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# CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK

Presidential Primary Election  
March 5, 2024





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## IMPORTANT CHANGES

Since 2010, two significant changes have occurred, impacting the Candidate Filing process:

1. Proposition 14, the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, passed by the voters in June of 2010; and
2. The redistricting of congressional, state legislative, and supervisorial districts.

We urge you to read the following information provided on each of these changes before starting the Candidate Filing process.

### **PROPOSITION 14: The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act Passed by the Voters in June of 2010**

This proposition provides for a “voter-nominated Primary Election” for each state elective office and congressional office in California. A voter may vote at the Primary Election for any candidate for congressional or state elective office without regard to the political party preference (formerly known as “party affiliation”) disclosed by either the candidate or the voter.

The top two candidates receiving the two highest vote totals for each office at a Primary Election, regardless of party preference, would then compete for the office at the ensuing General Election.

### **PARTY-NOMINATED / PARTISAN OFFICES**

For the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election, party-nominated offices are President of the United States and Members of Party Central Committees.

Under the California Constitution, political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated / partisan offices at the Primary Election. Candidates so nominated for President of the United States will then represent that party as its official candidate for the office at the ensuing General Election and the ballot will reflect an official designation to that effect. The top vote-getter for each party at the Primary Election is entitled to participate in the General Election.

Parties also elect members of official party committees at the Primary Election. These candidates are elected at the Primary Election and will not appear on the General Election ballot.

***Note: Proposition 14 does not change how candidates for party-nominated / partisan offices are nominated or elected.***

No voter may vote the ballot of any political party at any Primary Election unless he or she has disclosed a preference for that party upon registering to vote.

**EXCEPTION:** If a person has declined to disclose a party preference and the political party, by party rule, duly notified the Secretary of State that it authorizes a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote the ballot of that political party for the offices of President of the United States, then that voter may do so.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES (Continued)**

### **VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES**

For the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election, voter-nominated offices are United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.

Under the California Constitution, political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the Primary Election, and a candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the Primary Election is not the official nominee of any party for the office in question at the ensuing General Election.

All voters, regardless of the party preference listed on their registration affidavit or their refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, provided they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office.

The top two vote-getters at the Primary Election advance to the General Election for the voter-nominated office, and both candidates may have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation participate in the General Election unless such candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the Primary Election.

A candidate for nomination or election to a voter-nominated office shall indicate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, and have that designation reflected on the Primary and General Elections' ballots, but the party designation so indicated is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voter only. It does not constitute or imply an endorsement of the candidate by the party designated, and no candidate nominated by the qualified voters for any voter-nominated office shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party.

### **NONPARTISAN OFFICES**

For the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election, nonpartisan offices are Members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Trustees of the Riverside County Board of Education, and Judges of the Superior Court.

A candidate for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office may NOT designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the Primary and the General Elections' ballots. If the nonpartisan contest goes to a run-off in the General Election, the top two vote-getters at the Primary Election advance to the General Election.

Under the California Constitution, political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the Primary Election, and a candidate nominated for a nonpartisan office at the Primary Election is not the official nominee of any party for the office in question at the ensuing General Election.

***Note: Proposition 14 does not change how candidates for nonpartisan offices are nominated or elected.***

### **REDISTRICTING**

Redistricting is the process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts. This means redrawing congressional, state legislative, supervisorial, and county board of education district lines every ten years following the decennial census.

The Presidential Primary Election contests will use these new district lines. You may review new district maps at [www.voteinfo.net/helpfulLinks.asp](http://www.voteinfo.net/helpfulLinks.asp) to determine if you reside in a particular district.

## NOTE TO CANDIDATES

This Candidate Handbook is intended to provide current and accurate information about the subject matter covered. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters does not render any legal advice and that this handbook is, therefore, not a substitute for legal counsel of the individual or candidate using it.

Unless otherwise indicated, the material provided is a summary rather than a verbatim text of the code sections cited.

Unless otherwise indicated, all code section references are to the California Elections Code.

### APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

As a service to candidates, the Registrar of Voters' office offers appointments to candidates for the filing of nomination documents. To schedule an appointment, a candidate may call (951) 486-7200 at least 24 hours in advance of the desired filing date. Appointments are available Monday through Friday and will be scheduled on a half-hourly basis. Therefore, the candidate should have all material completed and ready for filing at the scheduled time.

### TO CONTACT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrar of Voters office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. For information or detailed explanations, please call the appropriate number listed below.

### HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

General Information	(951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE (8683)
FAX	(951) 486-7272
Internet Website	<a href="http://www.voteinfo.net">www.voteinfo.net</a>

### QUESTIONS REGARDING:

Vote-By-Mail Voting	(951) 486-7200
Campaign Disclosure	(951) 486-7224
Candidate Filing	(951) 486-7224, (951) 486-7212
Voter Data	(951) 486-7344, (951) 486-7271
Precincts / Maps	(951) 486-7338
Voter Registration	(951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE (8683)
Vote Centers / Election Officers	(951) 486-7341 or 1-877-663-9906 Toll Free
California Relay Service	(Dial 711)

**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 2024**

**CONGRESSIONAL**

**United States Senator (Voter-Nominated; 6-year term)**

INCUMBENT	PARTY
Laphonza Butler – *A.I.	(D)

\*Appointed Incumbent

**United States Representative (Voter-Nominated; 2-year term)**

DISTRICT NUMBER	INCUMBENT
25 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion Imperial & San Bernardino)	<b>Raul Ruiz</b>
35 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion San Bernardino)	<b>Norma J. Torres</b>
39 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	<b>Mark Takano</b>
40 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion Orange & San Bernardino)	<b>Young Kim</b>
41 <sup>st</sup> Congressional District	<b>Ken Calvert</b>
48 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion San Diego)	<b>Darrell Issa</b>

**STATE LEGISLATIVE**

**State Senator (Voter-Nominated; 4-year term)**

DISTRICT NUMBER	INCUMBENT
19 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District (Portion San Bernardino)	
31 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District (Portion San Bernardino)	

**Member of the State Assembly (Voter-Nominated; 2-year term)**

DISTRICT NUMBER	INCUMBENT
36 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion Imperial & San Bernardino)	<b>Eduardo Garcia</b>
47 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion San Bernardino)	<b>Greg Wallis</b>
58 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion San Bernardino)	<b>Sabrina Cervantes</b>
60 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	<b>Corey A Jackson</b>
63 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly District	<b>Bill Essayli</b>
71 <sup>st</sup> Assembly District (Portion Orange)	<b>Kate Sanchez</b>



**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 2024 (Continued)**

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES  
(Partisan; 4-year term)**

**Democratic County Central Committee**

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED</b>
36 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
47 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
58 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
60 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
63 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly District	6
71 <sup>st</sup> Assembly District	6

**Republican County Central Committee**

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED</b>
36 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
47 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
58 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
60 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	6
63 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly District	6
71 <sup>st</sup> Assembly District	6

**American Independent County Central Committee**

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED</b>
<del>36<sup>th</sup> Assembly District</del>	The AIP will conduct caucus meetings to select members of Central Committee.
<del>47<sup>th</sup> Assembly District</del>	
<del>58<sup>th</sup> Assembly District</del>	
<del>60<sup>th</sup> Assembly District</del>	
<del>63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District</del>	
<del>71<sup>st</sup> Assembly District</del>	

**Green County Council**

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED</b>
Elected County Wide	7

**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 2024 (Continued)**

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES  
(Partisan; 4-year term)**

**Libertarian County Central Committee**

DISTRICT NUMBER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED
1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	The LIB will conduct caucus meetings to select members of Central Committee.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District	
4 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	
5 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	

**Peace and Freedom County Central Committee**

DISTRICT NUMBER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED
1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District	5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District	5
4 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	5
5 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	7

**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 2024 (Continued)**

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(Nonpartisan; 6-year term)**

OFFICE NUMBER	INCUMBENT
Office Number 1	Jason Armand
Office Number 2	Manuel Bustamante, Jr.
Office Number 3	Magdalena Cohen
Office Number 4	John M. Davis
Office Number 5	F. Paul Dickerson
Office Number 6	Laura Garcia
Office Number 7	Tim Hollenhorst
Office Number 8	Jacqueline C. Jackson
Office Number 9	Kira L. Klatchko
Office Number 10	Walter H. Kubelun
Office Number 11	Godofredo Magno
Office Number 12	Francisco Navarro
Office Number 13	Valerie Navarro
Office Number 14	Mona Nemat
Office Number 15	Daniel A. Ottolia
Office Number 16	Gary Polk
Office Number 17	Joshlyn Pulliam
Office Number 18	Bernard Schwartz
Office Number 19	Jerry Yang

**Judicial Office No. 1 through Judicial Office No. 19 are to be nominated or elected at the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Judicial office numbers have been assigned in alphabetical order by the incumbent's last name by the Registrar of Voters' staff. These numbers are assigned only for identification purpose during the election process and are not official office or district numbers.**

**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 2024 (Continued)**

**SCHOOL  
(Nonpartisan; 4-year term)**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>
Riverside County Board of Education, Trustee Area 3	Jamie Azpeitia-Sachs – Appointed Incumbent
Riverside County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4	Bruce N. Dennis
Riverside County Board of Education, Trustee Area 5 (Portion San Bernardino)	Ray “Coach” Curtis
Riverside County Board of Education, Trustee Area 7	Barbara Hale

**COUNTY  
(Nonpartisan; 4-year term)**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>
County Supervisor, 1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	Kevin Jeffries
County Supervisor, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District	Chuck Washington

**OTHER ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH PRIMARY ELECTION**

Special elections in cities, districts and other political subdivisions may be consolidated with the Primary Election.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

### OFFICES IN GENERAL

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (E.C. § 201)

A person is eligible to hold an elective civil office if, at the time of election, the person is 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. (G.C. § 1020)

A person shall not be considered a candidate for, and is not eligible to be elected to, any state or local elective office if the person has been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20)

### COUNTY OR DISTRICT OFFICES IN GENERAL

A person is not eligible to a county or district office, unless the person is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or, if appointed to the elective office to fill a vacancy, at the time of the appointment of the person. (G.C. § 24001)

### PARTY-NOMINATED / PARTISAN OFFICES (President and Party Central Committees)

A declaration of candidacy for membership on a county central committee shall not be filed by a candidate unless (1) at the time of presentation of the declaration and continuously for not less than three months immediately prior to that time, or for as long as the candidate has been eligible to register to vote in the state, the candidate is shown by the candidate's affidavit of registration to have expressed a preference for the political party of that committee, and (2) the candidate has not been registered with a preference for a qualified political party other than that political party within 12 months. (E.C. § 8001)

### VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES (US Senator, Congressional and State Legislative Offices)

A candidate for a voter-nominated office shall indicate his or her party preference or lack of party preference upon his or her declaration of candidacy, which shall be consistent with what appears on the candidate's most recent affidavit of registration. (E.C. § 8002.5)

### CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

#### United States Senator

Be at least 30 years of age, a U.S. citizen for nine years, and a resident of California on January 3, 2025, the date to be sworn into office if elected.

#### United States Representative

Be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for seven years, and a resident of California when elected. (U.S. Const., Art. I, § 2)

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE (Continued)**

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES**

#### **State Senator**

Citizen of the United States, registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued.<sup>1</sup> May not serve more than three terms in the State Senate. (Cal. Const., Art. IV, § 2)

#### **Member of the State Assembly**

Citizen of the United States, registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued.<sup>1</sup> May not serve more than six terms in the State Assembly. (Cal. Const., Art. IV, § 2)

### **COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICES**

A person shall not be eligible for appointment or election to a committee who is not registered as affiliated with the party at the time of his or her appointment or election. (E.C. §§ 7209, 7407, 7609)

### **JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

A person is ineligible to be a judge of a court of record unless for 10 years immediately preceding selection, the person has been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in this State. (Cal. Const., Art. VI, § 15)

### **SCHOOL OFFICES**

#### **Member, County Board of Education**

Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools or any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district that is within the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education. (Ed.C. § 1006)

### **COUNTY OFFICES**

#### **County Supervisor**

Each member shall have been a registered voter of the district which he seeks to represent for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents for the office of supervisor and shall reside in the district during his incumbency. (G.C. § 25041)

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Certain candidates must submit documentation, including, but not necessarily limited to, certificates, declarations under penalty of perjury, diplomas, or official correspondence, sufficient to establish, in the determination of the official with whom the declaration or statement is filed, that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office. (E.C. § 13.5)

Candidates seeking the following offices must provide documentation establishing their eligibility to hold office:



Judge of the Superior Court

If the candidate cannot provide documentation, then they will be required to sign a statement under penalty of perjury that they meet each qualification established for service in that office.

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<sup>1</sup> Article IV, section 2(c), of the California Constitution requires a one-year residency in the legislative district and three years residency in California; however, it is the legal opinion of the office of the Secretary of State that these provisions violate the U.S. Constitution and are unenforceable.

## **FILING FEES**

Filing fees are required for all offices voted on at the 2024 Presidential Primary Election except for County Central Committee and County Board of Education offices. See Filing Fee Table in following section.

### **WHEN FILING FEE IS PAID**

Candidates for offices with a filing fee are required to pay the filing fee at the time they obtain their nomination documents. The filing fees for candidates required to file declarations of intention shall be paid at the time the declarations are filed with the county elections official. (E.C. § 8105)

### **WHERE FILING FEE IS PAID**

Candidates must pay the filing fee in the county of their residence. The filing fee will be forwarded to the Secretary of State's Office for congressional and legislative candidates. The filing fees for congressional and legislative offices must therefore be paid by check or money order payable to the "Secretary of State." Candidates for all other offices must make checks or money orders payable to the "Registrar of Voters." (E.C. §§ 8103, 8104)

Note that the filing fee may not be paid in cash. Campaign disclosure laws require that expenditures of \$100 or more be made by written instrument containing the names of both the payee and the payer. (G.C. § 84300)

### **AMOUNT OF FILING FEE**

Filing Fees are shown on the Filing Fee tables in the following section. The filing fee is a certain percentage of the annual salary for the office. No filing fee is required from any candidate for an office for which no fixed compensation is payable, or for which the annual salary is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less. Write-in candidates for the offices scheduled to be voted at the Primary Election are not required to pay filing fees. (E.C. §§ 8103, 8104, 8604)

### **FILING FEE NOT REFUNDABLE**

The filing fee is not refundable. If, for any reason, the candidate fails to qualify, the filing fee is forfeited. (E.C. § 8105)

### **RETURNED CHECKS**

If a personal check is returned for insufficient funds, the candidate must make payment by money order or cashier's check as soon as possible. Failure to do so will invalidate the individual's candidacy.

