



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Members

FPPC Political Reform Act Task Force  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Task Force Members:

As you consider the future of electronic filing in regard to requirements of the Political Reform Act, I would urge that you promptly eliminate the paper filing requirement and make the electronic document the official document of record.

The City of San Diego has used an efficient electronic filing system since 2006, and could quickly move to paperless e-filing. The elimination of the paper filing requirement would result in considerable savings in staff time and resources, particularly as related to handling and storage of the paper records. The media and public have become accustomed to and appreciative of the speed with which they can access campaign disclosure statements on-line, and the flexibility of the electronic filing system in locating and parsing reported information. It has become uncommon for walk-in customers to access paper campaign records, because of their ready availability on-line.

It is my understanding that you are considering moving toward a data-driven electronic filing system, and recognize that a major step toward accomplishing this goal is to allow local agencies to eliminate the paper filing requirement once a satisfactory electronic system is in place locally. In San Diego, we are ready for paperless e-filing, and I encourage you to enable our readiness to become reality.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Maland  
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Mayor  
Hon. Councilmembers  
Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director, SD Ethics Commission  
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