

# Item 7 - Disclosure and Engagement



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TO: Public Ethics Commission  
FROM: Jelani Killings, Ethics Analyst  
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DATE: April 27, 2023  
RE: Disclosure and Engagement Monthly Report for the May 10, 2023, Meeting

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This memorandum provides a summary of major accomplishments in the Public Ethics Commission's (PEC or Commission) Disclosure and Engagement program activities since the last monthly meeting. Commission staff disclosure activities focus on improving online tools for public access to local campaign finance and other disclosure data, enhancing compliance with disclosure rules, and conducting data analysis for PEC projects and programs as required. Engagement activities include training and resources provided to the regulated community, as well as general outreach to Oakland residents to raise awareness of the Commission's role and services and to provide opportunities for dialogue between the Commission and community members.

## Filing Officer – Compliance

**Campaign finance disclosure** – The committees listed below failed to submit campaign statements for the January 31, 2023, deadline after repeated attempts by staff to gain compliance and have been referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission for enforcement:

Committee	Treasurer	Candidate
ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON 2014 OFFICEHOLDER COMMITTEE	CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, ANNIE	CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, ANNIE
ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON FOR OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL 2018	CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, ANNIE	CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, ANNIE
KENNY SESSION FOR DISTRICT 6 2022	SESSION, KENNETH	SESSION, KANDIS
LOWE FOR CITY COUNCIL 2022; HAROLD	LOWE, HAROLD	LOWE, ANDREA
JOEL VELASQUEZ FOR OAKLAND SCHOOL BOARD 2022;	VELASQUEZ, JOEL	RASMUSSEN, KRISTIN
YAKPASUA ZAZABOI FOR OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 2022;	ZAZABOI, YAKPASUA	ZAZABOI, YAKPASUA

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Campaign statements are available to view and download at the PEC's [Public Portal for Campaign Finance Disclosure](#)

**Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Program** – The Oakland Lobbyist Registration Act (LRA) requires lobbyists to submit quarterly reports disclosing their lobbying activities to ensure that the public knows who is trying to influence City decisions. April 30 is the next deadline for quarterly lobbyist activity reports covering the period from January 1 through March 31, 2023. The Lobbyist Registration portal, which was taken offline due to the ransomware attack in February, is back online and available. Lobbyist registration and activity reports may be viewed online at the [PEC's Lobbyist Dashboard and Data webpage](#).

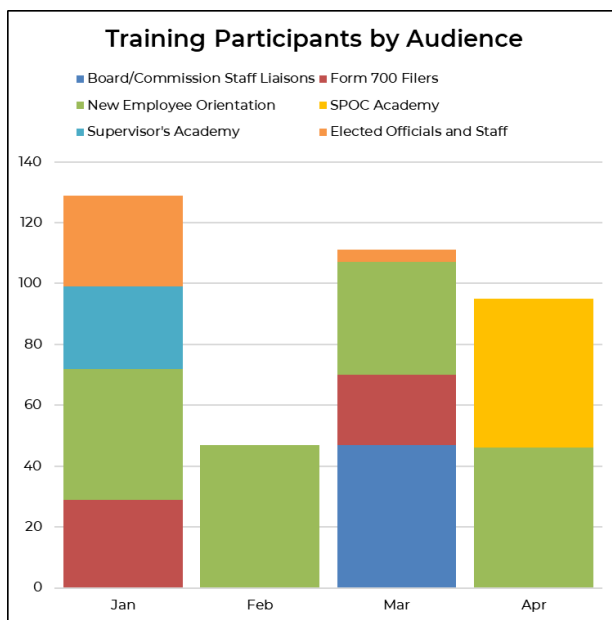
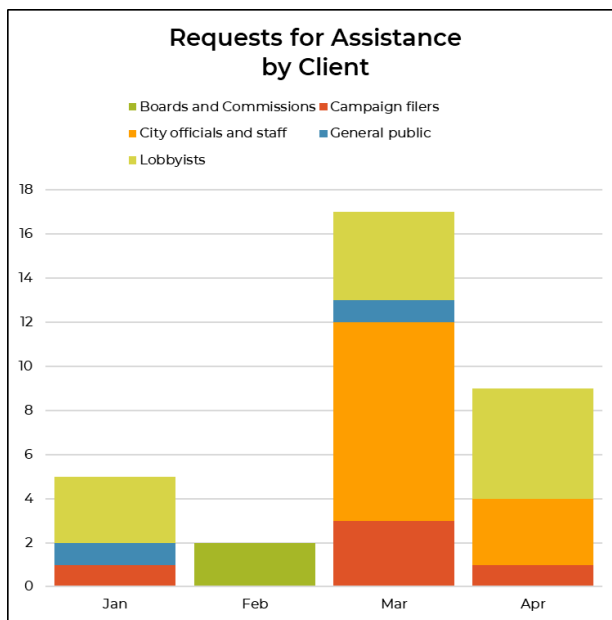
### Advice and Engagement

**Advice and Technical Assistance** – In the months of January - April, Commission staff responded to 33 requests for information, advice, or assistance regarding campaign finance, ethics, Sunshine law, or lobbyist issues.

**New Employee Orientation** – Staff continues to make presentations at the City's monthly New Employee Orientation (NEO) providing new employees with an introduction to the PEC and overview of the Government Ethics Act (GEA). On April 19, Staff trained a total of 46 new employees on GEA provisions.

**Form 700 Compliance** – April 3 was the deadline for City officials and designated employees within the City's Conflict of Interest Code to file their annual statement of economic interests (Form 700). Staff conducted an initial compliance check of elected officials to confirm that their Form 700 had been filed. 10 out of 11 officials filed their statements on time. Staff contacted the official that did not file their statement by the deadline and will follow-up to ensure compliance.

**SPOC Academy** – On April 4, Staff participated in a joint training with the City Clerk's office to train department single point



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of contacts (SPOCs) on new ethics onboarding and exit processes. Commission staff provided SPOCs with resources to ensure that all employees receive information and understand the rules about filing Form 700 and completing the PEC's mandatory ethics training.

**Oakland Fair Elections Act Advisory** – On April 27, Staff sent an advisory to elected officials and campaign subscribers about the newly passed Oakland Fair Elections Act and the changes to campaign finance rules in Oakland. Topics covered included new contribution and expenditure limits, political communications and social media disclaimer requirements, and eligibility rules for the new Democracy Dollars Program. Staff will be providing more detailed guides and training opportunities in the second half of the year.

### **Online Engagement**

**Social Media** –Commission staff post social media content to highlight specific PEC policy areas, activities, or client-groups. In April our posts focused on introducing new Commissioners, upcoming disclosure deadlines, and the Democracy Dollars panel discussion sponsored by SPUR.