### **PETITIONS IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE**

The law provides an alternative to paying the filing fee in money. Upon receipt of the minimum number of in-lieu signatures required, or a sufficient combination of such signatures and pro rata filing fee, the Registrar of Voters will issue nomination documents provisionally, subject to checking the validity of the signatures submitted. If the petition is found to contain fewer valid signatures than the face number, the candidate must make up the deficiency by paying the balance of the filing fee before the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 8106)

## **FILING FEES (Continued)**

### **Number of Required In-Lieu Signatures**

The Filing Fee tables in the following section shows the number of in-lieu signatures required to pay the entire filing fee for each office, as well as the value of each signature. (E.C. § 8106)

### **Obtaining the Petition In-Lieu Form**

A master petition in-lieu form will be available from the Registrar of Voters office beginning on September 14, 2023. The form will be issued to the candidate in person, or to someone bearing written authorization from the candidate. There is no charge for the master form; the candidate will be responsible for duplicating as many forms as he/she needs. The Registrar of Voters will maintain a list of persons who have applied for In-Lieu forms. This will be considered public information in the event of inquiries from the press or others. Prospective candidates should therefore not apply for In-Lieu forms until they are ready for their candidacy to be made public. (E.C. § 8106)

### **In-Lieu Petitions in Multi-County Districts**

Candidates in multi-county districts who plan to circulate petitions in more than one county will be issued the appropriate forms to circulate in multi-counties. (E.C. § 8106)

### **Petition In-Lieu Signers**

Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu filing fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. (E.C. § 8106)

### **Filing the In-Lieu Petitions**

In-lieu petitions must be filed with the county in which they were circulated. Candidates for Judicial offices must file their in-lieu petitions when they file their Declaration of Intention, not later than November 8, 2023. Candidates for other offices must file their petitions in-lieu no later than November 8, 2023. If the actual credit for the number of valid signatures filed is less than the required filing fee, the balance must be paid prior to the close of the nomination period. (Candidates who have circulated in-lieu petitions in more than one county must present receipts from the other county when they pay the filing fee in their county of residence.) (E.C. § 8106)

## **FILING FEE DEFICIENCIES**

The county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.



## **FILING FEES (Continued)**

### **IN-LIEU / NOMINATION SIGNATURES**

If a candidate submits an in-lieu of filing fee petition pursuant to Section 8106, any or all signatures appearing on the petition, which would be valid under Section 8041, shall be counted towards the number of voters required to sign a nomination paper. If an in-lieu-filing-fee petition contains a requisite number of valid signatures under Section 8062, the candidate shall not be required to file nomination papers, but may request the elections official to accept the petition instead of filing nomination papers.

If an in-lieu-filing-fee petition does not contain the requisite number of valid signatures as set forth in Section 8062, the candidate shall be entitled to file, within the time period allowed for filing nomination papers, a nomination paper in order to obtain the requisite number of valid signatures required to be submitted to the elections official on a nomination paper. A candidate who submits a nomination paper pursuant to this paragraph shall only be required to obtain the number of signatures thereon needed to supplement the in-lieu-filing-fee petition so that the combination of signatures appearing on the in-lieu-filing-fee petition and the nomination paper equals or exceeds the requisite number of signatures set forth in Section 8062. (E.C. § 8061)

### **PETITION CIRCULATORS**

The only requirement for circulators is that the circulator must be 18 years of age or older. (E.C. § 104)

**FILING FEES (Continued)**

**CANDIDATE FILING FEES AND NUMBER OF NOMINATION SIGNATURES REQUIRED**

<b>VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATES</b>					
<b>Office</b>	<b>Salary<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Filing Fee<sup>1</sup> (% of salary)</b>	<b>In-Lieu Signatures</b>	<b>Value of each Signature</b>	<b>Nomination Signatures</b>
United States Senator	\$174,000	\$3,480.00 (2%)	7,000	\$0.497143	65-100
Member of the House of Representatives	\$174,000	\$1,740 (1%)	2,000	\$0.87	40-60
State Senator	\$122,694	\$1,226.94 (1%)	2,000	\$0.61347	40-60
Member of the State Assembly	\$122,694	\$1,226.94 (1%)	1,000	\$1.22694	40-60

<b>NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES</b>					
<b>Office</b>	<b>Salary<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Filing Fee<sup>1</sup> (% of salary)</b>	<b>In-Lieu Signatures</b>	<b>Value of each Signature</b>	<b>Nomination Signatures</b>
Judge of the Superior Court	\$232,399	\$2,323.99 (1%)	6,973	\$ 0.3333	20-40
County Supervisor	\$184,939	\$1,849.39 (1%)	5,549	\$ 0.3333	20-40

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

County Central Committee and County Board of Education offices do not have a filing fee.

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and filing fees for county candidates are based on salaries as of September 14, 2023.

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

### JUDICIAL OFFICES

Candidates for a Superior Court office are required to file a declaration of intention to become a candidate prior to filing their nomination documents. Candidates that do not file a declaration of intention will not be issued nomination documents.

The declaration of intention is obtained from and must be filed with the county elections official of the county in which his/her nomination papers are required to be filed. The declaration of intention must be filed during the period of October 30, 2023 through November 8, 2023. The non-refundable filing fee for the office must also be paid at the time the declaration of intention is filed. (E.C. §§ 8023, 8105)

If an incumbent fails to file a declaration of intention by November 8, 2023, the extension period will be from November 9, 2023 thru November 13, 2023. During this extension, persons other than the incumbent may file declarations of intention. (E.C. § 8023)

## NOMINATION PERIOD

The regular nomination period for the Presidential Primary Election begins November 13, 2023 and closes at 5 p.m. on December 8, 2023. It applies to all offices voted on at the Primary Election.

### APPLYING FOR NOMINATION MATERIAL

Candidates apply for nomination material in their county of residence. When they apply, they must state the office they seek and pay the filing fee, if any, shown in the tables following the FILING FEES section in this handbook. Candidates who submit In-Lieu signatures as all or part of their filing fee must do so no later than November 8, 2023.

**Exception:** Judicial candidates must have already paid the filing fee during the Declaration of Intention period. For those candidates, nomination material will be issued at any time during the nomination period.

Nomination material will be issued only to the candidate in person or to someone authorized by the candidate to obtain the nomination material on his or her behalf.

### WARNING: FILING FEE NOT REFUNDABLE

Candidates should make sure they meet the qualifications for office before paying the filing fee, since the filing fee is not refundable under any circumstances. (E.C. §§ 8001, 8105)

### OFFICIAL FORMS ONLY

The only forms to be used are Official Filing Forms issued by the Registrar of Voters, who will fill in the name of the candidate and the specific office sought. Forms shall not be altered after being issued.

### REQUIRED NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

The Primary Election nomination procedure requires the following documents:  
(E.C. §§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061, 8063, 8064, 8065, 8106)

1. Application / Receipt
2. Declaration of Candidacy
3. Nomination Papers containing the number of valid signatures required for the office.

Where applicable, the following forms will be issued:

4. Ballot Designation Worksheet (required if a ballot designation is submitted)
5. Statement of Economic Interests
6. Candidate's Statement Form
7. Qualifications Sheet
8. Code of Fair Campaign Practices
9. Campaign Disclosure Forms

**Note:** Nomination Papers will not be issued during the nomination period to candidates who have already met the signature requirement by filing In-Lieu Petitions, which have been designated as nomination signatures as well.

### MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS

Candidates in multi-county districts pay the filing fee and are issued nomination material in the County of their residence. (E.C. § 8105)

## **NOMINATION PERIOD (Continued)**

### **RETURN OF NOMINATION MATERIAL**

The Declaration of Candidacy must be completed and returned to the Registrar of Voters who issued it. It must be received in the Registrar's office no later than **December 8, 2023 at 5 p.m.** (E.C. § 8020)

Within five days, the Registrar of Voters will check the nomination documents and either forward them to the Secretary of State for filing or file them in the Registrar's office. (E.C. §§ 8021, 8082)

### **OBTAINING AND FILING NOMINATION MATERIAL**

Candidates are advised to obtain nomination forms as early as possible and return them well in advance of the December 8, 2023 deadline. No deficiencies can be corrected after the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 8102)

### **EXTENSION OF NOMINATION**

The extension of the nomination period applies to the following offices under the special circumstances indicated:

#### **Nomination Period Extension for Candidates for Congressional and State Legislative Offices**

If an eligible incumbent fails to qualify for the nomination by December 8, 2023, a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for the office during the extended period. (E.C. § 8022) Exception: If the incumbent has already served the maximum number of terms permitted for that office, there shall be no extension of the nomination period.

#### **County Offices and County Board of Education Offices**

If the incumbent fails to return his/her nomination documents by the close of the nomination period, the period will be extended for five calendar days. During this extended period, persons other than the person who was the incumbent may file for the office. (The extension of the nomination period is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.) (E.C. §§ 8024, 10418; G.C. § 24000)

**NOTE:** There is no extension for Central Committee offices voted on at the Primary Election.

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY / NOMINATION PAPERS

Completed nomination documents must be filed in the office of the Registrar of Voters no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023, the last day of the nomination period.

Information on the nomination documents is a matter of public record and will be given to the news media and other persons upon request.

### DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

**Every candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy.**

#### Place of Execution of Declaration of Candidacy

The Declaration of Candidacy is to be executed by the candidate in the Registrar of Voters' office and not removed from that office, unless a properly worded letter of authorization is presented to the Registrar of Voters. In this signed and dated statement, the candidate may designate a person to receive the Declaration of Candidacy from the Registrar of Voters and deliver it to the candidate to be executed outside the Registrar of Voters' office, provided that such statement indicates that the candidate is aware the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the Registrar of Voters by December 8, 2023. (E.C. § 8028)

#### Name on Ballot

There is a place on the Declaration of Candidacy for candidates to write how they would like their name to appear on the ballot. The name must be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered to vote, though the two need not be identical. Candidates may include a nickname in addition to their name. The law prohibits the use of a TITLE or DEGREE on the same line of the ballot as the candidate's name. If a name change has occurred within one year of the Primary Election, the new name may not be used on the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or by court decree. (E.C. §§ 13104, 13106)

#### Example:

A candidate registered to vote as James William Smith may use variations such as:

James W. Smith, Jim Smith, or William "Bud" Smith

#### Ballot Designation (E.C. § 13107)

Candidates may use no more than three words designating their current principal profession, vocation or occupation or the principal profession, vocation or occupation they had during the 12 months immediately preceding the filing of their nomination documents (e.g. Retired Businessman/Author);

#### OR:

The title of the office to which they were elected. (e.g. Sunnyvale Valley Water District Director) (**NOTE:** candidates are not limited to three words here);

#### OR:

The word "Incumbent" if elected to the same office sought or "Appointed Incumbent" if appointed to a vacancy in the same office. (**NOTE:** Candidates cannot use the term "Incumbent" or "Appointed Incumbent" with any other designation.)

**Example:** Incumbent/Businessman (**Not Acceptable**)

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY / NOMINATION PAPERS (Continued)

A ballot designation is not required. Candidates may leave this line blank. If left blank, candidates may not add a designation after the filing deadline.

If the designation selected is so long that it conflicts with space requirements on the ballot, a sufficiently smaller type size shall be used for the designation for each candidate for that office to meet these requirements.

### Ballot Designation Restrictions

#### The election official shall not accept a designation that:

1. Would mislead the voter. Candidates are required to provide evidence or documentation to support the requested designation.
2. Would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.

Examples of ballot designations usually considered to suggest an evaluation are “Best,” “Exalted,” “Prominent,” “Activist,” “Reformer,” “Pro-” and “Anti-” or anything conveying a philosophy or words connoting a status. Unacceptable status claims would include “Taxpayer,” “Citizen,” “Patriot,” “Renter,” or “Presidential Appointee.” “Housewife” and “Househusband” are also unacceptable designations.

3. Abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.

Examples of **impermissible** designations are “Ret. Teacher” or “Teacher Retired.”

4. 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.”

Example of an **acceptable** designation – “Retired Businessman”

Because the Elections Code specifically forbids the use of a prior profession, vocation or occupation, unless the candidate is retired therefrom, candidates may be required to provide substantiating evidence or documentation in support of the requested designation.

5. Uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
6. Uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
7. Refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

### Change of Ballot Designation

No ballot designation given by a candidate may be changed after the final date for filing nomination papers, except as specifically requested by the Registrar of Voters or Secretary of State because the designation requested is not acceptable under E.C. § 13107. (Candidates voted on at both the Primary and General Elections may change their designation before the General Election.)

### BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

Each candidate who submits a ballot designation shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation. The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy. In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate’s name on the ballot. **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.

## **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY / NOMINATION PAPERS (Continued)**

### **Execution and Return of Declaration of Candidacy**

After all information has been filled in on the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate must sign the Declaration in the presence of an authorized official, such as a deputy in the Registrar of Voters' office (or, if the Declaration is completed outside the Registrar of Voters' office, a notary public). The executed Declaration of Candidacy must be in the Registrar of Voters' office no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period. (E.C. §§ 8020, 8028, 8040)

### **Withdrawal of Candidacy**

A candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for the Primary Election may not withdraw as a candidate. (E.C. § 8800)

## **NOMINATION PAPERS**

Every candidate must file nomination papers containing the required number of valid signatures. See table following this section for the nomination paper signature requirements.

**NOTE:** Candidates who pay the filing fee all or in part with "Petitions in Lieu of Filing Fee" may have these signatures count toward the Nomination Paper requirement as well as toward the filing fee. If the Nomination Paper signature requirement is satisfied in this manner at the time the filing fee is paid, it will not be necessary for the candidate to be issued Nomination Papers along with the Declaration of Candidacy. (E.C. §§ 8041, 8061, 8065)

### **Number of Signatures Required**

The candidate should submit more than the minimum number of signatures so that, if some signatures are found to be invalid, enough valid signatures will remain to meet the requirement. However, if more than the maximum number is submitted, the elections official will require the candidate to indicate which signatures are to be eliminated. (E.C. §§ 8062, 8067)

### **Circulators of Nomination Papers**

Every Nomination Paper must have a circulator who witnesses all the signatures on the paper and then signs the Affidavit of Circulator. This is signed "under penalty of perjury"; it need not be sworn to before any official. (E.C. § 8041; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

A candidate in a multi-county district may obtain signatures in more than one county, but must file them only in the county in which they were circulated. Nomination Papers may be issued for multiple counties upon request from the candidate desiring to circulate in more than one county. (E.C. §§ 8063, 8065)

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF CIRCULATOR**

The only requirement for circulators is that the circulator must be 18 years of age or older. (E.C. § 104)



## **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY / NOMINATION PAPERS (Continued)**

### **Signers of Nomination Papers**

Signers must be registered voters in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is to be voted on (and, for a partisan office, a member of the same political party). Each signer may sign for only as many candidates as there are seats to be filled for such office. The circulator, and the candidate himself/herself, may sign the Nomination Paper. (E.C. §§ 8068, 8069)

The signer should, as nearly as possible, sign his or her name as currently registered. (Minor variations are acceptable.) Prefixes such as “Mrs.” are not necessary.

The signer must also give his or her printed name and residence address. P.O. Box or other mailing address may not be used. Ditto marks are not acceptable. (E.C. §§ 100, 8041)

### **Return and Examination of Nomination Papers**

Nomination Papers must be received in the Registrar of Voters’ office no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period. Signatures will be checked to determine how many valid signatures the papers contain. A signature is invalid if:

- the signer is not registered;
- the residence address is omitted or is different from that on the original registration affidavit;
- the signer does not reside in the appropriate district (or, for a party-nominated office, is not registered in the appropriate political party);
- the handwriting of the signature does not match that of the original registration affidavit; or
- the signer has already signed as many Nomination Papers as he/she is entitled to sign.

