



## *Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission*

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### **AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE: April 28, 2025**

**Agenda Item: Two**

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

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

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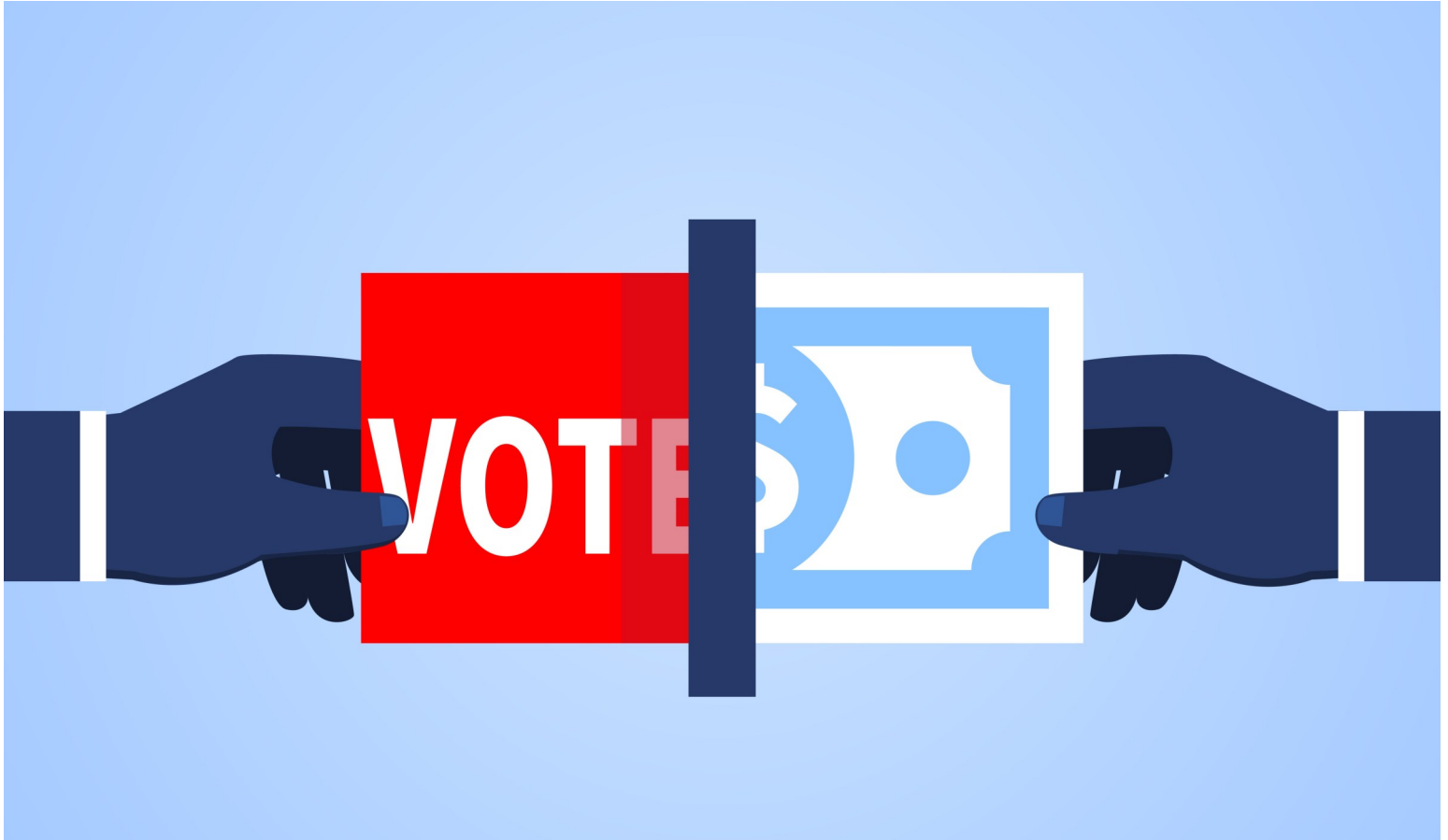
Background:

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 First Quarter Report for 2025 that covers the period of January through March 2025.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION



**First Quarter Report  
January - March 2025**

# January - March 2025

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program</b>	As of January 31st, only one person had to be removed from their Commission. 2025 will be the first full year that the new compliance rule (training required every 2 years) will be applicable.
<b>Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program</b>	We have completed the training with Supervisor Nguyen and her staff.
<b>Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits</b>	Audits for the second disclosure of 2024 were completed in March. Two new committees were opened for the 2026 election with over \$300,000 in transfers. The 2025 filings are not due until July.
<b>Education Outreach</b>	No outside education took place this quarter.

# January - March 2025

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Lobbyist Registration</b>	The number of lobbyists has dropped. As of March 31, there are 66 lobbyists registered with the County.
<b>Finance and Budget</b>	The 2025-2026 budget for the office was submitted and sufficient funds were allocated to cover all anticipated expenses.
<b>Complaint/Advice Program</b>	<p>No complaints within jurisdiction have been received in the first quarter. We continue to receive hundreds of emails from the same individual who sent more than 170 last quarter.</p> <p>We continue to receive multiple calls or emails a week for advice. These inquiries are usually simple to respond to and do not require significant research time.</p> <p>A significant amount of time this quarter was spent on drafting the response to the Board Directive concerning best practices for a Code of Ethics.</p>