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FENNELL FOR STATE SENATE

RE: IMMEDIATE RELIEF REQUESTED: Election Matter Entitled to Calendar Preference

- FPPC REPORTED TO DOJ FOR VIOLATING CANDIDATE PROTECTED ACTIVITIES
- FPPC v. David Fennell for State Senate - Butte County Court Case No. 24CV03585
- FPPC Attorney Jenna Rinehart caught lying to court and media
- Fennell for State Senate filed documents with FPPC on February 17, 2024
- Request FPPC immediately apologize and send out updated Press Release
- California Public Record Act Request

Dear FPPC Senior Commission Counsel Jenna Rinehart (SBN #319515 (714) 951-6196
FPPC Executive Director Galena West (SBN #215783) - (916) 322-5660
FPPC Commissioner Catharine Baker (SBN#210011) - (925) 224-7780

This is to inform you that yesterday on October 30, I have filed the attached Civil Rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice.

I ask you to immediately drop all your cases against David Fennell for State Senate and issue an apology to the media.

You have violated Title 18, U.S.C., Section 245(b)(1)(A) as you have broken the following law and can be prosecuted: anyone who "willfully intimidates or interferes with..any person... qualifying or campaigning for a candidate for elected office" which is a Federally Protected activity.

David Fennell for State Senate requests that the FPPC immediately issue a new press release and withdraw any and all legal actions against David Fennell.

In the attached email from FPPC Communications Director Jay Wierenga (916) 322-7761 dated October 30, 2024 stating that "To the best of the knowledge of the FPPC, as of the afternoon of Wednesday, October 30th, no statements had yet been filed."

NOTE: The FPPC did not send us the email. I heard of the email when KRCR ABC 7 reporter Max Tedford mentioned the email during a phone interview and I asked that he send me the email.

After receiving the FPPC press release my team went through the emails and, as you can see in the attachment, our team was in regular correspondence with the CA FPPC after we were having problems with the CA-Access website and we did in fact file February 17, 2024.

If you look at the email trail, both FPPC Senior Commission Counsel Jenna Rinehart & FPPC Executive Researcher Cole Smith received the email and in a follow up phone call, Jenna Rinehart admitted she received the filings.

SO JENNA IS LYING IN COURT FILINGS!

NOW I AM HEARING THAT THE FPPC IS TELLING REPORTERS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO ASK A JUDGE TO REMOVE ME FROM THE BALLOT!

FPPC DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER TO REMOVE ME FROM THE BALLOT!

YOU ARE INTERFERING WITH MY ELECTION TO HELP MY OPPONENT WHOSE PAID "TEAM DAHLE" POLITICAL OPERATIVES ARE BRAGGING THEY HAVE A LONG TERM HISTORY WITH THE FPPC AND THEY HAVE THE POWER TO TURN ON AND OFF INVESTIGATIONS.

FPPC & California Secretary of State whistleblowers have quietly provided me with information about fraud inside your agencies.

Everyone knows that the California Secretary of State website crashes and you have corrupt "treasurers" who essentially blackmail candidates by telling them they have to use their services as they have older computers that still work on this out dated technology and if you don't use their services they will report you for investigation in a bizarre effort at political extortion.

There is no history of me not filing paperwork. But there is a long history of 24 years of an outdated computer system crashing the way ticket-master computer crashed when all the Swifties were trying to buy Taylor Swift concert tickets for the Eras tour. Taylor Swift fans sued Ticketmaster and the DOJ got involved. Do I need to sue the California Secretary of State to update their computer system?

No current "establishment" politician wants the Secretary of State website updated because it acts as barrier to entry for new candidates who want to run for office.

Democrat Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber who is known as the "Godmother of Reparations" does not seem very interested in ensuring that Republican candidates are treated equally under the law and when I have pointed out obvious voting violations, her staff told me on the phone that "Republicans don't have civil rights as they are not a protected minority class" and to get her to enforce election law I would be required to get a Petition for a Writ of Mandate which is why I have a case in the 3rd Court of Appeals.

The FPPC is supposed to be an election watch dog but instead it has become a political bull dog that wealthy Democrat donors like Charles Munger & their consultants use to block Republicans.

I have had snotty calls from individuals who just brag and brag how they have contacts inside of the FPPC and that they can destroy me.

There are more Republicans in California than you think but nobody wants to run for office because everyone is afraid of the FPPC.

