

County of Sonoma

**General Election
November 3, 2026**

Candidate Guide and Calendar of Events

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Introduction

This guide has been prepared to assist candidates, committees, and members of the news media in preparing for the upcoming November 3, 2026, General Election. It is not intended to be all-encompassing but instead summarize major provisions related to candidates and committees involved in elections in Sonoma County and the State of California.

While staff has attempted to be as informative as possible in compiling this information, and we appreciate the opportunity to address your questions not answered in this handbook, the law prohibits employees from answering questions of a legal nature. This handbook is not intended as a substitute for legal counsel. For your protection, we strongly urge you to consult an attorney.

For additional information, feel free to contact our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding County holidays. Our email is rov-info@sonomacounty.gov, our phone number is (707) 565-6800, and our website is <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/vote>. Our office is located at 3880 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, and our mailing address is PO Box 11485, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

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Registrar of Voters

Election Resources

ROV Contact Phone Numbers

Information Type	Phone	Notes
General Information	(707) 565-6800	
Toll-free	(800) 750-8683	Within California Only
TDD	(707) 565-6888	Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD)
Fax	(707) 565-6843	
Vote by Mail Division	(707) 565-6803	Vote by mail ballot applications, information
Campaign Disclosure Division	(707) 565-6808	Financial disclosure statements, information
Campaign Materials Division	(707) 565-6818	Voter lists, maps, precinct information
Candidate Filing Division	(707) 565-6804	Filing requirements for office
Voter Registration Division	(707) 565-6800	Voter registration forms, information

ROV Website

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/vote> Provides information about the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office and voting information including the following: Registering to Vote, Political Party Preference, Facts for New Citizens, Services for Voters with Disabilities, Vote by Mail Information including Permanent Vote by Mail Voting, Polling Places and County Voter Information Guide, Serving at the Polls, Student Precinct Officer Program, and Campaign Materials and Costs.

Election Resources

Sonoma County Election Night Results

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/vote> Election results are posted starting at 8:00 PM on Election night and updated periodically through the night. Final results are posted after certification up to 28 days post-election.

ROV Contact Email Addresses

Vote by Mail Information	rov-absentee@sonomacounty.gov
Voter Registration Information	rov-voterreg@sonomacounty.gov
Campaign Information	rov-campaign@sonomacounty.gov
Campaign Materials	rov-materials@sonomacounty.gov
Precinct Officer Information	rov-polls@sonomacounty.gov

Office of the Secretary of State

Contact Phone Numbers

Information Type	Phone Number	Notes
Elections Division	(916) 657-2166	General information, filing for state & federal offices
Fax	(916) 653-3214	
Political Reform Division	(916) 653-6224	Committee ID number, termination

Web Addresses

https://www.sos.ca.gov	Secretary of State Website
https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections	Secretary of State Elections Division
https://www.sos.ca.gov/prd	Secretary of State Political Reform Division

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Fair Political Practices Commission

Contact Phone Numbers

Information Type	Phone Number	Notes
Technical Assistance Division	(866) 275-3772	Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM and 1:30-3:30 PM. Campaign disclosure, state contribution limits, conflict of interest disclosure
Fax	(916) 322-2329	
Enforcement Division	(866) 275-3772	Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM-11:30 AM. File complaint under Political Reform Act

Website

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/> California Fair Political Practices Commission

State Franchise Tax Board

Contact Phone Numbers

Information Type	Phone Number	Notes
General Information	(800) 852-5711	
Automated Information	(800) 338-0505	Committee tax status, tax deductible contributions, charitable non-profit groups, general information

Web Address

<https://www.ftb.ca.gov/> State Franchise Tax Board Website

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Internal Revenue Service

Web Address

<https://www.irs.gov> Internal Revenue Service Website

Federal Election Commission

Contact Phone Number

Information Type	Phone Number	Notes
General Information	(800) 424-9530	Federal campaign disclosure, contributions from national banks, national corporations, foreign nationals

Web Address

<https://www.fec.gov> Federal Election Commission Website

California Law

Web Address

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> California Legislative Information

Offices Up for Election

Overview

This section is meant to provide a summary of basic information for individuals interested in running for office in the November 3, 2026, General Election. Note that none of the offices listed below have filing fees, petitions in lieu, or nomination signatures. To find out more about a particular office, please refer to corresponding “Office Requirements and Qualifications” section later in this Guide.

The last column shows the maximum cost of filing a Statement of Qualifications for that office to be published in the County Voter Information Guide. For much more details about candidate statements, please see the “Statements of Qualifications” section later in this Guide.

Offices for Which Deadline to File Has Passed

For some offices, candidates had to file and run in the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary, in order to progress to the November 3, 2026, General Election. It is now too late to file for those offices. They include: U.S. Representative, 1st 2nd and 4th Districts; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Controller; Treasurer; Attorney General; Insurance Commissioner; Member, State Board of Equalization, 2nd District; State Senator, 2nd District; Member of the State Assembly, 2nd, 4th, and 12th Districts; State Superintendent of Public Instruction; County Superintendent of Schools; Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector; County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor; and County Supervisor, 2nd and 4th Districts.

School Offices

County Boards of Education

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Sonoma County Board of Education, Trustee Area 2 (Southwest County)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Peter Kostas	\$2,549
Sonoma County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4 (Northeast County)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Steven Herrington	\$2,438

Community College Governing Boards

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 1 (East County)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Ezrah Chaaban	\$2,020

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 2 (South County)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Maggie Fishman	\$2,123
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 5 (Central Santa Rosa)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Dorothy Battenfeld	\$2,148
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 7 (West County)	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Michael Valdovinos	\$2,171

Unified School District Governing Boards

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Calistoga Joint Unified School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Indira Lopez-Jones Laurel Rios	\$886
Cloverdale Unified School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Jenny Candelaria Jacque Garrison	\$1,052
Cloverdale Unified School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Andrea Kellogg	\$1,052
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Leffler Brown	\$1,064
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Shirley Johnson	\$1,034
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 4	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Eric Martin	\$1,065
Geyserville Unified School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Robin Doherty John Riley	\$907
Geyserville Unified School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Vacant	\$907
Healdsburg Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$939

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Healdsburg Unified School District, Trustee Area 5	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$935
Shoreline Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Vacant Heidi Koenig	N/A
Shoreline Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Jane Healy	N/A
Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Catarina Landry	\$996
Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Gerardo Guzman	\$976
Windsor Unified School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Stephanie Ahmad Rich Carnation Paul Cogorno	\$1,352

High School District Governing Boards

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Shaun Du Fosee	\$1,323
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 4	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Omar Medina	\$1,260
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 6	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Donna Prak	\$1,286
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Jt Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Caitlin Quinn	\$1,112
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 3	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Madelon Reilly-Cloud	\$1,139

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 5	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Joanna Paun	\$1,141
Point Arena Jt Union High / Arena Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	4	Kirk Mobert Salvador Martinez Victor Aparicio Cathy Frey	\$904
Point Arena Jt Union High / Arena Union School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Mike Dinning	\$904
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Shawn Chernila	\$1,046
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 3	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Jeanne Fernandes	\$1,058
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 5	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Lewis Buchner	\$1,055

Elementary School District Governing Boards

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Alexander Valley Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Alison Doran Isaul Macias Steve Smit	\$893
Bellevue Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Irene Rosario Jamie Padilla Lisa Reyes	\$1,218
Bennett Valley Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Jeremy Brott Deborah Bull Steven Sharpe	\$1,060
Cinnabar School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Patty Murch Richard O'Hare Paul Sequeira	\$925

Offices Up for Election

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Dunham School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Joseph Petersen Ernesto Raffo Taylor Withrington	\$893
Forestville Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Max Broome Jamie Stapleton Henry Rafferty	\$1,005
Fort Ross School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Tom Schmidt Richard Gross	\$891
Gravenstein Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Gregory Appling Paula Braunschweig Zachary Saltzberg	\$985
Guerneville School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Gay Guidotti Rachael Handley John Kornfeld	\$969
Harmony Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Yuri Koslen Charlie Laird Jacquelyn Wilson	\$968
Horicon School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Brenda Schildgen Deborah Kal Tina Kelly	\$903
Kenwood School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Cheryl Ghisla Teresa Jepson James Larson	\$964
Laguna Joint School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Sharon Hess Vacant Sam Dolcini	\$881
Liberty School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Jamie Fowler Ronald Evenich Bret Herman	\$915
Liberty School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Robert Koenitzer	\$915

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Mark West Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Sara Azat Brian Burke Aaron Smith	\$1,110
Mark West Union School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Tracy Lavin-Kendall	\$1,110
Monte Rio Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Melissa Frost Mary Cowan-Baker	\$909
Monte Rio Union School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	2	Craig Baker Michael Wilder	\$909
Montgomery School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Kimberly Gluch Michael Franceschi	\$899
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 1	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$898
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 3	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$897
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 4	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$897
Old Adobe Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Scott McKenna Anna Dietrich Martha Smith	\$1,318
Piner-Olivet Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Janae Franicevic Matthew Heath Vacant	\$1,161
Piner-Olivet Union School District, Short Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	Donna Perez	\$1,161
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 2	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,018
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 3	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,011

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 5	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,042
Roseland School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Janice Siebert Anthony Mendoza Ana Diaz-Garcia	\$1,026
Sebastopol Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Deborah Drehmel Jonna Thomas Lisa Bauman	\$1,102
Twin Hills Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Rebecca Houghton John Moise Jeff Harding	\$993
Two Rock Union School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	John Martin Joel Ruiz Nicolas Noyes	\$892
Waugh School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Christine Pieper Denise Bugbee Kristine Weeks	\$995
West Side Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Allison Kosta Daniel Grout Elvia Vega-Gallardo	\$893
West Side Union School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	1	Jaclyn Harrington	\$893
Wilmar Union School District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	2	Renee Waters Kendra Benson	\$943
Wilmar Union School District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/08/28	2	Andrea Christensen Lyn Romstad	\$943
Wright School District	4 yrs	12/11/26 - 12/13/30	3	Analynjane Mapoy Stan Greenberg Ladonna Moore	\$1,132

Offices Up for Election

Municipal Offices

City Mayors, Councils, Treasurers, Etc.

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
City of Cloverdale City Council	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Brian Wheeler Marjorie Morgenstern Andres Marquez	\$1,018
City of Cloverdale City Treasurer	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Vacant	\$1,018
City of Cotati City Council	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Sylvia Lemus John Savage	\$1,007
City of Healdsburg City Council, District 2	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$920
City of Healdsburg City Council, District 4	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$917
City of Petaluma Mayor	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Kevin McDonnell	\$1,902
City of Petaluma City Council, District 1	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Janice Cader Thompson	\$1,038
City of Petaluma City Council, District 2	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	John Shribbs	\$1,056
City of Petaluma City Council, District 3	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Karen Nau	\$1,033
City of Rohnert Park City Council, District 2	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Emily Sanborn	\$1,029
City of Rohnert Park City Council, District 5	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Susan Adams	\$1,008
City of Santa Rosa City Council, District 2	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Mark Stapp	\$1,307
City of Santa Rosa City Council, District 4	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Victoria Fleming	\$1,353

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
City of Santa Rosa City Council, District 6	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Jeff Okrepkie	\$1,263
City of Sebastopol City Council	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Jill McLewis Sandra Maurer Stephen Zollman	\$1,022
City of Sonoma City Council, District 1	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$917
City of Sonoma City Council, District 3	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$919
City of Sonoma City Council, District 5	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$918

Town Mayors, Councils, Etc.

