

Comment on Commission meeting agenda item - Abbot Taylor

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I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposal to change the C4 reporting schedule.

To be clear, there are some aspects of this proposal that I either agree with or begrudgingly accept. Adding a day to the prep time for the election-adjacent C4s is very helpful and something we've been asking for for years, so I appreciate that. The change to the LMC schedule is acceptable, no issues there.

I don't necessarily think that required monthly reports for all campaigns is a needed change, but this appears to be something that the Commission is eager to implement in the attempt to standardize the reporting periods. While it is a bit annoying to file \$0 reports month after month for inactive campaigns, it is a change that I can unenthusiastically accept. The Commission should be aware that this will increase treasury costs for all campaigns, with the most impact on the smaller ones.

However, the proposal to make all campaigns, regardless of election date, file twice monthly C4s from July to October is completely unacceptable. This will take up treasurers' limited time during an election season, cost all campaigns more money in treasury costs, and generate completely useless \$0 reports from off-cycle candidates for the PDC. There is no benefit to the public, and only increased costs for all involved.

I understand that the PDC wants to implement a one size fits all schedule for campaign reporting, but campaigns are not all the same, and trying to make all campaigns report that often is an onerous request with little to no benefit to anyone. If the PDC wishes to move forward with this draft legislation as proposed today, I will have no choice but to oppose it.

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