

1 [Filing Electronic Copies of Campaign Statements]

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3 **Ordinance amending Article I, Chapter 3 of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct**
 4 **Code, by amending Sections 1.305, 1.310 and 1.315, and adding Section 1.312, to**
 5 **require political committees to file electronic copies of supplemental independent**
 6 **expenditure reports that must be filed on paper with the Commission; authorize the**
 7 **Ethics Commission to require political committees to file electronic copies of any other**
 8 **campaign disclosure statements that must be filed on paper with the Commission;**
 9 **require political committees to continue to file electronic copies of campaign**
 10 **disclosure statements, regardless of the committee’s level of financial activity, until the**
 11 **committee files a statement of termination; eliminate redundant definitions; and**
 12 **increase the late filing fine from \$10 per day to \$25 per day.**

13 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
 14 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
 15 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

16 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17 Section 1. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby
 18 amended by amending Section 1.305 to read as follows:

19 SEC.1.305. DEFINITIONS. ~~Whenever in this Chapter the following words or~~
 20 ~~phrases are used, they shall mean:~~ Whenever used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall
 21 apply:

22 (a) ~~“Candidate” shall be defined as set forth in the California Political Reform Act~~
 23 ~~(Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.), provided that the term “candidate” shall be limited to~~
 24 ~~eandidates for City and County office.~~

25 ~~—————~~ (b) ~~“Committee” shall mean~~ any persons or group of persons which:

1 (1) ~~Is~~Are required to file a statement of organization under California Political
2 Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.); and

3 (2) ~~Is~~Are controlled by a candidate, or is formed or ~~exist~~existing primarily to
4 support or oppose a candidate, or is formed or ~~exist~~existing primarily to support or oppose a
5 ballot measure which is being voted on only in the City and County, or is a general purpose
6 committee active only in the City and County; and

7 (3) Receives contributions, or makes independent expenditures, totaling
8 \$5,000 or more in a calendar year.

9 ~~(b)~~(e) "Contribution" shall be defined as set forth in the California Political
10 Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.).

11 ~~(c)~~(d) "General Purpose Committee" shall be defined as set forth in the
12 California Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000 et seq.).

13 ~~(d)~~(e) "Independent expenditure" shall be defined as set forth in the California
14 Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.).

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16 Section 2. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby
17 amended by amending Section 1.310 to read as follows:

18 SEC. 1.310. FILING ELECTRONIC COPIES OF CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS.

19 ~~(a)~~ REQUIRED FILINGS. Whenever any ~~elected City and County officer, candidate or~~
20 committee is required by California Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000 et
21 seq.) to file a semi-annual campaign statement, a preelection campaign statement, ~~or~~ a
22 supplemental preelection campaign statement, or a supplemental independent expenditure report
23 with the Ethics Commission, the elected officer, candidate or committee shall file at the same
24 time a copy of the statement or report on a computer diskette, or other electronic media, in an
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1 electronic format prescribed by the Ethics Commission, provided the Ethics Commission has
2 prescribed the format at least 60 days before the statement or report is due to be filed.

3 (b) AUTHORITY OF ETHICS COMMISSION TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FILINGS.

4 Whenever any committee is required by California Political Reform Act (Government Code Section
5 81000 et seq.) to file a campaign disclosure statement or report with the Ethics Commission, the
6 Commission may require the committee to file an electronic copy of the statement or report. The
7 electronic copy shall be due no later than the deadline imposed by the California Political Reform Act
8 for filing the statement or report. Pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 15.102, the Ethics
9 Commission shall adopt regulations specifying the electronic filing requirements applicable to
10 committees. The Ethics Commission shall adopt these regulations no fewer than 120 days before the
11 electronic filing requirements are effective.

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13 Section 3. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby
14 amended by adding Section 1.312 to read as follows:

15 SEC. 1.312. CONTINUOUS FILING OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF CAMPAIGN
16 STATEMENTS. Once a committee is subject to the electronic filing requirements imposed by Section
17 1.310 of this Chapter, the committee shall remain subject to the electronic filing requirements,
18 regardless of the amount of contributions received or expenditures made during each reporting period,
19 until the committee files a termination statement pursuant to California Political Reform Act
20 (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.)

1 Section 4. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby
2 amended by amending Section 1.315 to read as follows:

3 SEC. 1.315. PENALTIES FOR LATE FILING.

4 Any person who files an electronic copy of a statement or report required by this
5 Chapter after the deadline imposed by the California Political Reform Act (Government Code
6 Section 81000 et seq.) for filing the written copy of the statement or report shall be liable in the
7 ~~same~~ amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day after the deadline until the electronic copy is
8 filed ~~and on the same terms as set forth in the Act for the late filing of the written copy of the campaign~~
9 ~~statement or report.~~

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