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Town of Windsor Mayor	2 yrs	12/2/22 - 12/6/26	1	Rosa Reynoza	\$1,321
Town of Windsor Town Council, District 1	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Michael Wall	\$985
Town of Windsor Town Council, District 4	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Tanya Potter	\$984

Special District Offices

Community Services District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Cazadero Community Services District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Maureen Berry Greg Parmeter	\$896

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Graton Community Services District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Jennifer Butler David Upchurch	\$904

Fire Protection District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Cloverdale Fire Protection District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Jeffery Richardson Robert Taylor	\$1,051
Gold Ridge Fire Protection District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	4	No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,460
Graton Fire Protection District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Jonathan Hebel Bob Maddocks	\$995
North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Lisa Colson Jackie Gardener	\$904
North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/1/28	2	Jon Bode Judith Coley	\$904
Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Lawrence Heiges Scott Newman Edmund Stewart	\$987
Schell-Vista Fire Protection District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Robert Kruljac Melinda Neves	\$943
Schell-Vista Fire Protection District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/1/28	1	William Steach	\$943
Sonoma County Fire District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$2,113
Sonoma Valley Fire District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat) No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,451

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Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Timber Cove Fire Protection District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Carolynn Abst Gregory Gretz Mary Entriiken	\$886

Health Care District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Cloverdale Health Care District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	James De Martini Alfred Delsid Vacant	\$1,052
Healthy Petaluma District, Zone 1	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,172
Healthy Petaluma District, Zone 3	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	No Incumbent (New Seat)	\$1,128
North Sonoma County Healthcare District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Hector Galvan Susan Campbell	\$1,829
Sonoma Valley Health Care District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Wendy Myatt Denise Kalos	\$1,483

Life Support District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Coast Life Support District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Julie Bower Elizabeth Roland Michael Tilles	\$915
Coast Life Support District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/1/28	2	Thomas Winston Vickers Julia Damasco	\$915

Offices Up for Election

Recreation and Park District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Camp Meeker Recreation & Park District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Gary Helfrich Max Alper Christina Bongardt	\$890

Water District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Term	Term Dates	# Seats	Incumbent(s)	Max Cand Stmt Cost
Forestville Water District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Ryan Stapleton Matthew McDermott Bradley Stuart	\$928
North Marin Water District, Division 1	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	1	Richard Fraites	N/A
Rains Creek/Hiatt Rd County Water District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Alison Whipple Mark Vernon Randal Luginbill	\$882
Sweetwater Springs Water District, Full Term	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	3	Richard Holmer Susan Robb-Wilder Gaylord Schaap	\$879
Sweetwater Springs Water District, Short Term	2 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/1/28	1	Marc Tran	\$879
Valley of the Moon Water District	4 yrs	12/4/26 - 12/6/30	2	Jon Foreman David Williams	\$1,196

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Office Qualifications and Requirements

School, Community College District, and County Board of Education Governing Board Members

Education Code §§1000 et seq., 5000 et seq., 35100 et seq., 72101 et seq.

Term of Office

Elected governing board members for schools and community college districts and county boards of education serve a 4-year term beginning December 11, 2026. Exception: In the event of a vacancy during the first half of the term of office, and at least 130 days prior to the next election, an appointment shall be made to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election for district governing board members, whereupon an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- *California Constitution Article VI §16(c)*

Qualifications

A candidate for District Director shall:

- be 18 years of age or older; and
- be a citizen of the State of California; and
- be registered to voter; and
- be a resident of the school district or trustee area, if applicable; and
- not be disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office; and
- a registered voter of the district; and
- not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip of other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.

- *Education Code §§1006, 35107, 72103; Elections Code §§20, 201*

Nomination Documents and Procedures

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- *Education Code §§10603, 10604*

Statement of Qualifications (Optional)

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Statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.

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- *Government Code §§87200 et seq.*

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- *Elections Code §20440*

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- *Elections Code §18320*

Campaign Committee Filing Obligations

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Office Qualifications and Requirements

City/Town Mayor, Councilmember, Etc.

For information about these offices, please contact the relevant city/town clerk's office.

Office Qualifications and Requirements

Community Services District Director

Government Code, Title 6, Division 3, Part 2

Term of Office

Elected district directors serve a 4-year term beginning December 4, 2026. **Exception:** In the event of a vacancy during the first half of the term of office, and at least 130 days prior to the election, an appointment shall be made to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election for district directors, whereupon an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- *California Constitution Article VI §16(c)*

Qualifications

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- be a registered voter of the district; and
 - not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.
- *Elections Code §§20, 201, 10514; Government Code §61040(b)*

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- *Elections Code §§10510, 10516*

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Fire Protection District Director

Health and Safety Code, Division 12, Part 2

Term of Office

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- *Elections Code §§10507, 10554; Government Code §§1779, 1780, Health & Safety Code §§13843, 13852*

Qualifications

A candidate for District Director shall:

- be a registered voter of the district; and
 - not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.
- *Elections Code §§20, 201, 10514; Health & Safety Code §13841*

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Health Care District Director

Health and Safety Code, Division 23, Chapter 2

Term of Office

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- *Elections Code §§10507, 10554; Government Code §1780; Health & Safety Code §32100*

Qualifications

A candidate for District Director shall:

- be a registered voter of the district; and
 - not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.
- *Elections Code §§20, 201, 10514; Health & Safety Code §32100*

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- *Elections Code §§10510, 10516*

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- *Government Code §§87200, et seq.*

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Life Support District Director

Chapter 375 of Statutes of 1986 (a.k.a. Coast Life Support District Act)

Term of Office

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- *Elections Code §10554; Government Code §1780*

Qualifications

A candidate for District Director shall:

- be a registered voter of the district; and
- not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.

- *Chapter 375 of Statutes of 1986, §§21, 29(a); Elections Code §§20, 201, 10514*

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- *Elections Code §§10510, 10516*

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- *Elections Code §20440*

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Office Qualifications and Requirements

Water District Director

(Water Code, Division 12, Part 3)

Term of Office

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- Elections Code §§10507, 10554; Government Code §1780; Water Code §30502

Qualifications

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- be a registered voter of the district; and
- not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrip or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has financial interest.

- Elections Code §§20, 201, 10514; Water Code §30500

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Statements of Qualifications

Overview of Candidate Statements

All Statements **Must** Be Printed in English & Spanish

Due to the fact that Sonoma County was designated a bilingual county by the federal government at the end of 2021, all candidate Statements of Qualifications published in the County Voter Information Guide are required to be in both English and Spanish. As a result, the less expensive "English only" category has been removed.

Candidates running for office in the November 3, 2026, General Election have, the option of paying to have a statement describing their background, education, and qualifications for office printed in either the County Voter Information Guide or the State Voter Information Guide. This statement is formally called a Statement of Qualifications. The type of office dictates which Guide the Statement is printed in.

- County Voter Information Guide: Candidates for U.S. Representative, State Senator, Member of the State Assembly, County Superintendent of Schools, local school governing boards, municipal offices (City/Town Mayor, City/Town Councilmember, etc.), and all special district boards.
- State Voter Information Guide: Candidates for U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Member of the State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Below are the **ESTIMATED** costs for candidates to print statements in the *County* Voter Information Guide. **Unless otherwise stated or by the governing board or elections official, assume all payments are the responsibility of the candidate and must be filed prior to completing the Declaration of Candidacy.** For information about printing statements in the *State* Voter Information Guide, visit the Candidate Statements page of the Secretary of State's website.

Note: The following nonpartisan offices are not listed because a candidate received more than 50% of the vote in the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election, and therefore already won election to that office: Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector; County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor; County Superintendent of Schools.

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Estimated Candidate Statement Costs by Office

Federal and State Offices

Candidate statements for voter-nominated federal offices elected statewide are published in the State Voter Information Guide. For more information, refer to the Candidate Statements page of the California Secretary of State's website.

Federal (Elected by District)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount
U.S. Representative, 1st District	\$2,698	\$5,296
U.S. Representative, 2nd District	\$1,023	\$1,945
U.S. Representative, 4th District	\$1,684	\$3,268

State (Elected Statewide)

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Controller
- Treasurer
- Attorney General
- Insurance Commissioner

Candidate statements for voter-nominated state offices elected statewide are published in the State Voter Information Guide. For more information, refer to the Candidate Statements page of the California Secretary of State's website.

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State (Elected by District)

- Member, State Board of Equalization, District 2

Candidate statements for Member of the State Board of Equalization are published in the State Voter Information Guide. For more information, refer to the Candidate Statements page of the California Secretary of State's website.

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount
State Senator, 2nd District	\$3,686	\$7,271
Member of the State Assembly, 2nd District	\$2,434	\$4,769
Member of the State Assembly, 4th District	\$723	\$1,345
Member of the State Assembly, 12th District	\$2,248	\$4,395

County Offices

(Elected by District)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount
County Supervisor 2 nd District	\$1,320	\$2,541
County Supervisor 4 th District	\$1,264	\$2,428

Statements of Qualifications

School Offices

School (Elected Statewide)

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Candidate statements for State Superintendent of Public Instruction are published in the State Voter Information Guide. For more information, refer to the Candidate Statements page of the California Secretary of State's website.

School (County Boards of Education)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Sonoma County Board of Education, Trustee Area 2 (Southwest County)	\$1,325	\$2,549	Candidate Before
Sonoma County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4 (Northeast County)	\$1,269	\$2,438	Candidate Before

School (Community College Governing Boards)

Office	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 1 (East County)	\$1,060	\$2,020	Candidate
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 2 (South County)	\$1,112	\$2,123	Candidate
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 5 (Central Santa Rosa)	\$1,124	\$2,148	Candidate
Sonoma County Junior College District, Trustee Area 7 (West County)	\$1,135	\$2,171	Candidate

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School (Unified School District Governing Boards)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Calistoga Joint Unified School District	\$493	\$886	Candidate
Cloverdale Unified School District	\$576	\$1,052	Candidate Before
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	\$582	\$1,064	Candidate Before
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	\$567	\$1,034	Candidate Before
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Trustee Area 4	\$582	\$1,065	Candidate Before
Geyserville Unified School District	\$504	\$907	Candidate Before
Healdsburg Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	\$519	\$939	District
Healdsburg Unified School District, Trustee Area 3	\$517	\$935	District
Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	\$548	\$996	District
Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	\$538	\$976	District
Windsor Unified School District	\$726	\$1,352	Candidate After

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School (High School District Governing Boards)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 2	\$711	\$1,323	District
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 4	\$680	\$1,260	District
City of Santa Rosa High School District, Trustee Area 6	\$693	\$1,286	District
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 2	\$606	\$1,112	Candidate
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 3	\$619	\$1,139	Candidate
Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts, Trustee Area 5	\$620	\$1,141	Candidate
Point Arena Joint Union High / Arena Union School District	\$502	\$904	Candidate
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 1	\$573	\$1,046	Candidate Before
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 3	\$579	\$1,058	Candidate Before
West Sonoma County Union High School District, Trustee Area 5	\$577	\$1,055	Candidate Before

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School (Elementary School District Governing Boards)

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Alexander Valley Union School District	\$496	\$893	District
Bellevue Union School District	\$659	\$1,218	Candidate After
Bennett Valley Union School District	\$580	\$1,060	District
Cinnabar School District	\$513	\$925	Candidate
Dunham School District	\$497	\$893	Candidate Before
Forestville Union School District	\$553	\$1,005	Candidate Before
Fort Ross School District	\$495	\$891	District
Gravenstein Union School District	\$543	\$985	District
Guerneville School District	\$534	\$969	Candidate After
Harmony Union School District	\$534	\$968	Candidate Before
Horicon School District	\$502	\$903	Candidate
Kenwood School District	\$532	\$964	District Before
Laguna Joint School District	\$490	\$881	Candidate
Liberty School District	\$507	\$915	District
Mark West Union School District	\$605	\$1,110	Candidate Before
Monte Rio Union School District	\$505	\$909	Candidate Before

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Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Montgomery School District	\$499	\$899	Candidate Before
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 1	\$499	\$898	Candidate Before
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 3	\$498	\$897	Candidate Before
Oak Grove Union School District, Trustee Area 4	\$498	\$897	Candidate Before
Old Adobe Union School District	\$709	\$1,318	District
Piner-Olivet Union School District	\$630	\$1,161	Candidate Before
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 2	\$559	\$1,018	District Before
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 3	\$556	\$1,011	District Before
Rincon Valley Union School District, Trustee Area 5	\$571	\$1,042	District Before
Roseland School District	\$563	\$1,026	Candidate Before
Sebastopol Union School District	\$601	\$1,102	District
Twin Hills Union School District	\$547	\$993	Candidate After
Two Rock Union School District	\$496	\$892	District
Waugh School District	\$548	\$995	Candidate Before

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Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
West Side Union School District	\$496	\$893	Candidate After
Wilmar Union School District	\$521	\$943	District
Wright School District	\$616	\$1,132	Candidate Before

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Municipal Offices

City Mayors, Councils, Treasurers, Etc.

