

Descriptions of Expenditure Codes*:

CMP: Campaign paraphernalia/misc. Canvassing, field operations, get-out-the-vote expenses. Lawn signs, buttons, bumper stickers, T-shirts, petholders, etc. Includes costs of campaign and election night events (not fundraising events).

CNS: Campaign consultants/public relations. Fees and commissions paid to professional campaign management, strategy, consulting or public relations firms.

CRD: Credit card payment. (Itemized payments to businesses are on subvendor page.)

CTB: Contributions. Contributions made to other candidates and committees. Use "CTB" for direct monetary contributions. For nonmonetary (in-kind) contributions, use "CTB" and, if one of the other codes accurately describes the expenditure, you may enter that code also. Otherwise, describe the payment. Also provide the name of the candidate or committee that received the nonmonetary contribution in the "Description of Payment" column.*

CVC: Civic or charitable donations. Donations to civic, nonprofit or education organizations; payments for community events.

DIG WEB: Digital/online ads, paid communications, and production information technology costs. Includes text message programs, Internet and social media ads, payments for website design, e-mail blasts, internet access, and production costs of website and e-mail advertising. Includes paid online communications such as blogs, social media, and video posts (Reg. 18421.5); description required.

FEEL: Candidate Election filing, ballot and annual fees. Payments to election officials for candidate election filing fees, and fees charged for publication of a ballot statement, annual committee fee, and late filing fees.

FND: Fundraising events. Costs of fundraising solicitations, mailers and postage, fundraising consulting. Expenditures associated with holding a fundraising event, including payments for event space to hotels or halls, payments for food and beverages to restaurants, caterers and other vendors, and payments for speakers, entertainment, and decorations. Includes costs of house parties. (Use "LIT" for costs of invitations, brochures, and solicitations associated with fundraising events.)

IND: Independent expenditures. Payments for communications that support/oppose other candidates or measures that are not made in consultation or coordination with the candidates or a ballot measure committee. Use "IND" and, if one of the other codes accurately describes the independent expenditure, you may enter that code also. Otherwise, describe the payment. Also provide the name of the candidate or ballot measure supported or opposed by the expenditure.*

LEG: Candidate's legal defense. Attorney or other fees and related legal costs paid for candidate's legal defense. (Regs. 18530.4 and 18530.45)

LIT: Campaign literature and mailings. Preparation, production, and distribution of campaign literature, direct mail pieces, fundraising solicitations, and door hangers. Includes costs of mailing lists, design/graphics, copy and layout, printing, and

processing and postage, photocopying. Includes payments to be on a slate mailer, and for absentee ballot mailers.

MBR: Member Communications. Payments for communications to members, employees, or shareholders of an organization, or their family members, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure.

MTG: Meetings and appearances. Costs associated with meetings, press conferences, town halls, constituent meetings, etc.

OFC: Office expenses. Expenditures for office rent; utilities (including cellular phone and internet service); purchase or rental of office equipment (computer, printer, fax, photocopier, etc.) and furniture; office supplies; office postage, delivery and messenger services; security services, etc.

PET: Petition circulating. Includes payments for printing petitions and payments to signature gathering firms for ballot measure qualification drives.

PHO: Phone banks and robocalls. Costs of phone banks and call programs.

POL: Polling and survey research. Costs of designing and conducting polls, reports on election trends, voter surveys, opposition research, purchasing voter data, voter targeting, etc.

POS: Postage, delivery and messenger services. Includes U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and other delivery and courier services.

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PPF: Payment processing fees. Payment processing fees for contributions received by electronic vendors.

PRO: Professional services. Includes legal, reporting, and accounting, and bookkeeping services.

PRT: Print space and production costs. Includes advertising space in newspapers, magazines and other publications, and billboard outdoor ads.

RAD: Radio airtime and production costs.

RFD: Returned contributions.

SAL: Campaign workers salaries, payroll taxes and benefits costs. Includes state and federal

SEC: Security Expenses. Payments by a candidate or elected officer for security expenses authorized by Government Code section 89517.5.

SLT: Payments to be on a slate mailer.

TEL: TV, including connected TV or streaming TV, television or cable airtime and video production costs.

TRC: Travel, lodging, meals and gifts reported by a candidate travel controlled committee. Payments or reimbursements for travel, lodging, and meals of a candidate, staff, or member of the candidate's household. Description required. (Reg. 18421.7)

TRVS: Staff/spouse travel, lodging, meals and gifts reported by a non-candidate controlled committee. Payments or reimbursements for travel, lodging, and meals, and gifts, of a candidate's representative (staff), or member of the candidate's household.

TSF: Transfers. Only use this code to report the transfer of funds by a candidate to another authorized one of their own committees, or by a party committee to a related state or federal committee. of the same candidate or sponsoring organization Report funds this committee gives to other committees, including ballot measure committees, on Schedule E, as contributions ("CTB") to those committees, not as transfers.

VOT: Nonpartisan voter registration costs.

*Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates, measures, and committees must also be summarized on Schedule D.