

COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

MISSION STATEMENT

To monitor and to enforce, in a fair and impartial manner, campaign practices and campaign finance disclosure, lobbying disclosure, business interest disclosure of statewide and state district candidates, elected state officials, and state department directors, ethical standards of conduct for legislators, public officers, and state employees, and to investigate legitimate complaints that arise concerning any of the foregoing.

FY 14 & FY 15 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

(Revised June, 2014)

GOAL 1: IMPLEMENT SEAMLESS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT HANDLING

GOAL 1 OBJECTIVES & STATUS

- The goal is to implement a system that uses a series of interactions with candidates and political committees to better insure that campaign finance reports are properly and timely filed. The objectives are:
 1. Maintain current system of informal contact, mostly by phone, with candidates and committee representatives;
 2. Maintain current facial inspection system for campaign finance reports under which many obvious reporting errors are corrected;
 3. Identify and notice non-filers by letter and Orders of noncompliance;
 4. Identify systemic problem filers and interact with letters, audits, or further inspections.
 5. Secure additional staff (accountant and support) necessary to accomplish this work.

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GOAL 2: Refine and Improve On-Line Filing

GOAL 2 OBJECTIVES & STATUS

The COPP has, in June of 2014, launched an updated, user friendly web based on-line filing & publicly available search system for campaign financial reports. The goal is to maintain and tweak this system so it becomes the dominate reporting system for the COPP. The objectives are:

1. Encourage and/or require as many candidates as possible to

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<p>report through the system so that it has the maximum possible data base.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Monitor and tweak the system throughout the 2014 and 2015 election cycles so as to identify problems and improve the system. 3. Improve and mesh the reporting forms so as to better provide information to the public through the system. 4. Improve public knowledge, availability and use of the system. 	
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GOAL 3: *Bring Current Campaign Complaint Decisions and Enforcement*

GOAL 3 OBJECTIVES & STATUS

<p>During the time period of June of 2013 through June of 2014 the COPP issued over 70 Decisions resolving over 90 campaign practice complaints. Over 50 complaints were resolved with Decisions finding sufficient facts. Twenty of these 50 resulted in settlements while thirty progressed to litigation. The goal is to bring current all complaints (30 are still on the docket) and enforcement. The objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring docket current to less than 10 complaints with all complaints resolved within 6 months of filing date; 2. Bring current enforcement with Decisions either settled or filed in court within 6 months of the Decision. 3. Improve public knowledge of and access to COPP decisions, through some form of index or description of the content of Decisions. 4. Seek an additional in-house attorney to assist in the work. 	<p>Target: 6/15</p>
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GOAL 4: *Begin Work on COPP Responsibilities Other Than Campaign Practice*

GOAL 4 OBJECTIVES & STATUS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The COPP has administrative tasks (regulation updates) and program tasks in ethics and lobbying that have not had adequate attention because of the explosion in campaign practice work. The goal is to identify the scope of this work. The objectives are: ▪ 1. Identify the agency regulations that need to be rewritten. ▪ 2. Review and analyze agency functions in lobbyist registration and ethics enforcement; identify tasks that need to be addressed. 	<p>Target: 6/15</p>
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GOAL 5: Consolidate Offices

GOAL 5 OBJECTIVES & STATUS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Commissioner of Political Practices office staff is currently split in to two separate offices. This arrangement is difficult as many of the duties are shared and are dependent on one another. The goal is to find a location on campus that is big enough but small enough to accommodate the staff and budget.	Target: 6/15
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