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
City of Cloverdale City Council	\$559	\$1,018	Candidate
City of Cloverdale City Treasurer	\$559	\$1,018	Candidate
City of Cotati City Council	\$553	\$1,007	Candidate
City of Healdsburg City Council, District 2	\$510	\$920	Candidate
City of Healdsburg City Council, District 4	\$508	\$917	Candidate
City of Petaluma Mayor	\$1,001	\$1,902	Candidate
City of Petaluma City Council, District 1	\$569	\$1,038	Candidate
City of Petaluma City Council, District 2	\$578	\$1,056	Candidate
City of Petaluma City Council, District 3	\$567	\$1,033	Candidate
City of Rohnert Park City Council, District 2	\$565	\$1,029	Candidate
City of Rohnert Park City Council, District 5	\$554	\$1,008	Candidate
City of Santa Rosa City Council District 2	\$703	\$1,307	Candidate Before
City of Santa Rosa City Council, District 4	\$727	\$1,353	Candidate Before
City of Santa Rosa City Council, District 6	\$682	\$1,263	Candidate Before
City of Sebastopol City Council	\$561	\$1,022	Candidate

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Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
City of Sonoma City Council, District 1	\$508	\$917	Candidate
City of Sonoma City Council, District 3	\$510	\$919	Candidate
City of Sonoma City Council, District 5	\$509	\$918	Candidate

Town Mayors, Councils, Etc.

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Town of Windsor Mayor	\$710	\$1,321	Candidate
Town of Windsor Town Council, District 1	\$542	\$985	Candidate
Town of Windsor Town Council, District 4	\$542	\$984	Candidate

Special District Offices

Community Services District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Cazadero Community Services District	\$498	\$896	Candidate
Graton Community Services District	\$502	\$904	Candidate

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Fire Protection District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Cloverdale Fire Protection District	\$575	\$1,051	District
Gold Ridge Fire Protection District	\$780	\$1,460	District
Graton Fire Protection District	\$548	\$995	Candidate
North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District	\$502	\$904	Candidate
Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District	\$543	\$987	District
Schell-Vista Fire Protection District	\$522	\$943	District
Sonoma County Fire District	\$1,107	\$2,113	District
Sonoma Valley Fire District	\$776	\$1,451	Candidate
Timber Cove Fire Protection District	\$493	\$886	Candidate

Health Care District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Cloverdale Health Care District	\$576	\$1,052	Candidate
North Sonoma County Healthcare District	\$964	\$1,829	Candidate
Healthy Petaluma Zone 1	\$636	\$1,172	Candidate
Healthy Petaluma Zone 3	\$614	\$1,128	Candidate
Sonoma Valley Health Care District	\$792	\$1,483	Candidate

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Life Support District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Coast Life Support District	\$508	\$915	Candidate

Water District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Forestville Water District	\$514	\$928	Candidate
Sweetwater Springs Water District	\$549	\$998	Candidate
Valley of the Moon Water District	\$648	\$1,196	District
Rains Creek/Hiatt Rd County Water District	\$491	\$882	District

Recreation and Park District Boards of Directors

Office/District/Area	Min. \$ Amount	Max \$ Amount	Cand. or Dist. Pays? If Cand., Before or After Filing?
Camp Meeker Recreation & Park District	\$495	\$890	Candidate

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Candidate Statements for Federal and State Offices

Notice to Candidates in Districts That Encompass More than One County

Procedures, requirements, fees, formats, and public examination periods for candidate' statements may vary between counties. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact each county (in which he or she wishes to have a statement printed) within the district to obtain the appropriate information from each county. Failure to do so may jeopardize the printing of the candidate's statement.

Applicable Offices

This section applies to statements by candidates running for the following offices in Sonoma County:

- U.S. Representative, 1st 2nd and 4th Districts
- State Senator, 2nd District
- State Assembly, 2nd, 4th, and 12th Districts

Candidate Information

The text of the statement shall not exceed 250 words. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code §9.

All statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided by the county elections official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his or her statement printed. Statements must be formatted pursuant to the guidelines provided by each county. Statements not submitted in the appropriate format will be reformatted by the county elections official. The county elections official bears no responsibility for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reformatted.

Statements shall not, in any way, refer to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.

The statement will be printed in languages required by the Voting Rights Act (in Sonoma County, Spanish) as well as those languages, if any, required by the counties within the jurisdiction.

Costs of providing statements to voters, including translated statements, shall be paid by the candidates.

Filing Information

Candidates' statements shall be filed in the office of the elections official of each county within the district in which the candidate wishes a statement to be printed, not later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or in the event that the nomination period has been extended, until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the election.

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Candidates' statements are confidential until the expiration of the period for filing such statements. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the 88th or 83rd day prior to the election, whichever is applicable.

It is strongly recommended that the statement be filed personally by the candidate. If the statement is filed by someone other than the candidate, that person should have the authority to make corrections or deletions to the statement in the event that errors or an excess number of words are detected prior to filing the statement. Statements received by mail prior to the deadline will be filed provided that they meet the statutory requirements and county policies regarding candidates' statements. Statements may not be changed after filing.

Sonoma County requires candidates make out a check "not to exceed" the estimated maximum cost of printing the statement at the time of filing the statement. If the actual cost of printing the statement exceeds the deposited amount, the candidate will be invoiced for the remainder of the cost. If the actual cost of printing the statement is less than the deposited amount, the candidate will receive a refund of the over payment.

Candidates' statements are available for public examination in the county elections official's office 10 calendar days following the close of filing for each such office. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is to be held, or the county elections official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the statement to be amended or deleted. Venue for such a proceeding shall be the county in which the statement is filed. If the statement is filed in more than one county, the writ or injunction must be sought in each county in which amendments or deletions to the statement are sought.

Preparation of the Candidate's Statement

Shown below is a reduced facsimile of a Sonoma County Candidate's Statement of Qualifications form for State Legislative Candidates. Note that the first paragraph in the upper portion contains information as to the cost of printing and handling your statement. This portion of the form is to be completed by the official issuing the form. You should date and sign where indicated. The Statement shown below has been typed in upper and lower case, block paragraph form.

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Official issuing form to complete →

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE / STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
(INSTRUCTIONS AND STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)

Office: State Assembly District: 81st

The estimated cost of printing a 250 word statement of qualifications in the Sonoma County Voter Information Guide for the office indicated is between \$ 1577 and \$ 3054 . The candidate shall bear the cost of the statements and payment shall be required at the time of filing the statement.

Estimates are based on two candidates sharing the cost of a single page. If the number of candidate statements submitted is not evenly divisible by two, and the statement cannot be printed with any others, the run charges and page set up fees increase. The charges are prorated among the candidates submitting statements for a particular contest.

I hereby state that I prepared the following statement for printing and distribution in the Sonoma County Voter Information Guide. I understand that per federal and state law requirements, my statement will be printed in English and Spanish.

State Legislative Candidates only: I have accepted the Voluntary Expenditure Limits pursuant to G.C. §85400. **JQC**
(Initial here)

Date and Sign → DATE: 12/2/2019 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: John Q Candidate

Correct and initial any typos prior to filing →

NAME: John Q. Candidate
(STATEMENT / WORD COUNT BEGINS HERE)

I am running for the 81st Assembly District because I believe I can bring a fresh outlook to the legislature. There are pressing issues facing our district, and I want to be a part of the solution. School districts and local governments need more funds to supply needed services. Citizens need to have confidence that their needs, including housing, safety, jobs and education will be met.

All statements should be typed, in upper and lower case lettering, block paragraph style →

I have lived and worked in this district since 1948. I own a small printing business which I started in my garage in 1982. Today that business is quite successful and I have 27 employees. I believe state government can and should be run like a business. There is a limited amount of money with which to fund government services, and we need to examine our expenditures very carefully.

I am well qualified for this position. I attended local schools before joining the military in which I served for 6 years. At the completion of my military service I returned to Anytown and attended the State University, from which I graduated with honors in 1986. I served on the Uptown Unified School District governing board from 1988 through 1996 and currently am serving on the Anytown City Council.

My wife, Jane and I have three children, Joshua, 18, Justin, 16 and Jessica, 13, all of whom attend local public schools. I want this district to continue to be a wonderful place to live, work and play for generations to come.

Thank you for your vote.

Printed Candidate's Statement

Printed Candidate's Statement - The example below approximately illustrates the candidate's statement as it will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. All statements are printed in BLOCK PARAGRAPH STYLE with spacing between paragraphs (no indentations).

JOHN Q. CANDIDATE

81st District

I am running for the 81ST District because I feel I can bring a fresh outlook to the legislature. There are pressing issues facing our district, and I want to be a part of the solution. School districts and local governments need more funds to supply needed services. Citizens need to have confidence that their needs, including housing, safety, jobs and education will be met. I have lived and worked in this district since 1948. I own a small printing business which I started in my garage in 1982. Today that business is quite successful and I have 27 employees. I believe

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state government can and should be run like a business. There is a limited amount of money with which to fund government services, and we need to examine our expenditures very carefully. I am well qualified for this position. I attended local schools before joining the military in which I served for 6 years. At the completion of my military service I returned to Anytown and attended the State University, from which I graduated with honors in 1986. I served on the Uptown Unified School District governing board from 1988 through 1996 and currently am serving on the Anytown City Council. My wife, Jane and I have three children, Joshua, 18, Justin, 16 and Jessica, 13, all of whom attend local public schools. I want this district to continue to be a wonderful place to live, work and play for generations to come. Thank you for your vote.

Word Count Standards

1. Punctuation is not counted.
2. Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified.
3. All proper nouns, including geographical names shall be counted as one word (e.g., "City and County of San Francisco" or "Rincon Valley Union School District" shall be counted as one word).
4. Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word (e.g., S.R.J.C.).
5. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the United States shall be counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
6. Dates shall be counted as one word.
7. Digital numbers shall be counted as one word (e.g., 100). Numbers which are written out are counted as one word each (e.g., "one" shall be counted as one word and "one hundred" shall be counted as two words).
8. Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
9. Internet web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

Statements must be typewritten in upper and lower case, with paragraphs clearly marked. Statements must be submitted on the appropriate form; however, statements may be prepared on a word processor and attached to the form, providing no pertinent information is covered by the attachment. Statements submitted in a format other than block paragraph will be reformatted as illustrated above. *The statement must be written in the first person* (e.g., "I am running..." not "Jane Doe is running..." or "He is running...").

Please proofread your statement. This office will not be responsible for the accurate printing of any re-formatted statement or handwritten statement, nor will it correct any misspellings or errors in, grammar or punctuation. Special formatting using ALL CAPITALS, *italics*, underlines, **boldface type**, ***stars***, !!!, dots..., etc., are prohibited.

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Candidate Statements for School, Municipal, and Special District Offices

Notice to Candidates in Districts That Encompass More than One County

Procedures, requirements, fees, formats, and public examination periods for candidate' statements may vary between counties. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact each county (in which he or she wishes to have a statement printed) within the district to obtain the appropriate information from each county. Failure to do so may jeopardize the printing of the candidate's statement.

Electronic Distribution of Statements for Local Nonpartisan Offices Not Offered at This Time

If the elections official who is conducting the election permits electronic distribution of a candidate's statement, the governing body of a local agency may permit each candidate to prepare a candidate's statement for the purpose of electronic distribution pursuant to this subdivision (Elections Code §13307 (c)1). **Sonoma County does not offer this service at this time.**

Applicable Offices

This section applies to statements by candidates running for the following offices in Sonoma County:

- All local school, county, city/town, and special district offices.

