



Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2026

Agenda Item: Two

SUBJECT: Review and Approve Transmittal of 2026 First Quarter Report to Board of Supervisors.

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

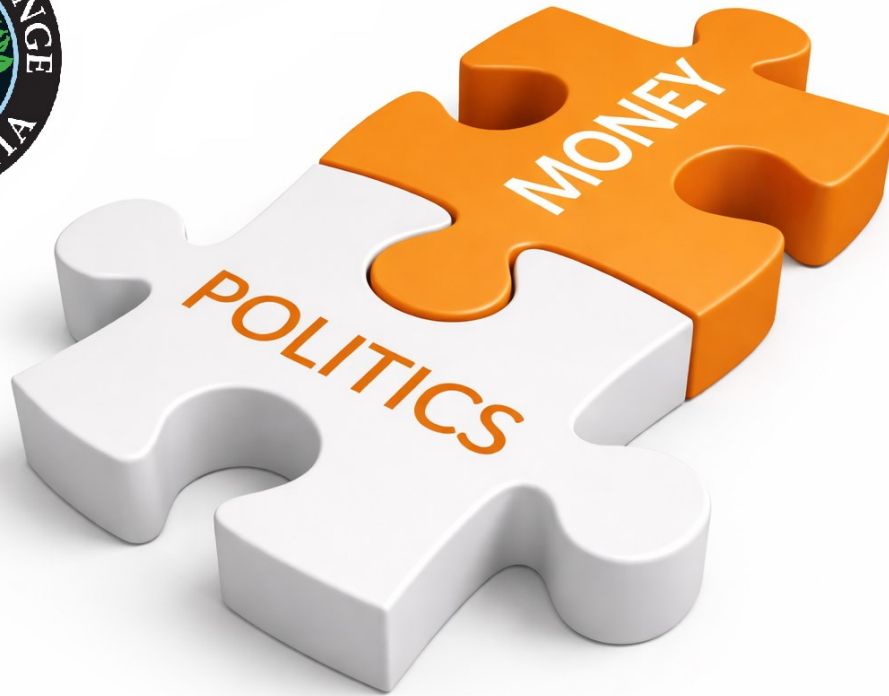
Background:

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 First Quarter Report for 2026 that covers the period of January through March 2026.

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**First Quarter Report
January - March 2026**

January-March 2026

Responsibility	Status
Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program	Two AB1234 trainings were provided this quarter. The office provided training to an entire Commission per their request immediately following its meeting.
Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program	No new trainings were conducted or needed in this quarter.
Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits	The second semi-annual reports were audited and almost \$9,000 of refunds were requested and completed. 25 active committees and over \$800,000 were audited within 14 days of the disclosures being filed.
Education Outreach	We are pleased to report that the joint training project with Human Resources, Fraud Hotline and OCEthics is in the final production stages.

January - March 2026

Project	Status
Lobbyist Registration	The number of lobbyists remained stable at 77 this quarter.
Finance and Budget	The 2026-2027 budget was submitted which included a request for additional funding to meet basic operating costs.
Complaint/Advice Program	No complaints within jurisdiction have been received in the First Quarter.