

# CANDIDATE HANDBOOK and RESOURCE GUIDE



GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

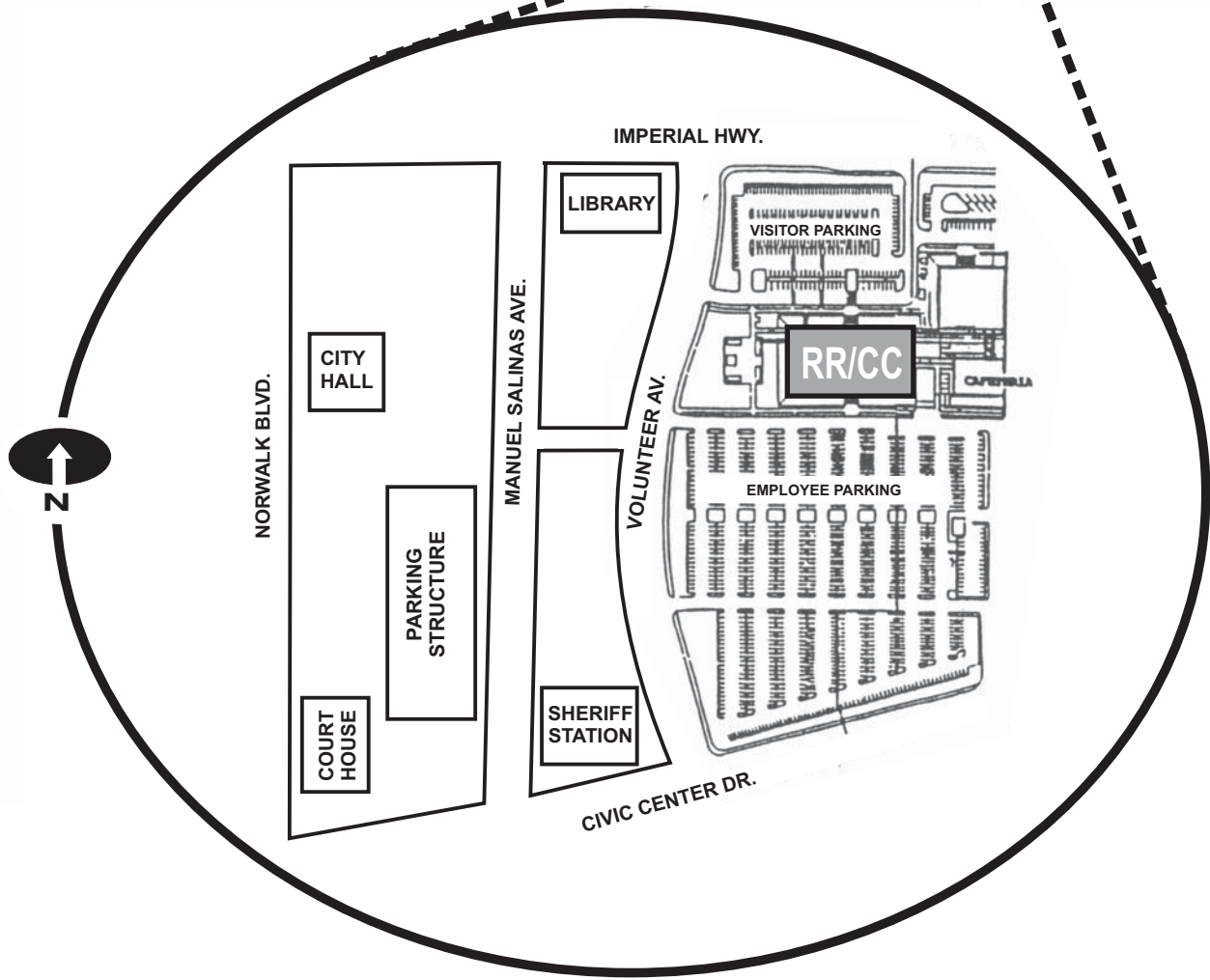
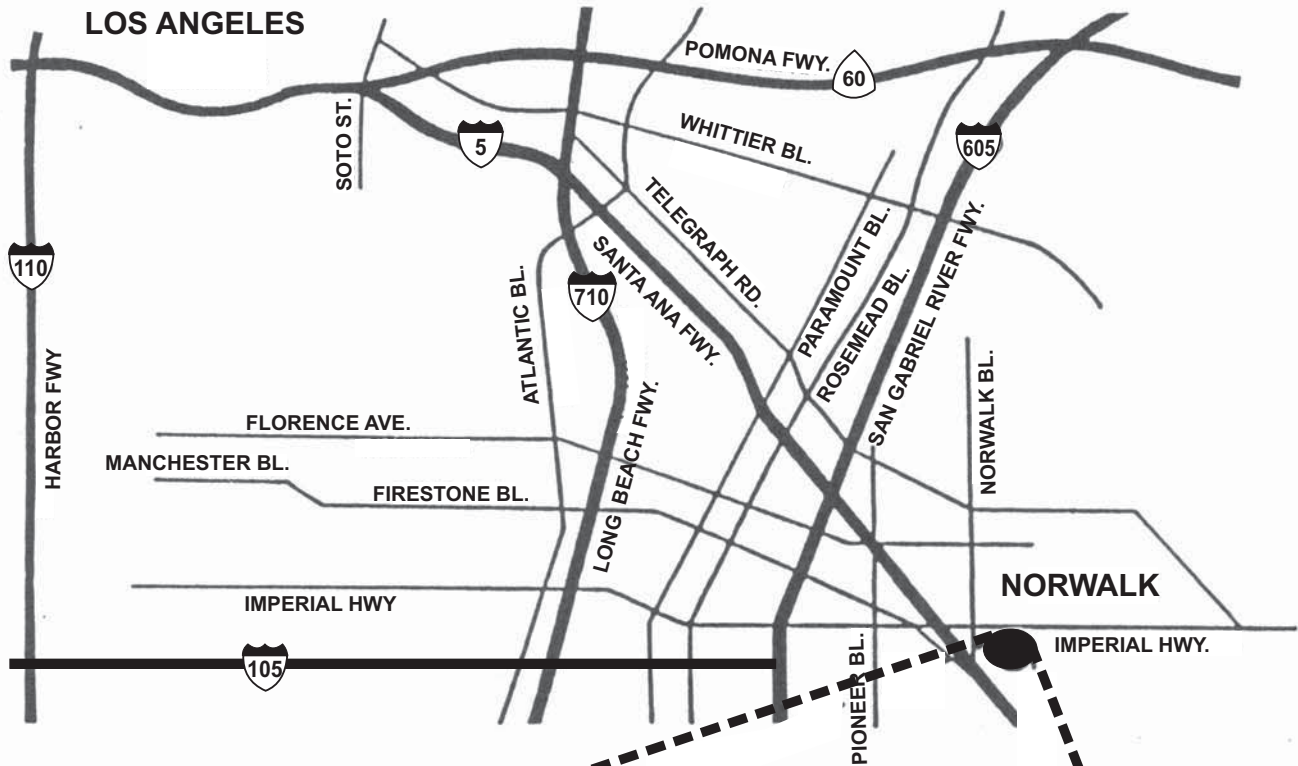


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TO: Candidates, Campaign Managers and other Interested Parties

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

SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for offices in the November 6, 2018 General Election. The handbook provides a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

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

Voters participating in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election will be using the INKAVOTE PLUS Voting System consisting of a voting device for marking ballot choices and a Precinct Ballot Reader (PBR) which checks for voting errors and provides an opportunity for voters to correct their ballot or request a replacement. There is also an Audio Ballot Booth available at each polling place to assist voters with specific needs to cast their votes privately and independently.