This is clearly a political witch hunt and I want the FPPC to withdraw their court cases and issue a new press release with an apology to all of the media groups they have emailed, as, clearly, there is undeniable proof that the FPPC email stating that "To the best of the knowledge of the FPPC, as of the afternoon of Wednesday, October 30th, no

statements had yet been filed. : is an outright lie and Jenna Rinehart should be arrested by the FBI for interfering with my Federally Protected Civil right to represent the million residents that make up the North State and CA State Senate District 1.

Also where did they get the idea of filing with Judge Stephen E. Benson in Butte County when they know that election matters are always heard in Sacramento. They also know the FPPC already has power over Judge Stephen E. Benson because, unlike me, who has followed the law and the only issue is CASOS crashing computers, when Judge Benson actually broke the law both the FPPC and the Judicial Counsel of California cited him for not disclosing a \$71,000 loan.

So the Judge who is ruling in my case himself actually broke FPPC rules and not just a paper work issue but real violations.

Why aren't they dragging the judge to court before his election?

This is all fraud and to prove me wrong, they should please provide the information asked for in this California Public Record Act request.

This is a request under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code § 6250 et seq.) and Article I, § 3 of the California Constitution

Records Requested

Please provide copies of the following:

- 1) *Please provide the emails of all the media outlets to whom you sent press releases and statements regarding David Fennell for State Senate.*
- 2) *Please indicate how many races the FPPC has jurisdiction over in this election and how many have FPPC issues.*
- 3) *Please provide the top cover sheet of any other court hearings against a current candidate during the last two weeks before the November election to prove that I am not the only candidate being targeted.*
- 4) *Please prove the FPPC filed on Judge Stephen E. Benson regarding his FPPC violations.*
- 5) *Please provide any FPPC statement showing a payment from billionaire Charles Munger jr to any of FPPC Commissioner Catharine Baker's campaigns*
- 6) *Please provide any emails or letters from CAGOP General Counsel Ashlee Titus firm Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP regarding David Fennell's past complaints with the FPPC office.*

Here is what I don't want you to do in response to my California Public Request

In the past each time I do a California Public Request to try to get information of fraud at their agency, Galena West pulled this stunt, where, instead of giving me the one document I asked for, emailed me hundreds of irrelevant documents.

Just give me one page per item.

If the FPPC emails a mountain of garbage, I plan to push really hard for jail time.

These libelous statements and ridiculous court filings are an effort to weaponize the Democrat controlled FPPC against Republican candidates who are challenging the Democrat establishment who appoint all 5 members of the FPPC Board, none of whom are voting for Trump.

All of this is an illegal effort to take me off the campaign trail for a week and try to run out the clock to help my opponent.

Someone needs to go to jail.

THE TIMING OF THE FPPC COURT FILING IS EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE IT CAME OUT AFTER MY INTERVIEWS WERE PUBLISHED POINTING OUT THAT DUE TO A STROKE, MY OPPONENT, STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN MEGAN DAHLE, BECAME DISABLED, IMPACTING HER ABILITY TO THINK, SPEAK AND DRIVE, WHICH IS WHY SHE HAS DONE NO CAMPAIGN EVENTS NOR SHOWN UP TO HER FIELD OFFICES NOR MET WITH VOTERS NOR DONE CAMPAIGN EVENTS IN A YEAR.

IN ADDITION IT APPEARS MEGAN DAHLE HAS FAKED HER COLLEGE DEGREE TO BE ABLE TO CHAIR THE ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMISSION.

FINALLY, MEGAN DAHLE HAS PUT OUT PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO "RE-ELECT HER STATE SENATOR" WHEN SHE IS NOT A STATE SENATOR. THE CA SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ALLOWED THIS FALSE INFORMATION TO BE ENTERED INTO THE VOTER GUIDE."

FPPC needs to start doing its job and not acting as a weapon against Republicans.

God Bless California!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Fennell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Fennell for State Senate 2024

FPPC Communications Director Jay Wierenga (916) 322-7761 Sending
Libelous Emails To Media Stating FPPC Had Not Received Any Campaign Statements
When Email history shows he provided requested Form 460 & Form 497 Filings on February 17, 2024

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From: Maxwell Tedford <mbtedford@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: Fw: [EXT] FPPC update on Fennell injunction
Date: October 30, 2024 at 3:37:01 PM PDT
To: "politics@davidfennell.com"

Max Tedford
Multi-Media Journalist
KRCR ABC 7, The Northstate's News
755 Auditorium Dr. Redding, CA 96001
mtedford@krcrtv.com
(530) 248-3184



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From: Jay Wierenga <JWierenga@fppc.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Maxwell Tedford <mbtedford@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: [EXT] FPPC update on Fennell injunction

An update from the FPPC:

Butte County Superior Court Judge Stephen Benson today granted the FPPC's request for an injunction to force State Senate District 1 (one) Candidate David Fennell to file required campaign statements for the upcoming, November election. Judge Benson ordered Fennell to file all required campaign statements by 5pm Tuesday, November 5th, the day of the election.