If the Nomination Papers do not contain enough valid signatures to meet the minimum requirement, the candidate will be notified. If there is enough time before the close of the nomination period, new Nomination Papers may be circulated and filed. (E.C. § 8102)

### **CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices, a form setting forth “basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold” (E.C. § 20400 et seq.) will be issued along with nomination documents to all candidates except those for federal offices. Subscription to the Code is voluntary. A candidate who chooses to subscribe to it may return the form to the Registrar of Voters along with the other nomination documents, or file it at any other time prior to Election Day. Every Code subscribed to by a candidate is a public record open for public inspection until 30 days after Election Day.

### **QUALIFICATIONS SHEET**

Certain candidates must submit documentation, including, but not necessarily limited to, certificates, declarations under penalty of perjury, diplomas, or official correspondence, sufficient to establish, in the determination of the official with whom the declaration or statement is filed, that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office. (E.C. § 13.5)

If documentation is not submitted to determine that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office, then a qualifications sheet shall be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury and filed by the close of nominations.

## SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION PAPERS

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED
United States Senator	65	100
Member of the House of Representatives	40	60
State Senator	40	60
Member of the State Assembly	40	60

PARTY-NOMINATED / PARTISAN OFFICES	MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED
Democratic County Central Committee	20	40
Republican County Central Committee	20	40
<del>American Independent County Central Committee</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>40</del>
Green County Council	20*	30*
<del>Libertarian County Central Committee</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>40</del>
Peace and Freedom Central Committee*		
1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	20	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District	20	30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District	20	30
4 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	20	30
5 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District	20	30

NONPARTISAN OFFICES	MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED
<b>JUDICIAL OFFICES</b>		
Judge of the Superior Court	20	40
<b>COUNTY OFFICES</b>		
County Supervisor	20	40
<b>SCHOOL OFFICES</b>		
Member, County Board of Education, Trustee Area 3	20	40
Member, County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4	20	40
Member, County Board of Education, Trustee Area 5**	40	60
Member, County Board of Education, Trustee Area 7	20	40

(\*) The requirement for Peace and Freedom and Green central committees shall be the lesser of either of the following: (a) Not less than 20 nor more than 30. (b) Not less than 2 percent of the number of voters registered as affiliated with the Party in the central committee election district. (E.C. § 7776)

(\*\*) 40 – 60 signatures required because this office is voted on in more than one county. (E.C. § 8062)

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION**

### **WHAT IS THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT?**

The Candidate Statement is a statement of the candidate's education and qualifications, prepared by the candidate on a form issued with the nomination documents. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide and Voter Information Pamphlet and mailed to each voter of the jurisdiction by the Registrar of Voters at the Candidate's expense. (E.C. § 13307)

### **FILING THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

A Candidate who wishes to have a Statement printed in the voter guide must submit it on the appropriate form at the time the completed nomination documents are returned to the Registrar of Voters for filing. It will not be accepted after that time. (A candidate who does not wish to file a statement indicates that decision on the Candidate Statement form, which is to be returned with the other nomination material.) (E.C. § 13307)

### **WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

The Statement may not be changed after it is submitted. It may, however, be withdrawn any time up to 5 p.m. of the first working day after the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 13307)

### **PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

The contents of the Statement will be confidential until the filing deadline has passed. At that time there will begin a 10-day period for public examination (at the Registrar of Voters office) before the Statement is printed. During this period anyone may obtain a copy at cost, and any voter of the jurisdiction may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all the material contained therein to be amended or deleted. The Statement will continue to be public record after the examination period is over. (E.C. §§ 13311, 13313)

### **COST OF CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

#### **Who Pays?**

The candidate must be provided with written information concerning the cost requirements for the Candidate Statement at the time the nomination documents are issued. For the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, candidates will be required to pay the cost, with an advance deposit equal to the pro rata cost of the Statement. (E.C. § 13307)

#### **Payment of the Deposit**

The deposit is equal to the estimated pro rata cost of printing, handling and mailing the Statement. See the table following this section of the Handbook for the deposit amount for each office voted at the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. (E.C. § 13307)

The deposit is paid at the time the Candidate Statement is submitted, by check payable to the "Registrar of Voters." (Cash expenditures of \$100 or more are prohibited under the Political Reform Act) (G.C. § 84300)

In the event that a deposit check is returned without payment, the Candidate Statement will not be printed unless the candidate makes payment with a money order or cashier's check as soon as possible.

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### Additional Billing or Refund

If the actual pro rata cost proves to be more than the deposit paid, the candidate will be billed for the difference. (The candidate must sign the agreement, on the Candidate Statement form, to pay if billed.) On the other hand, if the actual pro rata cost is less than the deposit paid, the candidate will, within 30 days of the election, receive a refund of the difference. (E.C. § 13307)

The cost of providing Candidate Statements depends on the printing charges and the number of voters in the jurisdiction. Candidates should bear in mind that these deposits are only estimates, and it is the actual pro rata cost that the candidate will pay.

### CONTENTS OF THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

**The candidate statement should be a brief description in not more than 250 words for Congressional and Legislative candidates, and 200 words for all other candidates of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself.**

"Age" is optional and may be omitted; "occupation" is optional and does not have to be the same as the designation listed on the Declaration of Candidacy. These are part of the heading, which is not counted as part of the word limit.

Candidates for nonpartisan elective office are not permitted to include their party affiliation or membership or activity in any partisan political organizations. All candidate statements are limited to recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and prohibited from any reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. (E.C. §§ 13307, 13308)

The law specifically states that the author of a Candidate Statement is not exempt from civil or criminal action or penalty because of false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's pamphlet. Moreover, any candidate who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a Candidate Statement with the intent to mislead the voters is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (E.C. §§ 13307, 18351)

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT STYLE GUIDELINES

- Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing.
- Words to be printed all CAPITALIZED and/or underscored are to be clearly indicated.
- **Bold** font is not permitted.
- The Registrar of Voters is not permitted to edit any material contained in candidate statements. Candidates are responsible for proofreading spelling, punctuation and grammar. Since the statement cannot be changed after it is submitted, **it is important** for candidates to carefully prepare and proofread their statements.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION (Continued)**

**WORD COUNT STANDARDS (E.C. § 9)**

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTING THE WORD COUNT:	
Punctuation is not counted.	
Dictionary words and single characters..... The words “a,” “the”, “and,” “an” are counted as individual words.	One word
All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word For example, “City and County of San Francisco.” .....	One word
Abbreviations – UCLA, U.C.L.A., PTA, P.T.A., USMC, U.S.M.C. ....	One word
Hyphenated words appearing in any standard reference dictionary. ....	One word
Dates – All digits (5/30/05) .....	One word
Words and digits (May 30, 2005) .....	One word
Whole numbers Digits (1 or 10 or 100, etc.).....	One word
Spelled out (one or ten or one hundred) .....	One for each word
Numeric combinations (1978, 18 ½, 1971-73, 5%).....	One word
Monetary amounts (if the dollar sign is used with figures - \$1,000) .....	One word
Spelled out (one thousand dollars).....	One for each word
Telephone numbers .....	One word
Internet web site address .....	One word
If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must edit the statement to comply with the official word count before the statement can be filled.	

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Candidates should be aware that statements submitted may be re-formatted to fit in the County Voter Information Guide.**

The Registrar of Voters will **NOT** correct spelling or grammatical errors of text.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION (Continued)**

### **LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES AND MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Proposition 34 also established voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state legislative office. Legislative candidates, who choose to keep their campaign expenses under these specified dollar amounts, may purchase space in County Voter Information Guides for a 250-word candidate statement. In order to accept or reject the spending limits legislative candidates must file a Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division by December 8, 2023. Candidates for Member of the House of Representatives can purchase a 250-word candidate statement in the County Voter Information Guide without accepting the voluntary spending limits because Proposition 34 does not apply to these candidates. Candidates running in multi-county jurisdictions must file a separate candidate statement with each county.

**Note:** Central committee candidates are not allowed to submit a candidate statement.

**ESTIMATED PRO RATA COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED DEPOSIT</b>
<b>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion Imperial & San Bernardino)	\$4,200
35 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion San Bernardino)	\$1,000
39 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	\$5,100
40 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion Orange & San Bernardino)	\$500
41 <sup>st</sup> Congressional District	\$7,150
48 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Portion San Diego)	\$3,000
<b>STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES</b>	
State Senator	
19 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District (Portion San Bernardino)	\$4,500
31 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District (Portion San Bernardino)	\$7,000
Member of the State Assembly	
36 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion Imperial & San Bernardino)	\$2,600
47 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion San Bernardino)	\$3,500
58 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Portion San Bernardino)	\$3,500
60 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	\$3,600
63 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly District	\$3,600
71 <sup>st</sup> Assembly District (Portion Orange)	\$3,000
<b>JUDICIAL OFFICES</b>	
Judge of the Superior Court	\$9,500
<b>SCHOOL OFFICES</b>	
Riverside County Board of Education	
Trustee Area 3	\$3,000
Trustee Area 4	\$3,100
Trustee Area 5 (Portion San Bernardino)	\$3,100
Trustee Area 7	\$3,100
<b>COUNTY OFFICES</b>	
County Supervisor	
1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	\$3,500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District	\$3,700
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS</b>	
Idyllwild Water District	\$500
<b>Electronic Distribution of Candidate Statement Cost</b>	<b>\$260</b>

**NOTE:** Candidates should note that the deposit (the amount paid in advance) is only an estimate. The candidate will be required to pay the actual pro rata of the statement when that amount is determined. Candidates for shared county districts must contact the appropriate County for deposit information.

## STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

### WHO MUST FILE

State law (the Political Reform Act of 1974) requires candidates for certain offices to disclose their investments, interests in real property and income within the past 12 months in a Statement of Economic Interests to be filed no later than the final date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy. Such disclosure is specifically required of candidates for these offices to be voted at the 2024 Presidential Primary Election (G.C. §§ 87200, 87201, 87302.3):

- All candidates are required to file a Form 700 except for Congressional candidates and Central Committee candidates.

**EXCEPTION:** This statement is not required of a candidate who has filed a statement for the same jurisdiction as an officeholder within sixty days prior to filing the Declaration of Candidacy. (G.C. § 87201)

Candidates for federal offices file under federal rather than state disclosure laws.

For information, candidates for U.S. Senate should write to:

Senate Office of Public Records  
232 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress should write to:

Office of Clerk of House of Representatives  
135 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

### WHAT MUST BE DISCLOSED

Under state law, persons filing economic interests' statements as candidates are required to disclose investments and interests in real property and income within the past 12 months. (G.C. §§ 87201, 87203)

### WHEN TO FILE

Candidates who must file will be given forms and instructions at the time nomination documents are issued. Statements should be returned to the Registrar of Voters along with the nomination documents, and will be forwarded to the appropriate office for filing. (G.C. §§ 87201, 87500)

### STATEMENTS ARE PUBLIC RECORD

Statements of Economic Interests are a matter of public record. They may be inspected by anyone, and copies may be purchased from the filing officer at 10 cents per page. (G.C. § 81008)

In the event a statement is filed after the prescribed deadline, the law provides for a \$10 per day late filing penalty, up to a maximum of \$100.



## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

**The campaign disclosure information given here applies to candidates (and committees supporting such candidates) for all offices voted on at the 2024 Presidential Primary Election with the exception of federal offices. (G.C. § 81000 et seq.)**

NOTE: Candidates for U.S. Representative are subject to federal disclosure laws administered by the Federal Election Commission (FEC). Such candidates should request information immediately from the FEC at 1050 First Street, NE, Washington DC 20463 or call toll-free (800)424-9530.

All candidates must file campaign statements. This includes candidates who spend no money on their campaigns, and candidates who finance their campaigns solely from their own personal funds.

### CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR STATE/LOCAL CANDIDATES & COMMITTEES

The state disclosure law (the Political Reform Act of 1974) is administered by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), who provides the Registrar of Voters with an Information Manual to issue to candidates and committees. Candidates and/or committee treasurers should obtain the Manual as soon as possible and make certain that all persons involved in the financial side of the campaign are fully aware of their responsibilities under the law. (G.C. §§ 81010, 83113)

Candidates and/or their treasurers are responsible for reading the Campaign Disclosure Manual and complying with applicable rules and regulations.

Any technical questions regarding Campaign Disclosure must be answered by a technical consultant with the Fair Political Practices Commission at (866) ASK-FPPC.

The FPPC also has a web site available at: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Most forms are available on this website.

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY ELECTRONIC FILING

Candidates and Committees can file many campaign disclosure documents electronically. To access the system, open the web page at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). Go to the Helpful Links tab and click the Electronic Campaign Disclosure link. Then click the Filer Access Portal and this will take you to the login screen. You will need a username and password to access the system. If you have any questions, please consult the user's guide which is available in the left-hand menu after your successful login or call our office at (951) 486-7200.



**Electronic Filing Requirements:** County candidates and committees are required to file their campaign disclosure statements electronically. See County Ordinance No. 913.3 for specific requirements. A candidate or committee that is not required yet voluntarily files an electronic statement is not required to file paper copies of that statement.

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (Continued)**

### **SOME IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE POINTS**

- **Campaign Disclosure Filings Are Public Record.** They may be inspected by anyone; and copies may be purchased at 10 cents per page. (G.C. § 81008)
- In the event a statement is filed after the prescribed deadline, the law provides for a \$10 per day late filing penalty, up to a maximum of \$100. However, if the cumulative total of contributions or expenditures is greater than \$100, and your report is more than 10 days late, the fine may exceed \$100 but not more than the total contributions or expenditures.

### **VIOLATIONS**

Failure to comply with the campaign disclosure laws may result in criminal prosecution by the state attorney general or the county district attorney, or civil action by the FPPC, the district attorney, or a private citizen. (G.C. § 91000 et seq.)

### **USE OF CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL FUNDS**

Money used from candidate's personal funds is considered a contribution to the campaign and must be reported. See the Information Manual for detailed instructions on how to report use of personal funds. (G.C. § 82015)

### **COMMINGLING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions from other persons may not be commingled with the individual's personal funds; instead, they must be deposited in a campaign account. Personal use of campaign funds is prohibited by law, except for expenses incurred in the performance of an activity, which was directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. (G.C. § 84307) (Refer to Campaign Disclosure Manual for provision of expenditures of Surplus Funds.)

### **ANONYMOUS OR CASH TRANSACTIONS**

Anonymous or cash contributions of \$100 or more, and cash expenditures of \$100 or more, are prohibited. (G.C. §§ 84300, 84303)

### **RECORD KEEPING AND AUDITS**

Careful and complete records must be kept of all campaign transactions in order to comply with the detailed reporting required by the campaign statement form. All committee treasurers, and candidates who handle their own campaign finances, should note the record-keeping guidelines in the Informational Manual. They should also bear in mind that there are provisions in the law for audits of campaign statements by the FPPC, even in the case of campaigns for local offices. (G.C. § 90001)

### **LIMITATION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

- A governing body of a district may by resolution limit campaign contributions to district offices. (E.C. § 10544)
- State candidates should refer to the FPPC Manual for information about contribution and expenditure limits.
- Persons with campaign disclosure questions should call a consultant at the FPPC office or refer to FPPC Information Manual or may contact the Registrar of Voters' office (951) 486-7200.