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

For additional information regarding the election, including election results or the INKAVOTE PLUS Voting System, consult our website or call 1-800-815-2666 option 4.



# Section 1





## **NOTICE**

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

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

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





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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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REQUIREMENTS

TERM OF OFFICE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION





## GENERAL INFORMATION

| REQUIREMENTS   | TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECTOR — HEALTH CARE DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued.</p> <p>(Health and Safety Code § 32100 and E.C. § 201)</p>   | <p><b>Noon, December 7, 2018</b><br/>(Health and Safety Code § 32100.5 and E.C. § 10554)</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECTOR — MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued.</p> <p>(Water Code §§ 71250 and 71501 and E.C. § 201)</p>  | <p><b>Noon, December 7, 2018</b><br/>(Water Code §§ 71252, 71253 and Govt. Code § AB-72 )</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECTOR — RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued.</p> <p>(Public Resources Code § 5784 and E.C. § 201)</p>   | <p><b>Noon, December 7, 2018</b><br/>(Public Resources Code §§ 5784.3 and 5787)</p>           |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECTOR — ANTELOPE VALLEY–EAST KERN WATER AGENCY</b></p> <p>Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.</p> <p>(Water Code Appendix 98-51 and E.C. § 201)</p>  | <p><b>Noon, January 7, 2019</b><br/>(Water Code Appendix 98–51 and Govt. Code § 24200)</p>    |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECTOR — WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.</p> <p>(Water Code § 60131 and E.C. § 201)</p>   | <p><b>Noon, January 7, 2019</b><br/>Water Code §§ 60134 and 60139; Govt. Code § 24200)</p>    |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER — SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS</b></p> <p>A registered voter of the district or trustee area, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued.<br/>(Ed. Code §§ 5030(b)(c), 35107(a), 72022, and 72103(a) and E.C. §201))</p>  | <p><b>December 7, 2018</b><br/>(Ed. Code Sec. 5017)</p>                                       |
| <b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>  |   |
| <p><b>PARTY AFFILIATION</b> – No Party Affiliation Required.</p> <p><b>FILING FEE, NOMINATING PETITIONS AND SALARY</b> – Although neither a filing fee nor nominating petitions are required, a declaration of candidacy must be filed. Salaries vary. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603, Health and Safety Code § 32002, Water Code §§ 60138 and 71505, Ed. Code § 72035 and Public Resources Code § 9353)</p> <p><b>PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT</b> – Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. Names are not rotated on the ballot. (E. C. §§ 13111 and 13112)</p> <p><b>VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES (PLURALITY)</b> – When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. (E. C. § 10551)</p> |   |



# CHAPTER 1

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS







# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

| DATES   | EVENTS   |
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| <b>MAY 10 (Th)</b><br>E-180                                     | <b>ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP</b><br>Last day for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustments due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interests, or other factors as applicable.<br>(E.C. § 22000) |
| <b>MAY 17 (Th)</b> <b>JUL. 11 (W)</b><br>E-173            E-118 | <b>SIGNATURE IN LIEU FORMS – SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE</b><br>Between these dates, any Justice of the Supreme or Appellate Court may obtain forms for circulating petitions and securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. (Calif. Const. Art. VI, § 16 (d) and E. C. § 8106)       |
| <b>JUNE 11 (M)</b><br>E-148                                     | <b>GOVERNOR’S PROCLAMATION</b><br>Not later than this date, the Governor shall issue the General Election proclamation.<br>(E. C. § 12000)   |
| <b>JUNE 28 (Th)</b><br>E-131                                    | <b>STATEWIDE MEASURES – QUALIFICATION FOR BALLOT PLACEMENT</b><br>Last day for initiative or legislative measure to qualify for General Election ballot.<br>(Calif. Const. Art. II, § 8(c) and E. C. §§ 9016 and 9040)   |

**DATES****EVENTS**

**JULY 5\* (Th)**  
E-124\*

**NOTICE OF ELECTION AND MAP OF DISTRICT – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, IRRIGATION, HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER AND RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS**

Not later than this date the District Secretary shall deliver a notice containing: 1) elective offices, 2) candidate statement word limitation (**200 or 400 words**), 3) designated party responsible for statement cost (candidate or district) and 4) requirement to pay in advance, if cost is payable by candidate.

The District Secretary shall also provide a map delineating the district boundaries and depicting divisions within the district, if any, accompanied by a statement indicating in which division directors are to be elected and whether any elective officer is to be elected at large.

(E. C. §§ 10509, 10522 and 13307)

**NOTE: WATER AGENCIES AND WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICTS** – Suggested date for district secretary to submit above mentioned.

**EXCEPTION:** Districts seeking to change division boundaries are required to follow Elections Code § 22000. This code requires that changes to division boundaries must be made prior to the **180** days preceding the election of any director.

**APPOINTMENTS IN LIEU OF ELECTION – RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

If no petition is filed by this date, and the board of directors of either the **Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District** or the **Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains** has not requested rescission of the previously adopted resolution providing for appointments in lieu of election, the **Board of Supervisors** shall appoint directors pursuant to Public Resources Code § 9314 and no election shall be conducted by the county elections official.

\*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

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| <b>JULY 6 (F)</b><br>E-123 | <p><b>ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</b></p> <p>Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling the school district governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and county elections official.<br/>(Ed. Code § 5322))</p>   |
| <b>JULY 9 (M)</b><br>E-120 | <p><b>FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</b></p> <p>Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver copies of the formal notice of governing board member election to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.<br/>(Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325)</p> <p><b>BOARD RESOLUTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Local Nonpartisan Offices)</b></p> <p>Not later than this date, the jurisdiction’s governing body shall by resolution determine the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements, and requirement to pay in advance, if cost is payable by candidate.<br/>(E. C. § 13307(a)(1), (c), and (e))</p>   |
| <b>JULY 9 (M)</b><br>E-120 | <p><b>AUG. 8 (W)</b><br/>           E-90</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, IRRIGATION, HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS – PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>Between these dates the notice of governing board member election shall be published once by the RR/CC in a newspaper of general circulation.</p> <p>A general press release shall be issued providing elective office information and the telephone number to call for candidate nomination procedures.<br/>(E. C. § 12112 and Ed. Code § 5363)</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION – POSTING (School or Special Districts)</b></p> <p>A copy of the published notices shall be delivered to the District Secretary/Superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office.<br/>(E. C. § 12113)</p> |

\*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday

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| <p><b>JULY 16 (M)</b><br/>E-113</p>  | <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION – WATER AGENCIES – PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>Not later than this date a notice designating the name and date of the election and the offices to be filled shall be published.<br/>(Water Code Appendix 98–52)</p>   |
| <p><b>JULY 16 (M)</b>    <b>AUG. 10 (F)</b><br/>E-113            E-88<br/>                         <b>5:00 P. M.</b></p> | <p><b>NOMINATION PERIOD – LOCAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION</b></p> <p>First and last day for candidates in elections consolidated with the General Election to file nomination documents.<br/><b>See procedures for Candidate Statements.</b><br/>(E. C. §§ 10407 and 10510)</p> <p><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – LOCAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION (Including Judicial Candidates Nominated at Primary Election)</b></p> <p>During this period, candidates for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the governing body <b>(200 or 400 words)</b> for inclusion with the sample ballot. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file nomination documents.<br/>(E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307)</p> <p><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>During this period, candidates for <b>congressional and state legislative</b> office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot booklet. <b>State legislative</b> candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. The statement shall not exceed <b>250 words</b>. If office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidate should file a statement with each county.<br/>(Govt. Code §§ 85601 and 88001(i) and E.C. § 13307.5)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Candidate statements are <b>only</b> included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and <b>will not</b> be included in the Vote By Mail Instructions booklet.</p> |