Candidate Statement

- Any candidate for local nonpartisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. Statements of Qualifications are optional and, unless otherwise determined by the governing body, are printed at the expense of the candidate. Candidates who are required to prepay the estimated costs will either be billed for the additional costs or refunded any overpayment following the election. Estimated costs for Statements of Qualifications are based on the printer's price list, set-up fees and the number of registered voters within the jurisdiction. Estimates are for statements not exceeding 200 words. Final costs will be determined by the number of candidate statements that are submitted for a particular office. Candidates are required to submit a check "not to exceed" the highest possible cost, written under the amount line, (Elections Code §13307(d)). All checks will be held until after the final deadline to withdraw a candidate statement.
- The body of the statement (not including name, age and occupation) shall not exceed 200 words. Words shall be counted pursuant to Elections Code §9.
- Statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided. Statements must be typewritten and single-spaced in a block paragraph style. Words in all capitals, indentions, italics, underlines, stars, dots, etc., are prohibited. Lists and enumerations will be wrapped as a single paragraph. Multiple single sentence

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paragraphs that do not fit in the space will be wrapped. Indented text, if submitted, will be run together as a sentence. The elections official is not responsible for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reconfigured to comply with these guidelines.

- Statements for candidates shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not in any way reference other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
- Statements shall be written in the first person (e.g., "I am running..." not "She is running..." or "Jane Doe is running...") and shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's personal background and qualifications. Each statement shall be accompanied by a declaration executed under penalty of perjury, declaring that the information contained therein is true and correct.
- Statements will be printed in random alphabet order unless repositioned due to space considerations. Statements do not rotate.

Filing Information

- Statements and payment shall be filed with the county elections official when nomination papers are returned for filing, or in the case of an election for which nomination papers are not required (i.e., run-off election) no later than the 88th day prior to the election.
- Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline for nomination papers for the office. Statements may be withdrawn, but shall not be changed (except as specifically required by the elections official), until 5 p.m. the next regular business day following the close of nominations for such office.
- Statements are subject to examination and challenge by any voter of the jurisdiction (Elections Code §13313) for a period of 10 calendar days following the close of filing for each such office.

Preparation of the Candidate's Statement

Shown below is a reduced facsimile of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications form. Note that the first paragraph in the upper portion contains information as to the limitations on the number of words and the cost of printing and handling your statement. This portion of the form is to be completed by the officer issuing the form. You should date and sign where indicated. The statement shown below has been typed in upper and lower case, block paragraph form. The candidate has corrected and initialed a typographical error (had the candidate not corrected this error it would have been typeset as submitted).

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Official issuing form to complete →

JURISDICTION: _____ CONTEST ID: _____ CANDIDATE ID: _____

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
(INSTRUCTIONS AND STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)
The governing body of your jurisdiction has determined that statements shall be limited to 200 words; the (Candidate/jurisdiction) shall bear the cost of the statements and payment shall be required (prior to/after) the election. (Payments required in advance are to be made directly to the jurisdiction. Proof of payment will be required at the time the statement is filed). The estimated cost of printing a 200 word statement for the office is between \$ 349 and \$ 688.

Estimates are based upon two candidates sharing the cost of a single page. If the number of candidate statements submitted is not evenly divisible by two, and the statement cannot be printed with any others, the run charges and set up fees increase. The charges are prorated among the candidates submitting statements for a particular contest.

I hereby state that I prepared the following statement for printing and distribution in the County Voter Information Guide. I understand that per federal and state law requirements, my statement will be printed in English and Spanish.

DATE: Nov. 18, 2020 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: Elita P. Snodgrass

Cost of printing, word limitation, for payment responsibility →

Date and Sign →

Occupation may be more descriptive than ballot designation →

NAME: ELITA P. SNODGRASS AGE: 32
If left blank will not be printed →

OCCUPATION: PAINTER/SINGER
Not subject to the ballot designation limitations - if left blank will not be printed →

STATEMENT/WORD COUNT BEGINS HERE:

All statements should be typed, in upper and lower case lettering, block paragraph style →

Correct any typos prior to filing and initial →

I am running for the governing board of the Washington Unified School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Washington High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district.

I own and operate my own business, so I am well aware of the need to operate within a budget. With proper distribution of resources and educational materials I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district.

I have been active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also serve as a volunteer at the Community Recycling Center as time allows.

I am looking forward to serving you on the Washington Unified School District Governing Board.

E.P.S.
Thank you for your vote.

Printed Candidates' Statement

The example below illustrates the candidate's statement as it will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. All statements are printed in **Block Paragraph Style** with spacing between paragraphs (no indentations).

WASHINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELITA P. SNODGRASS Age: 32

Occupation: Businesswoman

I am running for the governing board of the Washington Unified School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Washington High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district.

I own and operate my own business, so I am well aware of the need to operate within a budget. With proper distribution of resources and educational materials, I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district.

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I have been active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also serve as a volunteer at the community Recycling Center as time allows.

I am looking forward to serving you on the Washington Unified School District Governing Board.

Thank you for your vote.

Word Count Standards

1. Punctuation is not counted.
2. Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified.
3. All proper nouns, including geographical names shall be counted as one word (e.g., "City and County of San Francisco" or "Rincon Valley Union School District" shall be counted as one word).
4. Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word (e.g., S.R.J.C.).
5. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the United States shall be counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
6. Dates shall be counted as one word.
7. Digital numbers shall be counted as one word (e.g., 100). Numbers which are written out are counted as one word each (e.g., "one" shall be counted as one word and "one hundred" shall be counted as two words).
8. Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
9. Internet web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

Statements must be typewritten in upper and lower case, with paragraphs clearly marked. Statements must be submitted on the appropriate form; however, statements may be prepared on a word processor and attached to the form, providing no pertinent information is covered by the attachment. Statements submitted in a format other than block paragraph will be reformatted as illustrated above. If age and/or occupation are left blank, none will be printed. Occupation is not restricted by ballot designation limitations; however, occupations exceeding one line will be shortened. *Statement Must be Written in the First Person* (e.g., "I am running..." not "Jane Doe is running..." or "He is running...").

Please Proofread Your Statement. This office will not be responsible for the accurate printing of any re-formatted statement or handwritten statement, nor will it correct any misspellings or errors in, grammar or punctuation. Special formatting using ALL CAPITALS, *italics*, underlines, **boldface type**, ***stars***, !!!, dots..., etc., are prohibited.

Campaign Finance

Campaign Disclosure Requirements

Introduction

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires all candidates for state and local elective office, all state and local elected officeholders, proponents of state and local ballot measures who control a ballot measure committee, and committees supporting or opposing state and local candidates, and all measure committees, to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

It is the responsibility of the candidate and or committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner. *Government Code §91013 provides for a late filing fine of \$10 per day for the late filing of any campaign disclosure statements after the deadline until the statement or report is filed.*

Campaign Filing Obligations

Except as noted below, an individual who intends to be a candidate for an elective office must file Form 501. Please see instructions on the Form 501 for the filing requirements. For State Candidates, Form 501 is filed with the Secretary of State. Local Candidates file with the appropriate local filing officer for their jurisdiction.

➤ *Government Code §§85200, 85201*

Form 501–Candidate Intention Statement: This statement must be filed before a candidate solicits or receives any contributions (including loans) from others or before any expenditures are made from personal funds on behalf of his/her candidacy, excluding personal funds used to pay filing fees and/or fees for Statements of Qualifications. Exception: Candidates for county central committee offices that do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

➤ *Government Code §§85200, 85201*

Exception: Form 501 is not required to be filed by candidates who do not intend to receive any contributions or loans, and the only expenditures from personal funds would be for payment of the filing fee and Statement of Qualifications. Form 501 is not used to obtain a Committee Identification Number.

Form 410–Statement of Organization: In addition to the above-mentioned form, a Form 410 must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office to obtain a Committee Identification Number. Form 410 must be filed if a candidate or committee receives contributions (including loans) totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. This statement must be filed within 10 days of raising or spending \$2,000 in contributions. Include a \$50 payment made payable to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, the \$50 fee is due annually no later than January 15. In addition to the \$50 fee, a penalty of \$150 may be assessed if payment is late. All personal funds and/or contributions or loans made to the candidate, to a person on behalf of the candidate, or to the candidate's-controlled committee shall be deposited in a campaign bank account prior to expenditure. All campaign expenditures shall be made from the account. Exception: A bank account is not required if a candidate will not receive contributions or make personal expenditures of more than \$2,000. The filing and statement of qualification fees are not included in calculating

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the \$2,000. For more details, refer to Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for Local Candidates and their Controlled Committees.

➤ *Government Code §§84101, 84101.5, 85201*

Form 470–Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement–Short Form: Candidates for office who expect to receive or spend less than \$2,000 during the election and who do not have a controlled committee may file a Form 470 with their Declaration of Candidacy (or no later than the filing deadline for the first pre-election campaign statement). The following individuals seeking or holding office are not required to file campaign disclosure statements (Form 470 or 460): candidates for county central committee offices that do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year; officeholders whose salaries are less than \$200 per month and judicial candidates who have not made or received contributions or made expenditures during non-election years; and judges who do not receive contributions and who make personal expenditures of less than \$1,000 or more in non-election years. State officeholders, state candidates, judges and judicial candidates must file the original and one copy with the Secretary of State Political Reform Division.

➤ *Government Code §§84206(a), (b), 84207, 85201*

Form 470–Supplement: Any candidate who files a Form 470 and who subsequently has \$2,000 or more in receipts and/or expenditures prior to his/her election must send a notice to the Secretary of State, the local filing officer, if any, and to all candidates for the same office. This notice must be sent within 48 hours. Detailed information concerning the notice required is included on the Supplemental Form 470.

➤ *Government Code §§84206(c), 85201*

Form 460–Recipient Committee Campaign Statement: Candidates for office who receive contributions or have expenditures of \$2,000 or more must file pre-election and semi-annual campaign statements during the year in which their election is being held. Please refer to the Campaign Filing Schedule in this guide for the actual filing periods covered by each statement.

The first pre-election campaign statement is due no later than September 24, 2026; the second pre-election campaign statement is due no later than October 22, 2026; and the semi-annual campaign statement must be filed no later than February 1, 2027. Please refer to the Campaign Filing Schedule for the actual filing periods covered by each statement.

➤ *Government Code §§84200, 85201*

Termination: Once contributions and expenditures for a particular office cease, all funds are expended, the ending cash balance is \$0.00, and the bank account is closed, an original and one copy of Form 410 must be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. Additionally, you must file a copy of Form 410 along with an original of the final campaign statement (Form 460) with the appropriate filing officer.

There is no deadline for terminating a committee controlled by a local candidate or officeholder unless the controlling candidate/officeholder becomes a state officeholder (in which case, refer to the FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for State Candidates for termination requirements). Primarily formed committees also do not have a deadline to terminate. However, the committee, by its nature, may need to change its committee status if it remains open after the election.

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➤ *Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Regulation §18404; Government Code §84214*

Important Note: Candidates and Committees are encouraged to visit the Fair Political Practices Commission website for information on new or revised rules and regulations

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Form 501 - Candidate Intention Statement

Who Files

A candidate for state or local office must file Form 501 prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election.

You must file a separate Form 501 for each election, including reelection to the same office.

Exception: *This form is not required if you will not solicit or receive contributions from other persons and the only expenditures will be from your personal funds used for the filing fee and/or Statement of Qualifications in the County Voter Information Guide. Candidates for county central committees that do not raise or spend \$2000 or more in a calendar year are also exempt from filing this form.*

When to File

Form 501 must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditures from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. This form is considered filed the date it is postmarked or hand delivered.

Exception: *A candidate may use his or her personal check to pay the filing fee and/or Statement of Qualifications fee.*

Pursuant to Government Code §84300(a), no contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made or received in cash. Pursuant to Government Code §84300(b), no expenditure of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made in cash.

See appropriate Campaign Disclosure Manual and California Form 501 for additional instructions and filing requirements.

Where to File Form 501

State Candidates:

Send original to:

Secretary of State Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Room 495
Sacramento, CA 95814

Local Candidates:

Send original to:

The appropriate local filing officer

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Form 410 – Statement of Organization

Definitions:

Recipient Committee

A recipient committee is any individual (including an officeholder or a candidate), group of individuals, organizations, groups or other entities that raise contributions from others totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year to spend on California elections.

Contribution

The term “contribution” includes monetary payments, loans and non-monetary goods or services received or made for a political purpose.

Personal Funds – Candidates

The personal funds of a candidate or officeholder used in connection with seeking or holding elective office are contributions and are counted towards qualifying as a recipient committee. However, personal funds used to pay a candidate filing fee or a fee for the Statement of Qualifications to appear in the County Voter Information Guide are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.

