CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION



Third Quarter Report
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ORANGE COUNTY Ethics Commission

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Responsibility	Status
Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program	One AB1234 training was provided this quarter, with 14 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 first annual (2026) filing was audited for the period ending 6/31/2026. No errors were found. 24 hour reports for the November runoff have begun and are being monitored.
Education Outreach	We are pleased to report that the joint video project with Human Resources, Fraud Hotline and OCEthics is now being made available to the public via the County's website. Additionally, CPO training was coordinated with the District Attorney's Office and the Auditor-Controller.

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Lobbyist Registration	The number of lobbyists remained consistent this quarter with a total of 79 active lobbyists. The changes to the lobbyist registration program were approved by the Board and outreach has started to highlight the changes that being in 2027. New forms have been drafted and will be part of future outreach.
Finance and Budget	The 2026-2027 budget has been completed and the 5-year Strategic Financial Planning (SFP) process has begun. This process helps identify future costs for the office and the County.
Complaint/Advice Program	No complaints within jurisdiction were received this quarter. We continue to provide responses to simple questions related to campaign limitations and spending.