



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

As Chair of the Federal Election Commission for 2012, I would like to invite you to join us for a series of informal public forums to discuss agency operations in the areas of compliance, disclosure, enforcement and policy. Commissioners and senior staff will participate in these discussions, which are intended to help us evaluate and improve our administration of the law and service to the public.

The meetings will be held at the FEC, located at 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Wednesday mornings in February, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. If you would like to participate and/or to submit written comments, please email us at the addresses listed below. There is a distinct email address and response deadline for each of the forums. Meeting room capacity is limited, so please respond promptly if you'd like to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 202-694-1045.

**Public Forum Schedule:**

**February 8 Compliance** – The compliance forum will focus on the Commission's Audit, Reports Analysis, Administrative Fine and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programs. We've made several procedural changes to these programs over the last few years, and would like your feedback. Possible topics for discussion include: our new reporting web page (<http://www.fec.gov/rad>); email distribution of requests for additional information (RFAIs); audit procedures, including audit hearings; best practices for committee management; administrative fine challenges; and the ADR process.

If you would like to participate in the compliance forum and/or submit written comments, please send an email to this address by February 1st – [compliance\\_feedback@fec.gov](mailto:compliance_feedback@fec.gov).

**February 15 Disclosure Data** – The disclosure data forum will focus on the systems the agency uses to provide campaign finance data to the public. In addition, we are soliciting your comments and suggestions about the Commission's new disclosure portal, which is currently under development. The portal is designed to provide one-stop shopping for campaign finance data, combining existing data presentations such as the data catalog, the presidential and house and senate maps with new features like an independent expenditure map, PAC summaries and national party summaries. We view this release as a starting point and plan to add data and data presentations to the portal to provide the public with more easily

accessible campaign finance data. The framework we have developed allows for future enhancements. State party and coordinated expenditure maps are already on the list for future releases, as are individual contributor and operating expenditure searches. We welcome your suggestions.

If you would like to participate in the disclosure data forum and/or submit written comments on the portal or other disclosure-related topics, please send an email to this address by February 8th - [disclosure\\_feedback@fec.gov](mailto:disclosure_feedback@fec.gov).

**February 29 Office of General Counsel** – The forum on the Office of the General Counsel is designed to get feedback, elicit views, and respond to questions on the Commission's enforcement and advisory opinion processes.

If you would like to participate in the Office of General Counsel forum and/or submit written comments, please send an email to this address by February 22nd - [enforcement\\_and\\_policy\\_feedback@fec.gov](mailto:enforcement_and_policy_feedback@fec.gov).

Please note: these meetings will focus solely on improving the Commission's administration of the law and service to the public. We are not seeking suggestions to improve or amend any substantive provisions of the law, and we will not discuss any specific legal matters. Should the discussions raise issues that suggest the need to consider revisions to or adoption of regulations or procedures, we may address those through our standard, formal procedures.

My colleagues and I welcome your participation in these public forums and look forward to hearing your suggestions for improving FEC operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole C. Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline C. Hunter  
Chair  
Federal Election Commission