



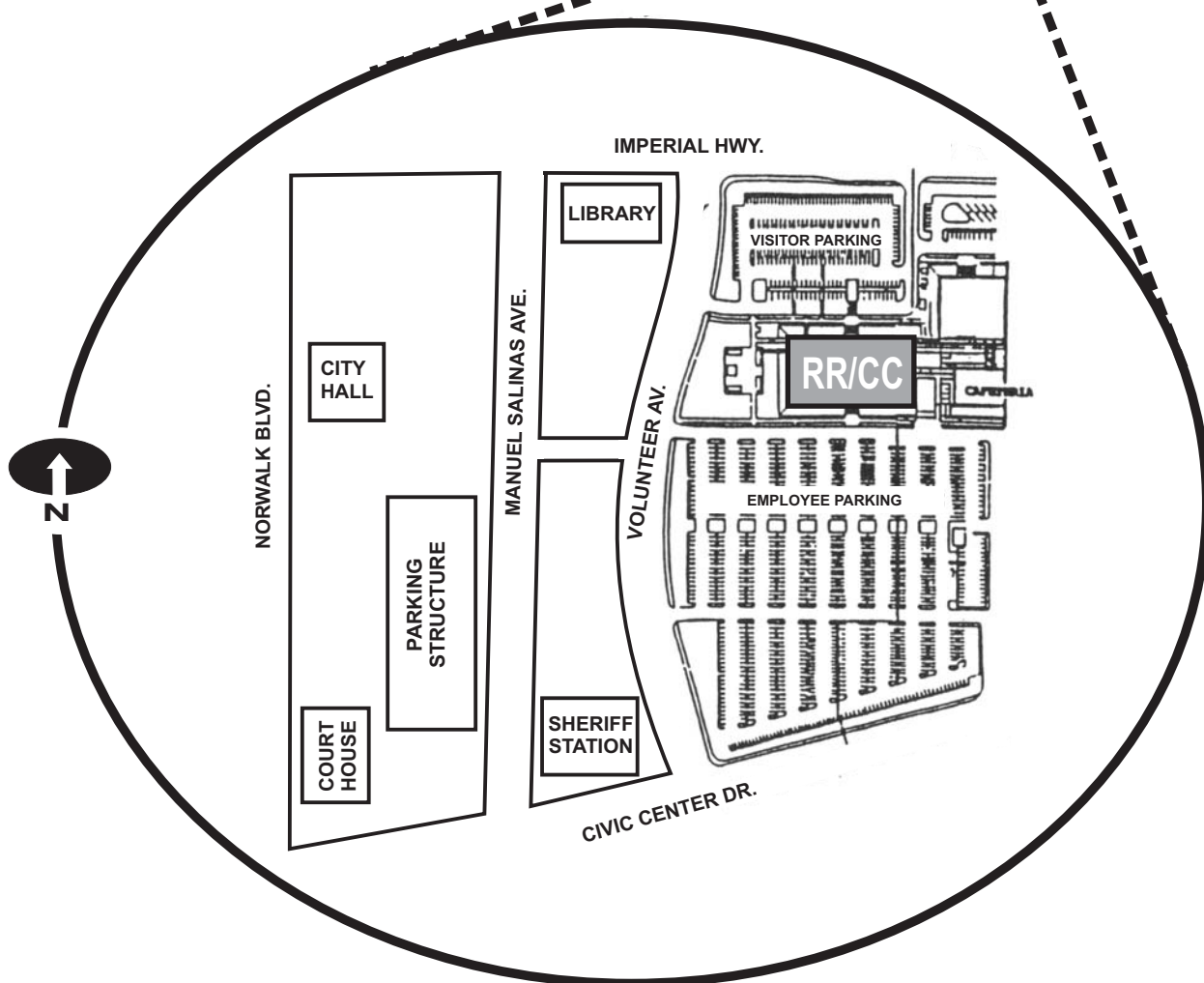
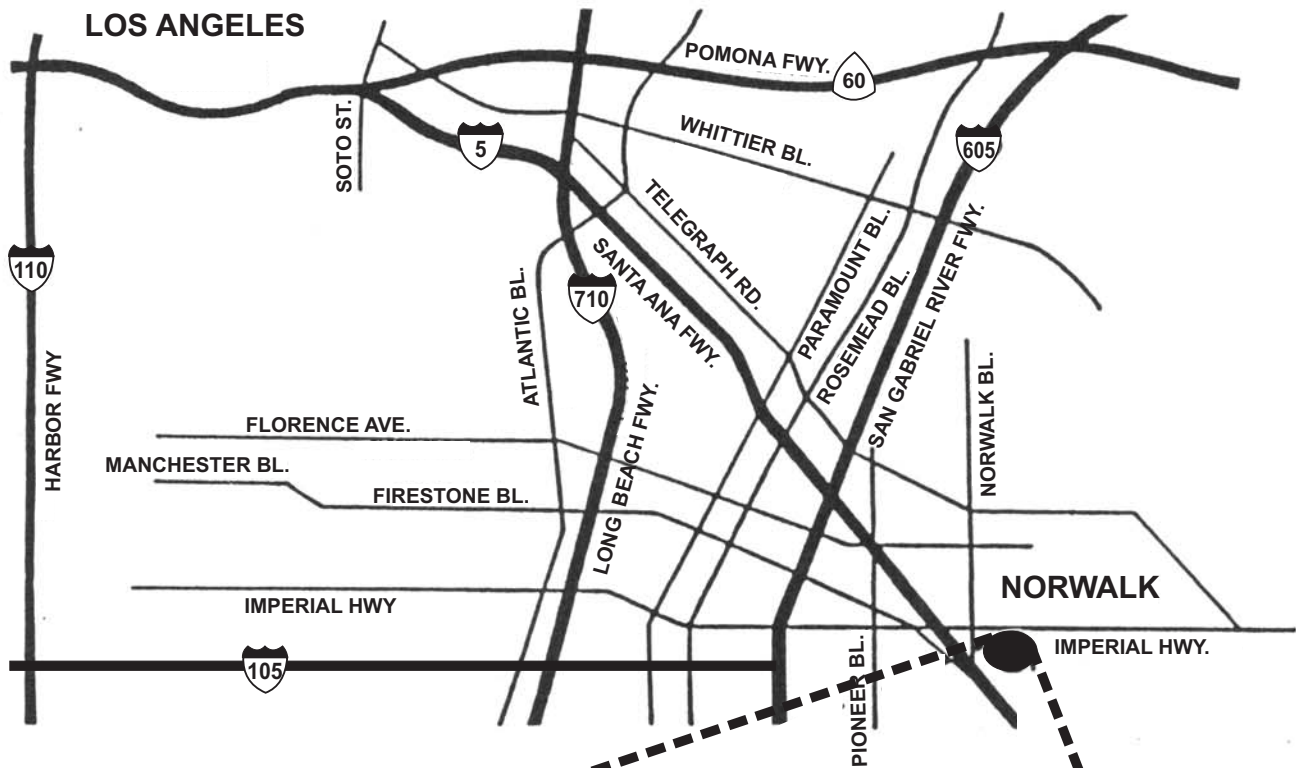
**Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**

**Candidate Handbook
and Resource Guide**

Local and Municipal Elections

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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TO: Candidates, Campaign Managers and other Interested Parties

FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE
NOVEMBER 4, 2025 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for offices in the November 4, 2025 Local and Municipal Elections. The handbook provides a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

We hope that you will find the current handbook format to be both informative and useful. Please review the information provided in this handbook carefully. Section 1 includes general candidate filing information and Section 2 includes election and campaign information. Online access to this handbook is available on our website, www.lavote.gov. Daily listings of candidates filing for elective offices will also be posted to the website for public access.

Our office staff is committed to providing the best possible service to you, your campaign staff and the voters of Los Angeles County. If you have questions or comments regarding items you would like to suggest for future candidate handbooks, please write a letter, send an e-mail to DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov or call me at (562) 462-2716.

For additional information regarding the election, consult our website or call 1-800-815-2666 option 4.

NOTICE

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist you in filing documents relating to the election. It includes a calendar of events and summary of provisions and filing requirements. It is not intended to provide legal advice and is for general guidance only.

Please note that it is not within the purview of this office to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. Individuals with questions concerning their own or other candidate qualifications or other related matters should seek legal counsel.

Candidates and others using this Handbook and Resource Guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards, duties and factual material contained therein.

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SECTION 1



GENERAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

| REQUIREMENTS | TERM OF OFFICE | TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS |
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| DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Govt. Code § 61040, and E. C. § 201) | The term of office of each member of a board of directors is four years. (Govt. Code § 61042 | At noon on the first Friday in December following their election. December 5, 2025 (Govt. Code § 61042 and E.C. § 10505) |
| DIRECTOR – IRRIGATION DISTRICT Each director shall be a voter and landowner of the district, and a resident of the division, at the time nomination documents are issued or an appointment is made. (Water Code § 21100 and E. C. § 201) | The term of office of each member of a board of directors is four years. (Water Code § 21104 | At noon on the first Friday in December following their election. December 5, 2025 (Water Code § 21101 and E.C. § 10505) |
| DIRECTOR – RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Public Resources Code § 5784(c) and E. C. § 201) | The term of office of each member of a board of directors is four years. (Public Resources Code § 5784.3 | At noon on the first Friday in December following their election. December 5, 2025 (Public Resources Code § 5784.3 and E.C. § 10505) |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION | | |
| PARTY AFFILIATION – No Party Affiliation Required. FILING FEE, NOMINATING PETITIONS, AND SALARY – Although neither a filing fee nor nominating petitions are required, a declaration of candidacy must be filed. Salaries vary. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603) PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT – The Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. Names are not rotated on the ballot. (E. C. §§ 13111 and 13112) VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES (PLURALITY) – When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. (E. C. § 10551) | | |

CHAPTER 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 4, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All documents are to be filed with and duties performed by the
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk unless otherwise specified.