| <b>DATES</b>                |                           | <b>EVENTS</b>   |
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| <b>JULY 27 (F)</b><br>E-102 | <b>AUG. 3 (F)</b><br>E-95 | <p><b>NOTICE OF POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT – PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>Between these dates if only one person or no person has filed for each office to be filled, the notice of possible appointment shall be published once.<br/>(Water Code § 60141.1)</p>   |
| <b>JULY 31 (Tu)</b><br>E-98 |                           | <p><b>CHANGE OF CANDIDATE DESIGNATION ON BALLOT</b></p> <p>Last day that any nominated candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than was used at the <b>June 5, 2018</b> Primary Election. For federal, and state offices, the written request should be made to <b>both</b> the Secretary of State and the county elections official. For local offices, the request should be filed with the county elections official.<br/>(E. C. § 13107(e))</p>   |
| <b>AUG. 6 (M)</b><br>E-92   |                           | <p><b>NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING FOR SHARED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk)</b></p> <p>Last day to notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time, and place of the drawing to be held on <b>August 16, 2018</b>.<br/>(E. C. § 13112 (c))</p>  |
| <b>AUG. 9 (Th)</b><br>E-89  |                           | <p><b>DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS - PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>Not later than this date a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, setting forth the date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure.<br/>(E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502 and Govt. Code § 6061)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> A copy of the published notice shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office.<br/>(E. C. § 12113)</p> |

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**AUG. 10 (F)**  
E-88  
**5:00 P. M.**

**CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS**

Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with the General Election.  
(E. C. §§ 10401 and 10403)

**NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE – LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Last day for candidates to file nomination documents. **Fax not acceptable.**  
(E.C. §§ 10407 and 10510)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES**

Last day for candidates (including nonpartisan candidates nominated at the **June 5, 2018** Primary Election) to file statement not to exceed the word limitation (**200 or 400 words**). Statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file nomination documents.  
(E. C. § 13307)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**

Last day candidates for **congressional** and **state legislative** office may submit a statement for inclusion in the official sample ballot booklet. If office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidate should file a statement with each county. The statement shall not exceed **250** words.

(Govt. Code §§ 85601 and 88001(i) and E. C. § 13307.5)

**NOTE:** State Legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures.  
(E.C. § 85601 (b))

**CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, IRRIGATION, HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

No candidate, including incumbent, whose declaration of candidacy has been filed, may withdraw after this date except when nomination period has been extended for that office.

(E. C. §§ 10510 (a) and 10603 (b))

**NOTE:** Candidates nominated at preceding Primary Election may not withdraw.

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**AUG. 10 (F)**  
E-88  
**5:00 P. M.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT – SCHOOL DISTRICTS – PUBLICATION**

After this date if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice stating that the governing board intends to make an appointment and the procedures for applying for the office shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.  
(Ed. Code § 5328.5)

**COUNTY MEASURES – FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Last day for the Board of Supervisors to order a county measure to appear on the ballot and direct the county auditor to review the county measure to determine its financial effect and prepare a fiscal impact statement.  
(E. C. § 9160(c))

**SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION RESOLUTION (School Districts)**

Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling a special school district election to place a measure on the ballot. Copies shall be filed with the county elections official.  
(Ed. Code. § 5322)

**STATEMENT OF TAX RATE DATA – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT**

Last day for a local jurisdictions to file statement of bond issue with the county elections official.  
(E. C. § 9401)

| DATES                   |                                   | EVENTS   |
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| AUG.11** (Sa)<br>E-87** | AUG. 15 (W)<br>E-83<br>5:00 P. M. | <p><b>NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, HEALTH CARE, IRRIGATION, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, WATER REPLENISHMENT, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b></p> <p>If nomination documents for the incumbent are not filed by 5:00 p.m. on <b>August 10</b>, the nomination period shall be extended until <b>August 15</b>, 5:00 p.m. for persons other than the incumbent.<br/>(E. C. §§ 8024 and 10516)<br/><b>NOTE:</b> The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.</p>  |
| AUG.11** (Sa)<br>E-87** | AUG. 20 (M)<br>E-78<br>5:00 P. M. | <p><b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS/CANDIDATE NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS</b></p> <p>During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations shall be open to public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. Any person may challenge the aforementioned candidate information by filing a petition for writ of mandate <b>no later than August 20</b>.<br/>(E. C. §13313)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to <b>August 16</b> through <b>August 27*</b>.</p>  |
| AUG. 15 (W)<br>E-83     |                                   | <p><b>WRITE-IN PETITION TO PLACE JUDICIAL OFFICE ON BALLOT</b></p> <p>If the office did not appear on the Primary Election ballot, a petition containing signatures of at least <b>100</b> registered voters qualified to vote for the office must be filed in order to place the office on the General Election ballot.<br/>(E. C. § 8203(b))</p> <p><b>PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, HEALTH CARE, IRRIGATION, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b></p> <p>Last day to file a petition signed by <b>10%</b> or <b>50</b> voters (whichever is the smaller number) in the district, trustee area or division requesting that an election be held if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled.<br/>(E. C. § 10515 and Ed. Code § 5326)</p> |

\*\* August 11 (Saturday) and August 12 (Sunday) office will be closed.

\* Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday



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| <p><b>AUG. 15 (W)</b><br/>E-83<br/><b>5:00 P.M.</b></p> | <p><b>APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION (HEALTH CARE, MUNICIPAL WATER AND RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS)</b><br/>If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, a certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting appointment of the candidates or, if there are no candidates, appointment of any qualified person no later than <b>December 3</b>.<br/>(E. C. § 10515)</p> <p><b>PARTY ENDORSEMENT LIST</b><br/>The chair of any qualified political party may provide a written copy of the list of candidates endorsed or nominated by the party. Such a list shall be provided not later than 83 days prior to the election where the candidate for a voter-nominated office will appear on the ballot.<br/>(E. C. § 13302(b))</p> <p><b>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, HEALTH CARE, IRRIGATION, MUNICIPAL WATER, RECREATION AND PARK, WATER REPLENISHMENT, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b><br/>Last day a candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy papers when nomination period has been extended for that office.<br/>(E. C. §§ 10516 and 10604)</p> <p><b>AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE – DEADLINE</b><br/>Last day for county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend any measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot.<br/>(E. C. § 9605)</p> <p><b>APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</b><br/>If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board or, if no person has been nominated, the governing board shall appoint a qualified person or persons at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election.<br/>(Ed. Code § 5326 and 5328)</p> |

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| <p><b>AUG. 16 (Th)</b><br/>E-82<br/><b>11:00 A. M.</b></p> | <p><b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE</b><br/>The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.<br/>(E. C. § 13112)</p> <p><b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING FOR SHARED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk)</b><br/>A public drawing shall be held to determine order of candidate names on ballot for state legislative districts that encompass more than one county by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.<br/>(E. C. § 13111(i))</p> |
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| <p><b>AUG. 17 (F)</b><br/>E-81<br/><b>5:00 P. M.</b></p> | <p><b>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER AGENCIES</b><br/>If on this date, only one person or no person has been nominated for each office, the board of directors shall, by resolution, request the Board of Supervisors to appoint the person nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person.<br/>(Water Code Appendix 98-52)</p> <p><b>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</b><br/>Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis for any county, district or school measure.<br/>(E.C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500)</p> <p><b>ARGUMENTS – LAST DATE TO SUBMIT</b><br/>Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed <b>300 words</b> in length.<br/>(E. C. §§ 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502)<br/><b>EXCEPTION:</b> The provisions do not apply to a measure on school district reorganization.</p> |
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| <p><b>AUG. 17 (F)</b><br/>E-81</p>  | <p><b>CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION</b><br/>Last day for the city clerk to transmit the names of qualified candidates to county elections official.<br/>(E. C. § 10403)</p>   |
| <p><b>AUG. 18** (Sa)</b>    <b>AUG. 27 (M)</b><br/>E-80**                E-71</p> | <p><b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS</b><br/>During this period the county elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of any <b>ballot measure text, argument, analysis or other specified measure materials</b> for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted.<br/>(E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p> |
| <p><b>AUG. 27 (M)</b><br/>E-71<br/><b>5:00 P. M.</b></p>                          | <p><b>REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</b><br/>Last day for authors of arguments for and against county, district or school measures to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed <b>250 words</b> in length.<br/>(E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504)</p>  |
| <p><b>AUG. 28 (Tu)</b><br/>E-70</p>   | <p><b>NOTICE OF LIST OF CANDIDATES – WATER AGENCIES PUBLICATION</b><br/>Not later than this date a notice giving the names and addresses of all candidates in the election, the date of the election, and the hours the polls will be open shall be published once. If no election is to be held because of insufficient nominees, a notice of no election shall be published.<br/>(Water Code Appendix 98-52)</p>   |

