filing officers to retain reports and statements filed by paper in electronic or other specified formats immediately upon receiving those reports or statements.

The Commission is soliciting public comment regarding the implementation of these resulting changes from AB 1170 to ensure an effective transition to mandatory e-filing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

You may participate in this meeting in person at the Commission's offices.

You may also listen to and participate in this meeting by teleconference by calling: (669) 444-9171; meeting ID 9856036268.

The Commission staff invites written comments addressing these topics. Address comments regarding the topic of this notice to the Commission Assistant at commasst@fppc.ca.gov or to the address above.