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| MAY 8 (Th) E-180 | ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP Operational deadline for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustments due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interests, or other factors as applicable. (based on E.C. § 22000) |
| JUNE 27 (F) E-130 | NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS) Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall notify the elections official and affected school and community college governing boards, in writing, that a consolidated election is required to be held. (Ed. Code § 5340) |
| JULY 2 (W) E-125 | NOTICE OF ELECTION (UDEL JURISDICTIONS) Not later than this date the district shall deliver to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk a notice containing: 1) elective offices, including unexpired terms, 2) candidate statement word limitation (200 or 400 words), 3) designated party responsible for statement cost (candidate or district), and 4) required method of payment, i.e., an advance, if cost is payable by candidate. Separately, the district shall deliver a map delineating (unchanged) district boundaries and divisions, accompanied by a statement indicating in which division directors are to be elected (at large, if applicable). (E. C. §§ 10509, 10522 and 13307) |

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| JULY 7* (M) E-120* | ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling the school district governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322) |
| JULY 7 (M) E-120 | FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver copies of the formal notice of governing board member election to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. (Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325) BOARD RESOLUTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Not later than this date, the district board shall by resolution determine and deliver the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements, and if cost is to be paid by candidate, whether advance payment is required. (E. C. § 13307) |
| JULY 7 (M) AUG. 6 (W) E-120 E-90 | NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PUBLICATION (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Between these dates a notice of governing board member election shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. A general press release shall be issued providing elective office information and the telephone number to call for candidate nomination procedures. (E. C. § 12112 and Ed. Code § 5363) |

*Date adjusted due to holiday and/or weekend.

| DATES | | EVENTS |
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| JULY 7 (M) E-120 | AUG. 6 (W) E-90 | NOTICE OF ELECTION POSTING (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Between these dates a copy of the published notices shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office. (E. C. § 12113) |
| JULY 14 (M) E-113 | AUG. 8 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M. | NOMINATION PERIOD – FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY First and last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603) CANDIDATE STATEMENTS During this period, candidates may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the district governing body (200 or 400 words) for inclusion with the Official Sample Ballot. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307) |
| AUG. 7 (Th) E-89 | | DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS – PUBLICATION Not later than this date a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, setting forth the date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure. (E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502 and Govt. Code § 6061) NOTE: A copy of the published notice shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office. (E. C. § 12113) |

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| AUG. 8 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M. | <p data-bbox="680 176 1365 239">DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – DEADLINE DATE (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p data-bbox="680 245 1435 350">Last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603) NOTE: Fax not acceptable.</p> <p data-bbox="680 392 1414 455">CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p data-bbox="680 468 1435 646">No candidate, including incumbents, whose declaration of candidacy has been filed, may withdraw after this date except when the nomination period has been extended for that office. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10604)</p> <p data-bbox="680 684 1192 716">CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS</p> <p data-bbox="680 722 1435 903">Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors requesting services for the election. A copy of the resolution must also be filed with the county elections official. (E. C. §§ 10400, 10402 and 10403)</p> <p data-bbox="680 942 1086 974">CANDIDATE STATEMENTS</p> <p data-bbox="680 980 1203 1052">Last day to file a candidate statement. (E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307)</p> <p data-bbox="680 1092 1386 1155">ADOPTION OF SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION RESOLUTION</p> <p data-bbox="680 1167 1435 1348">Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling a special school district election to place a measure on the ballot. Copies shall be filed with the county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322)</p> <p data-bbox="680 1388 1435 1459">NOTE: Ballot measure text should not exceed 75 words. (E. C. §§ 9051(b) and 13247)</p> <p data-bbox="680 1491 1390 1554">STATEMENT OF TAX RATE DATA – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</p> <p data-bbox="680 1566 1435 1671">Last day for a local jurisdiction to file a bond issue statement with the county elections official. (E. C. § 9401)</p> |

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| AUG. 9** (Sa) E-87** AUG. 13 (W) E-83 5:00 P.M. | <div data-bbox="680 184 1435 260" style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px;">NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD (IF INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE)</div> <p>If a declaration of candidacy for an incumbent is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on August 8, the declaration period shall be extended until August 13, 5:00 p.m., for persons other than the incumbent.</p> <p>NOTE: The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (E. C. §§ 10516 and 10604)</p> |
| AUG. 9** (Sa) E-87** AUG. 18 (M) E-78 5:00 P.M. | <div data-bbox="680 590 1435 625" style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px;">PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD</div> <p>During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations and ballot measure text (i.e., the 75 word YES/NO question) shall be open to public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. Any person may challenge the aforementioned candidate information by filing a petition for writ of mandate no later than August 18. (E. C. § 13313)</p> <p>NOTE: If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to August 14 through August 25**</p> |
| AUG. 13 (W) E-83 5:00 P.M. | <div data-bbox="680 1157 1435 1232" style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px;">APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (UDEL JURISDICTIONS)</div> <p>If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, a certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting appointment of the candidates or, if there are no candidates, appointment of any qualified person. Appointments shall be made not later than Month Date. (E. C. § 10515)</p> |

**August 9, 16 and 23 (Saturdays) and August 10 and 17 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| <p>AUG. 13 (W) E-83 5:00 P.M.</p> | <p>APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board or, if no person has been nominated, the governing board shall appoint a qualified person or persons at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election. (Ed. Code § 5326 and 5328)</p> <p>NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLICATION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) After this date, if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice shall be published once announcing the governing board's intent to appoint and the procedures for applying for the office. (Ed. Code §§ 5303 and 5328.5)</p> <p>PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION – DEADLINE Last day to file a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is smaller in number) in the district, trustee area or division requesting that an election be held if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled. (E. C. § 10515 and Ed. Code § 5326)</p> <p>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD Last day a candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy papers when nomination period has been extended for that office. (E. C. §§ 10516 and 10604)</p> <p>AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE DEADLINE Last day for county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot. (E. C. § 9605)</p> <p>MEASURES – LETTER DESIGNATION Last day jurisdictions may request in writing specific letter designations for their measure(s).</p> |

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| AUG. 14 (Th) E-82 11:00 A.M. | RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112) |
| AUG. 15 (F) E-81 5:00 P.M. | ARGUMENTS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502) EXCEPTION: These provisions do not apply to a measure on school district reorganization. NOTE: The deadline to submit direct or primary arguments will vary depending on the date the election is called. IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure. (E. C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500) |
| AUG. 16 (Sa)** AUG. 25 (M) E-80** E-71 | PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS During this period the county elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of any argument, analysis or other specified measure materials for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509) |

**August 16 and 23 (Saturdays) and August 17 and 24 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| AUG. 25 (M) E-71 5:00 P.M. | REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for authors of arguments for and against county, district or school measures to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504) |
| AUG. 26 (Tu) SEP. 4 (Th) E-70 E-61 | PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REBUTTALS During this period rebuttals for measures shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509) |
| AUG. 28 (Th) E-68 | DEATH OF CANDIDATE Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (E.C. § 10529 and Ed. Code § 5329) NOTE: This provision does not apply under certain circumstances as set forth in E.C. §§ 8026 and 8027. |
| SEP. 3 (W) SEP. 5 (F) E-62 E-60 | TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832 , to schedule a review of your transliterated name. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period. |
| SEP. 5 (F) E-60 | SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION First day county elections officials may process applications for special Vote By Mail Ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote by mail during the normal Vote By Mail voting period because of military service or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. (E. C. §§ 300(b) and 3103) |

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| SEP. 8 (M) E-57 | OCT. 21 (Tu) E-14 | STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY A name written on a ballot in any election will not be counted unless the person has filed a statement of write-in candidacy during this period stating that they are is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601) |
| SEP. 20 (Sa) E-45 | | MAILING OF MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS Last day for the elections official to mail ballots to military and overseas voters. (E. C. § 3105b1) |
| OCT. 6 (M) E-29 | | VOTE CENTER STAFF – APPOINTMENT Last day to appoint staff and designate vote centers. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each member appointed. (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 and 12319) MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the county elections official shall begin mailing the materials required by Section 3010. (E. C. § 3000.5 and 3010) PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 29th day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the vote centers close. (E. C. § 15101(b)) |
| OCT. 14 (Tu) E-21 | | LAST DAY TO MAIL OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS (Historically commencing at E-40) An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the jurisdiction no later than 21 days before the election. (E. C. § 13303) |

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| OCT. 20 (M) E-15 | | REGISTRATION CLOSES Last day to transfer or register to vote in the election. |
| OCT. 21 (Tu) E-14 | NOV.4 (Tu) ELECTION DAY | NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen. (E.C. § 3500) |
| OCT. 21 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M. | | STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – DEADLINE Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy stating that they are a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601) BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBER LIST Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual board members. (E. C. § 12303) |
| OCT. 25** (Sa) E-10** | | TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION On or before this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction. (E. C. § 12109) |

**October 25 (Saturday) – Office will be closed.

| DATES | EVENTS |
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| <p>NOV. 4 (Tu) 8:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY</p> | <p>ELECTION DAY Polls open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m., (E. C. §§ 1304, 10541 and 14212 and Ed. Code §§ 5000 and 19700)</p> <p>VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED – 8:00 P.M. Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017 and 3020)</p> <p>Any Vote By Mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than 7 days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2. (E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)</p> <p>DEFACING OF UNUSED BALLOTS At 8:00 p.m., immediately after the polls close, commence defacing or sealing all unused ballots and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed. (E. C. §§ 14403 and 14404)</p> |
| <p>NOV. 6 (Th) E + 2</p> | <p>OFFICIAL CANVASS The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. §15301)</p> |
| <p>NOV. 14 (F) E + 10</p> | <p>COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS The county elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to each jurisdiction no later than the last Monday before the last Friday in November. (E. C. §§ 10550 and 15372)</p> <p>NOTE: On November 14, 2025 the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On November 18, 2025 the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare the election officially concluded.</p> |

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| <p>NOV. 24 (M) E + 20</p> | <p>APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES (UDEL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Not later than this date the Board of Supervisors shall, if no election is held, appoint the persons who have filed declarations of candidacy or, if no person has filed a declaration of candidacy, appoint any qualified person. (E. C. § 10515)</p> <p>DECLARATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Not later than this date, candidates shall be declared elected. A certificate of election shall be prepared and delivered to each person elected.</p> <p>NOTE: The person(s) receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. (E. C. §§10551, 10553 and 15401)</p> |
| <p>DEC. 5 (F) DEC. 12 (F) E + 31 OR E + 38</p> | <p>TAKING OF OFFICE (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Officers, elected or appointed, take office on the first or second Friday in December following the election. (E. C. § 10554, Ed. Code §§ 5017 and 19700, and Water Code § 21101, etc.)</p> |

CHAPTER 2

FILING PROCEDURES



GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 4, 2025

All candidates must be registered voters at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which they are filing. (E.C. § 201)

State law requires that all nomination documents contain the candidate's name and the elective office title to which they are seeking nomination or election; and be signed by the elections official at the time of issuance. Verbal and written instructions regarding procedures to be followed in completing the nomination process are given to candidates or authorized agents when the forms are issued.