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULES

### Filing Schedule for State Candidates and their Controlled Committees Listed on the March 5, 2024 Ballot

<b>FILING DEADLINE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>January 31, 2024**</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* - 12/31/23	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>May be filed on January 25, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Business Days</b> <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	<b>Ongoing –</b> <i>File any time other than 90-day election cycle</i>	497	<p><b>Only e-filers file this report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source.</li> <li>No paper copy is required.</li> <li>File within 10 business days of receipt of contribution.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 24 Hours</b> <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	<b>12/6/23 – 3/5/24</b>	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the March 5, 2024, ballot, or made to a political party committee.</li> <li>The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</li> <li>E-file only. No paper copy is required.</li> </ul>
<b>January 25, 2024</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election</i>	<b>1/1/24 – 1/20/24</b>	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>
<b>February 22, 2024</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</i>	<b>1/21/24 – 2/17/24</b>	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or by email with a verified digital signature.</li> </ul>
<b>July 31, 2024</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	<b>2/18/24 – 6/30/24</b>	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2024.</li> </ul>

**Additional Notes:**

- **\*Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **\*\*Deadlines:** Due to the election being held early in the year, the deadline for the first pre-election statement for calendar year 2024 is earlier than the deadline for the semi-annual statement for calendar year 2023. A candidate/committee active in both calendar years may file the 2023 statement on January 25, 2024.
- **\*\*\*Paper Filings:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail or by email with a verified digital signature unless otherwise noted. Persons required to file a report or statement by paper with the Secretary of State's Office may instead file by email ([digitalfiling@sos.ca.gov](mailto:digitalfiling@sos.ca.gov)) with a verified digital signature or other digital means as prescribed by the Secretary of State's Office. Please visit the Secretary of State's website for more information on how to file with a digital signature. Refer to the filing with a digital signature fact sheet for assistance in creating your digital ID.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Where to File:** State committees file statements with the Secretary of State. Candidate-controlled committees that are not e-filers file paper copies with the elections official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.

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## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULES (Continued)

- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper copies.\*\*\*
- **Form 470 (2024):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2024 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before January 25, 2024. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Forms 496 and 497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
  - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- **Multiple Committees:** All committees controlled by a state candidate listed on the March ballot must file statements on the pre-election filing deadlines, in addition to the committee formed for this election. For example, a candidate for Senate listed on the March 5, 2024, ballot maintains an Assembly officeholder committee must file pre-election statements for both committees even if the Assembly committee has not received or made payments.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the contribution limits chart on the FPPC website.
- **Penalties:** Late statements and reports are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both paper and the e-filed version (i.e., \$20 per day for a late Form 460). Failure to file a statement or report could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the [Campaign Rules](#) page. Or visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) > Learn > Campaign Rules.

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULES (Continued)

### Filing Schedule for Candidates and their Controlled Committees For Local Office Being Voted on March 5, 2024

FILING DEADLINE	PERIOD	FORM	NOTES
<b>January 31, 2024**</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* - 12/31/23	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• May be filed on January 25, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 24 Hours</b> <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	12/6/23 – 3/5/24	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure being voted upon the March 5, 2024 ballot.</li> <li>• The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</li> <li>• File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.</li> </ul>
<b>January 25, 2024</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election</i>	1/1/24 – 1/20/24	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>
<b>February 22, 2024</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</i>	1/21/24 – 2/17/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online, if available.</li> </ul>
<b>July 31, 2024</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	2/18/24 – 6/30/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2024.</li> </ul>

**Additional Notes:**

- **\*Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **\*\*Deadline:** Due to the election being held early in the year, the deadline for the first pre-election statement for calendar year 2024 is earlier than the deadline for the semi-annual statement for calendar year 2023. A candidate/committee may file the 2023 semi-annual statement on January 25, 2024.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check on whether additional local rules apply.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24- Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470: (2024):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2024 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before January 25, 2024. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - **496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULES (Continued)

- **462:** This form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for Additional Information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements and reports public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available here. Or visit www.fppc.ca.gov> Learn>Campaign Rules.

California Campaign Filing Schedule  
FPPC E-mail Advice [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov) Toll-Free Advice Line 1-866-ASK-FPPC  
Website: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)

**ORDINANCE NO. 913  
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 913.3)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
REQUIRING ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** FINDINGS.

1. The Board of Supervisors finds that public access to campaign and lobbying disclosure information is a vital and integral component of a fully informed electorate. Transparency in campaign financing is critical in order to maintain public trust and support of the political process.

2. Since the enactment of the Political Reform Act candidates and committees have complied with filing requirements by filing paper copies of campaign statements and reports. The Registrar of Voters has expended a significant amount of staff time to make such paper filings readily available to the public.

3. In July 2012, the California Legislature approved Assembly Bill 2452 which authorizes local jurisdictions to require the filing of campaign statements and reports solely in an electronic format. The Governor approved the legislation on July 13, 2012 and it took effect on January 1, 2013.

4. The Board of Supervisors finds that by eliminating manual processing of filings, electronic filing requirements will conserve resources and ensure the public has access to information disclosed in campaign statements and reports in a more timely manner. The electronic filing system will operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers.

**Section 2.** PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to require online electronic filing of campaign statements and require online reporting of contributions and independent expenditures regarding elections of Candidates to County offices and the qualification or passage of local ballot measures within the County of Riverside as currently required under the Political Reform Act, (commencing with California Government Code Section 84200 et seq.) in order to facilitate review and maximize the availability of this information to the public.

**Section 3.** AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code Section 81013 which authorizes local agencies to impose additional requirements on any person so long as the requirements do not prevent the person from complying with the Political Reform Act.

**Section 4.** RELATIONSHIP TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974. This Ordinance is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act as amended. Unless a word or term is specifically defined in this Ordinance or the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, words and terms shall have the same meaning as when they are used in Title 9 of the California Government Code, in which the Political Reform Act is codified, and

as supplemented by the Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission as set forth in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), as well as any amendments to the Act or to the Regulations. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the terms of the Act and its Regulations control and supersede the terms of this Ordinance to the extent necessary to bring this Ordinance into full compliance therewith.

Section 5. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions used in this ordinance shall have the meanings set forth below.

- a. Candidate shall be defined as set forth in the Political Reform Act provided that the term shall be limited to Candidates for County office.
- b. Committee. Any Person or combination of Persons who, directly or indirectly, does any of the following:
  - (1) Receives Contributions totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar year; or
  - (2) Makes Independent Expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar year; orA Person or combination of Persons that becomes a Committee shall retain its status as a Committee until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to California Government Code Section 84214. A Committee includes but is not limited to "Controlled Committee", "Independent Committee", and "County General Purpose Committee".
- c. Contribution shall mean the same as that defined at Government Code Section 82015.
- d. Controlled Committee means a Committee which is controlled directly or indirectly by a Candidate or which acts jointly with a Candidate or Controlled Committee in connection with the making of expenditures. A Candidate controls a Committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other Committee such Candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the Committee.
- e. County General Purpose Committee shall mean a committee to support or oppose candidates or measures voted on in only one county, or in more than one jurisdiction within one county.
- f. Election and/or County Election means any primary, general, special or recall election held in the County of Riverside. The primary and general or special elections are separate elections for purposes of this Ordinance.
- g. Election Cycle means the period of time commencing ninety (90) days prior to an election and ending on the date of the election.
- h. Independent Committee means all Committees other than Controlled Committees.
- i. Independent Expenditure means an Expenditure made by any Person including a payment of public moneys by a state or local governmental agency, in connection with a communication



which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified Candidate or the qualification, passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure, or taken as a whole and in context, unambiguously urges a particular result in an Election but which is not made to or at the behest of the affected Candidate or Committee.

- j. Person means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert. A Person shall include, but is not limited to, a Committee or Candidate.
- k. Political Reform Act means the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq., as amended).

Section 6. APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall only apply to Candidates seeking election to a County office in the County of Riverside, their Controlled Committees or Committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose their candidacies, and to Committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a Candidate or to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of, a local ballot measure which is being voted on only in the County of Riverside, and to County General Purpose Committees active only in Riverside County. In the event a County Candidate also runs for election for a state, federal, city, special district or other non-county office, the provisions of this Ordinance do not apply to the County Candidate's campaign for such other office, nor to any Committee established solely for the purpose of running for such state, federal, city, special district, or other non-County office.

Section 7. ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE.

- a. Each Candidate, Candidate Controlled Committee and Independent Committee that is required to file a semi-annual campaign statement, a pre-election campaign statement, or an amended campaign statement with the Registrar of Voters County Elections pursuant to the Political Reform Act, and that receives a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in Contributions or makes a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in Independent Expenditures, shall file the statement with the Registrar of Voters in an electronic format.
- b. In addition to any other report required by this Ordinance, all Persons subject to the requirements of Section 7.a. shall file the following reports with the Registrar of Voters in an electronic format:
  - (1) A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure, of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more during an Election Cycle. The report shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the Independent Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.

- (2) A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or a local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure, of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more at any time other than during an Election Cycle. The report shall be filed within ten (10) business days of the Independent Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.
- c. A Candidate or Committee that has filed an electronic statement or report is not required to file a paper copy.
- d. Once a Candidate or Committee is subject to the electronic filing requirements imposed by this Ordinance, the Candidate or Committee will remain subject to the electronic filing requirements until the Candidate or Committee files a termination statement pursuant to the Political Reform Act.
- e. Any Candidate or Committee not required to file an electronic statement or report by this Section may voluntarily opt to file an electronic statement or report by submitting written notice to the Registrar of Voters. A Candidate or Committee that opts to file an electronic statement or report is not required to file a paper copy.

Section 8. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES. If any Person violates any provision of this Ordinance, he or she shall be liable to the Registrar of Voters in the amount of ten (\$10) dollars per day of violation, in addition to any other legal remedies provided by law. This amount shall be deemed a penalty in accordance with Government Code Section 91013. The following procedures shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection and administrative review of administrative penalties.

- a. **Notice of Violation.** If any Person subject to this Ordinance fails to comply with any provision herein, a Notice of Violation may be issued by the Registrar of Voters or his or her designee.
- b. **Content of Notice of Violation.** The Notice of Violation shall contain the information listed below:
  - (1) Date, location and approximate time the violation was observed or discovered.
  - (2) The Ordinance section violated and a brief description of the violation.
  - (3) The amount of the penalty imposed for the violation.
  - (4) Instructions for the payment of the penalty, the time period by which it shall be paid, and the consequences of failure to pay the penalty within this time period.
  - (5) Instructions on how to appeal the Notice of Violation.
  - (6) The signature of the Registrar of Voters or his or her designee.
- c. **Service of Notice of Violation.** Service of Notice of Violation shall be effective upon deposit in United States mail in accordance with this Ordinance. A copy of the Notice of Violation shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt

requested to the Person who has violated the Ordinance, at the address listed for the Person on the Fair Political Practices Commission Form 410 Statement of Organization.

d. **Penalties.**

- (1) The penalties assessed for each violation shall be ten (\$10) dollars per day, and shall not exceed the cumulative amount stated in the late statement or report, or one hundred (\$100) dollars, whichever is greater.
- (2) Payment of the penalty shall not excuse the failure to correct the violation nor shall it bar further enforcement action.
- (3) The penalties assessed shall be payable to the County of Riverside, Registrar of Voters.

e. **Administrative Appeal.**

- (1) **Notice of Appeal.** The recipient of a Notice of Violation carrying a penalty may appeal by filing a written Notice of Appeal with the Registrar of Voters. The written Notice of Appeal must be filed within twenty (20) days of the service of the Notice of Violation. Failure to file a written notice of appeal within this time period shall constitute a waiver of the right to appeal. The Notice of Appeal shall contain the following information:
  - a) A brief statement setting forth appellant's interest in the proceedings;
  - b) A brief statement of the material facts which appellant claims supports his/her contention that no violation has occurred, no administrative penalty should be imposed or that an administrative penalty of a different amount is warranted;
  - c) An address at which the appellant agrees notice of any additional proceeding or an order relating to the imposition of the administrative penalty may be received by mail.
  - d) The signature of the appellant.
- (2) The Registrar of Voters, or her or his designee, shall review the appeal and issue a Notice of Decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal. The Notice of Decision shall be final.
- (3) In addition to any other available remedies, the Registrar of Voters may bring a civil action and obtain a judgment in Superior Court for the purposes of collecting any unpaid monetary penalties, fees, or civil penalties imposed pursuant to Government Code Section 91013.5.

Section 9. ENFORCEMENT. The Registrar of Voters, or her or his designee, shall have the primary responsibility to monitor compliance with this Ordinance at his or her discretion, to investigate alleged violations of this Ordinance, to issue Notices of Violations

as appropriate, to review appeals to the Notices of Violations, and to collect administrative penalties as set forth herein.

Section 10. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR ELECTIVE COUNTY OFFICES. Nothing in this ordinance alters the campaign contribution limits in Ordinance No. 963 which shall continue to be complied with by all candidates for County Elective Office.

Section 11. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2021.

**Adopted: 913** Item 3.6 of 10/25/2011 (Eff: 11/24/2011)  
**Amended: 913.1** Item 3.6 of 06/05/2012 (Eff: 07/05/2012)  
**913.2** Item 3-1 of 10/22/2013 (Eff: 01/01/2014)  
**913.3** Item 3.1 of 11/17/2020 (Eff: 01/01/2021)

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE – WHAT TO FILE

**FORM 460:** If campaign activity during 2024 will involve \$2,000 or more, candidates and their candidate controlled committees file jointly on Form 460.

**FORM 410:** In addition, every committee (may be the candidate alone) shall file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) within 10 days after it has qualified (i.e. received \$2,000) as a committee. Committees which qualify during the 16 days prior to an election in which they would be required to file pre-election campaign statements must file a Statement of Organization within 24 hours after qualifying. (A candidate is considered a committee of one when he/she receives \$2,000.)



As of January 1, 2013, Government Code section 84101.5 requires the Secretary of State to charge each qualified recipient committee that files a Statement of Organization (Form 410) \$50 per year, until the committee terminates pursuant to Government Code section 84214. For questions regarding this new law, please contact the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division at (916) 653-6224.

**FORM 470:** Form 470 applies if a candidate expects that during 2024 less than \$2,000 will be received and spent, by the candidate personally or by others on his/her behalf. A single filing of Form 470 (no later than January 25, 2024 and preferably at the time the nomination documents are filed) fulfills the campaign disclosure filing requirements for the Presidential Primary Election period. In determining whether Form 470 is applicable, the candidate may exclude payments for filing fee and candidate's statements, provided such payments were made from the candidate's personal funds.

**NOTE:** A candidate who initially files Form 470 and later finds that actual transactions reach \$2,000 or more must file a 470 Supplemental Form then use the filing schedule given above, using Form 460.

**FORM 497:** Form 497 applies if:

- State and local committees making or receiving contribution(s) that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more in the 90 days before an election.
- Committees reporting contributions of \$5,000 or more in connection with a state ballot measure.
- State candidates and state ballot measure committees that receive \$5,000 or more at any time other than a 90-day election cycle.
- County candidates and committees: See County Ordinance 913.2.