\*\*August 18 (Saturday) and August 19 (Sunday) office will be closed.

| <b>DATES</b>                |                             | <b>EVENTS</b>  |
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| <b>AUG. 28 (Tu)</b><br>E-70 | <b>SEPT. 6 (Th)</b><br>E-61 | <p><b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REBUTTALS</b></p> <p>During this period, rebuttals for any county, district or school measure shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted.<br/>(E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p>  |
| <b>AUG. 30 (Th)</b><br>E-68 |                             | <p><b>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST</b></p> <p>Last day for Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates and rotation list to each elections official.<br/>(E. C. § 8148 and 8149)</p> <p><b>DEATH OF CANDIDATE</b></p> <p>Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least <b>68</b> days prior to the election.<br/>(E. C. § 10529 and Ed. Code § 5329)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This provision does not apply under certain circumstances as set forth in E. C. §§ 8026 and 8027.</p> |
| <b>SEPT. 4 (Tu)</b><br>E-63 |                             | <p><b>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT</b></p> <p>If on this date, only one person or no person has been nominated for each office, the governing board shall, by resolution, request the Board of Supervisors to appoint the person nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person.<br/>(Water Code § 60141)</p>   |

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**SEPT. 5 (W)**  
E-62

**SEPT. 7 (F)**  
E-60

**TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD**

First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Call **(562) 462-2730** or **(562) 462-2832** to schedule a review of your transliterated name. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period.

**SEPT. 7 (F)**  
E-60

**SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS**

First day county elections officials may process applications for special Vote By Mail Ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote by mail during the normal Vote By Mail Voting period of **October 9\* to October 30, 2018** because of military service or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery.  
(E. C. §§ 300 (b) and 3103)

**SEPT. 7 (F)**  
E-60

**OCT. 30 (Tu)**  
E-7

**FEDERAL ELECTION – OVERSEAS VOTER, APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

During this period, the county elections official may begin processing Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special Vote By Mail persons already registered to vote.  
(E. C. §§ 300, 3001, 3300 - 3311)

**SEPT. 10 (M)**  
E-57

**OCT. 23 (Tu)**  
E-14

**STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY**

A name written on a ballot in any election will not be counted unless the person has filed a statement of write-in candidacy during this period stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election.  
(E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)

\*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

| <b>DATES</b>                 |                             | <b>EVENTS</b>  |
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| <b>SEPT. 17 (M)</b><br>E-50  |                             | <p><b>REGISTRATION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b></p> <p>Last day to submit to Secretary of State tapes/reports listing registrations for those persons registered as of <b>September 7, 2018</b> (E-60).<br/>(E. C. § 2187(d) (5))</p>  |
| <b>SEPT. 27 (Th)</b><br>E-40 | <b>OCT. 16 (Tu)</b><br>E-21 | <p><b>MAILING OF OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS</b></p> <p>An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the jurisdiction during this period.<br/>(E. C. § 13303)</p> <p><b>STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILED</b></p> <p>Between these dates, a state ballot pamphlet shall be mailed to all registered voters.<br/>(E. C. § 9094)</p>  |
| <b>OCT. 9* (Tu)</b><br>E-28* | <b>OCT. 30 (Tu)</b><br>E-7  | <p><b>VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY</b></p> <p>Between these dates (both dates inclusive applications may be filed). Applications received prior to the <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> day preceding the election will be kept and processed during this period.<br/>(E. C. §§ 3001 and 3003)</p>   |
| <b>OCT. 9* (Tu)</b><br>E-28* |                             | <p><b>MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>First day the elections official delivers Vote By Mail ballots in compliance with E.C. 3001.<br/>(E. C. § 3010 and 3206)</p> <p><b>EARLY TABULATION SNAP TALLIES</b></p> <p>Last day to be notified by the Secretary of State/Board of Supervisors that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require early tabulation and announcement.<br/>(E. C. § 14440)</p> <p><b>POLLWORKERS AND POLLING PLACES – APPOINTMENT</b></p> <p>Last day to appoint pollworkers and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each pollworker.<br/>(E. C. §§ 12286,12307 and 12319)</p> |

\*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

| <b>DATES</b>                |  | <b>EVENTS</b>   |
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| <b>OCT. 9 (Tu)</b><br>E-28  | <b>OCT. 30 (Tu)</b><br>E-7                                     | <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION/NO ELECTION – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT – PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>Between these dates a notice of election shall be published once. If no election is to be held because of insufficient nominees, a notice of no election shall be published.<br/>(Water Code §§ 60111 and 60141)</p>   |
| <b>OCT. 22 (M)</b><br>E-15  |  | <p><b>REGISTRATION CLOSES</b></p> <p>Last day to transfer or register to vote in the election.<br/>(E. C. §§ 2102 and 2107)</p>   |
| <b>OCT. 23 (Tu)</b><br>E-14 | <b>NOV. 6 (Tu)</b><br><b>8:00 P. M.</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <p><b>NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE</b></p> <p>A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen.<br/>(E.C. § 3500)</p>  |
| <b>OCT. 23 (Tu)</b><br>E-14 |  | <p><b>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY DEADLINE</b></p> <p>Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election.<br/>(E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)</p> <p><b>BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBER LIST</b></p> <p>Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual board members.<br/>(E.C. § 12303)</p> <p><b>PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the polls close.<br/>(E. C. § 15101(b))</p> |

| DATES                                   | EVENTS   |
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| <p><b>OCT. 26 (F)</b><br/>E-11</p>      | <p><b>CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b><br/>Suggested last date for Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the name of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the General Election, their address and the offices to which they seek election. This list will be mailed to each person in the affected offices.</p>  |
| <p><b>OCT. 27** (Sa)</b><br/>E-10**</p> | <p><b>TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION</b><br/>On or before this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the tally center location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.<br/>(E. C. § 12109)</p>  |
| <p><b>OCT. 30 (Tu)</b><br/>E-7</p>      | <p><b>STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION</b><br/>Last day to transmit to Secretary of State the total county registration as of <b>October 22</b> (E-15).<br/>(E. C. § 2187(d) (6))</p> <p><b>POLLING PLACES – PUBLICATION</b><br/>Not later than this date, a list of polling places for each precinct shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.<br/>(E. C. §§ 12105, 12106 and Govt. Code § 6061)</p> <p><b>COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b><br/>Last day to send copy of computer vote counting program and Certificate of Logic and Accuracy Test to Secretary of State.<br/>(E. C. § 15001)</p> <p><b>INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT AND WATER AGENCIES – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKE APPOINTMENTS</b><br/>Last available regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to appoint to the office or offices to be filled, the person or persons nominated, or if no person has been nominated, any qualified person.<br/>(Water Code § 60141 and Water Code Appendix 98-52)</p> |

\*\*October 27 (Saturday) office will be closed.