Only official documents issued by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk may be used. The forms are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM CANDIDATE– NOMINATION DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO OR ACCEPTED FROM AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON. The authorization must be signed by the candidate.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing utilizing official Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk forms, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603). The deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy is **August 8, 2025 (E-88) no later than 5:00 p.m.**

ELECTION RESULTS – California law allows a specified period after the election for the completion of the official canvass. Results released on election night are considered semi-official. Vote By Mail ballots which are returned to this office and at polling places on election day are not counted on election night. This is also true of provisional ballots which are cast at polling places. These ballots are processed during the official canvass to allow sufficient time for eligibility and/or signature verification. As a result, close races may not be determined until after the canvass is completed. Certified election results are released at the completion of the official canvass. **Refer** to the Calendar of Events in Chapter 1 of this Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide for the date that the election results are scheduled to be certified.

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| NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT |
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The **ballot name** may be designated as follows:

- First, middle and last names.
- Initials only and last name.
- A nickname may be included but must be in parentheses () or quotation marks “ ”.
- A short version of the first name, such as “Bill” for William, “Dick” for Richard or “Kathy” for Kathleen.
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NO TITLES OR DEGREES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALLOT NAME. (E.C. § 13106)

WITHIN ONE YEAR OF ANY ELECTION, A CHANGE IN LEGAL NAME SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS THE CHANGE WAS MADE BY MARRIAGE OR BY DECREE OF COURT. (E.C. § 13104)

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be transliterated in those languages that do not use Roman Characters as instructed by the Department of Justice. These languages include Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu and Thai. If applicable, candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (88 days prior to the election). Candidates may review the transliteration of names and submit changes to the elections official no later than the last day of the review period, which is normally 60 days prior to the election but subject to change. To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832. Refer to Multilingual Voting Services Chapter for additional information.

CHARACTER-BASED OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be in a Character-Based format (Elections Code 13211.7) by (1) placing a check in the box marked for requesting a character-based name format on the Declaration of Candidacy and (2) completing the Character-Based Name Form. This applies only to character-based languages, including but not limited to Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, Japanese, and Korean. If a candidate has a character-based name by birth, that can be verified by a birth certificate or other valid identification, the candidate may use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration. A candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate to the local elections official that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, may use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

NOTE: On **August 16, 2025**, the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS

SELECTING YOUR BALLOT DESIGNATION – The **ballot designation** describes the current profession, vocation, occupation or incumbency status of the candidate that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name.

Ballot designations:

- Can be no more than three words.
- Must appear on the Declaration of Candidacy.
- Become public record once the information is filed on the Declaration of Candidacy. Ballot designations **cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents**.

The listing of a designation on the ballot is OPTIONAL. Only one of the following categories is allowed:

- 1) **Elective Office Title:** Words describing an elective office title may be used **IF** the candidate holds the office at the time nomination documents are filed and the office was filled by a vote of the people.

Example A: Governing Board Member

Example B: Board member, XYZ School District

- 2) **Incumbent:** The word **Incumbent** may be used **IF** the candidate is seeking re-election to the same office and was elected to that office by a vote of the people or was appointed as a nominated candidate in lieu of an election.

- 3) **Appointed Incumbent:** The words **Appointed Incumbent** must be used **IF** the candidate was appointed to the office and is seeking election to that office. The word **Appointed** may also be used with the office title.

Example A: Appointed Incumbent

Example B: Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

Exception: Candidates appointed to office in lieu of an election **do not** have to use the word appointed.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

- 4) **Principal Occupation:** No more than **three words** to either describe the current principal profession, vocation or occupation of the candidate **or** the principal professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents. State geographical names are considered one word.

Example A: High School Teacher

Example B: Attorney/Educator/Rancher

Example C: CEO/Councilmember

- 5) **Community Volunteer:** A Community Volunteer shall constitute a valid principal profession, vocation or occupation subject to the following conditions:
- a) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute their principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - b) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - c) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation.
- 6) **No Occupation Desired:** If no ballot designation is requested, write the word "NONE" and place your initials in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy form.

FORMAT OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – Ballot designations selected which exceed space allotted on the ballot (approximately 60 characters) are printed in a smaller typeface pursuant to § 13107(i) of the California Elections Code. **Restrictions:** The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State's ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET – A ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation is required to be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the same time that you file the Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation will appear on the ballot.
(E.C. § 13107.3)

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – If the designation is in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, the candidate will be notified by certified mail return receipt request, addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's ballot designation worksheet. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot.
(E.C. § 13107(f))

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS – Pursuant to Elections Code §13107(e), the elections official shall not accept a ballot designation if:

- a. It would mislead the voter.
- b. It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous or eminent.
- c. It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word(s) that it modifies.
- d. It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex”, which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
- e. It includes the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- f. It uses a word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- g. It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

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| GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST) |
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- a. Is it true?
- b. Is it accurate?
- c. Does it mislead?
- d. Is it generic? (This means “IBM” is unacceptable, “computer company” is acceptable.)
- e. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against.)
- f. Is it how this person makes a living?

Candidates may review their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, at this office during working hours Monday through Friday from **August 9^{**}, 2025 through August 18, 2025**. If the nomination period is extended, the period is from **August 14 through August 25 (excluding weekends.)**

If you have any questions regarding the nomination procedures, please contact the Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317.

^{**}August 9, 16 and 23 (Saturdays) and August 10 and 17 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.


CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Candidates who will have their Candidate Nomination Documents picked up and/or filed **via an Agent** must complete the AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS form.

Below is a generic **sample** of the Authorization Form.

1. Print candidate's (your) name.
2. Print the elective office title.
3. Print the agent's name and phone number.
4. Check the box for each applicable form.
5. Complete the middle section of the form as you would like your name to appear on the ballot, along with the other information requested.
6. Complete **INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION** box.
7. Sign and date the form before giving it to your Agent.

| COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK | | ELECTION PLANNING SECTION (562) 462-2317 |
|--|--|---|
|  | | |
| AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS | | |
| I, _____, candidate for the office | | |
| of _____ hereby authorize | | |
| AGENT'S NAME _____ AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER _____ | | |
| to receive and/or file the following nomination documents: Please check applicable forms (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Candidacy | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Designation Worksheet | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Petitions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Specify) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Intention | | |
| I am aware that the Nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file such documents. | | |
| I request that my name be placed upon the ballot as follows: (Please print) | | |
| FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL _____ LAST NAME _____ | | |
| My residence address is: | | |
| STREET ADDRESS _____ | | |
| CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ | | |
| My telephone numbers are: (_____) _____ (_____) _____ | | |
| DAYTIME _____ EVENING _____ | | |
| (_____) _____ | | |
| FAX _____ | | |
| My internet addresses are: _____ E-MAIL _____ | | |
| WEBSITE _____ | | |
| I would like the following information to be used for purposes of listings prepared and issued to the news media and/or the public. (If none given, the above information will be listed.) | | |
| INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION | | |
| STREET ADDRESS _____ | | |
| CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ | | |
| DAYTIME PHONE: (_____) _____ EVENING PHONE: (_____) _____ | | |
| FAX: (_____) _____ | | |
| WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ | | |
| CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ | | |

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

If you are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know **“HOW DO I GET STARTED?”**, there are five (5) steps to the candidate nomination process.

STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)

Candidates or authorized agents are required to fill out a Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form providing the following information:

1. Name as you wish it to appear on ballot.
2. Full name as registered to vote.
3. Residence address.
4. Telephone/fax numbers.
5. E-mail and/or web site address.
6. Address and telephone number for publication/media/internet.
7. Elective office title for which you are applying.
8. Signature and date.

| FOR OFFICE USE | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> DOI <input type="checkbox"/> NOM <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE-IN | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL FOR REASON OF: | | | |
| AGENT: _____ | | | |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATE REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION FORM | | | |
| NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS (Please Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS) | | | |
| FIRST | MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL (and/or Nickname) | LAST NAME | |
| NAME AS REGISTERED (if different from ballot name) | | DATE OF BIRTH | |
| RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS | | | |
| CITY NAME | | ZIP CODE | COUNTY |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS BUSINESS: | | RESIDENCE: | LOCAL: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES (If you are a NEWS MEDIA person, please provide address and telephone numbers will be used) | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS | | TELEPHONE NO. | |
| CITY NAME | | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE NO. |
| WEBSITE: | | EMAIL: | |
| OFFICE TITLE (Include District, Division, Office) | | | Initial if FULL TERM |
| | | | Initial if UNEXPIRED TERM |
| PARTY PREFERENCE (If Applicable) | | | |
| ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT? | YES | NO | IF "YES", CHECK ONE |
| | | ELECTED | APPOINTED |
| | | APPOINTMENT DATE | |
| "I am aware of the qualifications for office and understand this is not an official filing document." | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE OR AGENT | | DATE | |
| FOR OFFICE USE | | | |
| FILING FEE/SIGNATURE IN-LIEU INFO | | PRECINCT NUMBER | CONTEST CONTROL NO. |
| FILING FEE \$ | | RESIDENCE CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> | PTY CODE |
| DATE FILED | | RE-REG (NEW ADDRESS) <input type="checkbox"/> | VOTER ID NO. |
| NO. SIGNATURES @ \$ EACH | | DISTRICT CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> | CANDIDATE FILING NO. |
| BALANCE \$ | | PARTY CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| CASHIER'S INITIALS | RECEIPT NO. | ECMS OPER | INSTRUCTOR |
| | | INITIALS & DATE | <input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> DOI <input type="checkbox"/> NOM |
| COMMENTS: | | INITIALS & DATE | |
| | | REVIEWER / TIME | |

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The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available online at www.lavote.net. Information on the form is used in preparing nomination documents. It is important that the information is accurate. This information will be printed on listings distributed to the news media and the general public. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS ARE VERIFIED AT THE TIME OF FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)


STEP 2 – ISSUING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

An **Application for Nomination Documents** is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form.

This application must be signed by the candidate or an authorized agent acknowledging awareness of:

1. Qualifications for office.
2. Campaign statement filing requirements.
3. Receipt of candidate handbook.
4. Last day to file nomination papers.