### **WHERE TO FILE (G.C. § 84215)**

All candidates and elected officers and their controlled committees, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall file one copy of the campaign statements required by Section 84200 with the elections official of the county in which the candidate or elected official is domiciled, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 349 of the Elections Code. In addition, campaign statements shall be filed at the following places:

- a) Statewide elected officers, including members of the State Board of Equalization; Members of the Legislature; Supreme Court justices, court of appeal justices, and superior court judges; candidates for those offices and their controlled committees; committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose these candidates, elected officers, justices and judges, or statewide measures, or the qualification of state ballot measures; and all state general purpose committees and filers not specified in subdivisions (b) to (e), inclusive, shall file a campaign statement by online or electronic means, as specified in Section 84605, and shall file the original campaign statement in paper format with the Secretary of State.

## WHERE TO FILE (Continued)

- b) Elected officers in jurisdictions other than legislative districts, State Board of Equalization districts, or appellate court districts that contain parts of two or more counties, candidates for these offices, their controlled committees, and committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose candidates or local measures to be voted upon in one of these jurisdictions shall file the original and one copy with the elections official of the county with the largest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction.
- c) County elected officers, candidates for these offices, their controlled committees, committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose candidates or local measures to be voted upon in any number of jurisdictions within one county, other than those specified in subdivision (d), and county general purpose committees shall file the original and one copy with the elections official of the county.
- d) City elected officers, candidates for city office, their controlled committees, committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose candidates or local measures to be voted upon in one city, and city general purpose committees shall file the original and one copy with the clerk of the city and are not required to file with the local elections official of the county in which they are domiciled.
- e) Elected members of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, elected members of the Teachers' Retirement Board, candidates for these offices, their controlled committees, and committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose these candidates or elected members shall file the original with the Secretary of State, and a copy shall be filed at the relevant board's office in Sacramento. These elected officers, candidates, and committees need not file with the elections official of the county in which they are domiciled.
- f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a committee, candidate, or elected officer is not required to file more than the original and one copy, or one copy, of a campaign statement with any one county elections official or city clerk or with the Secretary of State.
- g) If a committee is required to file campaign statements required by Section 84200 or 84200.5 in places designated in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, it shall continue to file these statements in those places, in addition to any other places required by this title, until the end of the calendar year.

**NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Candidate to file in the appropriate office(s)**

## CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Elections Code § 16)

The complete text of Government Code § 84305 is required by law to be issued to each candidate. Summaries of some other code sections concerning campaign practices, as well as information concerning political signs, are also provided below for the benefit of candidates and campaign committees.

### **MASS MAILING (Government Code § 84305)**

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

## **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)**

### **MASS MAILING (Government Code § 84305) (Continued)**

- (1) "Mass electronic mailing" means sending more than 200 substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month. "Mass electronic mailing" does not include a communication that was solicited by the recipient, including, but not limited to, acknowledgments for contributions or information that the recipient communicated to the organization.
  - (2) "Sender" means the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84217, inclusive.
  - (3) To "pay for" a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment: (A) to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or (B) as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.
- (f) This section does not apply to a mass mailing or mass electronic mailing that is paid for by an independent expenditure.

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. For further information contact the Fair Political Practices Commission. (Government Code § 89001)

(As defined in Government Code § 82041.5 "Mass Mailing" means over 200 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.)

### **SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS (Government Code §§ 82048.3, 82048.4, 84108)**

Slate mailer organizations must register with the Secretary of State and file periodic reports on their slate mailer activities. The law applies to slate mailers that support or oppose four or more candidates or measures.

A slate mailer organization is defined as any individual or group who, directly or indirectly, does all of the following:

- Is involved in the production of one or more slate mailers and exercises control over the selection of the candidates and measures to be supported or opposed in the slate mailers; and
- Receives or is promised payments totaling \$500 or more in a calendar year for the production of one or more slate mailers.

### **NOMINATIONS (E.C. §§ 18200-18205)**

No person shall submit a nomination paper knowing that any part of it has been made falsely. No person shall fraudulently deface or destroy, or willfully suppress all or part of any nomination paper, or deliberately fail to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper in his or her possession that is entitled to be filed. No person shall, directly or indirectly, pay, solicit, or receive anything of value in order to induce a person not to become or to withdraw as a candidate.

### **FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

No candidate shall, in his occupational designation on the ballot, assume a designation that would mislead the voters. (E.C. § 13107)

Every candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who pretends or implies that he or she is an incumbent of a public office or that he or she has acted in the capacity of a public officer when this is not the case. (E.C. § 18350)



## **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)**

### **FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO VOTERS (Continued)**

Any candidate who knowingly makes a false statement of material fact in a candidate's statement, with the intent to mislead the voters, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. (E.C. § 18351)

### **SIMULATED BALLOTS**

Every simulated ballot shall bear a printed notice (See Elections Code § 20009 for details) stating that this is not an official ballot but rather an unofficial marked ballot prepared by (name and address of person or organization responsible); and no official seal or insignia may appear on the envelope in which it is contained.

### **VOTE CENTER INFORMATION**

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who distributes, or causes to be distributed, literature to voters that includes the designation of a voter's Vote Center other than the Vote Center listed for that voter in the latest official precinct list at some time not more than 30 days prior to the distribution. (E.C. § 18302)

### **POLITICAL ADVERTISING (E.C. § 20008)**

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.

### **POLITICAL SIGNS**

The placement of political signs is subject to regulations by state, county, and/or city. Be sure you know what the restrictions are. For signs within a city, ask the City Clerk for information. For signs in an unincorporated area of Riverside County, check with the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department; phone (951) 955-2004 at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside. There are also State laws governing campaign signs, for more information contact the State of California – Department of Transportation at (916) 654-2852.

## **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)**

### **POLITICAL SIGNS (Continued)**

**State:** Consult the State of California – Department of Transportation at (916) 654-2852.

**City:** Consult the appropriate City Clerk for information concerning city sign ordinances.

**County:** Following is the text of Temporary Political Signs (County of Riverside Ordinance 806)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordains as Follows:

#### **SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

It is the intent of this ordinance to regulate temporary signs which are not regulated by Article XIX of Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 and Riverside County Ordinance No. 679. The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve and enhance the aesthetic, traffic safety and environmental values of our communities and growing commercial and industrial areas, while at the same time, providing channels of communication to the public. It is the County's intent to regulate non-permanent signs based on their size, height, number, location and duration and to allow more non-commercial signs during election periods to encourage public debate. The County finds that it is in the interest of both aesthetics and traffic safety that signage be kept to a minimum. It is the intent of this sign ordinance to enhance traffic safety by ensuring that signage does not distract, obstruct or otherwise impede traffic circulation. The County finds that signs which exceed the dimensions, design and location restrictions specified in this ordinance are unreasonable and adversely affect public welfare and safety, including traffic safety.

All signs described herein shall conform to the applicable provisions of this ordinance. If any specific zoning classification within Ordinance 348 shall impose more stringent requirements than are set forth within this article, the more stringent provisions shall prevail.

#### **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this ordinance, the following words or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- A. ELECTION PERIOD** means the period of time ninety (90) days prior and ten (10) days after any local state, regional or national official election.
- B. HEIGHT** means the highest point of the structure or sign measured from the average natural ground level at the base of the supporting structure.
- C. LOT.** The definition of "lot" set forth in Ordinance No. 348 (Section 2144) shall be incorporated by this reference.
- D. NON-COMMERCIAL SIGN** means any sign that does not do any of the following:
  - 1. Advertise a product or service for profit for a business purpose;
  - 2. Propose a commercial transaction; or
  - 3. Relate solely to economic interests.
- E. PERMANENT FOUNDATION** means concrete or other semi-permanent material used to affix a sign to the ground.
- F. REAL ESTATE SIGN** means a temporary sign advertising a property or structure is for sale, lease, rent or exchange. The advertising contained on a Real Estate Sign shall be limited the following information:
  - 1. That the property is for sale, lease, rent or exchange by the owner or his or her agent.
  - 2. The property is in escrow or there is an "open house".
  - 3. Directions to the property.
  - 4. The owners or agent's name, address and telephone number.

## CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

### **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.** (Continued)

- G. SIGN** means any structure, housing, device, figure, statuary, painting, display, message, placard or other contrivance, which is designed, constructed, created, engineered, intended or used to provide data or information for advertising purposes.
- H. SURFACE AREA** means that area of a sign as measured by the smallest geometric form such as a square, rectangle, triangle, or circle, or combination thereof, which will encompass the face of the sign on which the message is displayed.
- I. TEMPORARY SIGN** means a sign that is not intended to be permanent. Temporary signs shall not be constructed or erected upon a permanent foundation or attached to a sign structure having a permanent foundation. Temporary signs shall include non-commercial signs (including non-commercial signs during an election period), real estate signs, yard or garage sale signs or event signs. All other commercial signs, not constructed or erected upon a permanent foundation, are prohibited by this ordinance. If the sign is constructed or erected on a permanent foundation, it is regulated by Article XIX (Section 19, et seq) of Riverside County Ordinance No. 348.

### **SECTION 3. TEMPORARY SIGNS.**

Temporary signs are permitted in all zoning classifications subject to the limitations imposed by this ordinance. No person shall erect, use or maintain a temporary sign in the unincorporated area of the County, except in accordance with the following provisions:

#### **A. Standards For All Temporary Signs.**

- 1. No temporary sign shall be artificially lighted.
- 2. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained within the road right of way, except non-commercial signs during an election period.
- 3. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained upon property without the consent of the owner, lessee, person or entity in lawful possession of the property.
- 4. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained so that it does any of the following:
  - (a) Mars, defaces, disfigures or damages any public building, structure or other property.
  - (b) Endangers the safety of persons or property.
  - (c) Obscures the view of any fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign, or public informational sign.
  - (d) Blocks motorists' line of vision to areas of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

#### **B. Standards For Real Estate Signs.**

- 1. For lots zoned for one and two family residential uses: one sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in surface area and not more than six (6) feet in height.
- 2. For lots zoned for multiple family residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses: one sign on each separate frontage of the lot on the street, each sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area and not more than six (6) feet in height. No more than four (4) signs are allowed per development.
- 3. Riders, not to exceed two (2) square feet in aggregate surface area may be added to the real estate sign to identify the specific agent offering the property for sale, to show that the property is "in escrow" or for an "open house."
- 4. The sign(s) shall be removed within ten days of the close of escrow on the property or structure, or portion thereof, being sold, leased or rented.

## **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)**

### **C. Standards For Yard Or Garage Sale Signs And Event Signs.**

Temporary signs that advertise items for sale or events located on the property on which the sale or event will be conducted are permitted in every zoning classification, subject to the following standards:

1. The yard or garage sale or event is in conformance with Riverside County ordinances.
2. No sign shall exceed four (4) square feet in surface area.
3. No sign shall exceed four (4) square feet in height.
4. No sign shall be posted more than fifteen (15) days before the event or sale, and shall be removed within five (5) days after the event or sale.
5. Only one (1) sign per lot may be displayed at any time and no more than three (3) such signs may be posted on any lot per calendar year.

### **D. Standards For Non-Commercial Signs During Election Period.**

1. In addition to the temporary signs permitted in Section 3 of this ordinance and the signs allowed by Ordinance 348, Article XIX and Ordinance 679, temporary non-commercial signs shall be permitted in all zoning classifications during an election period, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) No sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area.
- (b) No sign shall exceed six (6) feet in height.
- (c) No lot shall contain such signs having an aggregate surface area in excess of eighty (80) square feet.
- (d) Such signs shall be permitted along road right-of-way provided no sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained on any publicly owned tree or shrub or upon the improved portion of any street or highway right of way used for traffic or parking or upon any street divider or median strip.
- (e) All signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election has occurred.

## **SECTION 4. NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS PERMITTED.**

A non-commercial sign or message is permitted to be displayed, in lieu of a commercial message, wherever and whenever a commercial sign or message is permitted by this ordinance.

## **SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

- A.** County employees, representatives or agents shall be authorized to remove and dispose of any temporary sign in violation of this ordinance upon the expiration of ten (10) days after posting a written notice of violation on the sign, and mailing of a written notice to the property owner and to the sign owner, if identified on the sign. The notice shall contain the right to appeal this determination by submitting a written appeal to the Department of Building and Safety within this ten (10) day time period. The appeal shall be conducted by review of the written appeal by an administrative hearing officer. The submission of a written appeal to the Department of Building and Safety within the ten (10) day time period shall stay the removal and disposal of the sign upon a decision of the hearing officer granting the appeal or until ten (10) days after mailing of a decision of the hearing officer denying the appeal.
- B.** The procedures, remedies and penalties for violation of this ordinance and for recovery of costs related to enforcement are provided for in Ordinance No. 725, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

## **SECTION 6. NONCONFORMING TEMPORARY SIGNS.**

- A.** Every temporary sign which was lawfully in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance, and does not conform to this ordinance, shall be deemed a nonconforming temporary sign and shall be removed or altered in accordance with this ordinance as follows:
  1. All temporary signs with a nominal value of \$100.00 or less shall be abated or brought into conformance immediately after the effective date of this ordinance.

**CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)**

**SECTION 6. NONCONFORMING TEMPORARY SIGNS.** (Continued)

2. All temporary signs with a value of more than \$100.00 shall be abated or brought into conformance within six (6) months of the effective date of this ordinance.
- B.** All temporary signs not in lawful existence prior to the date of enactment of this ordinance shall be abated or brought into conformance immediately.
- C.** For purposes of this section, the above referenced terms have the following meanings:
1. The “value” of the temporary sign shall mean the cost of sign, less depreciation, and shall not include the potential revenue generated by the sign.
  2. A temporary sign “in lawful existence prior to enactment of this ordinance” means a temporary sign that conforms with all other County ordinances, State or Federal laws and Uniform Codes in effect at the time of enactment of this ordinance, including any applicable permit requirements.

**ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY (E.C. §§ 18370, 18541)**

No person, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official’s office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters’ qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications. (Except as part of the formal challenge procedure.)
- (d) Do any electioneering.
- (e) Photograph, video tape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

“100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official’s office” means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

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

**ELECTIONEERING DURING VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING (E.C. §§ 18370, 18371)**

- (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 he or she knows 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 provisions 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.

**NOTE:** Misdemeanor penalties will also be imposed on any person performing the actions as prohibited on Election Day or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot.

## SERVICES TO CANDIDATES

***Prior to requesting the items listed below, an Application to Purchase or View Voter Registration Information must be completed at the Registrar of Voters office. In addition, the applicant must display proper identification, i.e., drivers' license.***

**Note:** An application to purchase or view voter registration information is available on our website or we will email it upon request.

### **VOTER INDEXES (E.C. § 2183 et seq.; Cal. Admin. Code § 19001 et seq.)**

An index (voter list) is available for each precinct, listing all registered voters by street address. Political affiliation and telephone number is also given. Listing a phone number is optional on the registration form; therefore, any phone numbers listed on the index may not be current.

**WARNING:** Mailing addresses are not given on voter indexes. Candidates who plan to mail campaign literature should see information about **MAILING LABELS** below.