The FPPC will seek additional court-imposed penalties if Fennell fails to do so.

To the best of the knowledge of the FPPC, as of the afternoon of Wednesday, October 30th, no statements had yet been filed.

Jay Wierenga
Fair Political Practices Commission
Communications Director
(916) 322-7761 office
jwierenga@fppc.ca.gov

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David Fennell email shows he filed campaign finances documents electronically via Net File and to make sure FPPC received he printed a copy from NetFile and emailed them to:
Butte County Deputy Election Clerk Recorder Alex Sigala (530) 552-3423
FPPC Senior Commission Counsel Jenna Rinehart (714) 951-6196
FPPC Executive Researcher Cole Smith (279) 237-3770

From: dave@fennellforsenate.com
Date: February 17, 2024 at 4:26:46 PM PST
To: "Sigala-Flores, Alexander" <asigala@buttecounty.net>
Cc: dave@fennellforsenate.com, csmith@fppc.ca.gov, jrinehart@fppc.ca.gov
Subject: Form 460 & Form 497 Filings

Hi Alex!

Thanks for the information to login and file Form 460 & Form 497 via Net File.

I filed the following documents electronically via NetFile but also attached a signed original as PDF

Form 460 - Semi Annual 2023
Form 460 - 1st Pre-Election 2024
Form 460 - 2nd Pre-Election 2024
Form 497

Sorry about the delay.

As I mentioned I took a very hard fall on some black ice on Mt. Shasta and damaged my right hand in mid January

The hand surgeons at Stanford Hospital instructed me no to type or use my right hand until March (see attached medical note).

You never realize how much you use your hand until they stick it in a brace.

Anyway, I think this should take care of all the campaign filing until the Semi Annual on July 31, 2024

Let me know if you need anything from me you can reach me on my cell phone at (719) 237-4195.

Thank again for all the help!

Cheers!

David Fennell
Cell: (719) 237-4195



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Fennell form
460 Se...B17.pdf



Fennell form
460 Se...20.pdf



FENNELL FORM
497.pdf

EMAIL - February 17, 2024

Butte County Deputy Election Clerk Recorder Alex Sigala (530) 552-3423 sends email explaining how to use NetFile while David Fennell was visiting Butte County elections where he viewed email on Laptop.

On Feb 15, 2024, at 2:08 PM, Sigala-Flores, Alexander <asigala@buttecounty.net> wrote:
HOW NETFILE WORKS (the Free Filer System)

The Butte County Elections has set up a NetFile account in their admin system for you. In order to use the Free Filer system you need to go through a one-time only process to create a login account for you and then link your login account to the filer that your agency has set up in their admin system. If you would rather have NetFile do this for you, NetFile offers free online training session for filers to show you how to use the free filer application mentioned above. To request an online training session with a NetFile representative, complete and submit the form located at Campaign Filer Training.

If you would rather create your free filer account yourself, here are the steps:

Note: The individual who will be entering the data into the NetFile Filer system must first create a user ID and then link it to the filer account by following these instructions:

Step 1: Create a NetFile User Log In

Go to the NetFile User Log-in page at <https://netfile.com/filer>

Click "Create a New NetFile User" in the "Campaign Committee Filers" section

Enter and submit the e-mail address you want to use for your new NetFile User

Receive a confirmation e-mail from NetFile

Click the link in the e-mail to confirm the request

The webpage you come to will need your name and phone number as well as a password you would like to use to log-in.. Click the "Create NetFile User" button to complete your log-in profile. You are not done yet. You now need to link your log-in profile to the filer your agency created in their admin system.

Step 2: Link your User Log In to the Agency's admin filer account

Go back to the NetFile User Log-in page at <https://netfile.com/filer>

Log in using the e-mail and password created in Step 1

Click the "Link Local Campaign Filer Account" link

Enter the Campaign filer information as follows:

a) Enter the Filer Name

b) Enter the "Filer ID" area with: `#{{FilerID}}`

c) Enter the "Filer Password" area with: `#{{FilerPassword}}`

(Note: Do not attempt to log in with the Filer ID and Filer Password; they are for linking purposes only!)