Candidate or Agent must verify that the candidate information, including the name to appear on ballot, office title, addresses, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail and web site are printed correctly on all forms.

| COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | I am aware of the following: | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Qualifications for Candidacy for office. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Requirements for filing Campaign Statements. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Election Candidate Handbook was received. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Last day to file Nomination Papers. | | |
| Which is | | 5:00 P.M. | |
| FULL TERM | | UNEXPIRED TERM | |
| (PLEASE INITIAL) | | (PLEASE INITIAL) | |
| (CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) | | | |
| (FILED BY) | | (DATE FILED) | |
| NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT | | | |
| OFFICE AND DISTRICT | | FILED NUMBER | |
| | | ELECTION NUMBER | |
| | | CONTEST NUMBER | |
| PARTY (IF APPLICABLE) | | ISSUE DATE | |
| OCCUPATION | | | |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS CITY NAME | | | ZIP CODE |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS | EVENING | DAYTIME | EXTENSION |
| | | | |
| | FAX | E-MAIL | |
| | | | |
| | WEB SITE | | |
| PUBLICATION ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS CITY NAME | | | ZIP CODE |
| | SIGNATURE IN LIEU | DECLARATION OF INTENTION | NOMINATION PAPERS |
| DATE ISSUED | | | |
| DATE FILED | | | |
| | | | PUBLICATION PHONE |
| | | | INCUMBENT (Elected/Appointed) |
| CANDIDATE NAME FIELDS | | | |
| FIRST | MIDDLE | NICKNAME | |
| | | | |
| LAST | SUFFIX | | |
| | | | |
| SHORT NAME | | | |
| | | | CRD# |
| | | | EI# |
| AND 0007 | | | |

THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET AND NOMINATION PETITION FORMS, IF APPLICABLE, ARE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)

The **Declaration of Candidacy Form** is a two-sided form used to declare your candidacy, provide your ballot designation, and take the loyalty oath. This form contains the candidate's name as it will appear on the ballot, based on data from the CRQ. Once filed, these forms are public information. A prospective candidate must execute the Declaration of Candidacy and file it with the county elections official.

1. Fill in your name and designation (occupation) to appear on ballot. Refer to Name to Appear on the Ballot and Ballot Designation Provisions in this Chapter.
2. Fill in your residence, business and mailing addresses.
3. Provide daytime and evening telephone numbers (fax numbers, e-mail and web site address information is optional).
4. If you are an incumbent, you are to list the name of public office you presently hold.
5. Print name in space provided in "Oath of Office".
6. Fill in place of execution and date.
7. Sign name under penalty of perjury that information is true and correct.

Los Angeles County - Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Offices and Partisan Offices
(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8040, 8121, 8142, 13102)

For County Elections Official USE ONLY

Official Filing Form

County/Elections Official
By _____
Date Received _____

County/Elections Official
By _____
Date Received _____

1. I hereby declare myself a _____ candidate for the nomination/election to the office of _____.

2. I am _____ (Full term, or ☐ Unexpired term ending _____) to be voted for at the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2020, and declare the following to be true:

My name is _____ First _____ Middle/Initial (optional) _____ Last _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13101, 13107.3)

3. I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot _____

Print Ballot Designation Requested _____

☐ I have a character-based name I would like to use instead of a phonetic transcription. (Please complete Character-Based Name Form.)

4. Mailing Address: _____ Apt or Unit # _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Residence Address (Required): _____ Apt or Unit # _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Address: _____ Apt or Unit # _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: Day () _____ Evening () _____ Fax () _____
Email: _____ Website: _____

NOTE: Candidates for Judicial Offices are not required to state their residence address on this form.

WARNING: I am aware that any person who files or submits for filing a declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, as set forth in Section 18203 of the Elections Code.

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Form Must Be Completed

4. I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): _____

I have not 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, property, or conspiracy to commit any of these crimes. (Elections Code § 20)

If nominated/elected, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw: ☒ ☐

Signature of Candidate _____

5. I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Oath of Office

Executed by me in _____, California, this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Signature of Candidate _____

6. A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Seal) _____ Signature _____

7. Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, in the year 20____.

For use by Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

By _____ County Elections Official


WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in his or her possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202)

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED IF IT IS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 4 – BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

If a candidate submits a ballot designation, the “Ballot Designation Worksheet” shall be filed with the elections official at the time the candidate files their Declaration of Candidacy Form. If candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate’s name on the ballot.

|  California Secretary of State BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711) | |
|--|---|
| <p>This entire form must be completed, or it will not be accepted and you will not be entitled to a ballot designation. DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK. If information requested is not applicable, please write “N/A” in the space provided, otherwise the information MUST be provided. UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC RECORD.</p> | |
| Candidate Information | 1 |
| | Candidate Name: _____ Gender (optional, for translation use only): _____ |
| | Office: _____ Email: _____ |
| | Home Address: _____ |
| | Mailing Address: _____ |
| | Business Address: _____ Phone Number(s) _____ Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____ |
| Attorney Information | 2 |
| | Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): _____ |
| | Address: _____ Phone Number(s) _____ Business: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____ |
| | |
| <p>You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:</p> | |
| <p>(a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash (“/”).] (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected. (c) “Appointed [full title of public office]” if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office. (d) “Incumbent” if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office. (e) “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.</p> | |
| Proposed Ballot Designation(s) | 3 |
| | Proposed Ballot Designation(s): _____ |
| | Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: _____ Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: _____ |
| <p>In the spaces provided on the next page(s):</p> | |
| <p>(a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation. (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes (“/”) separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as “PVOs”), complete a justification section for each separate PVO. (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment. (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. Do not submit originals.</p> | |
| <p>It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.</p> <p>If your proposed ballot designation includes the word “volunteer,” indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation “community volunteer” if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use “community volunteer” together with another designation.</p> | |
| <p>Rev 09/2019</p> | |

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 5 – FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Listed below are mandatory and optional documents to be filed for candidacy. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines are met. All candidates are urged to file documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush.



| DOCUMENTS | APPLIES TO | FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Declaration of Candidacy | All Candidates | Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317 |
| Ballot Designation Worksheet | All Candidates | Election Information Section (800) 815-2666 Option 4 |
| Candidate Statement Form | All eligible/interested candidates | Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317 |
| Transliteration Form | All Candidates | Translation Services Unit (562) 462-2730 (562) 462-2832 |
| Candidate Campaign Statement Forms | All Candidates | Campaign Finance Section (562) 462-2339 |
| Character Based of Candidate Names | All Candidates | Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317 |

CHAPTER 3

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

California law permits specified candidates to file a candidate statement to be printed and mailed to voters in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. A local agency may opt to pay for the cost of the statement.

STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate's age and occupation.
2. Statements may not include references to other candidates. See information below and the Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statements in this chapter (**Chapter 3**) for restrictions.
3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed, *unless there are issues with Elections Code compliance or Court ordered Changes*.
4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee is required to print the Spanish statement. **In compliance with California Law, only English and Spanish candidate statements are included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet** for candidates who wish to have one printed at the candidate's or local agencies' expense. (Translations may be provided in other languages in accordance with federal law. See "Translations" later in this chapter for further information.)
5. No reference to candidate's political party affiliation nor any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.

NOTE: The Official Vote By Mail Voting Instructions and Guide does not include candidate statements.

ESTIMATED COST – The form on which the statement is submitted is issued with the nomination documents and contains word limitations and estimated cost.

The local agency determines the maximum amount of words allowed (**200 or 400**), the responsibility for payment (either the candidate or agency), and whether it is to be paid in advance.


If a candidate statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc., the printed candidate statement may extend to two (**2**) pages. If a candidate statement is printed in another language, the translated candidate statement may extend to two (**2**) or more pages. In these cases, the actual cost for statement may double or triple and additional cost may be billed to you after the election. Please note, costs are calculated by page regardless of how much or how little text there is on each page. Costs are **NOT** calculated according to word count.

The estimated cost is determined prior to all information being available; therefore, it is an approximation of the actual cost that varies from election to election and may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM – This is an example of the Candidate Statement Form used by candidates in submitting their statement to be printed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. The Candidate Statement Form is included with the packet each candidate receives when filing nomination documents.

FRONT



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - NONPARTISAN OFFICES
READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF: _____

CANDIDATE FOR: _____

ELECTION DATE: _____

AGE: _____ OCCUPATION: _____
(Optional) (Optional)

Please type your statement below in upper and lower case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style Times New Roman, size 11 point. However, statement can be submitted using any standard font. See reverse side for information and guidelines including formatting restrictions. Statements are **only** included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and **will not** be included in the Official Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballot Instructions.

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BACK

CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
(Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311 and 13313)

GENERAL INFORMATION: Filing of a statement is optional and applies to local nonpartisan offices. The elections official sends to each registered voter an Official Sample Ballot Booklet which contains the candidate statements prepared and submitted.

FILING PERIOD: Statement must be filed no later than the close of business hours on the last day of the candidate nomination period.

WITHDRAWAL: A candidate statement cannot be changed or revised once it is filed. A candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5 p.m. of the next business day after the last day to file the statement.

CONTENTS: Statement may include candidate's age and occupation and a 200 word description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Some jurisdictions increase the word limit to 400 words.

FORMAT/WORD COUNT: Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for detailed information regarding format and word counting guidelines.

RESTRICTIONS: The candidate statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor reference any membership or activity in political organizations. Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

CANDIDATE STATEMENT BULLETIN: Please be advised that your candidate statement will not be appearing in the Vote By Mail Instructions entitled "Vote By Mail Instructions." It will only appear in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD: Candidate statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Once the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a ten (10) calendar day period. During the examination period, candidate letters, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations (or occupations) on ballot shall be open to public examination. Any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to challenge and possibly amend any or all of the material/data (E.C. 13313). If the filing period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. A fee may be charged for any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material.

CANDIDATES FILING IN SHARED DISTRICTS: Your candidate statement must be filed with the county elections official in each county where you wish to have your statement printed (e.g., if you wish to have your statement printed in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, then you must submit one (1) copy of your statement and the appropriate fee to each county where you intend to have your statement appear in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet). The elections official will not forward your candidate statement or estimated shared cost to neighboring counties.

ESTIMATED COST

The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on number of voter registration, the length and/or format of the statement submitted and printing cost. Accordingly, the elections official is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense to or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate pay to the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the elections official shall prorate the excess amount among the candidate and refund the excess amount paid.


Pursuant to California law, the local agency has authorized a ☐ 200 ☐ 400 word maximum, and requires that the estimated cost be paid:
☐ In advance by all candidates ☐ District will pay for all candidate statements
☐ District will bill candidate after the election

The estimated cost of your English statement is: _____ The estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is: _____

NOTE: Cost is estimated on a per page basis and may double, triple, or quadruple depending on your language selection(s) and/or statement formatting.

I have read and understand the provisions contained on this form and in the Candidate Handbook, and request that my statement as shown on the reverse side be printed as indicated:

Please mark (x) one box: English ☐ English & Spanish ☐

 _____ Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

Phone Numbers: () _____ () _____
Daytime _____ Evening _____

DO NOT PRINT THIS STATEMENT IN THE EVENT

☐ There is no opposition to this contest on the ballot. ☐ No other candidate for this contest files a statement.

