



## *Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission*

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### AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

Agenda Item: Three

SUBJECT: Review and Approve Transmittal of 2025 Fourth Quarter Report to Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Fourth Quarter Report as drafted or recommend changes.

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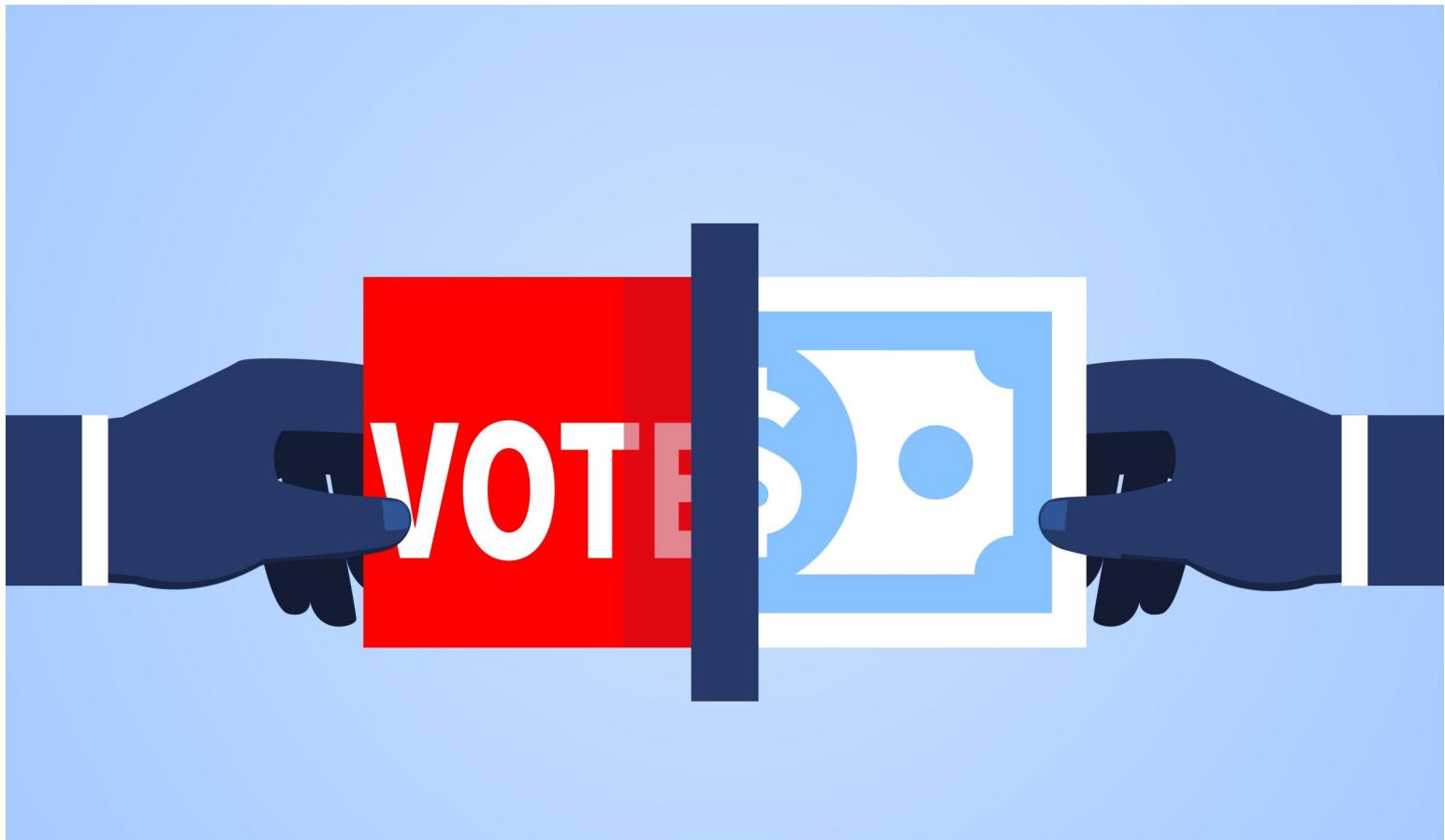
Background:

The Campaign Reform Ordinance provides that the Executive Director of the Commission shall prepare a quarterly report of the office's activities and submit it to the Commission prior to transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.

Specifically, Orange County Codified Ordinance section 1-2-359(k) provides "[t]he Executive Director shall prepare a quarterly report that will provide a general overview of activity. The Executive Director shall submit this report to the Commission for review before submission to the Board of Supervisors."

Attached as Exhibit A is the Fourth Quarter Report for 2025 that covers the period of October through December 2025.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION



Fourth Quarter Report  
October - December 2025

# October - December 2025

Responsibility	Status
<b>Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program</b>	The Office reached out to approximately 40 BCC members to facilitate completion of their Ethics Training. We also contacted their BCC contacts. A recent change in the law caused all Department Heads to now take ethics training. A new Board policy will be presented in early 2026 with the updated requirements.
<b>Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program</b>	No new trainings were conducted or needed in this quarter.
<b>Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits</b>	No audits or reviews were needed in the Fourth Quarter.
<b>Education Outreach</b>	No outreach was conducted in the Fourth Quarter.

# October - December 2025

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Lobbyist Registration</b>	The number of lobbyists remained stable at 76 this quarter.
<b>Finance and Budget</b>	A increase in the lobbyist fee does not appear to be likely in 2026. We continue to work on the 2026-2027 budget which will likely need additional funds to cover basic operating costs.
<b>Complaint/Advice Program</b>	No complaints within jurisdiction have been received in the Fourth Quarter. We continue to receive multiple calls or emails each week for advice. These inquiries are usually simple to respond to and do not require significant research time.