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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Reminds Candidates and Committees of Today's Filing Deadline

Campaign finance reports due for the first half of 2006

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson reminded state candidates and committees that today is the filing deadline for campaign finance reports of fundraising and spending activities for the first half of 2006.

State candidates, ballot measure committees, political parties, and political action committees are due to file statements disclosing campaign receipts and expenditures covering the period of May 21 through June 30, plus total contributions and expenditures from January 1 through June 30, 2006. The reports also will indicate how much cash-on-hand remained in committee war chests as of June 30.

McPherson also reminded lobbyists and lobbying organizations that today is the deadline for filing quarterly financial disclosure reports covering the period of April 1 through June 30, 2006.

Midnight is the final deadline for campaign and lobbying entities to submit online reports that will be instantly displayed on the Secretary of State's Cal-Access web site. The Cal-Access home page, where both campaign and lobbying disclosure reports can be viewed, is <http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov>.

Last year, lobbying interest groups spent a combined \$227,940,496 to lobby the State Legislature and state administrative agencies. (See 2005 Lobbying Report at http://www.ss.ca.gov/prd/Lobreport2005/lobbying_reports.htm) Today's lobbying reports will add to that total.

Starting on August 9, and continuing through the November 7 General Election, online filing candidates and committees that receive contributions of \$1,000 or more are required to disclose those amounts within 24 hours of receipt. During the same period, committees that make independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more are also required to disclose those activities within 24 hours.

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