☐ Verified filing of Declaration of Candidacy and/or Nomination Papers

OFFICE USE ONLY

Project Code No.: _____
Candidate File No.: _____
Total No. of Words: _____
Total No. of Words in boldface, capital letters, and/or underscored: _____
By Deputy: _____

Date _____ Election Official _____

CSF 06/17

CSF 06/18

FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

1. Statements must be neatly typed. Statement will be typed in the Official Sample Ballot booklet using Times New Roman font in 11 point size. However, a candidate statement can be submitted using any standard font. Please note, if using any standard font other than Times New Roman in 11 point size, the printed candidate statement may extend to two **(2)** or more pages once formatted. A sample of the format and style is pictured below.
2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing, using block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typed on block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters, bold and italics (or any combination of enhancements) are not acceptable. Indentations cannot be accommodated. Enhanced words that are printed in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. The pronoun "I" is not counted as an enhanced word. **Refer to page 29 for the Word Counting Guidelines.**
3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line.

| | Candidate Statements & Measures | | | Candidate Statements & Measures | |
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| <p>STATEMENT OF [CANDIDATE NAME] CANDIDATE FOR [OFFICE TITLE], [Trustee Area/Division No.] [CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT]</p> | <p>FORMAT/CONTENT: This is an example of an acceptable <u>format</u> to be used in a candidate's statement of qualifications. The <u>guidelines</u> for the <u>content</u> of the statement are in a separate section of the information Booklet.</p> <p>ENHANCED WORDS: It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be bold, <u>underlined</u>, or CAPITALIZED. Hyphens/dashes are allowed. The beginning of each paragraph may also be highlighted as shown in this example.</p> <p>PARAGRAPHS: The candidate statement is printed in "block" paragraphs, which means each paragraph will start on the left and the right margin will be justified. A double space will appear between, shown in this example.</p> | <p>STATEMENT OF [CANDIDATE NAME] CANDIDATE FOR [OFFICE TITLE], [Trustee Area/Division No.] [CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT]</p> <p>Age: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Occupation: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Santa Monica Native!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SM/USD: Madison, Lincoln, Samohi - Played in our parks, body-surfed our waves, taught in our schools, community activist - SMC, UCLA, LMU - Renter, Homeowner, Teacher, Entrepreneur <p>Santa Monica Commissioner since 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past President, CalParksBoard - 2013 Commissioner of the Year, Chair, Recreation & Parks Commission <p>Working For Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host, Brock on Your Block - Columnist, SM Mirror - Co-Chair, Historic San Vicente Coalition - Smart Group - Samohi Alumni President - Kiwanis Lieutenant-Governor - SM Elks Trustee Citizen of the Year - Salvation Army Advisory Board/Volunteer of the Year - Civic Auditorium Working Group - Boys & Girls Club Council <p>I will fight for you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents First! - Restore Public Safety/Reduce Crime NOW! - Common Sense City Government! - STOP Overdevelopment! - STOP wasting our tax dollars! - STOP Traffic gridlock - STOP overtaxing! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENFORCE e-scooter laws! - ENACT building height/density limits. - Palm trees must be our only high rises! - Intelligent change that preserves character - Sustainably adapt buildings - Value YOUTH and SENIORS! - Champion RENT CONTROL/affordable FAMILY housing - Find REAL homelessness solutions! - Transparent government LISTEN to residents - Racial Justice Now! - Free public transportation for residents - Free citywide high-speed internet - Parks are paramount. Create SAFE open space! - Envision the future by honoring our past! - I will take action where incumbents have failed! <p>Restore the soul of our city!</p> | | |
| <p>1 column (1 statement)</p> | | <p>2 columns (1 statement)</p> | | | |

TRANSLATIONS – Translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, Thai and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with Federal Voting Rights Act provisions and Department of Justice specifications. These booklets are sent only to voters who have requested translated material. Additional booklets are provided at the polling places on Election Day.

INDIGENT CANDIDATES – If a candidate alleges to be indigent and is unable to pay the advance fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit an Affidavit of Financial Worth to the local agency to be used in determining the candidate's indigence eligibility. The affidavit shall be submitted by the candidate with their candidate statement by the specified deadline. The candidate shall certify under penalty of perjury the truth and correctness of the content of the affidavit. A determination shall be made whether or not the candidate is indigent and the local agency will notify the candidate of its findings. If a determination is made that the candidate is indigent, the local agency shall print and mail the statement without payment of the advance fee. The candidate will be billed the actual pro rata share of the cost following the election. If a determination is made that the candidate is **not** indigent, the candidate shall withdraw the statement or pay the requisite fee within three days of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays.

**AFFIDAVIT
OF
FINANCIAL**

4506 Request for Copy of Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-0047

1. Name of the taxpayer (Last, first, and middle initial): _____

2. Social Security Number: _____

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – Candidate statements are confidential until after the close of the nomination period (E. C. § 13311). Once the filing period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a **ten (10) calendar day period**. If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the statements are open to public examination for **another ten (10) calendar day period**. A fee may be charged to any person wishing to obtain a copy of the material. During both periods, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the content/data to be amended or deleted.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR CITY OFFICES – City candidates should contact the City Clerk for information on viewing candidate statement content.

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| NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS |
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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S OWN QUALIFICATIONS

This applies to all candidates.

The California Elections Code and case law prohibit **CANDIDATES** from making any reference to another candidate or to another candidate's qualification, character or activities. If the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** discovers improper content in a candidate statement, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will notify the candidate and give the individual an opportunity to correct the improper language in the candidate statement. If the candidate refuses to correct the improper language, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL**, as well as any other voter, may bring legal action against the candidate to correct the statement. The prevailing party may also be entitled to obtain attorney's fees for bringing the action.

The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will not accept language in a candidate statement that in any way makes reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13308. The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will remove the improper language from the statement and not allow it to be printed. The candidate will be notified of the improper language and its removal from the statement.

All prospective candidates may want to refer to California Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311, 13313, and 13314, as well as the California Court of Appeal ruling in *Dean v. Superior Court*, (1998 4th Dist.) 62 Cal. App.4th 638. However, this list is not exhaustive and candidates are solely responsible for preparation and submittal of candidate's statements that are in conformance with the law. A copy of the above described Elections Code Sections and the *Dean* decision are available from our office at no cost.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES (Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 9)</p> |
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The following guidelines are used by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office for counting words on candidate statements, ballot measure text, arguments, rebuttals and other ballot enclosures. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 400 word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

1. **PUNCTUATION MARKS** are not counted. Symbols such as "&" (and), and "#" (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.
2. **THE WORDS** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.
3. **PROPER NOUNS**, such as geographical names, and names of persons or things, as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: "Gus Enwright" = 1 word
"City of Los Angeles" = 1 word
"Dalai Lama" = 1 word

4. **ABBREVIATIONS** such as acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: UCLA, PTA, USMC, LAPD, U.S.M.C.

5. **HYPHENATED WORDS** that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the U.S. at any time within the last 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: Attorney-at-law

6. **DATES...** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987 3/18 7/21/89

7. **NUMERIC COMBINATIONS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14

8. **MONETARY AMOUNTS** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000.00

MONETARY AMOUNTS consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.

EXAMPLE: \$4 million

9. **TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBERS** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: 1-800-815-2666 1-562-462-2317

10. **INTERNET WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES** are counted as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: <http://www.co.la.ca.us> www.lavote.net <http://www.lacounty.info>

CHAPTER 4

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(Election Code Sections 8600 and 8601)

A person who has not followed the usual procedure for placing their name on the ballot for the election may still be elected to office as a write-in candidate.

You may file the required forms to run for office as a write-in candidate no later than 14 days prior to Election Day.

A write-in candidate **is not required** to pay a filing fee.

| FILING DEADLINE | | |
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| FILING PERIOD | DAYS BEFORE ELECTION | EVENT |
| SEPT. 8 (M) through OCT. 21 (Tu) 5:00 P.M. | E – 57 E – 14 | FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY |

Write-in candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE **14th DAY** prior to the election.

All candidates are urged to file the following documents as early as possible.

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – Refer to “General Information on Candidate Filing Procedures” in Chapter 2 of Section 1 of this handbook.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FORMS – If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, contact the Campaign Finance Section at (562) 462-2339.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Write-in election results are not determined until the canvass is completed. California election law allows a prescribed number of days for the conduct of the official canvass. During the official canvass, write-in ballots must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified or unqualified write-in candidate and whether a voter has over voted. All aspects of the canvass shall be open to the public. **Write-in votes are counted and certified in an election only if qualified candidates have filed the required nomination documents with the elections official.**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT – Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. For school and UDEL contests, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled and eligible candidates are appointed in lieu of the election. California law, however, allows the filing of a petition with the elections official to require such office(s) to be placed on the ballot. **(E. C. §. 10515 and Ed. Code §. 5326)**

The write-in candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that office. When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. **(E. C. §. 10551)**

Voters may write-in any name they wish for any office regardless of whether the person qualified or not. However, votes will only be tabulated for qualified write-in candidates.

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CHAPTER 1

CONTACT INFORMATION



CONTACT INFORMATION



REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC)

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(Except for Holidays)

OFFICE ADDRESS

12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650
FAX: (562) 864-4064

MAILING ADDRESS

P O Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) (562) 462-2259

ELECTION INFORMATION 1-800-815-2666
2nd Floor, Room 2013 **option 4**

General information regarding election, registration and
voter services.

Fax Number..... **(562) 864-4064**

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCEDURES 1-800-815-2666
2nd Floor, Room 2013 **option 4**

Information regarding election dates, offices to be filled,
qualifications for office, nomination filing dates and
procedures.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE (562) 462-2339
2nd Floor, Room 2003

Campaign finance filing requirements for candidates,
committees and officeholders.

VOTER REGISTRATION 1-800-815-2666
Requests for voter registration forms or register to vote **option 2**
online at www.lavote.gov.

Note: The registration deadline for the **November 4th Local and Municipal Elections**
is Monday, **October 20, 2025.**



OFFICIAL SAMPLE/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INQUIRIES.....1-800-815-2666
option 2

FAX NUMBERS..... (562)462-2354
(562)868-0861

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT TRANSLATION.....1-800-481-8683
To receive an Official Sample Ballot booklet translated into
Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese,
Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean,
Mongolian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Telugu,
Thai or Vietnamese.

VOTE CENTER STAFF1-800-815-2666
option 7
To become a vote center staff or report problems at a vote
center location during the voting period (E-10 to Election Day).

