

# November 5, 2024 – General Election

If you would like to begin campaigning before the Nomination Period and collect/spend money, here is some important information from the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) website to help get you started:

<https://tinyurl.com/FPPC-Manual2>

## “Getting Started Now”

- Review the FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual 2. The manual provides information on campaign disclosure rules as required under the Political Reform Act. If you have any questions, the FPPC provides advice by phone at 1-866-275-3772 or by e-mail at [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov).
- File FPPC Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement with the City Clerk before receiving contributions or spending your own funds. Blank forms are available from the City Clerk's Office or at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) and Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 provides detailed instructions for completing the Form 501.
- Keep a record of all expenditures and contributions.
- Open a bank account if you plan to receive contributions from others or plan to expend personal funds totaling \$5,500 or more. All money used for campaign purposes, including the candidate's personal funds, must be deposited in the campaign bank account prior to the expenditure.
- File FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State along with filing fee of \$50.00, made payable to the Secretary of State, within 10 days of receiving \$5,500 in contributions. File a copy of Form 410 with the City Clerk. Blank forms are available from the City Clerk's Office or at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) and Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 provides detailed instructions for completing the Form 410.