There are also videos and printed instructions available on the website at <https://netfile.com/filer>.

NetFile Technical Support - filerhelp@netfile.com

THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE FILE UPLOAD

If you would rather use third-party software to create and e-file your filing instead of using the Free Filer system, you can. Most professional third-party software programs will allow you to export a "CAL file," which contains the electronic information for your filing. Using the Filer ID and Filer Password provided above, you can upload the CAL file by clicking the "Upload a CAL File" link at `#{{UrlFilerLoginPage}}`.

CAMPAIGN REPORTING ASSISTANCE

For assistance regarding any legal questions about the content of what you need to report in your filing:

Contact the FPPC at advice@fppc.ca.gov or 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

View information about where and when to file campaign statements

View information about FPPC training and outreach

Thanks,
Alex

Alex Sigala
Deputy County Clerk Recorder III
Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Elections
155 Nelson Ave
Oroville, CA 95965
530.552.3423

EMAIL - February 12, 2024

Email from Butte County Deputy Election Clerk Recorder Alex Sigala (530) 552-3423 responding to David Fennell's problem with CA Secretary of State website and FPPC request to file via Butte with passwords to Cal-Online

From: "Sigala-Flores, Alexander" <asigala@buttecounty.net>
Subject: RE: Request for Password to file via Cal-Online
Date: February 12, 2024 at 11:18:39 AM PST
To: "dave@fennellforsenate.com" <dave@fennellforsenate.com>

Hey David,
Here is your-
Filer ID xxxxxxx
Password: xxxxxxx
Let me know if you have trouble logging in.

Alex Sigala
Deputy Clerk Recorder III
Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Elections
155 Nelson Ave
Oroville, CA 95965
Main Line: 530.552.3400
Direct line: 530.552.3423

-----Original Message-----

From: dave@fennellforsenate.com <dave@fennellforsenate.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 11:14 AM
To: passwordrequest@sos.ca.gov
Cc: csmith@fppc.ca.gov; Sigala-Flores, Alexander <asigala@buttecounty.net>; David Fennell <politics@davidfennell.com>; Form700@fppc.ca.gov
Subject: Request for Password to file via Cal-Online

.ATTENTION: This message originated from outside Butte County. Please exercise judgment before opening attachments, clicking on links, or replying..

Dear California Secretary of State,

We have been trying to file campaign finance statement and there seems to be something wrong with my login and password.

I was not able to get through to your office via phone so I am resubmitting the attached login and password request online.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me to process my request.

Thanks!

David Fennell

EMAIL - February 12, 2024

Email from Butte County FPPC Executive Researcher Cole Smith (279) 237-3770 responding to David Fennell's problem with CA Secretary of State website and instructing Fennell to file via Butte County and cc Cole Smith with Fennell did on February 17, 2024

From: Cole Smith <csmith@fppc.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for Password to file via Cal-Online
Date: February 12, 2024 at 11:22:03 AM PST
To: "dave@fennellforsenate.com" <dave@fennellforsenate.com>

Hi David,

While the Secretary of State resolves this issue, can you email your campaign statement to Butte County?

Please cc me on the email so I can verify it has been emailed.

If you cannot do this before noon, please let me know.

Thank you,

Cole Smith
Executive Researcher I Staff Services Analyst
Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050 | Sacramento, CA 95811
csmith@fppc.ca.gov | (279) 237-3770

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Candidate for State Senate District 1 - FPPC#1461498

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David Fennell
Candidate for State Senate District 1 - FPPC#1461498

EMAIL - February 12, 2024 11:13 AM

Email to CA Secretary of State regarding trying to get password to Cal-ACCESS and being unable to reach CA Secretary of State via Phone.

From: "dave@fennellforsenate.com" <dave@fennellforsenate.com>
Subject: Request for Password to file via Cal-Online
Date: February 12, 2024 at 11:13:47 AM PST
To: passwordrequest@sos.ca.gov
Cc: csmith@fppc.ca.gov, "Sigala-Flores, Alexander" <asigala@buttecounty.net>, David Fennell <politics@davidfennell.com>, Form700@fppc.ca.gov

