

Quick Facts about California Campaign Finance

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) was created by the Political Reform Act of 1974, a ballot initiative passed by California voters as Proposition 9.

The FPPC educates the public and public officials on the requirements of the Act. It provides written and oral advice to public agencies and officials; conducts seminars and training sessions; develops forms, manuals and instructions; and receives and files statements of economic interests from many state and local officials.

The FPPC investigates alleged violations of the Political Reform Act, imposes penalties when appropriate, and assists state and local agencies in developing and enforcing conflict-of-interest codes.

The FPPC regulates:

- campaign financing and spending;
- financial conflicts of interest;
- lobbyist registration and reporting;
- post-governmental employment;
- mass mailings at public expense; and
- gifts and honoraria given to public officials and candidates.

FPPC's Toll-Free Number is [1-866-ASK-FPPC](tel:1-866-ASK-FPPC) (1-866-275-3772)
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Torrance - Specific Campaign Finance

- Torrance has a campaign contribution limit of \$1000 per donor per election cycle. The election cycle begins when the candidate has filed a Notice of Intention to seek an office to the semi-annual filing period following the election.
- The Torrance City Clerk serves as the filing official for local candidates.
- The City of Torrance does not regulate lobbying.
- Committees who donate funds or make in-kind contributions only to local Torrance candidates file campaign reports with the Torrance City Clerk.
- Cumulative records are kept for Torrance campaigns.
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- Campaign Finance documents are filed at least semi-annually.
- There are two (2) pre-election reports made by candidates in the any election.
- Candidates and committees report all loans, donations of \$100 or more are reported by name, address, and occupation.
- Committees keep records of donations of all donation of \$25 or more but do not publish on Campaign Finance Reports until or unless the donor has reached the \$100 level.
- Campaign Finance documents are kept on file in the city clerk's office. There is no

Committees who donate funds to state and local candidates (county and city candidates) file with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

On-line campaign finance and lobbying disclosure reports for **state offices** are available online on the Cal-Access section of the Secretary of State's website. <http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/>

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