

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION



**First Quarter Report
January—March 2024**

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Responsibility	Status
Ethics (AB 1234) Education Program	The 2024 even year compliance cycle began slowly. In the first quarter only a handful of individuals completed the needed training. 15 people are scheduled to attend the April online training. We look forward to being the main provider of ethics training for County volunteers in the coming years.
Newly Elected and Appointed Official and Staff training program	This program is on hold until newly elected or appointed officials are sworn in. I continue to offer the training to all staff members of officials when requested.
Campaign Disclosure Review /Audits	Audits of the final 2023 disclosures filed in 2024 are complete. Audits of pre-election filings have been completed and post election filings filed on March 20 are beginning. During this audit period 11 refunds were requested for a total of \$9200. All were voluntarily made.
Education Outreach	No external education was conducted in the first quarter.

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Lobbyist Registration	As of March 2024, active lobbyist registrations total 80. 2024 revenues were consistent with previous years– approximately \$4000.
Finance and Budget	Due to increasing costs related to salary and benefits as well as mandatory service fees it appears the office budget will need an ongoing increase to cover operating costs.
Complaint/Advice Program	<p>In the first quarter, nine (9) emails or calls were deemed complex enough to warrant being placed on the advice log. This meant the advice required an application of facts and legal analysis NOT that a formal written response was required.</p> <p>Only two (2) complaints were received with one being outside of jurisdiction and the other not forming the basis of any violation.</p>