Pursuant to Government Code §84300(a), no contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made or received in cash. Pursuant to Government Code §84300(b), no expenditure of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made in cash.

When to File

File the Form 410 within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. The date this form is postmarked is the date it is considered filed. In addition to the 10-day rule to file an original Form 410:

- a recipient committee qualifying during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Form 410 by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee’s original disclosure statements. A Form 410 must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.
- a recipient committee qualifying during the 90 days prior to an election in which the committee makes independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a candidate in that election must file the Form 410 (or the information contained on the Form 410) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee’s original disclosure statements and with the filing officer(s) for the candidate(s) supported or opposed by the independent expenditure. These filings must be made by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, personal delivery, or online (if online filing is available).

You will receive written notification from the Secretary of State’s Office assigning an identification number to your committee. Identification numbers are also posted on the Secretary of State’s web site at <http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov>.

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See appropriate Campaign Disclosure Manual and California Form 410 for additional instructions and filing requirements.

Where to File Form 410

All Committees:

Send original and one copy to:

Secretary of State Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Room 495
Sacramento, CA 95814

County and City Committees:

Send one copy to:

The appropriate local filing officer

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Often Overlooked Campaign Disclosure Requirements

Be Informed

Be Informed: *The Franchise Tax Board is authorized under Section 90001 of the California Government Code to audit Campaign Disclosure Statements. The audit can include tests of the accounting records and other such auditing procedures. The purpose of campaign disclosure is to provide the public with the identity of contributors and the amounts they give, as well as the amount officeholders, candidates and committees spend. The laws passed to enforce that purpose can be challenging for the unwary, therefore some often overlooked requirements, some identified in audit reports, are provided here:*

- Even unopposed candidates are subject to the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act. (Government Code §82007)
- Prior to soliciting or receiving any contribution (including a loan), all elected officeholders, and all candidates must file Form 501 (candidate intention).
- Contributions include **Personal Funds** and are subject to the same disclosure requirements.
- A Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be filed within 10 days by any person who receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year.
- Officeholders and candidates who receive contributions or make expenditures of \$2,000 or more must establish a campaign checking account in California and report it on Form 410.
- Loans to a candidate are considered contributions unless the loan is from a financial institution.
- Filing fees and candidate statement fees may be paid in cash if the candidate is using personal funds and will not be reimbursed through the committee. Otherwise, campaign disclosure laws require that expenditures of \$100 or more be made by written instrument containing the names of both the payee and payor. (Gov. Code §84300)
- Never accept or spend \$100 or more in cash (Gov. Code §84300(a),(b)).
- For contributions of \$100 or more, including loans, and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, street address, occupation and employer. (Gov. Code §84211(f),(g)) Contributions of \$100 or more may not be made in the form of a money order or cashier's check. Contributions may continue to be made with a credit card.
- Maintain details on contributions and expenditures of \$25 or more. Refer to recordkeeping guidelines in Manual 2
- Make copies of all contributor checks.
- No Personal Use of Campaign Funds. Use campaign funds only for political, legislative, or governmental purposes (Government Code §8314, Penal Code 426).
- The source for each loan must be disclosed.

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- All expenditures of \$100 or more must be itemized on the campaign statements and then summarized on the Campaign Disclosure Statement Summary Page. Payee street addresses must be disclosed on the campaign statements for expenditures made (Government Code §84211(k)).
- Open committees are required to file the necessary campaign finance disclosure statements, even if there is no activity, until terminated.
- When information contained in the committee's Statement of Organization changes, file an amendment within 10 days of the change with the Secretary of State and local filing officer (if applicable).
- All committees making or receiving contribution(s) that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more during the last 90 days before the election, must disclose receipt within 24 hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds.
- (County Candidates as per Ordinance 5798) If \$500 or more including contributions aggregated that are made to or received by a county candidate during the last 16 days before the election, disclose receipt within 24 hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds.
- Any person who makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to a single candidate for elective office or a single ballot measure, which accumulate to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more during the 90 days immediately preceding the election in which the candidate or measure will be voted on shall file Form 496 within twenty-four (24) hours, each time an independent expenditure is made (Form 462 affirming the independent nature of the expenditure is required). Per Local Ordinance 5798 – Committees supporting or opposing any County candidate are required to file 24-hour independent expenditure reports during the local election cycle

Any person who makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to a single candidate for elective office or a single ballot measure, which accumulate to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more during the 90 days immediately preceding the election in which the candidate or measure will be voted on shall file Form 496 within twenty-four (24) hours, each time an independent expenditure is made (Form 462 affirming the independent nature of the expenditure is required). Per local County Ordinance 5798 – Committees supporting or opposing any County candidate are required to file 24-hour independent expenditure reports during the local election cycle.

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Filing Schedule for November 2026 Election

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period	Method of Delivery
July 31, 2026*	Semi-annual	† to June 30, 2026	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
Within 24 Hours (State Candidate Controlled Committees)	Contribution Reports	August 5, 2026 to Election Day (November 3, 2026)	E-File only with Secretary of State
Within 24 Hours (Local Candidate Controlled Committees)	Contribution Reports	August 5, 2026 to Election Day (November 3, 2026)	Personal Delivery Fax Email Guaranteed Overnight Service
September 24, 2026	1 st Preelection	July 1, 2026 to September 19, 2026	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
October 22, 2026	2 nd Preelection	September 20, 2026 to October 17, 2026	Personal Delivery Guaranteed Overnight Service
February 1, 2027	Semi-annual	October 18, 2026 to December 31, 2026	Personal Delivery First Class Mail

† The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or *January 1*, if no previous statement has been filed.

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Mass Mailing

Definition of Mass Mailing means over two hundred (200) substantially similar pieces of mail, mailed within a calendar month, but does not include a form letter or other mail, which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry. Mass Mailing Sent Electronically: It is required that the name of the candidate or committee be disclosed on over 200 substantially similar campaign messages distributed to the public through email.

NOTE: If you are planning any type of mass mailing, please contact the post office in advance for specific postal regulations.

- *Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation §18435; Government Code §82041.5*

Mass Mailing Requirements

- a. Except as provided in subdivision (b), a candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the candidate's, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate's, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.
- b. If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- c.
 - 1) A candidate, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.
 - 2) A committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass electronic mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 or 84504.3 unless the name of the committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.
- d. If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a).

➤ *Government Code §84305*

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All campaign committees, including candidate, ballot measure, general purpose, major donor and independent expenditure committees, must provide the words “Paid for by” when the committee sends a mass mailing via U.S. mail or through electronic mail. This identification must be presented in the same size and color as the committee name—no less than 6-point type and in a color or print that contrasts with the background and is easily legible. The words “Paid for by” shall be immediately adjacent to and above or immediately adjacent to and in front of the committee name and address

➤ *Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation §18435*

Mass Mailing Prohibitions

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense.

Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 89002, a mass mailing, as defined in Section 82041.5, that meets the criteria of subdivision (a) of Section 890002 shall not be sent within the 60 days preceding an election by or on behalf of a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot at that election, except as provided in paragraphs (2) to (8), inclusive, and paragraph (10) of subdivision (b) of Section 89002.

➤ *Government Code §89003*

Political Advertising Requirements — Newspapers

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words “Paid Political Advertisement.” The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section “paid political advertisement” shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.

➤ *Elections Code §20008*

Simulated Ballot Requirements

a. Every simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

Notice to Voters (Required by Law)

“This is not an official ballot or official county voter information guide prepared by the county elections official, or the Secretary of State.”

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“This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).”

This section shall not be construed as requiring this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

- b. A simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide referred to in subdivision (a) shall not bear an official seal or the insignia of a public entity, and that seal or insignia shall not appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- c. The superior court, in a case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition of cases of this nature.

➤ *Elections Code §20009*

Truth in Endorsements Law

Provides information regarding restrictions on endorsements, representation requirements, etc. A copy is available in the California Elections Code which can be viewed at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

➤ *Elections Code §§20000-20010*

Electioneering Near Polling Place

No person, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place or an elections official’s office:

- a. Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- b. Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- c. Place a sign relating to voters’ qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- d. Do any electioneering.

As used in this section, “100 feet of a polling place or an elections official’s office” means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

➤ *Elections Code §18370*

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Campaign Posters and Signs

City and County Restrictions

City and Contact	Posting Restrictions	Posting & Removal Dates
City of Santa Rosa (707) 543-3015 Dina Manis, City Clerk	Sign permit required. Must have owners' permission. Signs may not exceed 16 square feet in are and, if detached, more than 9 feet in height. Private property only	60 days prior to, and 15 days after the date of the election
City of Cloverdale (707) 894-1712 Community Development Department	Must have property owner's permission. Residential: 6 square feet with no portion higher than 7 feet above existing grade. Nonresidential: 24 square feet, 10 feet in height. Private property only.	30 days total. Potential extension of up to 45 days upon approval of Planning Director
City of Cotati (707) 665-3622 Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk	Must have property owner's permission. Residential: 12 square feet total (front & back); Nonresidential: 20 square feet (front & back). Private property only	60 days prior to, and 10 days after the date of the election
City of Healdsburg (707) 431-3317 Raina Allan, City Clerk	Must have property owner's permission. Private property only.	90 days prior to, and 15 days after the date of the election
City of Petaluma (707) 778-4361 City Community Development Department	Contact City Community Development Department for information.	90 days prior to and 15 days after the date of the election
City of Rohnert Park (707) 588-2227 Sylvia Lopez Cuevas, City Clerk	Must have property owner's permission. Private property only.	Signs must be removed within 10 days after the date of the election
City of Sebastopol (707) 823-1153 Mary Gourley, City Clerk	Must have property owner's permission. Private property only.	No specific guidelines established for posting, remove after election
City of Sonoma (707) 933-2216 City Planning Department	No signs or posters on public property or utility poles. Must obtain permission from property owner to post on private property and shall file written approval with a \$25.00 fee to the City Clerk, to be refunded upon	Signs must be removed within 10 days after the date of the election

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City and Contact	Posting Restrictions	Posting & Removal Dates
	removal of signs. Signs may not exceed 8 square feet without a permit	
Town of Windsor (707) 838-1021 Town Planning Division	Must have property owner's permission. Residential: 32 square feet; maximum 4 feet in height from ground. Nonresidential: 64 square feet, maximum 6 feet in height from ground. Private property only. No portion of a sign shall be located within five feet of a road, street, or common driveway and no sign may obstruct vision on a public right-of-way.	Limited to 45 days maximum period, up to twice per year
County of Sonoma (707) 565-1900 Permit & Resource Management Department (PRMD)	Must obtain Zoning Permit from the PRMD. No signs shall be erected earlier than ninety (90) days prior to the election in which the candidate or measure will be voted upon. Signs on behalf of a political candidate who is successful in the primary election may be retained for the general election provided they are properly maintained. All signs shall be removed entirely within twenty (20) days of the close of the campaign. Refer to Article 84 (Sign Regulations) in Sonoma County Zoning Ordinance for design standards and further information.	

State Law Governing Campaign Signs

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, the information from Caltrans at the following link about state law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda/political-signs>.

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Purchasing Voter Registration Data

For information about purchasing voter registration data, including our most up-to-date prices, visit the Campaign Materials page of our website.

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

(as found in Chapter 5 of Division 20 of the California Elections Code)

Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

20400. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

Article 2. Definitions

20420. As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

20440. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary.

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

20441. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

20442. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

20443. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

20444. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

Calendar of Events

The following calendar is intended to provide general information and does not have the force or effect of law, regulation, or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters is not rendering legal advice and that this calendar is not a substitute for legal counsel. References to code sections are not guaranteed to be correct and may have changed since the calendar was published. In the case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply.

Evelyn Mendez,
Registrar of Voters

Holiday Schedule

A list of official upcoming holidays recognized by the County of Sonoma in the upcoming months is shown below. Please note that these holidays may not be the same as those recognized by other counties, the Secretary of State's Office, or the federal government.

