



## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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To: Members, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
From: Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer  
Date: August 19, 2016  
Re: Rules And Policy Development Update

On July 29, the rules development agenda was filed as directed by the Commission. Copy attached.

### **2016 AGENDA PROGRESS**

#### **Permanent Adoption**

CR-101 Preposals were filed August 8 to begin the rule-making process for these subjects:

- Surplus funds accounts – disclosure – reporting deadlines,
- Candidates' joint campaign expenses – transferring campaign contributions from one candidate to another,
- Enforcement procedures, and
- Operations and procedures – received date for mailed reports.

Copies attached.

#### **Expedited Rule Making**

CR-105 Expedited proposals were filed August 19 to repeal:

- Procedures for county elections officials who previously received copies of PDC reports, and
- Candidates' implied incumbency restriction from political advertising rules.

Copies attached. The 45-day waiting period following publication ends October 25 and then the Orders may be filed. Rules take effect 31 days after the Order is filed.

### **2016 PLANNED SCHEDULE**

Considering the Commission's regular meeting agenda and the State Register filing deadlines, staff has planned the following schedule:

**August** – Enforcement rules preparation

- September** – Review draft language for:
- surplus funds reporting schedule
  - candidates' joint expenses

Additional enforcement rules preparation, if necessary

Develop interpretation addressing whether an advertisement that includes photographs and other neutral content copied from a candidate's campaign website is a contribution to the candidate.

- October** – Review draft language for:
- mailed reports' received date (may possibly be done in September)
  - enforcement rules

- December** – Hearings

Develop interpretation addressing whether signature gathering petitions for ballot measures constitute political advertising (may be scheduled in early 2017 instead)

### **2017 PROJECTED SCHEDULE**

A question was recently raised about the commission's ability to relieve lobbyists from disclosure requirements as it does for candidates and political committees that do not raise or spend over \$5,000. While the Commission doesn't have authority to enact a similar mini reporting option for lobbyists, it does have the ability to suspend or modify reporting requirements on a case-by-case basis. The Commission may wish to explore adopting possible qualifications and standards for suspending or granting modifications for lobbyists and other categories of filers as was done for personal financial affairs filers in [WAC 390-28-100](#).

Attachments: State Register filings