VOTE CENTER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION..... (562)347-2447
To offer a building to be a vote center.
Election Operation Center

HOURLY VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION(562) 462-2726
For projected turnout reports issued each hour on the half-
hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS INFORMATION.....1-800-815-2666
Available Wednesday, **November 5, 2025.**
option 4

VOTER FRAUD HOT LINE.....1-800-815-2666
option 5
To report factual information on illegal voter registration
and/or voting activities.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE



The RR/CC website (www.lavote.gov) has the following information for voters, candidates, media and community activists:

- Voter Registration Information
- Vote By Mail Information
- Vote Center Location Look-up
- “My Districts” Look-up
- Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form
- List of Candidates Who Have Filed (posted and updated daily during the filing period)
- Candidate Handbooks for Upcoming Elections
- Campaign Finance Disclosure (including county offices and measures)
- Multilingual Voter Services
- Services for Voters with Specific Needs
- Election Results
- RR/CC Strategic Plan
- RR/CC Twitter Postings



TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATIONS

NOTE: The RR/CC's office is NOT an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations. Reports of violations are referred as listed below:

| VIOLATION OF: | REFERRED TO: |
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| The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of California Government Code at Sections 81000 through 91015), i.e., mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests | Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (866) 275-3772 |
| Election procedures | County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California Secretary of State, Elections Division (916) 657-2166 |
| Unlawful use of public funds, violation of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act | County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555 |
| Open meeting laws (Brown Act) | County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555 |
| Local ordinances | Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 |
| Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs | Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 |
| False or misleading campaign materials | There is no agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court. |

During the vote center voting period and Election Day, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the vote centers that need attention, please contact our office at 1-800-815-2666 option 7.

CHAPTER 2

FINANCIAL REPORTING



CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

All candidates/committees are required by the Political Reform Act to file a campaign statement by the first filing deadline listed below **regardless of activity**. All statements filed should reflect the cover period after the closing date of the last statement or January 1 if no previous statement has been submitted. ***Monetary penalties may be assessed for late filing of campaign statements. Failure to file required statements will be referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.***

| FILING DEADLINES | 2025 FILING REQUIREMENTS |
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| <p>90 Days Prior to Election</p> <p>Begins: 8/06/2025</p> <p>Ends: Election day</p> | <p><u>LATE CONTRIBUTION and/or LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS</u></p> <p>Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a late contribution (including a loan) that total in the aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more <u>or</u> makes an independent expenditure of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more after August 6, 2025, and on election day November 4, 2025, <u>must file a Contribution Report Form 497 within 24 hours</u>. The recipient of a non-monetary or in-kind contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Gov. Code §§ 84203 and 84204)</p> |
| <p>1st Pre-election</p> <p>Due: SEPT. 25, 2025</p> <p>Cover Period: 07/01/2025 to 09/20/2025</p> | <p><u>FIRST CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election should file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p>Candidates who do not raise or spend over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) should file a <u>Form 470</u>.</p> <p>All statements must be received by personal delivery or first-class mail.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200.7)</p> |

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| <p>2nd Pre-election</p> <p>Due: OCT 23, 2025</p> <p>Cover Period: 09/21/2025 to 10/18/2025</p> | <p><u>SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p><i>All statements must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.</i></p> <p>(Gov. Code § 84200.7)</p> |
| <p>Due: Feb 2, 2026</p> <p>Cover Period: 10/19/2025 to 12/31/2025</p> | <p><u>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u></p> <p>Candidates who have a controlled committee and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a <u>Form 460</u>.</p> <p>Statements must be received by personal delivery or first-class mail.</p> <p>(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200)</p> |

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS

FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Candidates must file **no later than August 8, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

(Gov. Code § 87302.3(a))

FORM 501 - CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

Candidates who **intend** to solicit or receive contributions for their campaign must file a Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501.

(Gov. Code § 85200)

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

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in contributions and spend less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the cost of a candidate statement if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing this form by **September 25, 2025**. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the two thousand dollars (\$2,000) threshold is reached.

(Gov. Code § 84206)

FORM 470S - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SUPPLEMENT)

Candidates who have filed a Form 470 Short Form and **thereafter** receive contributions or make expenditures totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more are required to file this form with whom original campaign statements are filed and with each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent **within 48 hours** of receiving or expending the two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(Gov. Code § 84206)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Recipient committees, including any group, individual, or candidate, that receive two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the Secretary of State and our office, within 10 days of receiving the contributions. They must also include a \$50 payment made to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, the annual fee must be paid no later than January 15 of each year until the committee terminates.

(Gov. Code § 84101.5)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF TERMINATION

Candidates and their committees are required to file semi-annual statements every six months until all campaign activity ceases, all campaign money is spent, and Form 410 (see part 5) is filed.

(Gov. Code § 84214)

FORM 460 - RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent, or will raise or spend two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more during a calendar year in connection with the election AND/OR if two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate, is required to file this form.

(Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)

WHERE TO FILE

All candidates and committees must file the original campaign statements with:

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Campaign Finance Section
12400 East Imperial Highway, Room 2003
Norwalk, CA 90650
Phone: (562) 462-2339
Fax: (562) 651-2548

EFILING

E-Filing is a paperless process. You can use the free filer application provided by NetFile, a web-based filing system that allows you to electronically track contributions and expenditures and submit campaign statements for free. If you are already using a third-party campaign accounting system, you do not need to use the free filer system as long as your third-party software is approved by the California Secretary of State to produce electronic files for campaign disclosure statements. You can upload that file to the NetFile system to file your statements electronically. Please note, regardless of whether you use the free filer application or upload a third-party electronic file, ***if you file electronically, you do not need to file a copy of that document in paper format with Los Angeles County.*** For further information, please contact our office at 562-462-2339.

Detailed instructions for complying with the Political Reform Act are in each candidate's **Campaign Finance Packet.**

REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for
Candidates and Committees

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY....

The Political Reform Act imposes certain duties and obligations on candidates, officeholders, committee treasurers and others participating in the political process. For example:

- Detailed records must be maintained for all financial activity, and contributions received for political purposes must not be commingled with personal funds.
- Campaign statements must be filed at specified times disclosing contributions received, expenditures made, and other financial information. In some cases, candidates can avoid filing long form campaign statements by submitting a “Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470).”
- Campaign statements must be electronically filed, hand delivered, or postmarked as first-class mail by the legal filing deadline date established by law. NOTE: ***The second pre-election statement must be electronically filed, filed in person, or guaranteed overnight delivery.*** Mail which is not received by the filing officer shall be presumed not to have been sent unless the filer possesses a postal receipt establishing the date of the deposit, and the name and address of the addressee.
- The Political Reform Act provides a formula for assessing late fines of original campaign statements filed in our office. The fine is \$10 per day, starting the day after the filing deadline, until the statement is filed; however, no liability may exceed the cumulative amount of reported contributions, expenditures, of the Form 460 or \$100, whichever is greater.

Failure to submit a required statement is a misdemeanor. Persons who fail to submit required statements are referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Defeated candidates must file campaign disclosure reports until the campaign committee has been terminated by filing Form 410 (see part 5).

If mailing a campaign disclosure statement, it is recommended that it be mailed by certified mail or by purchasing a certificate of mailing. This will eliminate any question regarding receipt of your statement.

Unsigned forms are incomplete and are not considered filed until they are signed.

Chapter 3

CAMPAIGNING



GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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PART 1
LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Pursuant to Chapter 976, 1977 Statutes, the Legislature finds and declares:

- (a) That a need exists for adequate identification of the source of campaign Appeals directed at the voters in order to assist them in making rational decisions at the polls.
- (b) That by requiring such identification of campaign literature, the public is better able to evaluate the source of campaign material, may be more adequately informed, and can better distinguish between truth and falsity.
- (c) That by requiring identification, anonymous attacks, which cannot adequately be responded to in the heat of a campaign, will be discouraged.
- (d) That by requiring identification, a candidate who believes they have been libeled may more readily seek redress in a civil action for damages.
- (e) That limiting identification requirements to pejorative campaign material is inadequate because subtle attacks on candidates or measures can be framed which appear to be supportive but, in fact, are pejorative.
- (f) That a distinction needs to be made between campaign materials of small size that usually carry little more than a "Vote for _____" message, such as is often the case with buttons, matchbooks, pens, and the like, on the one hand, and campaign materials which carry more complex messages, on the other. In the case of the former, because of their characteristically small size and limited content, it would be an undue burden to require that identification as to source be included.

PART 2
MASS MAILINGS

Definition.

"Mass mailing" means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry.

Gov. Code § 82041.5

Manner of sending mass mailings.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall 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 such mailing in no less than 6-point type. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

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- (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) 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. **Gov. Code § 84305**

Newsletter or mass mailing.

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. **Gov. Code § 89001**

PART 3

TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

Legislature's findings.

The Legislature hereby finds the following to be true:

- (1) The major political parties have become an integral part of the American governmental system requiring regulation as to their structure, governing bodies, and functions by state government in the public interest.
- (2) The Legislature has found it necessary and appropriate in the regulation of political parties to create and provide for the convening of state conventions, state central committees, and county central committees for parties qualified by law to participate in the direct primary election, by statute.
- (3) Over the several years preceding the adoption of this section organizations of electors using as a part of their names the name of a political party qualified to participate in the direct primary election have endorsed candidates for nomination of that party for partisan office in the direct primary election and have publicized and promulgated such endorsements in a manner which has resulted in considerable public doubt and confusion as to whether such endorsements are those of a private group of citizens or of an official governing body of a political party.
- (4) The voting public is entitled to protection by law from deception in political campaigns in the same manner and for the same reasons that it is entitled to protection from deception by advertisers of commercial products.

E. C. § 20001

Restraining order or injunction.

The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, broadcasting, or telecasting of any matter in violation of this chapter, 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 thereof. **E. C. § 20006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Representation requirements.

No candidate or committee in their behalf shall represent in connection with an election campaign, either orally or in campaign material, that the candidate has the support of a committee or organization which includes as part of its name the name or any variation upon the name of a qualified political party with which the candidate is not affiliated, together with the words “county committee,” “central committee,” “county,” or any other term that might tend to mislead the voters into believing that the candidate has the support of the party’s county central committee or state central committee, when that is not the case.

This section shall not be construed to prevent a candidate or committee from representing that the candidate has the support of a committee or group of voters affiliated with another political party, which committee or group is identified by the name of that party, where the name of the committee or group also includes the name of the candidate.

Any member of a county central committee or state central committee may commence an action in the superior court to enjoin misrepresentation by a candidate or committee in their behalf, in the manner prohibited by this section, to the effect that the candidate has the support of the state or county central committee involved. **E. C. § 20007**

Political advertisement requirements.

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. **E. C. § 20008**

Simulated ballot requirements.

- (a) Every simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot 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 an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.”

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

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

- (b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in any 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 thereof.

