## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION



Fourth Quarter Report Oct - Dec 2023



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Responsibility	Status
Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program	A 97% compliance rate was achieved with the 2023 appointees by end of year. We expect a 100% compliance rate prior to end of January so that no removals will be necessary. This is typical compliance. The FPPC provided notice via its website that it was canceling online classes due to lack of funding and we adjusted. By late December, the FPPC secured the funding and revived the free online classes for 2024. However, we are prepared to be the sole provider of ethics training for the County in 2025 and beyond.
Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program	This program is on hold until newly elected or appointed officials are sworn in. I continue to offer the training to all staff members of officials when requested.
Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits	Audits of the first disclosures of 2024 are expected to begin in early February. We will begin to identify the number of refunds and the amounts per the Commission direction. The review will likely be slower as the Department is down to one employee until July.
Education Outreach	No external education was conducted in the fourth quarter.

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Lobbyist Registration	As of December 31, active lobbyist registrations remained stable. 2023 total revenue iwas approximately \$5,000.
Finance and Budget	The 2023-2024 budget required a request for an increase to cover increased operating costs.
Complaint/Advice Program	The advice program is consistently getting questions related to election cycles and campaign contribution limits. Additionally, the general public is now frequently calling with questions related to campaign questions. When appropriate I will provide them advice under the County Code or provide them with links to the FPPC website. A total of 23 calls/emails qualified as requests for advice. These involved application of facts and law.  Eight complaints were received through December 2023. Only one was within jurisdiction and did not involve a notice of violation.