**DATES****EVENTS**

**OCT. 31 (W)**  
E-6

**NOV. 6 (Tu)**  
**ELECTION**  
**DAY**

**EMERGENCY VOTE BY MAIL**

Between these dates, any voter may apply for a Vote By Mail Ballot if conditions require his or her absence from the precinct on election day. The voter may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the ballot.  
(E. C. §§ 3021 and 3110)

**NOV. 6 (Tu)**  
**ELECTION**  
**DAY**  
**8:00 P. M.**

**ELECTION DAY**

Polls open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m.  
(E. C. §§ 1200 and 14212)

**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED – 8:00 P. M.**

Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter to the county elections official's office or at any polling place in the county. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions.  
(E. C. §§ 3017 and 3020)

Any Vote By Mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than three days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2.  
(E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)

**DEFACING OF UNUSED BALLOTS**

At 8:00 p.m., immediately after polls close, commence defacing or sealing all unused ballots and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed.  
(E. C. §§ 14403 and 14404)

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**NOV. 6 (Tu)**  
**ELECTION**  
**DAY**  
**8:00 P.M.**

**UNOPPOSED JUDGES – DECLARED ELECTED**

On this date, unopposed incumbent candidates for the offices of superior court judge who filed for office but whose names did not appear on the Primary or General Election ballots shall be declared elected.  
(E. C. § 8203)

**NOV. 8 (Th)**  
**E+2**

**CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS**

The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election.  
(E. C. § 15301)

**NOV. 26 (M)**  
**E+20**

**INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, IRRIGATION, WATER AGENCIES, HEALTH CARE, RECREATION AND PARK, AND MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICTS**

Before this date the Board of Supervisors shall if no election is held, appoint the persons nominated or, if no person has been nominated, any qualified person.  
(E. C. § 10515)

**DEC. 3 (M)**  
**E+27**  
**NOON**

**TAKING OF OFFICE – ASSESSOR, SHERIFF AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS**

Officers take office at noon on the first Monday in December following the election.  
(County Charter Art. II, § 6, Art. IV, § 13)

**DEC. 6 (Th)**  
**E+30**

**COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS**

The official canvass must be completed within **30 days** of the election.  
(E. C. §§ 15301, 15372, 15400, and 15401)

**NOTE:** On **November 30**, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On **December 4**, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to declare the election officially concluded.

| DATES   | EVENTS  |
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| <p><b>DEC. 7 (F)</b><br/>E+31<br/><b>NOON</b></p> | <p><b>TAKING OF OFFICE – CALIFORNIA WATER, COUNTY WATER, IRRIGATION, HEALTH CARE, RECREATION AND PARK, AND MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICTS</b></p> <p>Officers, elected or appointed, take office at noon on the first Friday in December following the election.<br/>(E.C. § 10554, Health and Safety Code § 32100.5, Public Resources Code § 5784.3 and Water Code § 71253)</p> |
| <p><b>DEC. 14 (F)</b><br/>E+38</p>                | <p><b>STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST BY SECRETARY OF STATE</b></p> <p>Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile, certify and file in his/her office a statement of all votes cast.<br/>(E. C. § 15501)</p>  |
| <p><b>JAN. 7 (M)</b><br/>E+62<br/><b>NOON</b></p> | <p><b>TAKING OF OFFICE – WATER AGENCIES AND WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICTS</b></p> <p>Officers, elected or appointed, shall take office at noon on the first Monday in January following the election.<br/>(Water Code § 60139, Water Code Appendix 98–51 and 103–5(b), and Govt. Code § 24200)</p>  |



# CHAPTER 2

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FILING PROCEDURES





## GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

All candidates must be registered voters (**except for judicial candidates**) at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which he or she is filing. (E.C. § 201)

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

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

### NOMINATION FILING PERIOD

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| <b>JULY 16 (M)<br/>through<br/>AUG. 10 (F), 5:00 P.M.</b>    | <b>E - 113 - 88</b> | <b>NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES</b>                                  |
| <b>AUG. 11** (Sa)<br/>through<br/>AUG. 15 (W), 5:00 P.M.</b> | <b>E - 87 - 83</b>  | <b>NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD<br/>(If Eligible Incumbent Does Not File)</b> |
| <b>SEPT. 10 (M)<br/>through<br/>OCT. 23 (Tu), 5:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>E - 57 - 14</b>  | <b>FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN<br/>NOMINATION DOCUMENTS</b>          |

**EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD** – If an incumbent for any office fails to file nomination documents by **August 10, 2018 5:00 p.m.**, the nomination period is extended for five (5) days. During this period, any qualified person, **other than the incumbent**, may file nomination documents for the office.

**NOTE:** The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

**CANDIDATE CANNOT WITHDRAW** – Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing utilizing official Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk forms, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603). The deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy is **August 10, 2018 (E-88) no later than 5:00 p.m.**

\*\*August 11 (Saturday) and August 12 (Sunday) – The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office will be closed.

## NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

The **ballot name** may be designated as follows:

- First, middle and last names
- Initials only and last name
- A nickname may be included but must be in parentheses ( ) or quotation marks “ ”
- A short version of the first name, such as “Bill” for William, “Dick” for Richard or “Kathy” for Kathleen

NO TITLES OR DEGREES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALLOT NAME. (E.C. § 13106)

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

**TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES** – Candidates may request that their names be transliterated in those languages that do not use Roman Characters as instructed by the Department of Justice. If applicable, candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (88 days prior to the election). Candidates may review the transliteration of names and submit changes to the elections official no later than the last day of the review period, which is normally 67 days prior to the election but subject to change. To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832. Refer to Multilingual Voting Services Chapter of Section 2 of the Resource Guide for additional information.

**NOTE:** On **August 16, 2018**, the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of Candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.



## BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS

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

Ballot designations:

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

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

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

**Example A:** Governing Board Member

**Example B:** Board member, XYZ School District

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

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

**Example A:** Appointed Incumbent

**Example B:** Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

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

## BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

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

**Example A:** High School Teacher

**Example B:** Attorney/Educator/Rancher

**Example C:** CEO/Councilmember

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

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

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

(E.C. § 13107.3)

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

(E.C. § 13107(f))

## BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

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

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

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

**Candidates may review** their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, in this office during working hours Monday through Friday from **August 11\*\***, 2018 through **August 20**, 2018. If the nomination period is extended, the period is from **August 16** through **August 27\*\* (excluding weekends)**.

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

\*\*August 11, 18 and 25 (Saturdays) and August 12, 19 and 26 (Sundays) office will be closed.


# CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

## AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

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

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

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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

ELECTION PLANNING SECTION  
(562) 462-2317

**AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE  
CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, candidate for the office  
CANDIDATE'S NAME — PLEASE PRINT

of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize  
OFFICE TITLE

AGENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
AGENT'S NAME AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER

to receive and/or file the following nomination documents: Please check applicable forms (  )

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Candidacy     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Statement                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Designation Worksheet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Petitions                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Specify)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Intention                  |   |

I am aware that the Nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file such documents.

I request that my name be placed upon the ballot as follows: (Please print)

|                           |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <small>FIRST NAME</small> | <small>MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL</small> | <small>LAST NAME</small> |
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My residence address is:

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone numbers are: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
DAYTIME EVENING

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX

My internet addresses are: WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the following information to be used for purposes of listings prepared and issued to the news media and/or the public. (If none given, the above information will be listed.)

**INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION**

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

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

**STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)**

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

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

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY<br>REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK<br>CANDIDATE REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION FORM                                       |  | FOR OFFICE USE   |   |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> SIL _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DOI _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NOM _____ <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE-IN _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL FOR REASON OF: _____<br>AGENT _____ |   |
| <b>NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS</b> (Please Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)   |  |  |   |
| FIRST  | MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL (and/or Nickname) | LAST NAME  |   |
| NAME AS REGISTERED (if different from ballot name)   |  | DATE OF BIRTH  |   |
| RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS   |  |  |   |
| CITY NAME  | ZIP CODE                                 | COUNTY   | LOCALITY <input type="checkbox"/> OTTER <input type="checkbox"/> FAX                              |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS BUSINESS:  |  | RESIDENTIAL: _____   |   |
| ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES (NEWS MEDIA) (None given about residence address and telephone numbers will be used) |  |  |   |
| STREET ADDRESS   |  |  |   |
| CITY NAME  | ZIP CODE                                 | TELEPHONE NO.  |   |
| WEBSITE: _____ EMAIL: _____  |  |  |   |
| OFFICE TITLE (Include District, Division, Office)  |  |  | Initial if FULL TERM  |
|  |  |  | Initial if UNEXPIRED TERM   |
| PARTY PREFERENCE (if Applicable)   |  |  |   |
| ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT?  | YES                                      | NO   | IF "YES", CHECK ONE   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>   | ELECTED <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTED <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
|  |  |  | APPOINTMENT DATE  |
| "I am aware of the qualifications for office and understand this is not an official filing document."                                      |  |  |   |
| SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE OR AGENT  |  |  | DATE  |
| FOR OFFICE USE   |  |  |   |
| FILING FEE/SIGNATURE IN-LIEU INFO  |  | PRECINCT NUMBER  | CONTEST CONTROL NO.   |
| FILING FEE   | \$ _____                                 | RESIDENCE CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>   | PTY CODE  |
| DATE FILED   | NO. SIGNATURES @ \$ EACH                 | RE-REG (NEW ADDRESS) <input type="checkbox"/>  | VOTER ID NO.  |
| BALANCE \$ _____   |  | DISTRICT CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>  | CANDIDATE FILING NO.  |
| CASHIER'S INITIALS   | RECEIPT NO.                              | PARTY CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>   | INSTRUCTOR <input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> DOI <input type="checkbox"/> NOM |
|  |  | ECMS OPER INITIALS & DATE  | INITIALS & DATE   |
| COMMENTS:  |  |  | REVIEWER / TIME   |
| ELECTION INFORMATION COPY <span style="float: right;">813M0 Rev 03-20-11</span>  |  |  |   |

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

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)


**STEP 2 – ISSUING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

## STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)

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

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

**OFFICIAL FILING FORM**  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Elections Deputy  
Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration of Candidacy**  
for Voter-nominatee Offices  
(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8040, 8121, 8140, 13105)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for nomination/election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Initial (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

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

Enter Your Name for Use on the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Intends if performing no designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Designation Request: \_\_\_\_\_

A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, enter the word "NONE" indicated in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13017, 13101.5)

**NOTE: The Secretary of State (SOS) will publish one of the addresses below in the certified list of candidates and on the SOS website. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for these purposes. If no box is checked, the first address listed below will be published. If a business telephone, residence telephone, FAX number, e-mail address, or website is provided, that information will also be published.**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: (Required) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Business Home/Fax

E-mail and Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: REVERSE SIDE OF PAGE MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED**

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

I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, addition or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

If unconvicted, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw.

**A candidate for voter-nominatee office shall also complete all of the following:**

1. I hereby certify that:  
(a) At the time of presentation of this declaration, as shown by my current affidavit of registration, I have disclosed the following political party preference. If any \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) My complete voter registration and party affiliation/preference history, from 2008 through the date of signing this document\* is as follows:  
Party Registration \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Timeframe By Year (e.g., 2008-2009) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note that only 10 years of party affiliation/preference history will be provided on the Secretary of State's website. Any information provided regarding affiliation/preference history prior to 2008, will not be included.

2. Pursuant to Section 8002.5 of the Elections Code, select one of the following:  
Party Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Insert the name of the qualified political party as disclosed upon your affidavit of registration.  
Party Preference: None (If you have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party upon your affidavit of registration.)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

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

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
County Election Officer \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in his or her possession that is entitled to be filed with the secretary of the Registrar Code (Elections Code § 13101.5)**

**Oath of Office**  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, by accepting nomination or election here to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I have the obligation hereon, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
County Election Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

### STEP 4 – BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

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

| <b>Ballot Designation Worksheet</b>  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Pursuant to California Elections Code section 13107.3 and California Code of Regulations section 20711, this entire form <b>must be completed</b>, or it will not be accepted and you will <b>not</b> be entitled to a ballot designation. <b>DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.</b> If information requested is not applicable, please write N/A in the space provided. Otherwise the information <b>MUST</b> be provided. Upon filing, this worksheet will be a public record.</p>   |   |
| Candidate Information  | Candidate Name: _____   |
|  | Office: _____   |
|  | Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____                                       |
|  | Business Address: _____   |
|  | Mailing Address: _____  |
|  | Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____           |
|  | Gender (optional, for translation use only): _____                      |
| Attorney Information   | Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act in your behalf): _____ |
|  | Address: _____  |
|  | Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____                                       |
|  | Business Address: _____   |
|  | Mailing Address: _____  |
|  | Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____           |
| <b>Proposed Ballot Designation:</b> _____  |   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Alternative:</b> _____   |   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Alternative:</b> _____   |   |
| You may select as your ballot designation:   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a “/”]</li><li>(b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected</li><li>(c) “Appointed [full title of public office]” if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office</li><li>(d) “Incumbent” if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office</li><li>(e) “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office</li></ul> |   |
| In the space provided on the next page or on an attachment sheet, describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation. Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment. These documents will not be returned to you. <b><u>Do not submit originals</u></b>   |   |
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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

**STEP 5 – FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

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



| <b>DOCUMENTS</b>                   | <b>APPLIES TO</b>   | <b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</b>                        |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Declaration of Candidacy           | All Candidates  | Election Planning Section<br>(562) 462-2317                   |
| Ballot Designation Worksheet       | All Candidates  | Election Information Section<br>(800) 815-2666 Option 4       |
| Candidate Statement Form           | Optional for all eligible candidates. Available to state legislative candidates who have agreed to limit their campaign expenditures voluntarily. | Election Planning Section<br>(562) 462-2317                   |
| Transliteration Form               | All Candidates  | Translation Services Unit<br>(562) 462-2730<br>(562) 462-2832 |
| Candidate Campaign Statement Forms | All Candidates  | Campaign Finance Section<br>(562) 462-2339                    |



# CHAPTER 3

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS





## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

California law permits local **nonpartisan, congressional, and state legislative candidates** to file a candidate statement to be printed and mailed to voters in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. Candidates for **state legislative** offices who voluntarily choose to limit their campaign expenditures in accordance with Proposition 34 by appropriately filing a Fair Political Practices Commission “FPPC” Form 501 may submit a candidate statement. Filing of a candidate statement is not mandatory, but is permitted if the candidate desires to file and pay the appropriate fee. The word limit for a statement is 250 words. (Govt. Code § 85601)

### **STATE LAW PROVIDES THAT STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.**

1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate’s age and occupation.
2. Statements may not include references to other candidates. See information below and Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statements in this chapter (**Chapter 3**) for restrictions.
3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed.
4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee is required to print the Spanish statement. **In compliance with California Law, only English and Spanish candidate statements are included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet** for candidates who wish to have one printed at the candidate’s or local agencies’ expense. (Translations may be provided in other languages in accordance with federal law. See “Translations” later in this chapter for further information.)
5. No reference to candidate’s political party affiliation or any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.
6. If the legislative district to be voted on is shared by more than one county, the candidate must file a statement with each county.
7. If candidate’s name does not appear on the official ballot, the candidate is not entitled to a candidate statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.  
**(E. C. § 302)**

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

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

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

**LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES** (District Attorney, Superior Court Judge and any other eligible candidate) – Local agency determines maximum amount of words allowed (200 or 400), responsibility for payment (candidates or agency) and whether it is to be paid in advance. If word limitation is 400 words and a statement of 200 words or less is submitted, only one half of the estimated cost shall be required to be deposited. Refer to Word Counting Guidelines in this chapter.