Dear California Secretary of State,

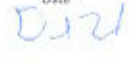
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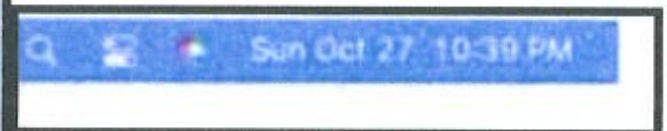
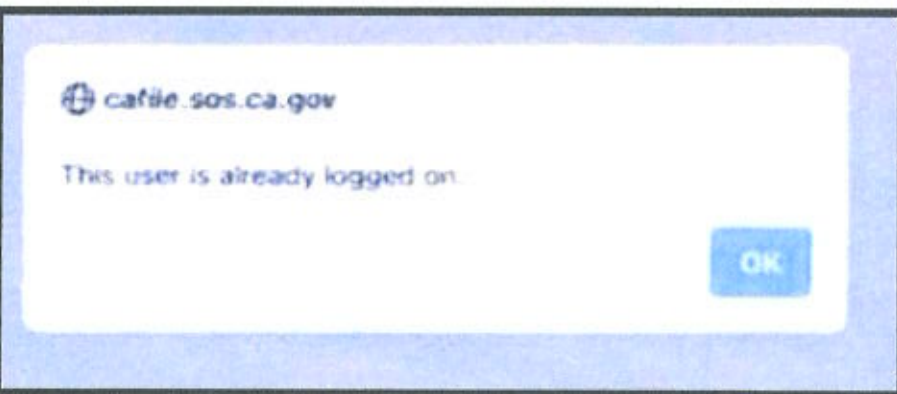
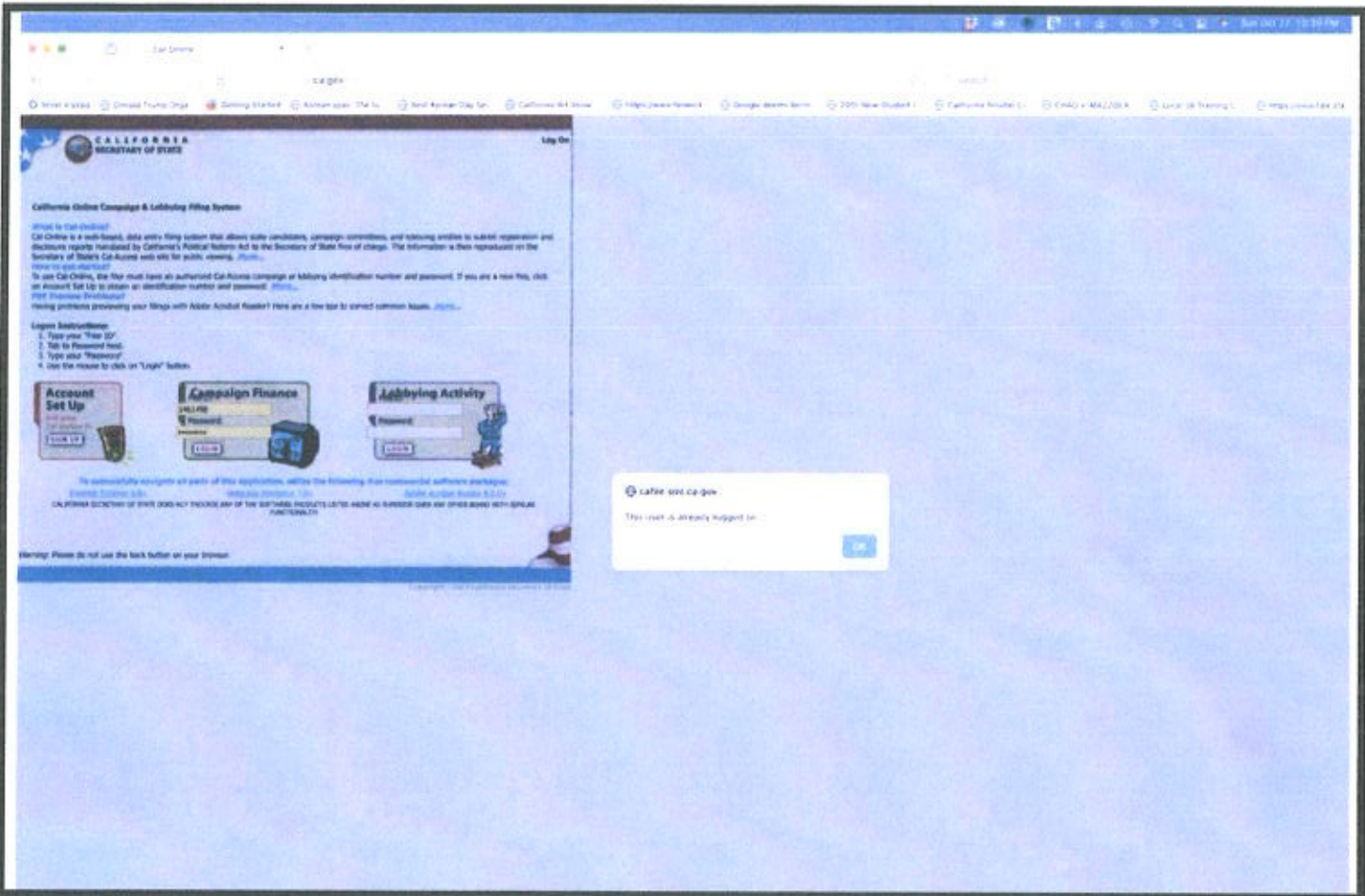
David Fennell
Candidate for State Senate
District 1 - FPPC#1461498