September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Day After Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1, 2027	New Year's Day
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Dates variable

Candidates (Before Raising Any Money)

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT (FORM 501)

Prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, or the expenditure of any personal funds, any individual who intends to be a candidate for **an elective state office** shall file with the Secretary of State's Office an original of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). Similarly, prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, or the expenditure of any personal funds, any individual who intends to be a candidate for **any other elective office** shall file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) with the same filing officer with whom the original campaign statements are required to be filed. See "Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements" in this Campaign Guide for more information on filing this form.

➤ *FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual (2020) Manual 2, Chapter 1; Government Code §85200*

Candidates (Before Raising \$2,000 or More)

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION/CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT (FORM 410)

Upon the filing of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), any candidate who raises contributions of \$2,000 or more in a calendar year shall establish a campaign account at an office of a financial institution located in the state. Personal funds used to pay filing or candidate statement fees are not counted toward

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the \$2,000 threshold. The candidate shall then file an original Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State and a copy with the local filing officer within 10 days. See “Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements” in this Campaign Guide for more information on filing this form.

➤ *FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual (2020) Manual 2, Chapter 1; Government Code §§84101, 85201*

Committees (Within 10 Days of Making an Independent Expenditure of \$1,000 or More to Support or Oppose a Single Candidate or Ballot Measure)

VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (FORM 462)

If a committee makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a single candidate or single ballot measure, the committee must email the Fair Political Practices Commission the Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462) within 10 days. This form is used to identify an individual responsible for ensuring that the campaign committee’s independent expenditures are not coordinated with the listed candidate or measure committee (or the opponent) and that the committee will report all contributions and reimbursements as required by law.

➤ *FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual (2020) Manual 2, Chapter 10; Government Code 84213*

Individual Contributors (Within 24 Hours of Making an Independent Expenditure of \$1,000 or More in Support or in Opposition to a County Candidate)

VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Any person who makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to a county candidate which accumulate to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more during an election cycle shall notify the county registrar of voters and all candidates running for the same seat, by telegram, facsimile, or by any other electronic means accepted by the county registrar of voters, within twenty-four (24) hours each time such an expenditure is made.

➤ *Sonoma County Ordinance Number 5231 §2, 2000*

June 8, 2026

Governor (E-148)

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

By this date the Governor shall issue a proclamation, under his or her hand and the Great Seal of the State, and shall state the time of the election and the offices, if any, to be filled. Copies of the proclamation shall be transmitted to the board of supervisors of each county.

➤ *Elections Code §12000*

June 26, 2026

County Superintendent of Schools (E-130)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS

Last day for the County Superintendent of Schools to notify the governing boards of all school and community college districts under his or her jurisdiction in writing that a consolidated election is required to be held.

➤ *Education Code §§5323, 5340*

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June 29 to July 13, 2026

City Clerks/Registrar of Voters (E-127 to E-113)

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICES

The City Clerk (or the Registrar of Voters Office on behalf of the city) shall publish a notice of election one time between these dates. The notice shall include the date and time of the election and the offices to be filled, specifying full term or short term, as the case may be. The notice shall also specify the conditions for appointment pursuant to E.C. §10229 (insufficient nominee provisions).

The notice of election shall be consolidated with the notice of measure(s) to be voted on for each municipal measure that has been placed on the ballot so far.

➤ *Elections Code §§12101, 12102, 12111*

July 1, 2026

Special District Secretaries (E-125)

PROVIDE NOTICE OF ELECTION AND MAP OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

On or before the 125th day prior to the general district election, the district secretary for each special district up for election shall deliver a notice to the Registrar of Voters Office containing the elective offices of the district to be filled at the next election and whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of the optional Statement of Qualifications in the County Voter Information Guide. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district's seal.

The district secretary shall also deliver a map of the district boundaries, (or, in lieu thereof, a statement indicating that there have been no changes to the boundary lines) to the Registrar of Voters Office.

➤ *Elections Code §§10509, 10522, 13307*

Registrar of Voters (E-125)

JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

Jurisdictional boundary changes occurring less than 125 days before an election shall not be effective for purposes of that election.

➤ *Elections Code §12262*

July 3, 2026

School Governing Bodies (E-123)

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

Whenever an election for school governing board is ordered, the governing board shall, concurrently with or after the order of election but not later than 123 prior to the date of the election, file with the County Superintendent of Schools and the Registrar of Voters Office a resolution specifying (a) the date of the election and (b) the purpose of the election. The resolution shall be known as "specifications of the election order" and shall set forth the authority for ordering the election, the authority for the specification of the election order, and the signature of the officer or the clerk of the board.

➤ *Education Code §5322; Elections Code §10400 et seq.*

Calendar of Events

July 6, 2026

County Superintendent of Schools (E-120)

DELIVERY OF ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

In the case of an election for governing board members, by this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver to the Registrar of Voters Office copies of the (1) order of election (2) formal notice of election.

➤ *Education Code §§5324, 5325, 5360, 5361*

School, County, Municipality, and Special District Governing Bodies (E-120)

POLICY REGARDING CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Before the nominating period opens, local agencies scheduled for election shall make the following determinations regarding publication of candidates' optional Statements of Qualifications in the County Voter Guide:

- Whether the district or candidate must pay the cost of printing the Statement of Qualifications. This decision shall not be revoked or modified after the seventh day before the opening of the nominating period.
- If candidates are to pay for the printing of Statements, whether a payment must be made to the district prior to the filing of the nomination papers, or the district will bill the candidates after the election.
- Whether Statements should be limited to 200 or 400 words. The estimated cost of a 400-word Statement is approximately double the estimated cost of a 200-word Statement.

A written statement of the policy with respect to charges for handling, packaging, and mailing shall be provided to each candidate with nomination papers.

➤ *Elections Code §§13307(a), 13307(d), 13307(f)*

July 6 to August 5, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-120 to E-90)

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES

At least 90 and not more than 120 days before the date fixed for the general district election, the Registrar of Voters Office shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the district, a notice of election. The notice shall contain the names of offices for which candidates may file to run and shall state the qualifications as required by the principal act for each office, the location where the declaration of candidacy forms may be obtained and filed, and the final day and time forms will be accepted for filing. The notice shall also state that if there are no nominees or insufficient nominees for the office and a petition for an election is not filed with the Registrar of Voters Office within the time prescribed by law, appointments will be made.

➤ *Education Code §5363; Elections Code §12112*

Calendar of Events

July 13 to August 7, 2026

Candidates (E-113 to E-88)

NOMINATION PERIOD

Period for filing nomination documents for school, municipal, and special district offices for the General Election. School and special district candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy in the Registrar of Voters Office, 3880 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa, with the exception of North Marin Water District (candidates for that special district must file at the Marin County Elections Department). Municipal candidates must obtain and file nomination documents with the city clerks of their cities during regular business hours as posted.

School and special district candidates may obtain forms during regular work hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forms must be filed in person, by designated representative, or by certified mail (PO Box 11485, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485) received no later than 5 p.m. on the final filing date. Candidates who do not appear in person to file nomination documents bear the responsibility of errors or omissions which could affect their candidacy. No candidate shall withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy after 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the date of the election except as provided below.

➤ *Elections Code §§10220 et seq., §10407, §§10510 et seq.; Government Code §87201*

Candidates for U.S. Representative and State Legislative Offices (E-113 to E-88)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Any candidate for U.S. Representative, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly, who accepts voluntary expenditure limits, may submit a 250-word Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. The statement will be printed at the candidate's expense and may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate.

➤ *Government Code §§85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601; Elections Code §13307.5*

Candidates for School, County, Municipality, and Special District Offices (E-113 to E-88)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Any candidate for local nonpartisan office (including an incumbent in a recall election) may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide at the time his or her nomination documents are filed. If a jurisdiction requires payment in advance, the candidate must pay the jurisdiction and bring proof of payment at the time of filing. Once filed, the statement may be withdrawn (but not changed) until 5 p.m. on the next regular business day following the close of nominations. All statements remain confidential until the close of the nomination (or extended nomination) period.

Any candidate in an election (including an incumbent in a recall election) who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to Elections Code §11327 or §13307, with the intent to mislead voters, is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

➤ *Elections Code §§13307 et seq., §18351*

Calendar of Events

Candidates (E-113 to E-88)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Any candidate who does not anticipate spending or receiving \$2,000 or more in a calendar year may file an Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (Form 470), which does not require detailed information concerning receipts and expenditures.

Any candidate who plans to spend or receive \$2,000 or more in a calendar year must establish a campaign bank account in California and deposit all the contributions or loans into the account before making any expenditures. An original Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be completed and sent to the Secretary of State's Office within 10 days of opening the account. A copy of the 410 must also be filed with the candidate's local filing officer. Note that filing fees and Statement of Qualification fees are not included in calculating the \$2,000.

Any candidate who has already filed a Form 470 because they did not originally plan to spend or receive \$2,000 or more in a calendar year but then changes their mind shall do the following:

1. Establish a campaign account before the \$2,000 expenditure threshold is reached.
2. Complete and send an original Statement of Organization (Form 410) to the Secretary of State's Office and file a copy with the candidate's local filing officer.
3. Complete and send an original Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (Form 470) **Supplement** to the Secretary of State's Office, the candidate's local filing officer, and each candidate seeking the same office. This notice is required to be filed within 48 hours of receiving or making contributions or expenditures of \$2,000 or more.

Please refer to the appropriate Campaign Disclosure Manual for additional information regarding filing obligations for candidates, officeholders and committees supporting or opposing candidates or measures.

➤ *FPPC Regulations §18406; Government Code §§ 84101 et seq., 84206, 85201*

Candidates (E-113 to E-88)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (FORM 700)

The Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) must be filed not later than the final filing date for the Declaration of Candidacy if it is required by the Conflict of Interest Code for the jurisdiction or by state law. This statement shall not be required if the candidate has filed, within 60 days prior to the filing of his or her Declaration of Candidacy, a statement for the same jurisdiction.

➤ *Government Code §§87200 et seq., 87302.3, 87500*

Candidates/City Clerks/Registrar of Voters (E-113 to E-88)

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

At the time a candidate is issued their Declaration of Candidacy, nomination papers, or any document evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall issue a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and the provisions of Elections Code §20440 et seq. The official shall inform each candidate for public office that signing the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary. Forms so filed shall be retained for public viewing until 30 days after the election.

➤ *Elections Code §20400 et seq.*

Calendar of Events

July 31, 2026

Candidates/Committees (July 31 Date Fixed by Law)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS DUE

Candidates, committees, and elected officers that have an open committee shall file a semi-annual statement each year no later than July 31 for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026.

➤ *Government Code §§84200, 84218*

July 28, 2026

Candidates Who Ran in Primary Election and Qualified for General Election (E-98)

LAST DATE TO CHANGE CANDIDATE'S BALLOT DESIGNATION

Last day that any candidate who ran in the primary election and qualified for the general election may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the Statewide Direct Primary Election. The written request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet. In the case of any state or federal office, this request should be made to both the Secretary of State's Office **and** the Registrar of Voter's Office.

➤ *California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Div. 7, Chpt. 7, §20711(e); Elections Code §13107(e)*

August 5 to November 3, 2026

Candidates/Committees (E-90 to E-Day)

90-DAY REPORTING PERIOD OR 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION/INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING PERIOD

Candidates, ballot measure committees, and recipient committees that make or receive a late contribution or loan that totals in the aggregate \$1,000 or more during the 90-day election cycle before an election must report late monetary contributions within 24 hours and non-monetary contributions within 48 hours by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service.

Committees that make independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in connection with a candidate for elective local office or a local ballot measure during the 90-day election cycle before an election must file a report by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, personal delivery, or email with the local filing officer within 24 hours. Regular mail may not be used.

➤ *Government Code §§82036 et seq., 84203 et seq., 85204, 85309, 85500*

August 7, 2026

Candidates/Registrar of Voters (E-88)

DEADLINE TO FILE OR WITHDRAW NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

All nomination documents must be filed or withdrawn no later than 5 p.m. on this date (except in the cases of extended nomination periods).

Calendar of Events

- Required Documents: Declaration of Candidacy; Ballot Designation Worksheet; Statement of Economic Interests (if required by the jurisdiction's Conflict of Interest Code or state law).
- Optional Documents: Code of Fair Campaign Practices; Candidate's Statement of Qualifications.