**NOTE: For shared districts, candidate must file a statement with each county.**

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

### FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

1. Statement will be **typed** using Time New Roman font in 11 point size. However, the statement may be **typed and submitted** using any standard font. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Text submitted indented or centered will be typed in block paragraph form. See samples of candidate statements later in this chapter for recommended form and style content.
2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be printed in block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. However, you may use dashes/hyphens. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line. Words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. Any combinations of enhanced words are counted as one word. However, the number of words/acronyms that can be in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed 25 words per 200 word statement, 30 words per 250 word statement and 50 words per 400 word statement.
3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein.

**NOTE:** If a statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc., the printed statement may extend to two (2) pages. In these cases, **the actual cost for the statement may double** and additional cost may be billed to you after the election.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORMS** – These are examples of Candidate Statement Forms used by **state legislative** and **congressional candidates** in submitting their statement to be printed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. The Candidate Statement Form is included with the packet each candidate receives when nomination documents are issued.

FRONT

BACK

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

STATEMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**  
 (Government Code Sections 85601; Elections Code Sections 13307, 13311 and 13313)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Filing of a statement is optional and made available to candidates who accept voluntary expenditure limits. The elections official shall include the statement in the sample ballot booklet which is mailed to each registered voter.

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

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

**CONTENTS:** The body of the statement shall not exceed 250 words.

**WORDS COUNT:** Please refer to the Candidate Handbook for detailed information regarding word counting guidelines.

**FORMAT:** Statements will be printed in uniform type, size and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. **Bold statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Understatements, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or letters cannot be incorporated.** However, they may use dashed hyphens. Words to be printed in boldface type, **UPPERCASED** and/or **CAPITALIZED** are to be clearly indicated. Any combination of boldface words are counted as one word. However, the number of words/characters that can be in boldface type, **UPPERCASED** and/or **CAPITALIZED** shall not exceed 20 words per a 250 word statement. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to add any material contained therein.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Any candidate statement submitted by a candidate shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. Any voter may request that the statement appear on all ballots printed in such a statement. In addition, no candidate statement shall be printed which the elections official determines is not so limited or which includes any reference prohibited.

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD:** Candidate statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Once the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a 100 calendar day period. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandamus or an injunction requesting any or all material to be amended or deleted.

**ESTIMATED COST INFORMATION:** The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements, or the length and/or format of the statement submitted. Accordingly, the estimate may vary, on a per candidate basis, all the candidates for additional actual expense or refund. Actual expense or refund are assessed and depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the elections official shall prorate the excess among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid.

**ESTIMATED COST**  
 The estimated cost of your English statement is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please check (X) one box: English  English & Spanish

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

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Filed 901 Form (checked/limited): yes  no

Candidate File No.: 000000

Total No. of Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Words in boldface, capital letters, and/or underlined: \_\_\_\_\_

By Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - OFFICE OF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**  
**READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT**

STATEMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**  
 (Government Code Sections 85601; Elections Code Sections 13307, 13311 and 13313)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Filing of a statement is optional and made available to candidates who accept voluntary expenditure limits. The elections official shall include the statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet which is mailed to each registered voter.

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

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

**CONTENTS:** The body of the statement shall not exceed 250 words.

**WORDS COUNT:** Please refer to the Candidate Handbook for detailed information regarding word counting guidelines.

**FORMAT:** Statements will be printed in uniform type, size and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. **Bold statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Understatements, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or letters cannot be incorporated.** However, they may use dashed hyphens. Words to be printed in boldface type, **UPPERCASED** and/or **CAPITALIZED** are to be clearly indicated. Any combination of boldface words are counted as one word. However, the number of words/characters that can be in boldface type, **UPPERCASED** and/or **CAPITALIZED** shall not exceed 20 words per a 250 word statement. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to add any material contained therein.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Any candidate statement submitted by a candidate shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. Any voter may request that the statement appear on all ballots printed in such a statement. In addition, no candidate statement shall be printed which the elections official determines is not so limited or which includes any reference prohibited.

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD:** Candidate statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Once the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a 100 calendar day period. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandamus or an injunction requesting any or all material to be amended or deleted.

**ESTIMATED COST INFORMATION:** The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements, or the length and/or format of the statement submitted. Accordingly, the estimate may vary, on a per candidate basis, all the candidates for additional actual expense or refund. Actual expense or refund are assessed and depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the elections official shall prorate the excess among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid.

**ESTIMATED COST**  
 The estimated cost of your English statement is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please check (X) one box: English  English & Spanish

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

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Candidate File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of Words in boldface, capital letters, and/or underlined: \_\_\_\_\_

By Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

**FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION** — All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein.

STATEMENT OF JOHN DOE  
ANY PARTY CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**FORMAT/CONTENT:** This is an example of an acceptable format to be used in a candidate's statement of qualifications. The guidelines for the content of the statement are in a separate section of the Information Booklet.

**ENHANCED WORDS:** It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be bold, underlined, CAPITALIZED. Hyphens/dashes are allowed. The beginning of each paragraph may also be highlighted as shown in this example.

**PARAGRAPHS:** The candidate statement is printed in "block" paragraphs, which means each paragraph will start on the left and the right margin will be justified. A double space will appear between paragraphs, as shown in this example.

If elected, I will: 1) lower taxes; 2) incur common cold.

STATEMENT OF JOHN DOE  
ANY PARTY CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE, 26<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**FORMAT/CONTENT:** This is an example of an acceptable format to be used in a candidate's statement of qualifications. The guidelines for the content of the statement are in a separate section of the Information Booklet.

**ENHANCED WORDS:** It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be bold, underlined, CAPITALIZED. Hyphens/dashes are allowed. The beginning of each paragraph may also be highlighted as shown in this example.


**PARAGRAPHS:** The candidate statement is printed in "block" paragraphs, which means each paragraph will start on the left and the right margin will be justified. A double space will appear between paragraphs, as shown in this example.



# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

## FRONT



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

STATEMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Optional) (Optional)

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

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## BACK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ**

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

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

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

**ESTIMATED COST**

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

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

The estimated cost of your English statement is \_\_\_\_\_ The estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Evening

**DO NOT PRINT THIS STATEMENT IN THE EVENT**

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

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Verified filing of Declaration of Candidacy and/or Nomination Papers  Project Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Election Official \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate File No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total No. of Words: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total No. of Words in boldface, capital letters, and/or underscored: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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



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

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

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

**NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S OWN QUALIFICATIONS**

**This applies to all candidates.**

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

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

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

**WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES**  
(Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office for counting words on candidate statements, ballot measure text, arguments, rebuttals and other ballot enclosures. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 400 word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

**EXAMPLE:** Attorney-at-law

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

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

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

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

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

**EXAMPLE:** \$1,000.00

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

**EXAMPLE:** \$4 million

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

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

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

**EXAMPLE:** <http://www.co.la.ca.us>    [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)    <http://www.lacounty.info>



# CHAPTER 4

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WRITE-IN CANDIDATES







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| <p><b>GENERAL INFORMATION FOR<br/>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b></p> |
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(Election Code §§ 8600 and 8601)

**IMPORTANT:** A person may **not** be a write-in candidate at the general election **for a voter-nominated office.**

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

There is no party affiliation requirement for signers of write-in nomination petitions in the general election. The candidate does not have to be registered with any qualified political party. Additionally, he or she must be registered to vote in California unless the candidate is running for a congressional or judicial office.