CAMPAIGN - APPLICATION FOR CAL-ONLINE LOGIN AND PASSWORD			
1. Type of filer for which ID and password are requested for: (check one)			
☒ Recipient Committee ☐ Major Donor/Independent Expenditure Committee			
☐ State Mailer Organization			
2. The filing entity's name for which an ID number and password are requested is:			
David Douglas Fennell		516-307-0518	1451458
Full name		Phone	ID# (if known)
500 Capitol Mall	Sacramento	CA	95814
Street address	City	State	Zip code
David Fennell			
Treasurer/Responsible Officer (Required, unless filer is an individual)			
3. I am submitting this application as a: (check one)			
☒ Treasurer ☐ Assistant Treasurer ☐ Responsible Officer ☐ Major Donor			
☐ Other (specify) _____			
4. I am entitled to file campaign statements on behalf of the above entity or person, and hereby apply for the issuance of a login ID number and a password in order to file statements/reports online/electronically. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.			
Executed on: 2/12/2024		David Fennell	
Date		Printed name	
Signature X 			
516-307-0518	dave@fennellforsenate.com		
Phone number	Email address	Fax (if applicable)	
5. Return password information via: ☒ Email ☐ Fax Number			
Recipient Committees WITHOUT an ID number: If you are required to electronically file a 24-hour report, submit a completed copy of the Form 410 with this application. The signed, original paper copy of the Form 410 must be filed with the Political Reform Division of the Secretary of State's office the following business day.			
NOTE: Any online or electronic filing, by an approved vendor or otherwise, is presumed to be filed under penalty of perjury (Government Code §84505(h)).			
Fax application to 916-653-5045 or Email to PASSWORDREQUEST@SOS.CA.GOV			
Questions? Email passwordrequest@sos.ca.gov or call the Cal-Online Help Desk 877-745-3453 or 916-653-7283.			

SCREENSHOT - October 27, 2024 - 10:39 PM

After spending 12 hours retyping data from Butte Website to CA SOS website the California Secretary of State Website locked me out and would not let me log back in.

How I am supposed to comply with a court order to use a website when it crashes and I can't log in?
I wasted hour of typing and this nonsense



LETTER - June 21, 2018

Letter from then Secretary of State Alex Padilla to California legislature where he describes the California CAL-ACCESS system as "old and fragile system at the end of life and operating on an unsupported technology platform. The current system design has technology restrictions that prevent it from being modified or updated."



ALEX PADILLA | SECRETARY OF STATE | STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1500 11th Street, 6th floor | Sacramento, CA 95814 | Tel 916.633.7944 | Fax 916.633.4800 | www.sos.ca.gov

June 21, 2018

The Honorable Henry I. Stern
Chair, Elections & Constitutional Amendments Committee
State Capitol, Room 2203
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Marc Berman
Chair, Elections & Redistricting Committee
1020 N Street, Room 365
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Stern and Assemblymember Berman:

In accordance with the Government Code section 84602(c), my office has made a determination in the best interest of the CAL-ACCESS Replacement System (CARS) Project, to extend the implementation date of the CAL-ACCESS Replacement System Project from February 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Attached is my office's report in this regard.

The Secretary of State Staff has met with Darren Chesin, Chief Consultant, Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and Ethan Jones, Chief Consultant Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee and they raised no objections after discussion.

At their suggestion, we are scheduling meetings with you or your staff to provide a briefing. If you would like, please have your staff contact my Chief Legislative Affairs, Tiffany Mok, at (916) 695-1686 to schedule a briefing.