A candidate may purchase indexes at a cost of \$5 for the first thousand names and \$1 for each additional 1,000 names (or portion thereof). Each purchase may be a complete set for the candidate's electoral jurisdiction, or a partial set. Indexes may be mailed if payment, including postage or UPS charges, is received in advance, and the applicant has completed the required application.

Indexes may be purchased by the candidate or by someone with the candidate's written authorization. The purchaser must sign an agreement to use the indexes only for election or governmental purposes. A substantial fine may be imposed if registration information is used for other purposes.

For further information, call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7344.

### **MAILING LABELS**

Candidates who plan to mail campaign material may purchase mailing labels from the Registrar of Voters. The labels may be purchased for each registered voter in a district or by head of household.

### **PRECINCT MAPS**

Detailed maps showing precinct boundaries may be purchased. Candidates should contact our Precincting Section to order maps for their jurisdiction. Call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7338 for further information.

**Cost:** \$35 per custom map

### **VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER LISTS**

Vote-By-Mail voter lists are available on CD or E-mail. The lists are available starting 29 days before the election. For further information call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7344.

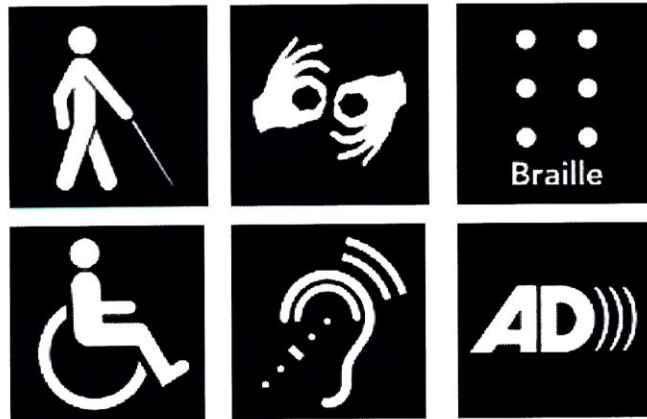
**SERVICES TO CANDIDATES (Continued)**

**FEE SCHEDULE**

Candidates may purchase a list of voters by jurisdiction, which contains the voter's regular precinct, name, residence, mailing address, and phone number, if provided. Voter lists are available in the following formats:

<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>CHARGES / FEES</b>
<b>Absentee Voter File</b> a) Initial Requests b) Updates Complete Absentee Issue Period	a) \$ 100.00 first day of absentee period b) \$ 600.00 daily updates for entire absentee issue period
<b>Certified Copies</b> a) Registration Affidavit (E.C. § 2167) b) Any other document (G.C. §§ 26831 – 26836)	a) \$ 1.50 b) \$ 1.75 plus charge for copying
<b>Election Calendar</b>	\$ 2.00
<b>List of Candidates</b> Hard copy or Electronic Transmission	\$ 0.50 first page \$ 0.10 each page thereafter
<b>Mailing Label Data</b> a) Individual voter or head of household	a) \$ 35.00 per 1,000 names or portion thereof
<b>Master Voter File</b> a) Countywide (CD ROM) b) Per District (CD ROM) c) Street Index of Voters	a) \$ 35.00 b) \$ 35.00 district c) \$ 5.00 for 1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 names, plus \$ 1.00 per 1,000 names or portion thereof
<b>Precinct Maps</b> District Maps	\$ 35.00
<b>Recall Pamphlets</b>	\$ 3.00
<b>Research of Source Data</b> (when authorized – staff availability basis)	\$ 35.00 per hour plus copying and postage charges
<b>Signature Verification</b>	\$ 0.50 per signature
<b>Voter Notifications</b> Via postcard (subject to postage rate change)	\$ 0.50 per voter notification
<b>Reproduced Documents</b> (without certification)  -Fax / Transmission service requested by purchaser <u>Exceptions:</u> a) Campaign Disclosure; Statements of Economic Interest (G.C. § 81008) b) Statement of Votes Cast c) Statement of Votes Cast (CD) (PDF or EXCEL)	\$ 0.50 for 1 <sup>st</sup> page, plus \$ 0.10 for each additional page(s) of same document / item \$ 2.50 plus \$ 0.50 per page  a) \$ 0.10 per page b) \$ 30.00 per bound volume, or as quoted c) \$ 100.00
<b>Returned Check Charge</b>	\$ 31.00
<b>Candidate Statement Deposit</b> Printing of candidate statement in the County Voter Information Guide.	Actual vendor printing costs (request calculation schedule)

## VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)



The Riverside County Registrar of Voters is pleased to announce the formation of a local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). This provides a forum for the disability and senior communities in Riverside County to voice their concerns, advice, assist and provide recommendations to the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for voters with disabilities.

At these meetings, it is our goal to open the lines of communication and foster cooperation with community groups so that we are able to address voting process issues. It is our hope that VAAC members provide feedback on polling place locations, voting systems, and other accessibility matters. We are also highly interested in promoting awareness to individuals and organizations through outreach opportunities. We highly encourage VAAC members to reach out to other members of the community and assist with disseminating voter materials as well as recruit potential poll workers from within their communities.

We sincerely hope you will consider observing one of the upcoming VAAC meetings. These meetings will be held on a quarterly basis at locations throughout Riverside County. Please contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (951) 486-7200 or visit our website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) for meeting dates, times and locations.



## WRITE-IN CANDIDACY

### FILING PERIOD

**MARCH 5, 2024, PRIMARY:** January 8, 2024 through February 20, 2024.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL:** September 9, 2024 through October 22, 2024.

Note: There is no option to be a write-in candidate for a Voter-Nominated office in the general election.

### WRITE-IN PROCEDURE

A person whose name does not appear on the ballot may run for office as a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted, however, only for **qualified write-in candidates** who file the required forms with the Registrar of Voters no later than fourteen days prior to Election Day. (The Registrar of Voters will forward the forms to the Secretary of State in the case of offices that must be certified by the Secretary of State.) (E.C. §§ 8601, 8604)

These forms are required: (1) A **Statement of Write-in Candidacy** containing the candidate's name and residence address, a declaration stating that he/she is a write-in candidate, the title of the office, and the date of the election; (2) the same Nomination Papers required in the regular nomination procedure for the office. Forms will be available at the Registrar of Voters' office during the periods listed above. No filing fee is required and write-in candidates cannot submit a candidate statement. (E.C. §§ 8041, 8062, 8600-8604)

Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates with regard to disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure. Forms for such disclosure statements will be issued by the Registrar of Voters along with the write-in candidacy forms. (Write-in candidates may also file the optional Code of Fair Campaign Practices, if applicable.) (G.C. § 82007)

A person may not be a write-in candidate at the general election for a voter-nominated office. (E.C. § 8600)

### OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT

Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. In the case of the following offices, the office will be omitted from the ballot if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of places to be filled: County Board of Education, Judicial offices (if only the incumbent files), and County Central Committee offices. There is a provision in the law, however, to require that the office be placed on the ballot by means of a petition procedure. (For more information contact the Registrar of Voters' office.) (E.C. §§ 7228, 7423, 7673; Ed.C. § 5326)

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION TO VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

A write-in candidate who receives the highest or second highest number of votes cast for a Voter-Nominated office will have his/her name placed on the ballot at the ensuing General Election. (E.C. §§ 8605)

## RESULTS IN PRIMARY ELECTION

### CANVASS AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Following the completion of the canvass, Certificates of Election will be issued to candidates who were **elected** at the Presidential Primary Election. Certificates of Nomination will be issued to candidates who were **nominated** at the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election and will appear on the ballot at the November 5, 2024 General Election. (E.C. §§ 15401, 15504)

#### Congressional and State Legislative Offices

For each of these offices, a Certificate of Nomination will be issued by the Secretary of State to the top two vote-getters. These nominated candidates will be voted on at the General Election. (Write-in candidates must meet an additional requirement in order to be nominated. See WRITE-IN CANDIDACY in this Handbook.) (E.C. §§ 8147, 8605)

#### County Central Committee Offices

For each of these offices, Certificates of Election will be issued by the Registrar of Voters to the candidates with the highest number of votes. (Candidates must meet certain requirements for minimum number of votes in order to be elected.) (E.C. §§ 8144, 8145, 15460, 15470, 15480, 15490)

#### County Board of Education

For each of these offices, the Registrar of Voters will issue a Certificate of Election to the candidate with the highest number of votes. (Ed.C. § 1007)

#### County and Judicial Offices

For each of these offices, the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected **only if he or she receives a majority of the votes cast for the office**. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, Certificates of Nomination will be issued to the two candidates with the highest number of votes, and they will appear on the ballot at the General Election. (Certificates will be issued by the Registrar of Voters for County and Judicial offices. (E.C. §§ 8140, 8141, 8145; G.C. § 24000)

### INFORMATION FOR PERSONS ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Every elected candidate must take an oath of office before an appropriate official prior to assuming the duties of office; for certain offices, a bond is also required. Information concerning oaths may be obtained from the official issuing the Certificate of Election; information concerning bonds, from the county clerk, city clerk or Secretary of State. (G.C. §§ 1360, 1450 et seq.; Cal. Constitution, Art. XX, Sec. 3)

#### General Election

The names of candidates nominated at the Primary Election will be automatically placed on the ballot at the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024. Such nominated candidates are not required to pay any filing fee or file any nomination documents in order to be voted on at the General Election. In the case of Voter-Nominated offices, the nominees are the candidates that received the highest and second-highest numbers of votes cast. For nonpartisan offices, the nominees who will appear on the General Election ballot are the two candidates for the office who received the highest number of votes at the Primary Election if no one received a majority of the votes. (E.C. §§ 8141, 15451)

## **RESULTS IN PRIMARY ELECTION (Continued)**

### **Withdrawal of Candidacy**

A candidate nominated at the Primary Election is not permitted to withdraw as a candidate in the ensuing General Election unless he or she is a candidate for superior court judge appointed to fill a vacancy in any federal or state office. (E.C. §§ 8801, 8803, 8804)

### **Ballot Designation**

The ballot designation used at the Primary Election shall be used at the General Election unless the candidate, no later than July 30, 2024 (98 days prior to the general election), requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request. (E.C. § 13107(h)) (Send to Secretary of State if applicable)

### **Candidate's Statement**

Nonpartisan, United States Representative, and Legislative candidates at the General Election may choose to have a Candidate's Statement printed and mailed out to the voters with the voters guide. Such Statement must be submitted, on a form supplied by the Registrar of Voters, no later than August 9, 2024. (Further information will be provided to nominated candidates by the Registrar of Voters.) (E.C. § 13307)

### **Ballot Position**

Position on the ballot for all offices voted at the General Election will be determined by the drawing of a random alphabet by the Secretary of State. (E.C. § 13112)

**EXCEPTION:** If the office is that of State Senator or Member of the Assembly and the districts includes more than one county, the elections official in each county shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, pursuant to the same procedures specified in Section 13112. The results of the drawing shall be known as a county randomized ballot and shall be used only to arrange the names of the candidates when the district includes more than one county. (E.C. § 13111)

### **Campaign Disclosure**

Candidates appearing on the General Election ballot should consult the Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure to determine the campaign disclosure filing requirements for this election. It is the responsibility of the candidate (and committee, if any) to obtain filing forms from the Registrar of Voters or from the Fair Political Practices Commission web site in time to meet filing deadlines. (G.C. § 84200 et seq.)

# GENERAL ELECTION

## OFFICES ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

### Voter-Nominated Offices

The following voter-nominated offices voted on at the Presidential Primary Election will appear on the General Election ballot. Candidates will include the top two nominees who were chosen by the vote at the Primary Election. (E.C. § 15451)

- United States Senator
- Congressional Offices
- State Legislative Offices

### Nonpartisan County and Judicial Offices

The following nonpartisan offices will hold runoff elections at the General Election if the office appeared on the Primary Election ballot and the top vote-getter received less than a majority of the total votes cast for the office. Candidates at such runoff elections will be the two top vote-getters for the office at the Primary Election. (E.C. § 8141)

- County Offices
- Judicial Offices

In addition, any unopposed incumbent Superior Court candidate who did not appear on the Primary Election ballot could be placed on the General Election ballot as a result of the following petition procedure:

- A judicial office with an unopposed incumbent will be placed on the General Election ballot if a petition is filed with the Registrar of Voters by August 14, 2024 which indicates that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and is signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. (If no petition is filed, and the office does not appear on the ballot at either the Primary or General Election, the Registrar of Voters shall declare the incumbent elected on the day of the General Election.) (E.C. §8203)

## LOCAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION

A number of general elections in local jurisdictions are scheduled to be consolidated with the November 2024 General Election. These include:

- General Municipal Elections in Cities
- General Governing Board Member Elections in School Districts
- General District Elections in Special Districts

Information concerning school and special district offices to be voted on may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters. The Registrar's office will prepare and issue a separate Candidate's Handbook and nomination forms for these offices. The nomination period begins July 15, 2024 and closes August 9, 2024. For city offices, information and nomination forms may be obtained from the appropriate city clerk.

In addition, special measure elections in local jurisdictions may be called and consolidated with the November 2024 General Election. Such elections must be called and consolidation requested no later than August 9, 2024.

## **GENERAL ELECTION (Continued)**

### **CANVASS AND CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

Certificates of Election will be issued to winning candidates following the canvass, as follows:  
(E.C. §§ 10265, 15401, 15504)

- By the Secretary of State for State Constitutional, State Legislative and Congressional offices.
- By the Registrar of Voters, for Special District and School District offices (and for County offices, and Judge of the Superior Court, unless persons were elected to these offices at the Primary Election).
- By the appropriate City Clerk, for city offices.

### **INFORMATION FOR PERSONS ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Every elected candidate must take an oath of office before an appropriate official prior to assuming the duties of office; for certain offices, a bond is also required. Information concerning oaths may be obtained from the official issuing the certificate of election; information concerning bonds, from the County Clerk, City Clerk, or Secretary of State. (G.C. §§ 1360, 1450 et seq.; Cal. Constitution Art XX, Sec. 3).

## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Independent nominations no longer apply for Voter-Nominated offices in the General Election unless no candidate was nominated in the Primary Election. (E.C. § 8300)

## TERMS OF OFFICE

Terms of office are as follows for persons elected at the 2024 Primary or General Election:

### CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

Terms shall commence at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January.

#### **6-Year Term Begins January 3, 2025 (at noon)**

- United States Senator  
\*Candidates elected to the United States Senator, Short Term seat will take office upon the certification of the November 5, 2024 General Election and will hold office until noon, on the January 5, 2025.

#### **2-Year Term Begins January 3, 2025 (at noon)**

- U.S. Representative

### STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

Terms shall commence first Monday in December following their election.

#### **4-Year Term Begins December 2, 2024**

- State Senator

#### **2-Year Term Begins December 2, 2024**

- Member of the State Assembly

### COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Terms shall commence at time and place selected by party.

- Member, Democratic County Central Committee: 4-year term
- Member, Republican County Central Committee: 4-year term
- Member, American Independent County Central Committee: 4-year term
- Member, Green County Council: 4-year term
- Member, Peace and Freedom Central Committee: 4-year term

### JUDICIAL OFFICES

Terms shall commence the first Monday after January 1 following their election.

