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**Candidate Campaign Filing Workshop to be held in Santa Cruz on April 12**

The Santa Cruz County Clerk is hosting a Candidate Campaign Filing Workshop presented by the staff from the Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday, April 12, from 7 to 9pm, on the 5th Floor in the Board Chambers located at 701 Ocean Street in Santa Cruz.

The workshop is designed for candidates and campaign treasurers. Topics will include initial campaign activities, contributions and expenditures, reporting requirements, advertising disclaimers, and post-election tasks.

“This is a unique opportunity for people in our region to have direct access to the state experts in our own community,” County Clerk Gail Pellerin said. “Navigating the laws governing campaign reporting can be difficult. It’s imperative that you know what you can and can’t do. You don’t want to make a mistake in reporting your campaign finances.”

To sign up for the workshop, interested persons can email info@votescount.com or call the Santa Cruz County Clerk at 831-454-2060. There is no fee to attend the workshop.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) administers and enforces the Political Reform Act. The FPPC provides multiple tools to assist in learning about and complying with the Act, including manuals, fact sheets and guides, training and outreach, and technical advice.

You may seek informal advice from the FPPC either by emailing advice@fppc.ca.gov or by calling 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772). Telephone advice is available Monday through Thursday from 9am to 11:30am.

If you have a more complicated question about your obligations under the Act and you would like legal advice from the FPPC’s staff attorneys, you may request formal advice by submitting your inquiry in writing to advice@fppc.ca.gov or by sending your request to: Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811

If the request for advice contains sufficient information and the question is within the FPPC’s jurisdiction, the FPPC must provide formal written advice within 21 working days. The response will be provided in the form of an “advice letter.”

The FPPC’s website is [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

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