GETTING STARTED
For candidates spending $2,000 or more

CAMPAIGN RULES PAGE:
Bookmark the Campaign Rules page to find resources and answers to campaign-related questions throughout your campaign. All links noted below can be reached through the Campaign Rules page.

TWO IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER:
- Candidates MUST deposit funds into the campaign bank account before spending money on the campaign. Candidates may not spend money out of pocket for campaign expenses.
- Candidates MUST file Form 501 before soliciting or accepting contributions.

FORMS TO START:
- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 410 – Statement of Organization (No bank account yet? Enter “Pending” where asked.)
- Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests

ID NUMBER:
1. Send completed Form 410 to CA Secretary of State (SOS) and a copy to your local filing official.
2. SOS issues the committee ID number and posts it to their website, usually within 1-2 business days after receiving your completed Form 410.
3. To find your committee ID number, go to cal-access.sos.ca.gov.
4. Enter your committee name in the search bar at top left of the screen.
   - If your committee ID number is not available, SOS may not have posted it yet. Or, the Form 410 may be incorrect and SOS will send you a notice via USPS.
   - To find out the status of your ID number, contact the SOS at (916) 653-6224.

2017 FILING SCHEDULES & DEADLINES:
Determine what campaign reports are due, and when they’re due, by reviewing your filing schedule.

MOST COMMON CAMPAIGN REPORTS:
- Form 460
- Form 497

MANUALS:
- Disclosure Manual 1 – State Candidates
- Disclosure Manual 2 – Local Candidates and Judges

CANDIDATE/TREASURER VIDEO:
Watch the Candidate/Treasurer video and print slides to read while you watch.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:
In addition to the video above, you may learn more by registering for webinars and workshops.

QUESTIONS?
- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 a.m.

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