Sincerely,

Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

Attachment

Introduction

In September of 2016, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 1349, the Political Reform Act of 1974: Secretary of State: online filing and disclosure system. The bill requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), to develop and certify for public use an online filing and disclosure system for campaign statements and reports that provides public disclosure of campaign finance and lobbying information in a user-friendly, easily understandable format.

Background

The California Automated Lobbyist and Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Search System (CAL-ACCESS) was developed to provide greater public access to campaign contribution and expenditure data, and state lobbying financial activity. CAL-ACCESS was developed to respond to the objectives of the Online Disclosure Act, added to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (PRA) by Ch 866, Stats of 1997. CAL-ACCESS is the public's window into California's campaign disclosure and lobbying financial activity, providing financial information supplied by state candidates, donors, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and others.

CAL-ACCESS was deployed in June 2006, and, since that time, nearly two (2) million filings have been submitted by filers. However, CAL-ACCESS is an old and fragile system that is at the end of life and operating on an unsupported information technology platform. The current system design has technological restrictions that prevent it from being modified or updated. It lacks data display and reporting features that are commonly used for data analytics.

CAL-ACCESS users and stakeholder groups have identified the following business problems:

- Program business operations are negatively affected by the current system design.
- Program business operations are at risk due to an old, unsupported information technology platform.
- The Secretary of State's Political Reform Division (PRD) and stakeholders have limited information access and reporting capabilities.

SB 1349 requires the Secretary of State to implement a CAL-ACCESS Replacement System (CARS) to address the shortcomings and vulnerabilities of the current system.

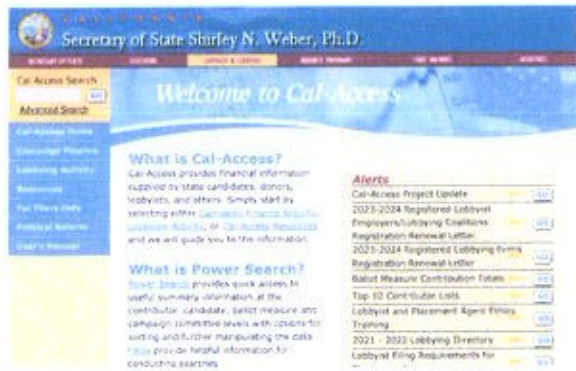
On December 29, 2017, pursuant to the Government Code section 84602 (b) (4), the Secretary of State submitted its report to the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting and the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.

ARTICLES ABOUT OUTDATE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE CAL-ACCESS WEBSITE NOT BEING UPGRADABLE AND CRASHING ON NEW COMPUTERS.

https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_3a34f452-7261-11ea-83b0-d3d0b0000000

After spending \$39 million, California's campaign finance website still trapped in 2000

By Madison Hirschman/The Center Square
Aug 30, 2022



(The Center Square) – Despite nearly \$40 million spent to update California's antiquated campaign finance website, state lawmakers are still awaiting the roll out of a new platform that was initially scheduled to go live in 2019. Now that may be pushed back to June 2026.

That was the subject of a hearing by the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee, where senators and panelists sought to understand the delay in rolling out an updated version of the California Automated Lobbying and Campaign Contribution Electronic Search System, better known as Cal-Access. The system, first launched in 2000, is used by lawmakers, watchdogs, reporters and politicians to track campaign and lobbying financial activity.

A 2016 bill by now-retired Senator Robert Hertzberg required the Secretary of State, who oversees Cal-Access, to replace the outdated system by the end of 2019. But after asking for multiple extensions, the Secretary of State's Office announced in June 2021 that the rollout of the new system would be delayed.

Since 2016, the state has appropriated \$55.6 million for the project, and about \$39.4 million has been spent – representing about 70% of the money appropriated, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office.



