

City of Sacramento

Campaign Finance Regulations for Independent Expenditure Committees

The Sacramento City Code contains regulations pertaining to independent expenditures made in support of or in opposition to any candidate for city office. These regulations include:

Section 2.13.150 Independent Expenditures. Requires that any person or organization who makes independent expenditures of more than \$5,000 in support of or in opposition to any candidate for city office shall notify the City Clerk, the candidate who is the subject of the expenditure, and all other candidates of such expenditure. Notification shall be made by mailgram, telegram, guaranteed overnight mail through the US Postal Services or equivalent private delivery service, or personal delivery within twenty-four (24) hours. Such notification shall be made each time the threshold of \$5,000 is met. The FPPC Form 496 [Independent Expenditure Report] shall be used for this purpose. Committees who use the City of Sacramento's electronic filing system may file their notices electronically. This reporting requirement is in effect at all times, and is not restricted to the State's 16-day \$1,000 late reporting period. Committees who make independent expenditures during the late reporting period shall adhere to the stricter \$1,000 reporting requirement.

Section 2.13.160 Independent Expenditures–Advertisement Disclosure. Requires that if an expenditure for a broadcast or mass mailing advertisement that expressly advocates the election or defeat of any candidate is an independent expenditure, the committee shall include on the advertisement the names of the two persons making the largest cumulative contributions to the committee making the independent expenditure.

Section 1.20.020 Signing of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Requires the City Clerk to furnish to any committee making an independent expenditure a blank copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. If a statement of acceptance of the Code is not signed and filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days of the filing of disclosure statement, the committee shall be deemed to have refused to sign the Code.

Refer to the City Code for complete disclosure requirements
on the City's web site at <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/>.



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