

Public comment on proposed reporting schedule changes

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed changes to C4 reporting requirements. I appreciate the Commission's ongoing efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability in campaign finance.

While I support the proposal to provide an additional day to prepare pre-election reports, I respectfully oppose the mandate requiring twice-monthly C4 filings. In practice, the months immediately following the primary election often involve a significant reduction in campaign activity. Requiring two reports per month during these periods would impose additional administrative costs without a corresponding increase in meaningful public information.

These requirements would also place additional pressure on campaigns and treasurers at a time when professional compliance support is already limited. In my view, this would result in increased costs for campaigns and reduced availability of qualified treasurers, further straining the system.

For off-cycle campaigns, I see little value in increasing the number of C4 filings many months in advance of an election. Such measures do not enhance public transparency but instead create unnecessary administrative burdens that divert resources from actual campaign activity.

I urge the Commission to reconsider the twice-monthly reporting requirement and the expansion of off-cycle filings. A more balanced approach would preserve the goal of transparency while ensuring that compliance remains practical and sustainable for campaigns of all sizes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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