



Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

Agenda Item: Two

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Second 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 Second Quarter Report for 2026 that covers the period of April through June 2026.

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Second Quarter Report April - June 2026

April - June 2026

Responsibility	Status
Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program	One AB1234 training was provided this quarter, with 19 individuals in attendance.
Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program	No new training was conducted or needed in this quarter.
Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits	The semi-annual reports were audited and about \$6,600 of refunds were requested and completed. 25 active committees and over \$1.2 million audited
Education Outreach	We are pleased to report that the joint video project with Human Resources, Fraud Hotline and OCEthics was completed.

April - June 2026

Project	Status
Lobbyist Registration	The number of lobbyists increased to 85 this quarter. There has also been a first reading of changes to the Lobbyist Registration ordinance. These changes will allow for total cost recovery for the program. Additionally, lobbyists will now have quarterly reports starting in 2027.
Finance and Budget	The 2025-2026 office budget was exceeded by approximately \$15,000 due to increased in salaries and benefits, as well as additional charges from OCIT related to the .gov website migration.
Complaint/Advice Program	5 complaints were received this quarter, only 3 were within our jurisdiction. Responses were provided. We received numerous inquiries this quarter regarding Independent Expenditures due to the Primary Election.