This is also the **recommended** date for candidates who do not intend to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in connection with seeking or holding office to file the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (Form 470).

➤ *Elections Code §§8020, 8063, 8801, 10220, 10407, 13107; Government Code §87201*

Candidates for U.S. Representative and State Legislative Offices (E-88)

DEADLINE TO FILE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Last day any candidate for U.S. Representative, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly, who accepts voluntary expenditure limits, to submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide.

➤ *Elections Code §13307.5; Government Code 01856(c)*

Candidates for School, County, Municipality, and Special District Offices (E-88)

DEADLINE TO FILE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Last day any candidate for nonpartisan local office (including an incumbent in a recall election) may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide (excluding offices that have gone to extension).

➤ *Elections Code §§13307 et seq., 18351*

Local Agency Governing Bodies (E-88)

DEADLINE TO FILE A MEASURE

Whenever an election called by a district, city or other political subdivision for the submission of any question, proposition or office to be filled, is to be consolidated with a statewide election, the jurisdiction calling the election shall, not later than 5 p.m. on this date, file with the Board of Supervisors, and a copy to the Registrar of Voters Office, a resolution of its governing board requesting such consolidation and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition or office to be voted upon at such election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Measures that exceed 75 words must be abbreviated to 75 words or less to appear on the ballot. The resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the ordinance, resolution or order calling the election.

➤ *Education Code §5322; Elections Code §§9051(b), 10402, 10403, 13247*

School Governing Boards (E-88)

DEADLINE TO FILE TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR SCHOOL BOND MEASURES

Last day for legislative or governing body of a jurisdiction putting a bond measure on the ballot to file a Tax Rate Statement. Tax Rate Statements shall be printed in the County Voter Information Guide for any bond issue proposed by a county, city and county, city, district, or other political subdivision, or by any agency, department or board thereof, the security for which constitutes a lien on the property for *ad valorem* taxes within the jurisdiction and the proposal for which is required to be submitted to the voters for approval.

➤ *Elections Code §9400 et seq.*

Calendar of Events

Proponent/Opponent (E-88)

NOTICE TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS

Based on the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print County Voter Information Guides, as well as to permit the 10-day public examination period, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has determined that August 14 (E-81) shall be the date prior to the election after which no arguments for or against any measure may be submitted (or changed) for printing and distribution to the voters. For cities, the city clerk shall fix and determine the deadlines for arguments and rebuttals. Arguments submitted must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by each proponent and author, if different. Forms are available from the elections official.

Notice of the date by which arguments must be submitted shall be published by the elections official pursuant to Government Code §6061.

➤ *Elections Code §§9163, 9286, 9316, 9502, 9600; Government Code §6061*

City Clerk/Registrar of Voters (E-88)

REQUEST FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Whenever a **school**, **county**, or **special district** measure qualifies for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure text to the County Counsel, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

Whenever a **municipal** measure qualifies for the ballot, the City Council may direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

Based on the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print County Voter Information Guides, as well as to permit the 10-day public examination period, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has fixed and determined that March 18 (E-81) shall be the date when all impartial analyses are due.

➤ *Elections Code §§9160, 9280, 9313, 9500*

Registrar of Voters (E-88)

REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (COUNTY MEASURES)

Whenever a county measure qualifies for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure to the County Auditor. The Board of Supervisors may direct the County Auditor to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not exceed 500 words.

Based on the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print County Voter Information Guides, as well as to permit the 10-day public examination period, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has fixed and determined that March 18 (E-81) shall be the date when all fiscal analyses are due.

➤ *Elections Code §9160*

Registrar of Voters (E-88)

DEADLINE TO DETERMINE REQUIRED NUMBER OF DROP BOXES AND VOTE CENTERS

By this date, the Registrar of Voters Office must calculate the number of Official Ballot Drop Boxes which are required for the upcoming election.

Calendar of Events

➤ *Elections Code §§4005(a)(1)(A), 4005(a)(3)(A), 4005(a)(4)(A)*

August 8, 2026*

Registrar of Voters (E-87)

LOCAL MEASURE LETTER ASSIGNMENT

On this day the Registrar of Voters Office will assign a letter designation to each local measure that will appear on the ballot.

➤ *Elections Code §13116*

*Since August 8, 2026, falls on a Saturday, use Monday, August 10, 2026, instead.

August 8* to August 12, 2026

Candidates (E-87 to E-83)

EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD

If an incumbent eligible to be elected for an office fails to file the required nomination documents by 5 p.m. on E-88, anyone other than the incumbent who is otherwise qualified shall have five (5) calendar days (until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election) to file for that office. This section does not apply when there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

If this section is applicable, notwithstanding Election Code §10510, a candidate for the affected office may withdraw his or her nomination documents until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the date of the election.

➤ *Elections Code §§8022, 10225, 10407, 10510, 10516*

*Since August 8, 2026, falls on a Saturday, use Monday, August 10, 2026, instead.

August 8* to August 17, 2026

Public/Registrar of Voters (E-87 to E-78)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR ELECTION MATERIALS DUE ON E-88

The Registrar of Voters Office shall make a copy of certain election materials due on E-88 available for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days. Such materials include candidates' Statements of Qualifications (for offices that are *not* going to extension), measure full texts, and tax rate statements for bond measures. Any person may obtain a copy of the materials but a fee may be charged.

During the 10-day review period, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements set forth in the Elections Code. The issuance of the writ or injunction must also not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

➤ *Elections Code §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313*

* Since August 8, 2026, falls on a Saturday, use Monday, August 10, 2026, instead.

Calendar of Events

August 10, 2026

Candidates (E-85)

WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (OFFICES NOT GOING TO EXTENSION)

Any candidate for an office that is *not* going to extension has until 5 p.m. on this day to withdraw their Statement of Qualifications.

➤ *Elections Code §13307(a)(3)*

August 12, 2026

Governing Boards (E-83)

AMEND OR WITHDRAW BALLOT MEASURE

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a legislative body has ordered that a measure or proposal be submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction at a special election, the order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after the 83rd day prior to the election.

The order of election shall be amended or withdrawn upon the filing of a resolution by the legislative body stating the specifics concerning the amendment or withdrawal. The resolution shall be filed with the elections official not later than the 83rd day prior to the election.

➤ *Elections Code §9605*

August 13, 2026

Candidates (E-82)

WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (OFFICES THAT WENT TO EXTENSION)

Any candidate for an office that went into extension has until 5 p.m. on this day to withdraw their Statement of Qualifications.

➤ *Elections Code §13307(a)(3)*

Secretary of State/Registrar of Voters (E-82)

RANDOMIZED ALPHABET

The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the alphabet to determine the order of the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot. The resulting random order of letters constitutes the alphabet for all offices other than multi-county state legislative offices. In addition, and only if applicable, the candidates' names will be rotated pursuant to Elections Code §§13111 and 13112.

For candidates for multi-county state legislative offices, the Registrar of Voters Office in each affected county shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. The result of each county's drawing shall be used only to determine the order of the names of candidates for multi-county legislative offices within such county.

➤ *Elections Code §§13111, 13112*

Calendar of Events

August 13 to August 22, 2026

Public/Registrar of Voters (E-82 to E-73)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR ELECTION MATERIALS DUE ON E-83

The Registrar of Voters Office shall make a copy of certain election materials due on E-83 available for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days. Such materials include candidates' Statements of Qualification for offices that went into extension. Any person may obtain a copy of the materials but a fee may be charged.

During the 10-day review period, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a judicial remedy if they believe such materials contain information that is false, misleading, or inconsistent with requirements set forth in the Elections Code. For more details on this process, see E-87 to E-77 calendar entry in this Campaign Guide titled, "Public Examination Period – Election Materials Due on E-88."

➤ *Elections Code §13313*

August 14, 2026

Proponents/Opponents (E-81)

DEADLINE FOR ARGUMENTS FOR/AGAINST MEASURES

Final filing date for arguments for or against any school, county, or special district measure to appear on the ballot, as set by the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters. Arguments must be filed in the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5 p.m. on this date.

Suggested last day for arguments for or against any municipal measure to appear on the ballot. Actual date set by the City Clerk. Check with the City Clerk for information regarding city measures.

Arguments shall not exceed 300 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the office of the appropriate city clerk). Each argument shall be titled either "Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

➤ *Elections Code §§9162, 9163, 9282, 9286, 9315, 9316, 9501, 9502, 9600*

County Counsel /City Attorney (E-81)

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters has set this date as the deadline for County Counsel (or City Attorney via City Clerk in the case of municipal measures) to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office an impartial analysis of each school, county, and special district measure showing the effect on existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall be printed in the County Voter Information Guide along with the County Auditor's Fiscal Analysis (if applicable and requested) and arguments for and/or against the measure (if submitted). The Impartial Analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

➤ *Elections Code §§9160, 9280, 9313, 9500*

Calendar of Events

County Auditor (E-81)

FISCAL ANALYSIS (COUNTY MEASURES)

In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the last day for the County Auditor, if so directed by the Board of Supervisors, to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office a Fiscal Analysis (Fiscal Impact Statement) of each county measure, estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact Statement (if any) shall be printed in the County Voter Information Guide along with County Counsel's Impartial Analysis, preceding the arguments for and/or against the measure, if submitted. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not exceed 500 words.

➤ *Elections Code §9160*

August 15 to August 24, 2026

Public/Registrar of Voters (E-80 to E-71)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR ELECTION MATERIALS DUE ON E-81

The Registrar of Voters Office shall make a copy of certain election materials that were due on E-81 available for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days. Such materials include tax rate statements for bond measures, impartial analyses for all measures, Fiscal Impact Statements for county measures, and arguments in favor of or against all measures. Any person may obtain a copy of the materials, but a fee may be charged.

During the 10-day review period, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a judicial remedy if they believe such materials contain information that is false, misleading, or inconsistent with requirements set forth in the Elections Code. For more details on this process, see E-87 to E-77 calendar entry in this Campaign Guide titled, "Public Examination Period – Election Materials Due on E-88."

➤ *Elections Code §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509*

August 21, 2026

Proponents/Opponents (E-74)

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR MEASURES

If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any school, county, or special district measure have been filed, the Registrar of Voters Office shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

Suggested last day for rebuttal arguments for or against any municipal measure to appear on the ballot. Actual date set by the City Clerk. Check with the City Clerk for information regarding city measures.

Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the City Clerk's Office). Each argument shall be titled either "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

Calendar of Events

➤ *Elections Code §§9167, 9285, 9317, 9504, 9600*

August 22 to August 31, 2026

Public/Registrar of Voters (E-73 to E-64)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR ELECTION MATERIALS DUE ON E-74

The Registrar of Voters Office shall make a copy of certain election materials that were due on E-74 available for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days. Such materials include rebuttal arguments. Any person may obtain a copy of the materials but a fee may be charged.

During the 10-day review period, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a judicial remedy if they believe such materials contain information that is false, misleading, or inconsistent with requirements set forth in the Elections Code. For more details on this process, see E-87 to E-77 calendar entry in this Campaign Guide titled, “Public Examination Period – Election Materials Due on E-88.”

➤ *Elections Code §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509*

August 27, 2026

Secretary of State/Registrar of Voters (E-68)

DEATH OF A CANDIDATE

Whenever a candidate has filed a Declaration of Candidacy, the name of the candidate shall be printed upon the ballot unless the candidate has died and that fact has been ascertained by the Registrar of Voters Office at least 68 days before the election.

➤ *Education Code §5329, Elections Code §§8803, 8810*

September 4, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-60)

FIRST DAY TO MAIL BALLOTS TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

First date the Registrar of Voters Office may begin transmitting ballots by mail, fax, or email, to active military or overseas voters.

➤ *Elections Code §3105(b)(1)*

Registrar of Voters (E-60)

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

The Registrar of Voters Office shall prepare a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the County as of 60 days before the general election, to be submitted to the Secretary of State not less than 50 days before the general election.

