

Fair Campaign Practices Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
September 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Submitted by: Sam Harvey, Secretary, Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Subject: Fair Campaign Practices Commission FY2025-2026 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Fair campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. This work plan includes:

- Ongoing compliance review of campaign statements
- Ongoing review of alleged violations of the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BERA) (BMC Ch. 2.12)
- Receiving trainings on various topics including due process, complaint hearings processes, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, BERA and campaign reporting obligations, and legislative vs. quasi-judicial roles of the Commission
- Identifying issues, monitoring trends and collecting data related to campaign fundraising and contribution limits
- Analyzing and assessing the performance of the public financing system and considering improvements to the matching funds disbursement process
- Developing recommendations for removing barriers to access for candidates and improving public sharing of information by streamlining, clarifying and simplifying the City's campaign rules, regulations and procedures
- Reviewing and revising FCPC enforcement procedures
- Considering possible amendments to BERA and FCPC Regulations to provide clarity and improve oversight of City campaigns

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its regular meeting on June 19, 2025, the Fair Campaign Practices Commission approved the FY2025-2026 Work Plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the fiscal year.

Action: Motion to approve work plan

Vote: M/S/C: Soichet/Ching; Ayes: Bowen, Lee, Ching, Soichet, Lazarus, Saginor;
Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Sudharsan

BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No environmental or climate impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

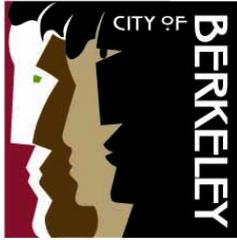
Unknown, but none expected.

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Attachment: 1: Fair Campaign Practices Commission Work Plan



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**Work Plan for FY2025-2026 (July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026)
Approved June 19, 2025**

- Ongoing compliance review of campaign statements.
- Ongoing review of alleged violations of the Berkeley Election Reform Act (“BERA”)
- Receive trainings on the following topics, with the goal of completing trainings by the end of Q1 2026:
 - Due process and complaint hearings processes
 - Brown Act
 - Conflicts of interest
 - BERA and other campaign reporting obligations
 - Legislative vs. quasi-judicial roles of the Commission
- Identify issues, monitor trends and collect data related to campaign fundraising and contribution limits
- Analyze and assess the performance of the City’s campaign public financing system and consider improvements to the matching funds disbursement process
- Develop recommendations for removing barriers to access for candidates and improving how candidates and the public share information by streamlining, clarifying and simplifying the City’s campaign rules, regulations and procedures
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