

Webinar for Independent Expenditures and Pre-Election Communications



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Federal Election Commission 2026 Independent Expenditures & Pre-Election Communications Webinar

PART I: Public Communications

- Public communication defined
- Disclaimers

PART II: Coordinated Communications

- Coordinated communication (CC) defined
- Three-part coordination test
- **SCENARIO #1: Reporting CC as In-Kind Contribution**
 - ◇ PAC reporting as in-kind contribution made
 - ◇ Candidate committee reporting as receipt of in-kind contribution

PART III: Independent Expenditures

- Independent expenditure (IE) defined
- Who makes them
- Super PAC / Hybrid PAC registration with the FEC (FEC Form 1)

PART IV: Reporting Independent Expenditures

- Disclosure requirements, including 24- and 48-Hour Reports of Independent Expenditures (IEs)
- PAC/party committee reporting of IEs (FEC Form 3X)
 - ◇ **SCENARIO #2: Reporting IE / Payment before Dissemination**
 - ◇ **SCENARIO #3: Reporting IE / Dissemination before Payment**
- Non-committee reporting of IEs (FEC Form 5)
 - ◇ **SCENARIO #4: Reporting IE by Individual**
 - ◇ **SCENARIO #5: Reporting IE by Corporate Entity**

PART V: Electioneering Communications

- Electioneering communication (EC) defined
- Who makes them
- **SCENARIO #6: Reporting ECs**