#### **6-Year Term Begins January 6, 2025**

- Judge of the Superior Court

### SCHOOL OFFICES

#### **4-Year Term Begins July 1, 2024**

- Member, County Board of Education

### COUNTY OFFICES

Terms shall commence at noon on the first Monday after January 1 following their election.

#### **4-Year Term Begins January 6, 2025 (at noon)**

- County Supervisor

**NOTE:** The above listing does not include School District, Special District and City offices, which will be consolidated with the General Election.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### QUALIFICATIONS

A person may become a registered voter of Riverside County if he/she is a resident of California, a citizen of the United States, and at least 18 years of age (or will be 18 by the date of the next election). No person may be registered or vote, however, while mentally incompetent, or imprisoned or on parole for a felony conviction. (Cal. Constitution, Art. II, Section 2 and 4; E.C. § 2000)

### REGISTRATION

Registration is a simple procedure. The person registering certifies under penalty of perjury that he or she meets the qualifications for registration and that the information entered on the registration affidavit is true and correct. No documentary proof of residence, citizenship or age is required; there is no charge for registration; and there are no language or literacy requirements. (A California resident may register with an affidavit of registration form obtained in any California county. The county receiving it will forward it to the county of the voter's residence.) (E.C. §§ 2102, 2114, 2150)

### PERMANENT VOTER REGISTRATION

California has permanent voter registration. Unless a voter's registration is cancelled for one of the reasons given below, the voter will not need to re-register except to change his/her address, name or political party preference. A new registration must be executed for an out-of-county address or for a change of name or political party. If the address change is within the county, the voter may either re-register or simply notify the Registrar of Voters in writing of the change of address. (E.C. §§ 2115, 2116, 2119, 2152, 2200)

### CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

A voter's registration will be cancelled in the following cases: notice of death, mental incompetency, conviction of a felony, written request from voter, or receipt of out-of-county address change information from DMV, agencies, or other election officials, when that change was initiated by the voter. It may also be used for voters who are removed from the Inactive File because there was no voter activity for the period of two federal general elections. (National Voter Registration Act of 1993; E.C. § 2201 et seq.)

### INACTIVE VOTER FILES

When voters move out-of-county (or a mailing is undeliverable) and do not respond to the mailing, their record is moved from the Active Voter File to the Inactive Voter File. When voters move in-county, their records are updated in the Active Voter File and a copy of their record (with the old address) is placed in the Inactive Voter File. As voters are placed in this file they must be coded or marked in such a way that they can be tracked for the period of two (2) federal general elections and if at the end of that time there is no activity, the record is cancelled. If there is any activity, the record is re-instated to the Active Voter File.

Voters in the Inactive Voter File do not receive election materials, are not included in determining the number of signatures required on petitions, or in determining the number of Vote Centers, ballots or voting machines required to service voters. (National Voters Registration Act of 1993)



## **VOTER REGISTRATION (Continued)**

### **CURRENT ADDRESS ON REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**

It is extremely important for the voter to keep both the residence address and mailing address on his/her voter registration current. A voter whose residence address does not agree with that shown on the registration affidavit may not be eligible to vote at an election (unless the move was made less than 15 days prior to the election). If such a voter should attempt to vote, he/she would be subject to challenge. Mailing addresses must be kept current because election mail is not forwardable. Even if the voter is still at the correct residence address, he/she will not receive the County Voter Information Guide or the Vote Center notice if the mailing address on the registration is no longer correct. (E.C. § 14240 et seq.)

### **PARTY PREFERENCE**

One of the items on the registration form is Party Preference. The person registering may check one of the parties listed (presently Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Libertarian, Green, and Peace and Freedom). Any elector may decline to state a party preference. To change party preference a voter must reregister no later than 15 days before Election Day to be effective for the election. (E.C. §§ 2102, 2151, 2152, 5100)

### **WHEN TO REGISTER**

Registration is continuous in the sense that a voter may register any day in the year; however, registration may be said to “close” for a given election, 15 days prior to Election Day. A registered voter who moves after 15 days prior to Election Day is entitled to vote from the old address either in person or by vote-by-mail ballot. (E.C. §§ 2035, 2119)

Note: Persons registering after the 29<sup>th</sup> day before election may not receive a County Voter Information Guide. Therefore, it is recommended that everyone be encouraged to register before the 29<sup>th</sup> day prior to Election Day.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

You may register by the following means:

- (1) You can apply to register to vote at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net).
- (2) Fill out a postcard registration form and mail it to the Registrar of Voters' office. This is usually done by the registrant, although other persons are permitted to assist in registration and to transmit the affidavit for the registrant. The effective date of the postcard registration is normally the date the affidavit is received by the Registrar of Voters. However, if the affidavit is post marked no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to Election Day, it will be considered effective for that election if it is received in the Registrar Voters office by Election Day.
- (3) Register in person before a deputy registrar (a citizen deputized by the Registrar of Voters for the purpose of registration.)
- (4) The National Voter Registration Act allows registration through various agencies such as the DMV, Social Security Admin., Social Services Agencies, State Board of Equalization and others. For further information contact the Registrar of Voters.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION (Continued)**

### **WHERE TO REGISTER**

Many registrars are at permanent locations such as the Registrar of Voters' office in Riverside, some city halls, some fire stations, and other government and business offices throughout the county. There are also several hundred locations where postcard registration forms are available throughout the year, such as libraries, schools, post offices, and many more during registration drives prior to major elections. The Registrar of Voters will supply information on convenient registration locations or mail a postcard form to anyone who requests it, either in writing or by phone at (951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-8683. (E.C. §§ 2103 et seq., 2158)

### **REGISTRATION DRIVES**

Candidates and political organizations wishing to conduct registration drives may obtain postcard registration forms from the Registrar of Voters' office for this purpose. If 50 or more registration cards are requested, an "Affidavit Distribution Agreement" must be filed, giving information concerning the proposed drive and the persons responsible for it. Persons involved in such drives must comply with the Elections Code requirements, such as: (1) Provide a registration card to any elector requesting it; (2) issue a receipt in the event that a person who completes his/her registration card entrusts it to them for delivery to the Registrar of Voters; and (3) deliver the registration card within three days. Further instructions will be given by the Registrar of Voters' office. (E.C. § 18103)

**NOTE:** Any person who in exchange for money or other valuable consideration, assists another to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration from the elector, shall sign in his or her handwriting and affix directly on the affidavit of registration his or her full name, telephone number, and address, and the name and telephone number of the person, company, or organization, if any, that agrees to pay money or other valuable consideration for the completed affidavit of registration. Failure to comply with this section shall not cause the invalidation of the registration of the voter. (E.C. § 2159)

### **REGISTRATION OF PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO REGISTER**

- (a) Every person who willfully causes, procures, or allows himself or herself or any other person to be registered as a voter, knowing that he or she or that other person is not entitled to registration, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail for not more than one year.
- (b) Every person who knowingly and willfully signs, or causes or procures the signing of, an affidavit of registration of a nonexistent person, and who mails or delivers, or causes or procures the mailing or delivery of, that affidavit to a County Elections Official is guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail for not more than one year. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonexistent person" includes, but is not limited to, deceased persons, animals, and inanimate objects. (E.C. § 18100)

### **INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSFER OF AFFIDAVIT TO COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL**

Any person who knowingly or negligently (a) interferes with the prompt transfer of a completed affidavit of registration to the county elections official, (b) retains a voter's completed registration card, without the voter's authorization, for more than three days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, or after the close of registration, or (c) denies a voter the right to return to the county elections official the voter's own completed registration card, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (E.C. § 18103)

## **VOTER REGISTRATION (Continued)**

### **REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE FOR CONSIDERATION; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; MISDEMEANOR; PENALTIES; EXEMPTIONS (E.C. § 18108)**

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a person who receives money or other valuable consideration to assist another to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration from the elector, and fails to comply with Section 2159, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months or when the failure to comply is found to be willful, not exceeding one year, or both.
- (b) Any person who receives money or other valuable consideration to assist another to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration from the elector, upon a third or subsequent conviction, on charges brought and separately tried, for failure to comply with Section 2159 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or both.
- (c) This section shall not apply to any public agency or its employees that is designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg), when an elector asks for assistance to register to vote during the course and scope of the agency's normal business.

### **AFFIDAVIT RECORDS; NOTICE OF NON COMPLYING AFFIDAVITS; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; OFFENSE; PENALTIES; EXCEPTIONS (E.C. § 18108.5)**

- (a) A person, company, or other organization that agrees to pay money or other valuable consideration, whether on a per-affidavit basis or otherwise, to a person who assists another person to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration, or by assisting with the submission of an affidavit of registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State, who fails to comply with Section 2159.5, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months or when the failure to comply is found to be willful, not exceeding one year, or both.
- (b) A person, company, or other organization that agrees to pay money or other valuable consideration, whether on a per-affidavit basis or otherwise, to a person who assists another person to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration, or by assisting with the submission of an affidavit of registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State, upon a third or subsequent conviction, on charges brought and separately tried, for failure to comply with Section 2159.5 shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or both.
- (c) An elections official shall notify a person, company, or other organization that agrees to pay money or other valuable consideration, whether on a per-affidavit basis or otherwise, to a person who assists another person to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration or by assisting with the submission of an affidavit of registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State, that three or more affidavits of registration submitted by a person who assisted another to register to vote do not comply with Sections 18100, 18101, 18103, or 18106. The elections official may forward a copy of each of the noncomplying affidavits of registration to the district attorney, who may make a determination whether probable cause exists to believe that a violation of law has occurred.
- (d) This section shall not apply to a public agency or its employees that is designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the Federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg et seq.), when an elector asks for assistance to register to vote during the course and scope of the agency's normal business.

## CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

Effective January 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration is available to eligible voters in California pursuant to Election Code §§ 2170 through 2173.

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. An eligible voter would need to register directly in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, located at 2720 Gateway Drive, in Riverside, CA 92507 to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot.

Voters may register online at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov), however, **CVR ballots will only be issued at 11-day and 4-day Vote Centers, and at the office of the Registrar of Voters.**

In order to conditionally register, the voter must first complete an affidavit of registration (also known as a Voter Registration Card). Once the registration is submitted, the Registrar of Voters will issue a CVR provisional ballot to vote.

The affidavit will be processed and once the eligibility is determined and validated, the registration will become permanent and the CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

Conditional Voter Registrations are treated and processed in the same manner as other registrations; CVR provisional ballots are treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.

If you have any questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at [www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered](http://www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered).

*CVR was enacted in 2012, to be operative on January 1st after the certification of a statewide voter registration database. VoteCal, California's statewide voter registration database, was certified on September 26, 2016; CVR became operative as of January 1, 2017.*

## VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING

### VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING PROCEDURE

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballots will be available beginning 29 days before Election Day.

A voted vote-by-mail ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters Office, or returned by the voter to any Vote Center or mail ballot drop-off location in the state, no later than the time the polls close on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day to be counted. A vote-by-mail voter may designate another person to return the ballot to the elections official.

### RETURN OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

Voted Vote-By-Mail ballots must be received no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day to be counted. All Vote-By-Mail ballots obtained during the **regular Vote-By-Mail period** may be returned to the Registrar of Voters by mail or by the voter in person; or, on Election Day, the voter may return his/her own ballot to any Vote Center in the county. Vote-By-Mail ballots issued during the regular Vote-By-Mail period may be returned by any individual authorized by the voter as long as the authorized person does not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots returned. Return the ballot by completing the "Agent Authorization" on the Vote-By-Mail identification envelope. Vote-By-Mail ballots will not be counted unless they are returned in accordance with these restrictions. (E.C. §§ 3017, 3020) The voter must sign the envelope in his or her own handwriting in order for the ballot to be counted. (E.C. § 3011)

### SPECIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL PERIOD

After the regular Vote-By-Mail deadline, it is still possible for some voters to obtain Vote-By-Mail ballots if special circumstances apply.

Any voter unable to go to a Vote Center because of illness or disability resulting in confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, nursing home, or place of residence, or any voter unable because of physical handicap to go to a Vote Center or vote there due to architectural barriers, or any voter unable to go to Vote Center because of conditions resulting in absence from the precinct on election day may request in a written statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that a ballot be delivered to him or her.

Election officials will issue the ballot to the voter in person, or to the voter's **authorized representative** who presents such a written statement. The voted ballot may be returned to the election official by the voter personally or through the **authorized representative**. (E.C. § 3021)

**NOTE:** A physically disabled voter whose Vote Center does not meet the requirements for accessibility by the physically disabled may appear outside the Vote Center during voting hours on Election Day and request a ballot. A precinct board member will deliver the ballot to the voter and return the voted ballot to the vote center. (E.C. § 14282)

## SUBDIVISIONS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

- 25th Congressional District Portion Imperial & San Bernardino
- 35th Congressional District Portion San Bernardino
- 39th Congressional District
- 40th Congressional District Portion Orange & San Bernardino
- 41st Congressional District
- 48th Congressional District Portion San Diego

### SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

- 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Portion San Bernardino
- 19th Senatorial District Portion San Bernardino
- 31st Senatorial District Portion San Bernardino
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District Portion Orange, San Bernardino & San Diego

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

- 36th Assembly District Portion Imperial & San Bernardino
- 47th Assembly District Portion San Bernardino
- 58th Assembly District Portion San Bernardino
- 60th Assembly District
- 63rd Assembly District
- 71st Assembly District Portion Orange

### EQUALIZATION DISTRICTS

- 4<sup>th</sup> Equalization District — Portions in Imperial, Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties

### COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREAS

- Trustee Area 1 — Riverside County only
- Trustee Area 2 — Riverside County only
- Trustee Area 3 — Riverside County only
- Trustee Area 4 — Riverside County only
- Trustee Area 5 — Portion in San Bernardino County
- Trustee Area 6 — Portion in Imperial County
- Trustee Area 7 — Riverside County only

### SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District — Riverside County only
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District — Riverside County only
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District — Riverside County only
- 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District — Riverside County only
- 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District — Riverside County only

## ELECTION NIGHT ACTIVITIES

### **Election Results**

By Phone (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-VOTE or Web Site [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)

Information/media headquarters for election night will be located at:

**Riverside County Registrar of Voters  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507-0918**

Cumulative election results will be available to candidates and the public via telephone, also, by viewing monitors at the Registrar of Voters' office in Riverside or by signing on to our web site.

The Vote Centers are officially closed at 8:00 p.m. Election activity then changes from what was primarily voter participation at the Vote Centers to precinct officials completing necessary procedures and forms, and delivering ballots and supplies to the Registrar of Voters Office. Certain check-in and processing procedures then take place. Next, the voted ballots are delivered to the Counting Center where the votes are tallied by computer.

Results are obtained ONLY from Election Headquarters in Riverside.

**The Vote-By-Mail vote will be reported first, shortly after 8:00 p.m.**

Election results will be provided by telephone to candidates who wish to monitor results, with information from the first precinct(s) available starting approximately 9:00 p.m. The telephone operators will remain available until all precincts have been reported.

## POST ELECTION NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Semi-final election results will be available by phone between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Registrar of Voter's office on the day after the election or on our Web Site. Printed copies of the latest semi-official Bulletin will also be available.

