

Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for the City of Lancaster Candidates and their Controlled Committees for Local Office Listed on the April 14, 2026 Ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/25	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 460: All committees must file this statement. • 470: If a candidate raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025, file Form 470 (see below).
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	1/14/26 – 4/14/26	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. • File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure being voted on the April 14, 2026, ballot. • The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. • File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.
Mar 5, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	1/1/26 – 2/28/26	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Apr 2, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	2/29/26 – 3/28/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file this statement. • File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online, if available.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	3/29/26 – 6/30/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.

Additional Notes:

- ***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.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check whether additional local rules apply.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.

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- **Form 470 (2025):** Non-incumbent candidates who raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025 and did not have an open committee must file Form 470 by February 2, 2026.
- **Form 470 (2026):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before March 5, 2026. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
 - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements and reports are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the [Campaign Rules](#) page. You can also visit fppc.ca.gov/ Learn > Campaign Rules. Refer to the FPPC [Tutorial for Candidates & Treasurer](#) video for basic information for candidates and committees.