➤ *Elections Code §§2187(a), 2187(b), 2187(c)(5)*

Calendar of Events

September 7 to October 20, 2026

Write-In Candidates (E-57 to E-14)

WRITE-IN PERIOD

Period when nomination documents for write-in candidates may be obtained from and delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office. Each write-in candidate must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy, along with the requisite number of signatures (if any), in order to have their votes counted.

➤ *Elections Code §8600 et seq.*

September 14, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-50)

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

By the 50th day before the general election, the Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the County as of the 60th day before the general election.

➤ *Elections Code §§2187(a), 2187(b), 2187(c)(5)*

September 19, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-45)

DEADLINE TO MAIL BALLOTS TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM BY THIS DATE

By this date, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit ballots by mail, fax, or email, to all active military or overseas voters.

➤ *Elections Code §3105(b)(1)*

September 24, 2026

Candidates and Committees (E-40)

FIRST PREELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Deadline for candidates, ballot measure committees, and recipient committees to file (by first class mail or personal delivery) the first preelection campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1 through September 19, 2026 (E-45).

➤ *Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(a)*

Candidates and Committees (E-40)

OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT – SHORT FORM (FORM 470)

Deadline for candidates who expect to receive or spend less than \$2,000 during the calendar year to file Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (Form 470) (if they have not already filed it with their nomination documents).

➤ *Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(a)*

Calendar of Events

September 24 to October 13, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-40 to E-21)

MAIL COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES

During this period the Registrar of Voters Office shall mail County Voter Information Guides to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 28th day before the election. Any voter who registered to vote on or after the 28th day before the election may not be mailed a County Voter Information Guide but will be mailed a notice of the election as well as information about where they can obtain the County Voter Information Guide.

➤ *Elections Code §§ 13303, 13304, 13306*

October 5, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-29)

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AVAILABLE

First day voters can pick up (or have mailed to them) Vote-by-Mail ballots at the Registrar of Voters Office. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be returned by mail, dropped off at the Registrar of Voters Office, taken to any Vote Center open on or before Election Day, or deposited at an official drop-off box. If the voter is unable to return the ballot themselves, they can designate another person to do so, but the designated person must return the ballot no later than three days after receiving it from the voter or before the close of polls on Election Day, whichever time period is shorter.

Vote-by-Mail ballots shall be considered timely cast if they are received by the Registrar of Voters Office via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either:

- The ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day (or is time/date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day).
- The ballot has no postmark (or the postmark is illegible) but the return envelope is signed and dated by the voter pursuant to §3011 on or before Election Day.

Vote-by-Mail ballots shall also be considered timely cast if they are returned to an elections official, drop box, or Vote Center by the close of polls on Election Day.

➤ *Elections Code §§ 3001, 3003, 3017, 3020, 3021*

Registrar of Voters (E-29)

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS GO OUT IN THE MAIL

Date by which the Registrar of Voters Office must begin mailing official ballots to all active, registered voters in the election.

➤ *Elections Code §§ 3000.5, 3001, 3005*

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Registrar of Voters (E-29)

VOTE-BY-MAIL ENVELOPE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

The Registrar of Voters Office may begin to process Vote-by-Mail return envelopes beginning 29 days before the election. This includes verifying each voter's signature on the Vote-by-Mail ballot return envelope pursuant to §3019 and updating voter history records.

➤ *Elections Code §§3019, 15101*

Registrar of Voters (E-29)

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING

Any jurisdiction having the necessary computer capability may start to process Vote-by-Mail ballots on the 29th day before the election. Processing Vote-by-Mail ballots includes opening Vote-by-Mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, and preparing the ballots to be machine read, or machine reading them, including processing write-in votes so they can be tallied by the machine. However, under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8 p.m. on the day of the election.

➤ *Elections Code §15101(b)*

October 6 to November 3, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-28 to E-Day)

OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES OPEN

Official Ballot Drop Boxes are open 24/7 from October 6 until November 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

➤ *Elections Code §4005(a)(1)(A)*

October 18, 2026

Candidates/Committees (E-16)

REPORTING LATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY CANDIDATES

All contribution(s) of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, including contributions aggregated pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Local Campaign Ordinance, that are made to or received by a **county** candidate, his or her controlled committee or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a county candidate, shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours, by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service, if the contribution(s) were made or received before the date of the election at which the county candidate is to be voted on, but after the closing date of the last campaign statement required to be filed before the election.

➤ *Sonoma County Ordinance Number 5231 §2, 2000*

Calendar of Events

October 19, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-15)

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

The Registrar of Voters Office shall prepare a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the County as of 15 days before the general election, to be submitted to the Secretary of State not less than seven days before the general election.

➤ *Elections Code §§2187(a), 2187(b), 2187(c)(6)*

Registrar of Voters (E-15)

CLOSE OF STANDARD VOTER REGISTRATION

Deadline for any qualified elector to submit a standard registration form to vote in the upcoming election. Any person who has moved, changed their name, or wishes to change their political party preference must re-register by this date. After this date, qualified electors who wish to register can still do so but must “conditionally” register and vote in person at the Registrar of Voters Office or at any Vote Center in the County.

Note that the only time political party changes impact the type of ballot a voter gets is in presidential primaries.

➤ *Elections Code §§2102, 2115, 2116, 2152*

October 20, 2026

Write-In Candidates (E-14)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Last day for write-in candidates who desire to have their votes counted to file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy along with the requisite number of signatures, if any, for that office. The Statement must be filed at the Registrar of Voters Office (or with the City Clerk for municipal offices) by the 14th day prior to the date of the election. No filing fee is required to run as a write-in candidate. Votes for write-in candidates who have not filed will not be counted.

➤ *Elections Code §8601*

October 20 to November 3, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-14 to E-Day)

CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTING

Period during which qualified electors can “conditionally” register and vote if they have missed the E-15 standard registration deadline. Qualified electors must go to the Registrar of Voters Office or a Vote Center in the county on Election Day in order to register and vote conditionally. Conditional ballots must be voted on site. Each conditional registration/ballot will be reviewed by county elections officials to verify that the individual was eligible to vote and has not already voted elsewhere. If so, the registration becomes permanent and the conditional ballot is counted.

➤ *Elections Code §2170*

Calendar of Events

October 22, 2026

Candidates/Committees (E-12)

SECOND PREELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Deadline for candidates, ballot measure committees, and recipient committees to file (by overnight service or personal delivery but **not first-class mail**) the second pre-election campaign statement covering the reporting period of September 20, 2026 (E-44) through October 17, 2026 (E-17).

➤ *Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(b)*

October 24, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-10)

NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE

The Registrar of Voters Office shall publish, at least 10 days before the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction, a notice specifying the public place to be used to tally votes when ballots are to be counted in a central counting place.

➤ *Elections Code §12109*

Registrar of Voters (E-10)

MAILING NON-ENGLISH FACSIMILE BALLOTS

By this day, the county elections official shall prepare and process all requests received so far for non-English facsimile ballots from voters in select precincts.

➤ *Elections Code §13400*

October 24 to November 2, 2026

Voters/Registrar of Voters (E-10 to E-1)

11-DAY VOTE CENTERS ARE OPEN

Period during which a limited number of Vote Centers are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➤ *Elections Code §4005(a)(4)(A)*

October 27, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E-7)

LAST DAY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED TO VOTERS

Last day for the Registrar of Voters Office to mail out ballots. After this date, any voter may still apply in person at the Registrar of Voters Office or any open Vote Center to obtain a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Voters unable to request a ballot in person may designate in writing any other person as an authorized agent to obtain and return the Vote-by-Mail ballot on their behalf.

➤ *Elections Code §§3001, 3003, 3102*

Calendar of Events

City Clerk/Registrar of Voters (E-7)

NOTICE OF ELECTION (CITY MEASURES)

If a municipal measure is placed on the ballot, the City Clerk (or Registrar of Voters Office on behalf of the city) shall not less than one week before the election publish a synopsis of the measure pursuant to Government Code §6061. The notice shall be titled “Measure To Be Voted On.”

➤ *Elections Code §12111; Government Code §6061*

Registrar of Voters (E-7)

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES

The Registrar of Voters Office shall not less than one week before the election publish a notice containing the list of Vote Centers. Publication shall be pursuant to Government Code §6061.

➤ *Elections Code §12105*

Registrar of Voters (E-7)

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

By the 7th day before the general election, the Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the County as of the 15th day before the general election.

➤ *Elections Code §§2187(a), 2187(b), 2187(c)(6)*

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October 28 to November 3, 2026

Voters/Registrar of Voters (E-6 to E-Day)

EMERGENCY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

Period during which a voter may apply in writing to have an emergency Vote-by-Mail ballot delivered to them if they (1) never received or do not have the original Vote-by-Mail ballot that was mailed to them, and (2) are unable to go to a voting location due to unexpected illness, handicap, or absence. The voter may designate any authorized representative to receive the ballot, with a written request, and return the voted Vote-by-Mail ballot.

➤ *Elections Code §3021*

October 31 to November 2, 2026

Voters/Registrar of Voters (E-3 to E-1)

4-DAY VOTE CENTERS OPEN

Period during which an expanded number of Vote Centers are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➤ *Elections Code §4005(a)(4)(B)*

Calendar of Events

November 3, 2026

Voters/Registrar of Voters (E-Day)

ELECTION DAY

Both 11-day **and** 4-day Vote Centers are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vote-by-Mail ballots may be returned in person or by a designated person not later than 8 p.m. either to the Registrar of Voters Office, any official Vote Center in the State, or any official Ballot Drop Box in the State. Vote-by-Mail ballots may also be returned in the mail as long as they are postmarked on or before Election Day and received within seven days.

➤ *Elections Code §§4005(a), 3017, 3020, 3021, 10541, 14212*

Registrar of Voters (E-Day)

OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES CLOSE

Official Ballot Drop Boxes are closed and locked by elections staff at 8:00 p.m.

➤ *Elections Code §4005(a)(1)(A)*

November 5, 2026

Registrar of Voters (E+2)

OFFICIAL CANVASS

No later than the Thursday following the election, the Registrar of Voters Office shall commence the official canvass of votes cast. The canvass shall be open to the public and, for state or statewide elections, shall result in a report of results to the Secretary of State. The canvass shall be continued daily (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted) for not less than six hours each day until completed.

During the official canvass of every election in which a voting system is used, the Registrar of Voters Office shall conduct a public manual tally of the ballots tabulated by those devices, including Vote-by-Mail ballots.

➤ *Elections Code §§335.5, 362, 15301, 15360*

November 10, 2026

Voters/Registrar of Voters (E+7)

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER ELECTION DAY

Vote-by-Mail ballots are considered timely cast if they are received by the Registrar of Voters Office no later than seven days after the election and either:

- The ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day (or is time/date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day).
- The ballot has no postmark (or the postmark is illegible) but the return envelope is signed and dated by the voter pursuant to §3011 on or before Election Day.

➤ *Elections Code §3020(b)*

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December 3, 2026

Registrar of Voters/Governing Bodies (E+30)

COMPLETION OF CANVASS

The Registrar of Voters Office shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to each local governing body participating in the election within 30 days of the election.

Upon receipt of the certified statement of the results of the election from the Registrar of Voters Office, the governing body shall declare elected or nominated to each office voted on at each election under its jurisdiction the person(s) having the highest number of votes for that office. The governing board shall also declare the results of each election under its jurisdiction as to each measure voted on at the election.

The Registrar of Voters Office shall make out and deliver to each person elected or nominated, as declared by the governing body, except those elected to a central committee, a certificate of election or nomination, signed and authenticated by the Registrar of Voters Office.

➤ *Elections Code §§15372, 15400, 15401*

December 11, 2026

Secretary of State (E+38)

STATEMENT OF THE VOTE

Last day for the Secretary of State to compile results from all counties and issue Certificates of Nomination or Election to successful candidates for United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.

➤ *Elections Code §§8147, 15501, 15504*

February 1, 2027

Candidates/Committees (Date fixed by law)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT DUE

All candidates and committees filing campaign finance statements in conjunction with the November 3, 2026, General Election, must file a semi-annual statement no later than February 1, 2027, for the period beginning July 1, 2026 (or from the date of last filing), and ending December 31, 2026.

➤ *Government Code §§84200, 84218*