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, the canvass of the returns will commence at the Registrar of Voters office. During the canvass, a complete audit of all returns will be accomplished, as well as processing and counting of Vote-By-Mail ballots voted and/or received on Election Day. Additionally, if there are qualified write-in candidates, those votes will be tallied during the canvass.

**The official election results will be certified after the completion of the canvass of returns, not later than April 4, 2024.**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. Is your office open during the lunch hour?**

Yes, business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and we do remain open between the hours of noon to 1:00 p.m.

**2. What if I change my mind about being a candidate after filing nomination papers?**

Once a candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy, he or she is not permitted to officially withdraw, and the name of the candidate will appear on the primary election ballot if he or she qualifies. No candidate nominated at any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at the ensuing general election (except as permitted by statute).

**3. What happens if some of the signatures I obtain on my nomination papers are not registered voters, or do not live within the district I seek to represent?**

File your nomination papers early to avoid the consequences of a problem of this type. The Registrar of Voters must certify the signatures on the nomination papers. If you wait until the last day to file and your sponsor's signatures, for any reason, are insufficient, you will not have qualified to be a candidate. If you file early, there will be time to check the signatures and notify you of any insufficiencies and you may have an opportunity to submit supplemental signatures.

**4. How soon will a list of qualified candidates be available after the close of the nomination period?**

The nomination period for the Consolidated Presidential Primary Election ends December 8, 2023, and, in most circumstances, if an incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended until December 13, 2023. A list of candidates that filed nomination papers in Riverside County will be prepared and should be available for distribution by December 14, 2023. A copy fee as indicated in the department's fee schedule will be charged for the listing of candidates, which includes ballot designations, addresses, and telephone numbers.

**5. May I change or correct the wording or spelling on my candidate's statement after submission?**

No, you may not. Proofread your candidate statement carefully before submitting it. The Registrar of Voters will not edit.

**6. If I submit a voluntary candidate statement and I change my mind, may I withdraw the statement?**

A candidate statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 13307)

**7. May my spouse, friend, or campaign manager pick up nomination documents for me?**

All forms must be either picked up in person by the candidate, or a letter of specific authorization, signed by the candidate, must be presented by the candidate's representative. (Call the Registrar of Voters for specific authorization information.)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **8. May my spouse, friend, or campaign manager file my nomination documents, or can I mail them to you?**

Election law does not specifically prohibit another person filing nomination papers for a candidate; however, candidates are urged to file in person. The reasons are twofold:

- a) The declaration of candidacy may not be removed from the Registrar of Voters (except as provided in Elections Code Section 8028). Additionally, the oath of affirmation, which is part of the declaration form, must be administered by a member of the Registrar of Voters' staff, a qualified public officer, or a notary public. It is much easier for a candidate to file in person and have the oath administered at the time he or she files; and,
- b) The signature of the candidate, as well as other data, is required on many documents involved in the nomination process. If through an oversight the nomination papers are incomplete, the problem may easily be rectified when a candidate files in person.

### **9. Why is there so much paperwork involved in being a candidate?**

Election law specifies documents required, as well as format, filing dates, etc; the filing requirements are not discretionary.

### **10. I am unable to complete and file my campaign disclosure statement by the filing deadline. May I obtain an extension?**

No. There is no provision in the Political Reform Act, which permits any filing officer to extend a filing deadline. Statements, which are filed late, are subject to a fine of \$10.00 per day until the statement is filed.

### **11. What determines the order in which my and other candidate's names will appear on the ballot?**

A random alphabet drawing for the Presidential Primary Election will be conducted by the Secretary of State's office on December 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The Registrar of Voters will conduct an additional random alphabet drawing for State Senate and Assembly offices when the district includes more than one county. In addition to the random alphabet, Elections Code Section 13111 provides for the rotation of names of candidates for many offices by Assembly District, and for other offices by supervisorial district. The names of the candidates for some offices are not rotated, but placed on the ballot solely on the basis of the random alphabet drawing.

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Please call (951) 486-7200 if you have any questions or comments or visit our website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). Thank you.

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September 14 – November 8 (173 – 118)	<i>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES (E.C. §§ 8061, 8105, 8106)</i>  During this period, a candidate for a judicial office may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.
September 14 – November 8 (173 – 118)	<i>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – NON-JUDICIAL CANDIDATES (E.C. §§ 8061, 8106)</i>  During this period, a candidate for any office with a filing fee may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.
September 29 – December 8 (158 – 88)	<i>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS – MEMBER OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE (E.C. §§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8062-8064, 8100, 8104, 13107.3)</i>  Period in which all candidates for Member of the County Central Committee must file their declarations of candidacy for office and their ballot designation worksheets and circulate their nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing.
October 9 (148)	<i>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION (E.C. § 12000)</i>  By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county election official.
October 30 – November 8 (127 – 118)	<i>DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY (E.C. §§ 8023, 8105)</i>  Between these dates judicial candidates must file a Declaration of Intention with the Registrar of Voters. The filing fee or petitions in lieu of the filing fee, all or part, must be submitted at the time the Declaration of Intention is filed. The filing fee is nonrefundable.




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November 8 (118)	<p><i>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE (E.C. §§ 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3) &amp; (b)(4))</i></p> <p>The last day for candidates to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meet the nomination signatures requirement and equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8062 for his or her nomination paper shall not be required to file the nomination signatures.</p>
November 9 – November 13 (117 – 113)	<p><i>EXTENDED FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATION OF INTENTION – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY (E.C. 8023(b))</i></p> <p>Extension period for persons other than the incumbent where the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention by close of business on November 8, 2023.</p>
November 10	<p><i>VETERAN'S DAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i></p> <p>The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.</p>
November 13 – December 8 (113 – 88)	<p><i>NOMINATION PERIOD (E.C. §§ 8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106, 10407)</i></p> <p>During this period, all candidates must file their declarations of candidacy for office, circulate their nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the county elections official. <b>(Candidates for Judicial offices of the Superior Court pay the filing fee at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention to become a candidate.)</b> The number of valid in-lieu signatures any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meet the nomination requirement on the in-lieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8062. Candidate Statements, the Ballot Designation Worksheet, and Statements of Economic Interests are to be filed at this time if applicable.</p>
November 13 – December 8 (113 – 88)	<p><i>NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE (E.C. §§ 8103, 8104, 8105)</i></p> <p>The non-refundable filing fee is based on the annual salary for the office on the first day to circulate petitions in lieu of filing fee. The filing fee requirement, if any, must be paid before nomination documents are issued. The filing fee may be paid in money, In-Lieu Petitions, or a combination of both.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The Registrar of Voters and the Secretary of State can only accept checks, cashier's checks, or money orders. We cannot accept cash. Candidates who do not qualify will not receive refunds.</p>

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November 23 – November 24	<i>THANKSGIVING DAY / DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters Office will be closed.
December 8 (88)	<i>LAST DAY OF NOMINATION PERIOD (E.C. §§ 8020, 8100, 13307; G.C. § 87201)</i> Not later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, all candidates must deliver to the county elections official for filing their nomination documents including Candidate Statements, the Ballot Designation Worksheet, and Statement of Economic Interests if applicable.
December 8 (88)	<i>LAST DAY FOR LOCAL AGENCIES (CITIES, SCHOOLS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS) TO CALL AN ELECTION AND FILE A REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION (E.C. § 10403)</i>
December 9 – December 13 (87 – 83)	<i>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION (E.C. § 8022)</i> If an eligible incumbent fails to qualify for the nomination by December 8, 2023, a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for the office during the extended period. However, if the incumbent's failure to file nomination documents is because he or she has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office, there shall be no extension of the period for filing the nomination documents.
December 9 – December 18 (87 – 78)	<i>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (E.C. § 13313)</i> During this period candidate statements are available for public examination.
December 11 (85)	<i>WITHDRAW CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (E.C. § 13307(a)(3))</i> Last day to withdraw candidate statements, unless there is an extension of the nomination period. Withdrawal of candidate statements must be made in writing and received by 5:00 p.m. on December 11.
December 14 (82)	<i>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING (E.C. §13111, 13112(b))</i> The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11:00 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot. If the office is that of State Senator or Member of the State Assembly and the district includes more than one county, the elections official in each county shall conduct a drawing and the results shall be used only to arrange the names of candidates when the district includes more than one county.
December 14 (82)	<i>WITHDRAW CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (EXTENSION) (E.C. § 13307)</i> In the event there is an extension of the nomination period, candidates may have until this date to withdraw their candidate's statement. Withdrawal of candidate statements must be made in writing and received by 5:00 p.m. on December 14.
December 14 – December 23 (82 – 73)	<i>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (EXTENSION) (E.C. § 13313)</i> During this period candidate statements are available for public examination for offices with an extension.


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December 18 (78)	<i>LAST DAY TO FILE PETITION INDICATING A WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES WITH AN UNOPPOSED INCUMBENT CANDIDATE (E.C. § 8203)</i>
December 25	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
January 1	<i>NEW YEAR'S DAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
January 8 – February 20 (57 – 14)	<i>WRITE-IN CANDIDACY (E.C. § 8601)</i> During this period, all write-in candidates must file their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.
January 9 (56)	<i>ORDER PRINTING OF ELECTION MATERIAL (E.C. § 13313)</i> Suggested date to prepare copy for printer and order ballots.
January 15	<i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
January 21 – January 25 (44 - 40)	<i>FILING PERIOD FOR FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.8)</i> Filing period for 1 <sup>st</sup> pre-election campaign statement covers transactions through January 20. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.
January 22 (43)	<i>SATELLITE LOCATION PRESS RELEASE (E.C. § 3018)</i> Notice of satellite locations shall be made by the elections official by the issuance of a general news release, issued not later than 14 days prior to voting at the satellite location, except that in a county with a declared emergency or disaster, notice shall be made not later than 48 hours prior to voting at the satellite location. The news release shall set forth the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> The satellite location or locations.</li> <li> The dates and hours the satellite location or locations will be open.</li> <li> A telephone number that voters may use to obtain information regarding vote-by-mail ballots and the satellite locations.</li> </ul>
January 25 – February 13 (40 – 21)	<i>STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILING TO VOTERS (E.C. § 9094)</i> Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, January 5, 2024.
January 25 – February 24 (40 – 10)	<i>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO MAIL COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE (E.C. §§ 13300, 13303)</i> Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a vote center notice and County Voter Information Guides to each registered voter. The vote center notice shall state whether the vote center is accessible to the physically disabled.

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February 5 (29)	<i>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS (E.C. §§ 3005, 3010, 3017, 3018, 3020, 4000, 4103 et seq.)</i> Approximate date to mail notices to voters in mailed ballot precincts, send official ballot and election material. Mail ballot precincts have less than 250 voters. Voted ballots must be received by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day and received no later than three days after election day to be counted.
February 5 (29)	<i>PRECINCTS, VOTE CENTERS &amp; ELECTION OFFICERS (E.C. §§ 12280 et seq., 12300 et seq.)</i> Last day for Registrar of Voters to establish vote centers and appoint election officers for this election. Immediately following appointment, the Registrar shall mail appointment notices to election officers.
February 5 – February 24 (29 – 10)	<i>PUBLISH CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE (E.C. § 12109)</i> The elections official shall, not less than 10 days before the election, publish the notice of central counting place.
February 5 – February 27 (29 – 7)	<i>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION (E.C. §§ 3001, 3003)</i> Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot.
February 5 – February 27 (29 – 7)	<i>PUBLISH VOTE CENTERS (E.C. § 12105)</i> The elections official shall, not less than one week before the election, publish the list of the vote centers designated for each election precinct.
February 12	<i>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
February 16 (18)	<i>VOTE-BY-MAIL PROCESSING PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15104)</i> The elections official shall notify vote-by-mail voter observers and the public at least 48 hours in advance of the dates, times, and places where vote-by-mail ballots will be processed and counted.
February 18 – February 22 (16 – 12)	<i>FILING PERIOD FOR SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.8)</i> Filing period for 2 <sup>nd</sup> pre-election campaign statement covers transactions through February 17 Statements must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.
February 19	<i>PRESIDENTS' DAY (CO. ORD. 358.8)</i> The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
February 19 (15)	<i>COLLECTION CENTERS PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15260)</i> In establishing a collection center, the elections official may designate a group of precincts which the center shall serve and this designation shall be available for public inspection no later than 15 days before the election.
February 20 (14)	<i>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION (E.C. §§ 2102, 2106)</i> The last day for any person to register to vote in the primary election.

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February 20 (14)	<i>COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS (E.C. § 15101(b))</i> Counties having the necessary computer capability may start to process their Vote-by-Mail ballots on the 29 <sup>th</sup> day before the election. Processing Vote-by-Mail includes opening Vote-by-Mail return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, and preparing the ballots to be machine read, or machine reading them, including processing write-in votes so that they can be tallied by the machine, but under <b>NO</b> circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8 p.m. on the day of the election.
February 20 (14)	<i>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY (E.C. § 8601)</i> Last day for write-in candidates to leave their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.
February 20 – February 27 (14 – 7)	<i>POST ELECTION OFFICERS &amp; VOTE CENTERS (E.C. § 12105.5)</i> Not less than one week before the election, the elections official shall post a list of all current vote centers and a list of election officers appointed by the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before the election. The elections official shall post this list in his or her office and on his or her Web site. The list shall remain posted for 30 days after completion of the canvass.
February 26 (8)	<i>LIST OF VOTERS AND VOTE CENTER INFORMATION</i> Approximate date that Registrar of Voters will provide list of voters to City Clerk with vote center information.
February 27 (7)	<i>LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING (E.C. § 15000)</i> No later than seven days prior to any election, the elections official shall conduct a test or series of tests to ensure that every device used to tabulate ballots accurately records each vote.
March 1 (4)	<i>MANUAL TALLY PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15360)</i> The manual tally shall be a public process, with the official conducting the election providing at least a five day public notice of the time and place of the manual tally and of the time and place of the selection of the precincts to be tallied prior to conducting the tally and selection.
March 5 	<i>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (E.C. § 3020, 4103)</i> Voted ballots must be received by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day and received no later than seven days after election day to be counted.
March 7 (+2)	<i>OFFICIAL CANVASS (E.C. § 15301)</i> The last day for the county elections official to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than April 4, 2024.
March 7 – April 4 (+2 – +30)	<i>ONE PERCENT MANUAL TALLY (E.C. § 15360)</i> During the Official Canvass the Elections Official shall conduct a public manual tally in 1 percent of the precincts chosen at random by the elections official.



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April 2 (+28)	<p><i>POST ELECTION OFFICERS &amp; VOTE CENTERS (E.C. § 12105.5)</i></p> <p>Not later than 28 days after the election, the elections official shall post an updated list of vote centers and election officers that actually served on election day. The elections official shall post this list in his or her office and on his or her Web site. The list shall remain posted for 30 days after completion of the canvass.</p>
April 4 (+30)	<p><i>END OF OFFICIAL CANVASS (E.C. §§ 15372, 15400, 15401)</i></p> <p>No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. This is the suggested date for the board of supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated under its jurisdiction a certificate of election or nomination.</p>
July 1 – July 31	<p><i>FILING PERIOD FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. § 84200)</i></p> <p>Statement covers transactions through June 30. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.</p>
<p><b><i>Note: Whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day (E.C. 15; G.C. 6700, 6701)</i></b></p>	