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Additional outlets report that former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and his wife made over 100 requests for department employees to do tasks of a “personal nature,” possibly in violation of ethics standards. *Watchdog Finds the Pompeos Made Over 100 Requests of ‘Personal Nature’ to Staff* (Government Executive); *State Department watchdog says Pompeo, wife violated ethics rules* (Federal Times)

*Business Insider* reports that the Office of Government Ethics is refusing to sign off on Kanye West's financial disclosure forms from his failed 2020 presidential campaign. *A government ethics office refused to approve Kanye West's financial disclosures from his failed presidential campaign*

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*Government Executive* reports that a group of senators have introduced legislation to provide federal employees with up to 12 weeks of paid family leave per year to handle illnesses and other circumstances not covered in paid parental leave benefits passed into law in 2019. *Bill to Expand Paid Family Leave Benefits for Feds Introduced in Senate*

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Legislative and Related News

The Hill reports that the Senate voted to approve Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Gary Gensler for a full five-year term after confirming him to the Wall Street watchdog last week. Senate confirms SEC chief Gensler to full five-year term

Federal News Network reports that leadership of the House Oversight and Reform Committee are calling for a new kind of investment in IG offices — greater independence from presidential firings, the authority to subpoena former federal employees and contractors, and more urgency within the White House to name permanent watchdogs to positions left vacant for years. Bill to strengthen IG independence seeks to correct "unconscionable" long-term vacancies

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Additional outlets report that the U.S. Office of Government Ethics declined to certify Kanye West’s public financial disclosure report from his failed 2020 presidential campaign. Government Ethics Office Reportedly Declines to Certify Kanye West’s Financial Disclosures From 2020 Campaign (Yahoo); Kanye West’s Presidential Campaign Financial Disclosures Got Rejected By The Office Of Government Ethics (Uproxx); Kanye's Presidential Campaign Financial Disclosures Rejected By OGE: Report (iHeartRadio); Kanye West's Presidential Campaign Financial Disclosures Rejected By Federal Ethics Agency: Report (Hot New Hip Hop)

Forbes reports that Wilbur Ross set up a new company in the Cayman Islands while still serving as the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and other activities by the former secretary. Sly As A Fox: How Wilbur Ross Slipped Out Of Scandal And Back Into Business

Patch reports that a NASA employee faces up to 30 years in prison for fraudulently applying for more than $280,000 in COVID-19 relief loans and also admitted to filing a false financial disclosure report. NASA Executive Pleads Guilty To $285K In PPP Loan Fraud

Next Scheduled Recess:
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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 24062

Initiation Date*: 2022-09-07
Title*: Past presidential public financial disclosure reports

Question*: From: Frith Higgins (mailto:Frith.Higgins@oga.gov)
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 7:42 AM
To: Contact OGE <contactoge@ogle.gov>, foia@ogle.gov
Subject: Past presidential public financial disclosure reports
Past federal presidential elections candidate financial disclosure forms

Hello, please advise how I may obtain a copy of the Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278c) filed by the Obama campaign for the 2008 election and the Kanye West campaign and Elizabeth Warren campaign for the 2020 election. Thanks

Update:
Categories*: 278s
Origin Of Interaction*: Email
Source*: Non-Agency
Public Citizen
First Name:
Last Name:
Title:
Position:
Email:
Phone:
Other Contact Notes:
Assignment: Shannon Monk
Watching:
Temporary Notes: created by: Shannon Monk

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*: 2022-09-07
Resolution Category*: Resolved
Response*: Copies of the public financial disclosure reports (OGE Form 278/OGE Form 278-T), ethics agreements, and, Certificates of Divestiture filed with the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) are available here: https://www.oge.gov/foia/278/OGE_Form_278_T.html
If an OGE Form 201 is required to request a particular report, you will be prompted to complete the form. For those reports that are immediately available, you will find a link to immediately download the documents.
If you cannot find a tier in the database, that individual's report may remain with the employing agency. You can find instructions for requesting these reports here: https://www.oge.gov/foia/278/OGE_Form_201_tier.html
(Submitted to: Shannon Monk)

Complexity (level): 1
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Time Spent (hours): 0.1 hour
Contributor:
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Resolved Interaction

**Interaction Number: 23844**

**Initiation Date**: 2022-07-26

**Title**: Non-certification

**Question**: A question arose here about when it would be appropriate to decline to certify a financial disclosure report. I know that this is discussed in 5 CFR 2634.605, but I was looking for some real-world examples. More recently, I found the cases involving OGE’s decision not to certify disclosures filed by Scott Pruitt, Steve Mnuchin, Wilbur Ross, and Kanye West (for his presidential nominee 278). Are you aware of any other examples from the past 10 years?

**Update:**

**Categories**: 278s, 450s

**Origin Of Interaction**: Email

**Source**: Agency

**First Name**: [Redacted]

**Last Name**: [Redacted]

**Title**: [Redacted]

**Position**: [Redacted]

**Email**: [Redacted]

**Phone**: [Redacted]

**Other Contact Notes**: [Redacted]

**Assignment**: Suzanne L. Meyer

**Watching**: [Redacted]

**Temporary Notes**: created by: Suzanne L. Meyer

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**Resolution Information**

**Resolution Date**: 2022-07-26

**Resolution Category**: Resolved

**Response**: Thanks for your question.

You cite many good, public examples of non-certification by OGE. If you have a specific question about certification, please let me know.

Please take a look at the page on certification requirements from the Public Financial Disclosure Guide: https://www.oge.gov/Web/278eGuide.nsf/2df4ac7926c0654a85257ea1005fe3a/a1d7a6970bc4d4a1985257f1460017bd50?OpenDocument and our advisory PA-22-02 where “Declined Certification” is discussed. That Program Advisory is also attached.

Agency follow up:

Thanks, Suzanne. I was wondering if you had any other examples to share.

In the meantime, thanks for sharing the program advisory and the 278 guide. Can you confirm [b] (5) [b] (5) [b] (5) [b] (5) [b] (5)?

In other words, [b] (5) [b] (5) [b] (5)

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 25406

Initiation Date*: 2023-07-07

Title*: Kanye West 2020 Presidential Candidate Financial Disclosure

Question*: Dear Sir/Madam:

News reports stated that your office refused to certify Kanye West's financial disclosure form that he filed with your office during his 2020 campaign. I attach a copy.

I could not find any reference on your website of any form filed by Mr. West or any issue relating to its certification. I am trying to determine what procedure was followed in this matter and whether it was resolved. Is his information that is available? Any guidance that you can give me is appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wolfe

Update:

Categories*: 278s

Origin Of Interaction*: Email

Source*: Non-Agency

Public Citizen

First Name: Matthew

Last Name: Wolfe

Title:

Position:

Email: (b)(6)

Phone:

Other Contact Notes:

Assignment: Elise Alvidrez-Peek

Watching:

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created by: Elise Alvidrez-Peek

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*: 2023-07-07

Resolution Category*: Resolved

Response*: Hello Matthew,

Presidential candidates file their public financial disclosure reports with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). The FEC reviews these reports and then forwards them to OGE. OGE reviews the reports and makes them available on its website here: Officials' Individual Disclosures Search Collection. The reports first become available from the FEC https://www.fec.gov. Please make note the retention period is one year after the filer is no longer a candidate. The candidate in which you reference below does not fall within this retention period.

For additional information, please see: Who Files, Where They File, and How to Access Their Documents and Public Financial Disclosure FAQs

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Thank you,
Contact OGE
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(Assigned to: Elise Alvirez-Peek)

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