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The Political Reform Division administers provisions of California's Political Reform Act, including the law's most fundamental purpose of ensuring that "receipts and expenditures in election campaigns should be fully and truthfully disclosed in order that the voters may be fully informed and the activities of lobbyists should be regulated" and "their finances disclosed..." (Gov. Code § 81002)

The Political Reform Act was adopted as a statewide initiative (Proposition 9) by an overwhelming vote of the electorate in 1974. The law requires detailed disclosure of the role of money in California politics. This includes the disclosure of contributions and expenditures in connection with campaigns supporting or opposing state and local candidates and ballot measures as well as the disclosure of expenditures made in connection with lobbying the State Legislature and attempting to influence administrative decisions of state government. Electronic data received by the California Secretary of State is published on the California Automated Lobbying and Campaign Contribution Expenditure Search System (CAL-ACCESS) website. [CAL-ACCESS](#) is the state's campaign and lobbying information system where candidates, political committees, and lobbyists file detailed financial disclosures.

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