E. C. § 20009

No pictures of candidates in campaign material.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) no person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may, with actual malice, produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains (1) a picture or photograph of a person or persons into which the image of a candidate for public office is superimposed or (2) a picture or photograph of a candidate for public office into which the image of another person or persons is superimposed. "Campaign material" includes, but is not limited to, any printed matter, advertisement in a newspaper or other periodical, television commercial, or computer image. For purposes of this section, "actual malice" means the knowledge that the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation, or a reckless disregard of whether or not the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation.
- (b) A person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) only if each picture or photograph in the campaign material includes the following statement in the same point size type as the largest point size type used elsewhere in the campaign material: "This picture is not an accurate representation of fact." The statement shall be immediately adjacent to each picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a).

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- (c) (1) Any registered voter may seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction prohibiting the publication, distribution, or broadcasting of any campaign material in violation of this section. Upon filing a petition under this section, the plaintiff may obtain a temporary restraining order in accordance with Section 527 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (2) A candidate for public office whose likeness appears in a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) may bring a civil action against any person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization that produced, distributed, published, or broadcast the picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a). The court may award damages in an amount equal to the cost of producing, distributing, publishing, or broadcasting the campaign material that violated this section, in addition to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- (d) (1) This act shall not apply to a holder of a license granted pursuant to the Federal Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.) in the performance of the functions for which the license is granted.
- (2) This act shall not apply to the publisher or an employee of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis for any material published in that newspaper, magazine, or other periodical. For purposes of this subdivision, a "newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis" shall not include any newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that has as its primary purpose the publication of campaign advertising or communication, as defined by Section 304.

E. C. § 20010

PART 4

PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS

In addition to any other penalty, any person who prints or otherwise duplicates, or causes to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by Section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

E. C. § 18301

PART 5

DISTRIBUTION OF VOTE CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's vote center location other than a vote center location listed for that voter in an official vote center list that constituted the latest official vote center list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to such mailing or distribution.

E. C. § 18302

PART 6

**ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT VOTE CENTER LOCATION**

Legislature's findings.

The Legislature finds and declares that no person, other than the voter and the election official, should have access to, or possession of, the ballot except as permitted by the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Electioneering within 100 feet of a vote center location.

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a vote center location 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 their ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of their qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a vote center location or an elections official's office" means a distance of 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.

E. C. § 18370

Electioneering during Vote By Mail voting.

- (a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a Vote By Mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time [they know] the Vote By Mail voter is voting.
- (b) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by Section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

E. C. § 18371

Compelling another in voting.

- (a) Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the penal code for 16 months or two or three years.
- (b) Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of penal code in for 16 months or two or three years.

E. C. § 18540

Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.

- (a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a vote center location, do any of the following:
 - (1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking their ballot.
 - (2) Place a sign relating to voter's qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of their qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
 - (3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a vote center location.
- (b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.
- (c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

E. C. § 18541

Fine for person in possession of firearm or unauthorized uniformed personnel.

- (a) Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by

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imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

(b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the vote center location to cast their vote.
- (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of their public employment or who is at the vote center location to cast their vote.
- (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official.
- (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held. **E. C. § 18544**

Fine for hiring of person in possession of firearm or uniformed personnel.

Any person who hires or arranges for any other person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held. **E. C. § 18545**

Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (a) "Elections official" means the county elections official, registrar of voters, or city clerk.
- (b) "Immediate vicinity" means the area within a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which the voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. **E. C. § 18546**

PART 7

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Authorization to use candidate or committee name.

It is unlawful for any person who solicits funds for the purpose of supporting or promoting any candidates or committees to include in any part of its name the name of that candidate or committee unless that person shall have previously obtained the authorization of the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to use the candidate's or committee's name in the name of that person.

Authorization by a candidate or committee shall not be construed as rendering the person soliciting funds a controlled committee as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code.

E. C. § 20202

Notice of "not authorized by candidate" to be included in fundraising communication

Any person who solicits or receives contributions on behalf of any candidate or committee for the purported and exclusive use of that committee or the candidate's election campaign and who is not authorized by the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to do so, shall include a notice in any fundraising communication, whether through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, printed literature, direct mailing, or any other type of general public advertising, or through telephone or individual oral fundraising appeal, clearly and conspicuously stating that the person is not authorized by the candidate or committee and that the candidate or committee is not responsible for the actions of that person.

E. C. § 20203

PART 8

**OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – POLITICAL SIGNS
(INCLUDING PLACARDS AND POSTERS)**

Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.

Nothing in this chapter, including, but not limited to, § 5405, shall prohibit the placing of temporary political signs, unless a federal agency determines that such placement would violate federal regulations. However, no such sign shall be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

- (a) Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- (b) Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- (c) Is no larger than 32 square feet.

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- (d) Has had a statement of responsibility filed with the department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the temporary political sign and who will reimburse the department for any cost incurred to remove it.
B. & P. Code § 5405.3

The State agency responsible for administering outdoor advertising laws including those for political signs is:

STATE OFFICE

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 942874, MS-36
SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001
TDD 1-800-735-2929
PHONE (916) 654-6473
Contact by email: ODA@dot.ca.gov**

A Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to the appropriate Department of Transportation district office according to the county location of the temporary political sign(s). The forms may be obtained by contacting the department listed above or from the:

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE SECTION ROOM 2003
12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
Telephone (562) 462-2339**

Placement of Signs in Unincorporated Areas

The Outdoor Advertising Act prohibits placement of any temporary political signs on interstate highways, public or primary highways, and streets in unincorporated areas of the state, including Los Angeles County. This includes telephone poles, street signs, utility poles, street medians, sidewalks, bus stop benches and bus shelters located on the above highways and streets. (Please see B & P Code § 5215 and § 5220 for definitions of various highways.) The County Code provisions also prohibit the placement of temporary political signs on private property in the unincorporated areas without the consent of the owner or occupant.

Note: In some instances, **city ordinances** also regulate the placement and removal of temporary political signs. Please check with the city clerk or police department of a city before placing such signs within its boundaries.

PART 9

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS

The U.S. Postal Service can provide assistance for mailing requirements to political candidates and committees. Business Mail Entry Units will explain addressing, sorting, fees, and postage. Additionally, they will also review a mailing piece to ensure mailability.

To avoid delays and other delivery problems in your campaign mailings, call the U.S. Postal Service:

| ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED | LOCATION OF OFFICE | OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 900XX 902XX - 908XX | LOS ANGELES CITY | (877) 672-0007 |
| 910XX – 935XX | SIERRA COASTAL DIST. | (661) 775-6663 |
| 917XX – 918XX 926XX – 928 | SANTA ANA DIST. | (877) 672-0007 |

PART 10

PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Voting more than once.

It is a crime to vote more than once in any election.

E. C. § 18560

Interfering with the Vote By Mail voting process.

It is a misdemeanor to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the election's official of a completed application for a Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. § 18576

It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted Vote By Mail ballot or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. §§ 18577 and 18578

It is a misdemeanor to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time [they are] voting a Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. § 18371

Vote By Mail ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in a prison term.

Penal Code § 126

Other penalties.

It is a crime to interfere with anyone's right to vote.

E. C. § 18502

It is a crime to pay, or offer to pay, a person any amount of money or to give them anything of value in exchange their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone to not vote.

E. C. §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524

It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system.

E. C. §§ 18564 and 18565

PART 11

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES

Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions or expenditures in connection with any U.S. election (federal, state, or local), either directly or through another person. This prohibition applies to foreign-owned corporations and associations, as well as to foreign governments, political parties and certain individuals and partnerships. Additionally, U.S. candidates for federal, state, and local offices are prohibited from accepting contributions from these sources.

The ban on political contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals was first enacted in 1966 as part of the amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), an “internal security” statute. The goal of the FARA was to minimize foreign intervention in U.S. elections by establishing a series of limitations on foreign nationals. These included registration requirements for the agents of foreign principals and general prohibition on political contributions by foreign nationals. In 1974, the prohibition was incorporated into the Federal Campaign Act which gave the Federal Election Commission (FEC) jurisdiction over its enforcement and interpretation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please call the FEC in Washington, D.C. at 800 424-9530 or (202) 694-1120.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Fee Schedule As of 02/10/2021

| Item | Fee |
|---|---|
| Boundary Maps - District Congressional, Senate, Assembly & Supervisorial | \$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$1.43 Handling Fee Per Request. |
| Certified Copy - Affidavit or Transcript | \$1.50 For Copy of Own Registration. \$6.75 Per Copy for All Others. (Public and Authorized) |
| Campaign Statement Copies | \$0.10 Per Page. \$5.00 retrieval fee per request. |
| Certification of Election Documents (Except Affidavits of Registration) | \$1.75 Per Certified Copy. |
| Precinct Map on Plotter Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Map on Standard Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Maps on CD or GIS Shape File Precinct Maps on DVD Precinct/District Maps on 35 mm Microfilm | \$11.00 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost) \$4.67 \$16.00 \$18.00 \$246.00 |
| Shipping and Handling Fee for CD or DVD | \$6.00 |
| Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/ color) | \$30.00 Each |
| Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/o color) | \$13.00 Each |
| Customized District Map with Acetate Overlay Map That Allows Distinction from Original Background Map. | \$48.00 Each |
| Polling Place Maps | \$17.00 Small (11" X 17") Each Page. \$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies in Size. |
| Photocopies (Miscellaneous) | \$0.46 Per Copy. |

Fee Schedule (Continued)

As of 02/10/2021

| Item | Fee |
|---|--|
| Returned Checks | \$33.00 Each |
| Search – Records or Files | \$5.00 for each record or file searched. |
| Statement of Votes Cast (SVC) | \$0.37 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost) |
| Telefaxing | \$0.04 Per Page Plus \$1.43 Handling Fee. |
| *Compact Disc (CD) Text File Los Angeles County Voter Files | \$146.00 Per File. |
| *Compact Disc (CD) Text File (Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files) | (Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files) \$54.00 Per File \$39.00 For Each Additional File |
| *Index to Voter (Street Index) | Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names. General Public for Political Purposes Only: \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request. |
| *Voted Index | \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request. |
| *Precinct Rosters (Combined Index-Roster) | \$5.50 Per Roster Or \$0.22 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included in Cost) |
| *Absent Voter Report | \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request. |
| *Applicant Is Required to Execute Contract with The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk | |
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CHAPTER 4

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES



MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

BACKGROUND

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English speakers. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to **transliterate** the names of candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters.

(*Transliteration* is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.)



TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

The **six** languages that are required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act in Los Angeles County are **Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese.**

Also, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 14201, Los Angeles County is required to provide assistance in the following languages: **Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Farsi, Gujarati, Indonesian, Hindi, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian Telugu, and Thai.**

IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE COST

The County will automatically provide *translated sample ballot booklets* to voters who request it two weeks before the election and after they received the English sample ballot booklet. However, as noted in the *Candidate Statements* (see Chapter 4) there is a cost for a Spanish translated candidate statement which appears in the English sample ballot booklet. This translation is optional, and the candidate needs to make a request for this service and pay for it when they file candidate statements with the county elections official.

TRANSLATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidates are encouraged to keep the translation process in mind when developing their statements and use unmistakable and straightforward vocabulary. The use of jargon, colloquialisms, slang, or other expressions is strongly discouraged, as these are difficult to translate appropriately into other languages and their meaning may often be misinterpreted or lost.

It is not the policy of this Department to accept translated statements from candidates. This is to ensure that translated materials are culturally and linguistically appropriate. Certified subject matter experts and linguists, who have extensive experience translating election materials, translate these statements and other documents.

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

For certain languages, this department will transliterate your name. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their own transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the translated sample ballot print deadline. Various community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to ensure uniform name recognition within the community. Once transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submission of transliteration requests will be accepted after the review period. **There will be no exceptions.**

All candidates will be required to file a transliteration form together with their nomination documents. Transliteration forms must be submitted no later than the last day to file nomination documents.

TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

Candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official only during the established review period. Timeframe: **E-62 through E-60** (subject to change). To review your transliterated name and obtain the schedule for the established review period, you may call (562) 462-2730.

CHARACTER-BASED NAME

There is a state form called the California Secretary of State CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM. This is separate from the County's Transliteration Form. The Character-Based Name Form is used by candidates who are running for state level contests such as Assembly and Senate during statewide primary election cycles. If you are a candidate **running for a state office** and wish to use a character-based name given by birth or if you identify by a particular character-based name, you may fill out and submit this form with supporting documentation and description no later than the last day to file nomination documents. This is pursuant to EC 13211.7.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ◆ ML Assistance Hotline 1-800-481-8683
- ◆ Mailing of translated election materials to voters before every election, upon request
- ◆ ML assistance at targeted vote center locations

Translated copies of the “ML Voter Services” information sheet are available at the RR/CC Election Information counter, 2nd Floor, Room 2013. For further assistance please contact the Ballot Management Section at (562) 462-2832.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



TRANSLITERATION FORM

FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS (Cities, School Districts, Water Districts, etc.)

I, _____, candidate for nomination to the _____ office of _____
to be voted for at the _____
agree as indicated below:

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian / Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu, and Thai.
- ☐ I am submitting an attachment of the transliteration(s) for the language(s) below. I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any language not submitted.

| <u>Languages</u> | <u>Name Transliteration</u> | <u>Languages</u> | <u>Name Transliteration</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bengali: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burmese: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolian: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian / Khmer: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Telugu: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farsi: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gujarati: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi: | | | |

GENDER IDENTIFICATION:

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary

I am aware of the deadline to submit transliterations and review period. I understand that I may request changes to transliterations during the review period and that transliterations are considered final upon expiration of the deadline. I further understand that there will not be an extension of the review period.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Candidate Filing #:

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650

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California Secretary of State
CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM
(Elections Code § 13211.7)

**Candidate
Name,
Character-
based name,
and Office**

1

Candidate Name: _____

Character-based Name: _____

Office: _____

**Character-
based name**
Attach
supporting
documents

2

Check at least one box below and attach supporting documents

- ☐ I would like to use a character-based name given by birth (please provide a certificate or valid identification for verification). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description: _____

- ☐ I do not have a character-based name given by birth. I wish to identify by a particular character-based name (please provide proof you have been known and identified by the public by that character-based name for the past two years). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description: _____

Date (is day), 20____

X

Signature of Candidate

For your reference, attached is Elections Code section 13211.7.

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CHAPTER 5

ELECTION RESULTS



ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Can a candidate view all parts of the ballot counting process? Yes, the ballot counting process is open to public observation. If you wish to observe the process, you may go to the Ballot Processing Center at 13401 Crossroads Parkway North, City of Industry, CA 91746, to check in and be provided with an observer's badge. Tours are available.

How/where are results available on election night?

- **Website:** Results are available on the Internet at www.lavote.gov
- **In person:** You are welcome to come to the Ballot Processing Center which is open for public observation. Please email outreach@rrcc.lacounty.gov or call (562) 277-0037 to coordinate a visit or to ask election-related questions.
- **Ballot Processing Center:** Hard copy bulletins are printed and distributed.

Are election night results final? No. California State law allows a specified period after the election for the completion of the official canvass. Results released on election night are semi-official.

POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

Supplemental counts of outstanding ballots will be scheduled to begin approximately 3 days after the election. These counts are conducted to get the majority of Vote By Mail and provisional ballots tallied during the canvass process.

Outstanding ballots include:

- Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations on election day.
- Write-in ballots
- Provisional ballots voted at the vote center locations.

Semi-official election results are updated following a supplemental count. If a race is very close, the outcome may not be known until the canvass is complete.

CANVASS/CERTIFICATION

Canvass is the process of reconciling election day data and the supplemental counting of Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations, including provisionally cast and write-in ballots. The numbers of voted ballots reported by vote center staff and Vote By Mail ballots are matched to the computer tally. California law permits 30 days to complete the official canvass and certify the final results of the election. The law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy. Part of the canvass process is a legally required manual recount of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballot in 1% of all of the voting precincts in an election. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Candidates and members of the general public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from randomly selected voting precincts. After election night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting is posted in our Norwalk office.

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

The Semifinal Official Canvass Statement of Votes Cast (SVC) which reports election results by individual voting precincts is available the Thursday after the election at the elections office. For most elections, this report is also posted on the department's website. Once the election is certified, the final Statement of Votes Cast is made available at our office and on the website.

ELECTION CONTEST

An election contest may involve a recount, but it is not the same as a requested recount. It is a court action and can be filed for a variety of reasons and at different times. For complete information, refer to Elections Code Division 16, Election Contests.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

Certain precinct supplies and all voted ballots must be preserved for 22 months when a federal office is on the ballot and 6 months for most all other elections. If no legal action is pending at the end of this period, the documents may be destroyed or recycled. Unused ballots may be destroyed or recycled after the election.

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

A recount is conducted by the elections official for the purpose of verifying the number of votes counted for any office or measure in an election. California Elections Code Division 15, Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

Who May Request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request. (E.C. § 15620)

Timing of Recount Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results. (E.C. § 15620)

Format of Request

The request must:

- be submitted in writing. (E.C. § 15620)
- specify the contest to be recounted. (E.C. § 15620)
- state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed. (E.C. § 15620)

The request may specify:

- the order in which precincts shall be counted. (E.C. § 15622)
- the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both). (E.C. § 15627)
- in which county/counties the recount is sought for statewide contests. (E.C. § 15621)
- any other relevant material to be examined. (E.C. § 15630)

REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

Place of Filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- With the county elections official of any or all of the affected counties if the election is conducted in more than one county. **(E.C. § 15620)**
- With the Secretary of State if the contest is voted upon statewide. **(E.C. § 15621)**
- With the City Clerk if it is a city election (or if the city has not consolidated with the county). **(E.C. § 15620)**

Notice of Recount

A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum, or measure to be recounted.
- The Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure. **(E.C. § 15628)**

Process of Recount

- The recount is open to the public. **(E.C. § 15629)**
- A recount shall start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for not less than six hours each day until completed. **(E.C. § 15626)**
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the election's official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official. **(E.C. § 15625)**

REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

Result of Recount

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted. (E.C. § 15632)
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed and the election results re-certified. (E.C. § 15632)
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official. (E.C. § 15633)

Cost and Payment

- The elections official shall determine the amount of **deposit** necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day. (E.C. § 15624)
- The voter filing the request for recount must deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day. (E.C. § 15624)
- If upon completion of the recount the results are reversed, the deposit shall be returned. (E.C. § 15624)

CHAPTER 6

FAQ'S



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How may I apply for office?

A. You may visit the Election Information Section located on the 2nd Floor, Room 2013 or by calling 1-800-815-2666 option 4 for information on the offices up for election, qualifications, filing dates, and to determine if you are eligible to run for office. You may also visit the Department's website at www.lavote.gov.

Q. May I have someone pick up my paperwork?

A. Yes. However a letter of authorization signed by the candidate is required. The letter should include the candidate's name, office, residence address, publication address if any, telephone/email number(s); the name of the authorized person(s) that will be responsible for picking up and filing the candidate's nomination documents.

Q. What is a Candidate Statement?

A. A brief description of a candidate's education and qualifications to be included in the sample ballot and mailed to voters within an election jurisdiction. A candidate statement is **optional**. A candidate statement form is provided for this purpose along with instructions, provisions, and word limit and counting guidelines. The candidate statement fees and the word limit applicable to the district will be provided.

Q. What is a Campaign Statement?

A. Specific campaign finance disclosure forms are required to report election campaign contribution and expenditure activities.

Q. What are the office hours to obtain nomination documents, and how long will it take to complete documents?

A. The Election Information Section will be open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. It is recommended that individuals who wish to take out nomination documents arrive at least 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. if possible to avoid delays (heavy lobby, stair well and elevator traffic) especially on the **deadline** to file nomination documents (**August 8, 2025**). The time frame to process candidates varies and depends on how efficiently the staff qualifies the candidate and how accurately the candidate completes required documents.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will I be able to obtain up-to-date filing information?

A. Yes. You may obtain a list of the candidates who have been issued and have filed nomination documents from the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor in Room 2013 or via our website at www.lavote.gov.

Q. Can a candidate change their mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?

A. Depending on the office, a candidate may not withdraw once their declaration of candidacy has been filed.

Q. Is it possible to correct the wording or spelling on a candidate statement after submission?

A. No. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents. This means that you will be required to submit a signed written statement to withdraw your original statement then file a new statement during the nomination filing period. If you wish to withdraw your statement and not submit a new statement, you have until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. After this period, your statement cannot be withdrawn. **(E.C. § 13307(3))**

Please review your candidate statement carefully for proper grammar and format before submitting. Any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the election official may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the data/materials to be amended or deleted during the 10-day public examination period. However, if the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. **(E.C. § 13313(b))**

Q. Can a credit card be used to pay a candidate statement fee or purchase voter material?

A. No. Cash, money orders, cashier's or personal checks are the only acceptable forms of payment. Checks for candidate statements (unless otherwise specified) are to be made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

Q. How soon will a list of qualified candidates be available after the close of the nomination (candidate filing) period?

A. This office will publish a tentative list, as well as a final list of candidates, daily on the internet and on hardcopy reports. Hardcopy reports will be available in the Election Information Section on the 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can a candidate statement fee be refunded?
- A.** Yes, a candidate statement fee can be refunded. Candidates who are nominated by district and elected at large are the exception.

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