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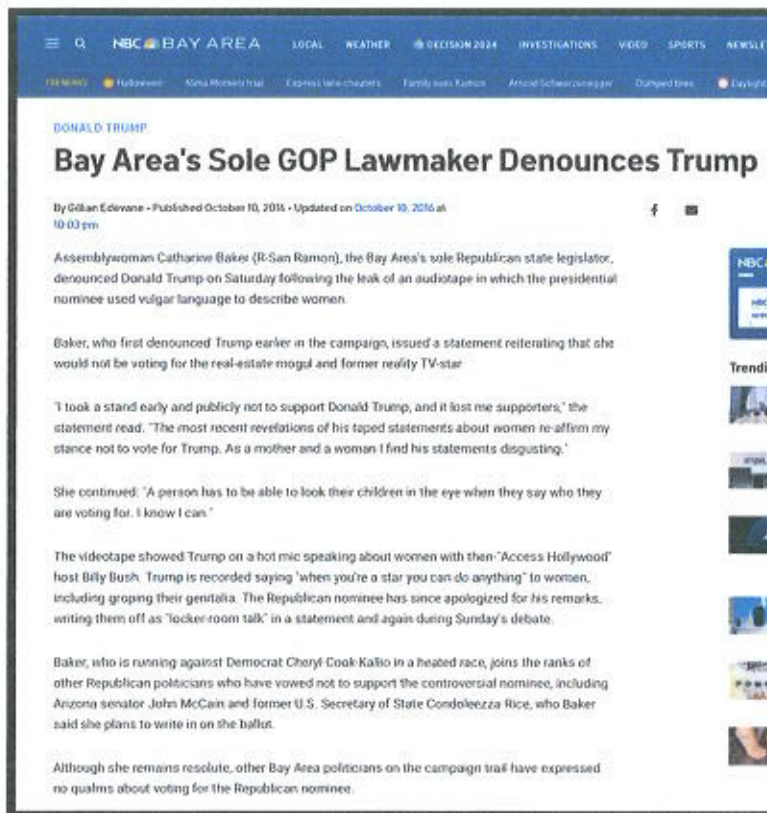
How long before California's campaign finance website is replaced?

BY SANEESA KAMAL
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Lobbyists gather around a television to watch as a bill is voted on before the Assembly at the state Capitol on Aug. 16, 2022. Photo by Rob Redmond/AP Photo

Articles showing "Republican" Catherine Baker is actually a Democrat
which is why she was voted out of office.



Democrat CA Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber the “Godmother of Reparations” does not seem very interest in fixing the CA Secretary of State campaign finance computer system or making sure that Republican candidates have their Civil Right to run for office enforced.

The San Diego Democrat has long been a force in politics, including in the Assembly. But she has achieved near-rock-star status as the godmother of reparations.

By Erika D. Smith, Los Angeles Times —

In the triple-digit heat of summer, Thursdays in downtown Sacramento are usually quiet. But not on June 29 last year.

The March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building was jumpin' like a Black church on Sunday, the joyous shouts from teary-eyed Black people impossible to ignore. But Shirley Weber, California's secretary of state, tried to anyway during the final meeting of the state's reparations task force.



Shirley Weber, photographed at the Los Angeles Times in El Segundo on Dec. 1.

"Your work will forever live," the Rev. Amos Brown, a task force member, told her. "God bless you."

Weber, 75, has long been a force in Democratic politics, from the San Diego Board of Education to the state Assembly to her current role — a first for a Black woman. But lately, she has achieved near-rock-star status as something less official: The "godmother of reparations."

It was her Assembly Bill 3121 that led California to do what Congress has refused to do — appoint a task force to study the lasting harms of slavery and recommend what compensation is owed for decades of systemically racist laws and policies. State lawmakers are now grappling with many pieces of proposed legislation stemming from the task force's recommendations. It has been a hard, slow slog.

It's work that has breathed new life into the national reparations movement, turning what many Americans had long seen as a joke into a serious, often inescapable policy discussion.

'Your work will forever live.'

The Rev. Amos Brown, a member of California's reparations task force on Shirley Weber's contributions

Inspired by California, New York and Illinois have created their own task forces. Cities across the country have done or are considering doing the same. Meanwhile, long buried stories of injustice, such as *Bruce's Beach*, have been unearthed and addressed.



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Sent via email to dave@fennellforcalifornia.com

Mr. David Fennell
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Re: Public Records Act - Request No. ENF-2016-069

Dear Mr. Fennell:

This letter is in response to your request for public records under the California Public Records Act ("CPRA") (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) that was received by the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") on June 2, 2016.

You requested documents relating to FPPC Case Number 11/471 *San Mateo County Republican Party*, which was previously received by the FPPC on May 27, 2016. Your request was to know how much cash was collected by the committee, documents showing payments to Nicholas Rice-Sanchez, and correspondence from Charles Bell, Jr. regarding the case. These same requests were previously sent by you and received by us on May 27, 2016.

The items that you have requested contain names of records that we do not have. We have previously provided you with a copy of the closed case file for 11/471 on June 20, 2014, in response to a previous request for that file. We also responded to this request on June 2, 2016, noting that the Public Records Act does not require us to create records for requesters.

We have made a reasonable search for the materials you requested and found no other documents responsive to this request. Your request and our response are public records, which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5021.

Sincerely,

Tanya Smith
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

Enclosures