

# 496 Independent Expenditure Report

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

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| NAME OF FILER<br>Californians for a Better Future |                                        | Date of This Filing 10/09/2026                                            | Date Stamp | CALIFORNIA FORM 496<br>For Official Use Only |
| AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER<br>[REDACTED]              | I.D. NUMBER (if applicable)<br>1420444 | Report No. 496-7                                                          |            |                                              |
| STREET ADDRESS<br>[REDACTED]                      |                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Report No. _____<br>(explain below) |            |                                              |
| CITY<br>Irvine                                    | STATE<br>CA                            |                                                                           |            |                                              |
|                                                   |                                        | No. of Pages 4                                                            |            |                                              |

## 1. List Only One Candidate or Ballot Measure

|                                                                  |                            |              |        |                                             |              |         |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
| NAME OF CANDIDATE SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED<br>Joann Martinez Stephan |                            |              |        | NAME OF BALLOT MEASURE SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED |              |         |        |
| OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD<br>City Council Member Moreno Valley       | DISTRICT NO.<br>District 2 | SUPPORT<br>X | OPPOSE | BALLOT NO./LETTER                           | JURISDICTION | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |

## 2. Independent Expenditures Made Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

| DATE       | DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURE                                      | AMOUNT    |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 10/09/2026 | Printing & Mailing Costs<br>Cumulative to date total \$12436.24 | 12,436.24 |
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Reason for Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. Contributions of \$100 or More Received\*

| DATE RECEIVED | FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR<br>(IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER) | CONTRIBUTOR CODE**                                                                                                                                                      | IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER<br>(IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS) | AMOUNT RECEIVED | INTEREST RATES                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 09/20/2026    | Ben Di Benedetto<br>Oxnard, CA 93035                                                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Retired<br>Retired                                                                            | 5,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
| 09/20/2026    | Linda Zaruka<br>Camarillo, CA 93010                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Retired<br>Retired                                                                            | 10,000.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
| 09/21/2026    | Walter Hagedohm<br>Oxnard, CA 93035                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Retired<br>Retired                                                                            | 1,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
| 09/24/2026    | Phillip S. Molina<br>Oxnard, CA 93030                                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Treasurer<br>City of Oxnard                                                                   | 15,000.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
| 09/24/2026    | Alicia Percell<br>Oxnard, CA 93030                                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Attorney<br>Law Office of Alicia Percell                                                      | 37,500.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
| 09/24/2026    | Chris Rufer<br>Woodland, CA 95695                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Owner<br>The Morning Star Company                                                             | 10,000.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |

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| 09/30/2026    | Alfredo Almada<br>[REDACTED]<br>Oxnard, CA 93033                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | RE Broker<br>Realty Matters                                                                   | 1,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |
| 10/01/2026    | Lewis Management Corp. - Richard Lewis<br>[REDACTED]<br>Upland, CA 91786                        | <input type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC |                                                                                               | 5,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |
| 10/01/2026    | NAIOP IE PAC<br>[REDACTED]<br>Irvine, CA 92618<br>Committee ID# 1301979                         | <input type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC |                                                                                               | 20,000.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |
| 10/02/2026    | Highland Fairview Operating Co., & Affiliated Entities<br>[REDACTED]<br>Moreno Valley, CA 92555 | <input type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC |                                                                                               | 29,000.00       | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |
| 10/05/2026    | Building Industry Assn of Southern California PAC<br>[REDACTED]<br>Los Angeles, CA 90071        | <input type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC |                                                                                               | 5,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |
| 10/06/2026    | Saticoy Development Company LLC - Tim Finnigan<br>[REDACTED]<br>Carlsbad, CA 92013              | <input type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC |                                                                                               | 5,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____% |

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| 10/07/2026    | Jack Cole<br>[REDACTED]<br>Fairfield, CA 93531                                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND<br><input type="checkbox"/> COM<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTH<br><input type="checkbox"/> PTY<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCC | Retired<br>Retired                                                                            | 5,000.00        | If loan,<br>enter interest rate, if any<br>_____ % |
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