**NOMINATION PAPERS** – Candidate must file the requisite number of signatures on the nomination papers, if any, required pursuant to Sections 8062, 10220, and 10510, or, in the case of a special district not subject to the Uniform District Election Law, the number of signatures required by the principal act of the district.

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

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

| <b>FILING DEADLINE</b>                                |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| SEPT. 10 (M)<br>through<br>OCT. 23 (Tue)<br>5:00 P.M. | E- 57 - 14 | FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY. |
| OCT. 23 (Tue)   | E- 14      | LAST DAY FOR GENERAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE.           |

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

**STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY** – Refer to General Information on Filing Procedures for Candidates in Chapter 3 of Section 1 of this handbook.

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

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

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

**OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT** – Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. For judicial, school and UDEL contests, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled and eligible candidates are appointed in lieu of the election. California law however, provides that for such offices a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted must have been filed with the elections official to require the office(s) be placed on the ballot by means of a petition drive.

**(E. C. §§ 8203 and 10515; Ed. Code § 5326)**

**NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON BALLOT** – If candidate's name does not appear on the official ballot, the candidate is not entitled to a candidate statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

**(E. C. § 302)**

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

1. Depending on the contest, the person who receives a plurality of the votes cast is elected to that office. This includes write-in candidates **(E. C. § 15452)**
2. In order for a candidate, including a write-in candidate, to win election to a judicial or county office, the candidate must receive a majority of the ballots cast for candidates for that office. **(E. C. §§ 8140, 8141 and 15450)**
3. A write-in candidate for a school district governing board member or special district board of director member contest must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that office. When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes for however many seats are to be filled are elected.
4. Voters may write in any name they wish for any office regardless of whether the candidate is qualified or not. However, votes will only be tabulated for **officially qualified** write-in candidates.

# Section 2





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# CHAPTER 1

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## CONTACT INFORMATION







# CONTACT INFORMATION



## REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### OFFICE ADDRESS

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

### MAILING ADDRESS

P O Box 1024  
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

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

**ELECTION INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013 **option 4**

General information regarding election, registration and voter services.

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

**CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCEDURES..... 1-800-815-2666**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013 **option 4**

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE ..... (562) 462-2339**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2003

Campaign finance filing requirements for candidates, committees and officeholders.

**VOTER REGISTRATION..... 1-800-815-2666**

Requests for voter registration forms **option 2**

**Note:** The registration deadline for the **November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election** is Monday, **October 22, 2018.**



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

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

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

**PRECINCT POLLWORKERS/POLLS..... 1-800-815-2666**  
To become a pollworker, offer a home as a polling place or  
Report problems at a polling place on Election Day. **option 7**

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

**SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666**  
Available Wednesday, **November 7, 2018.** **option 4**

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

## INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE



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

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



## COUNTIES WITH SHARED DISTRICTS

The following is a list of Registrar of Voters offices that share districts with Los Angeles County.

### ORANGE COUNTY

1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg C  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 567-7600  
Fax: (714) 567-7556

### VENTURA COUNTY

800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200  
Ventura, CA 93009  
(805) 654-2664  
Fax: (805) 648-9200

### TULARE COUNTY

5951 S. Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 624-7300  
Fax: (559) 737-4498

### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

777 E. Rialto Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415  
(909) 387-8300  
(800) 881-8683  
Fax: (909) 387-2022

### KERN COUNTY

1115 Truxtun Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
(661) 868-3590  
(800) 452-8683  
Fax: (661) 868-3768

## CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

### POLITICAL REFORM DIVISION

1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 495  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 653-6224  
Fax: (916) 653-5045

### ELECTIONS DIVISION

1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 657-2166  
Fax: (916) 653-3214

TDD: 1-800-833-8683  
Web: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

**FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION\* (FPPC)**

**Advice / Assistance**

1102 Q Street, Suite 3000  
Sacramento, CA 95811

(866) 275-3772  
(916) 322-5660  
Fax: (916) 322-0886  
Web: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Hall of Justice Building  
211 W. Temple St., Suite 1200  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 974-3512

\*Non-Federal Candidates  
\*\*Federal Candidates

## TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATIONS

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

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

**On ELECTION DAY, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the polls that need attention, please contact our office at 1-800-815-2666 option 7.**

# CHAPTER 2

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FINANCIAL REPORTING









**OCT. 25, 2018**

*(Statements for this deadline cover the period September 23 – October 20, 2018)*

**JAN. 31, 2019**

**SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a Form 460.

All statements must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. **(Gov. Code § 84200.7)**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a Form 460.

All statements must be received by personal delivery or first class mail. **(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200)**

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS

### **FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Candidates must file **no later than 5:00 pm, August 10, 2018.**

**(Gov. Code § 87302.3(a))**

### **FORM 501 - CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT**

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

**(Gov. Code § 85200)**

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

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in contributions and spend less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the cost of a candidate statement if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing this form by **September 27, 2018**. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the two thousand dollars (\$2,000) threshold is reached.

**(Gov. Code § 84206)**

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

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

**(Gov. Code § 84206)**

### **FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

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

**(Gov. Code § 84101.5)**

**FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF TERMINATION**

Candidates and their committees are required to file semi-annual statements every six months **until** all campaign activity ceases, all campaign money is spent, and Form 410 (see part 5) is filed. **(Gov. Code § 84214)**

**FORM 460 - RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent, or will raise or spend two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more during a calendar year in connection with the election AND/OR if two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate, is required to file this form. **(Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)**

## WHERE TO FILE

Candidates and committees must file the original campaign statements with:

**Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**  
Campaign Finance Section  
12400 East Imperial Highway, Room 2003  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
Phone: (562) 462-2339  
Fax: (562) 651-2548

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

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

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY....**

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

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

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

**UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

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

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

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

# Chapter 3

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CAMPAIGNING







## **GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

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## PART 1

### LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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

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

## PART 2

### MASS MAILINGS

#### **Definition.**

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

**Gov. Code § 82041.5**

#### **Manner of sending mass mailings.**

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of such mailing in no less than 6-point type. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- (c) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision. **Gov. Code § 84305**

**Newsletter or mass mailing.**

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

**PART 3**

**TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW**

**Legislature's findings.**

The Legislature hereby finds the following to be true:

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

**E. C. § 20001**

**Restraining order or injunction.**

The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, broadcasting, or telecasting of any matter in violation of this chapter, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 20006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

**Representation requirements.**

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

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

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

**E. C. § 20007**

**Political advertisement requirements.**

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

As used in this section “paid political advertisement” shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office. **E. C. § 20008**

**Simulated ballot requirements.**

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

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| <p><b>“NOTICE TO VOTERS”</b><br/><b>(Required by Law)</b></p> <p>“This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.”</p> <p>“This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by _____ (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).”</p> |
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## GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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

- (b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 20009**

### **No pictures of candidates in campaign material.**

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

## GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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

**E. C. § 20010**

### **PART 4**

#### **PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS**

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

**E. C. § 18301**

### **PART 5**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE INFORMATION**

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

**E. C. § 18302**

**PART 6**

**ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/  
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACE**

**Legislature's findings.**

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

**Electioneering within 100 feet of a polling place.**

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

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

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

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

**E. C. § 18370**

**Electioneering during Vote By Mail voting.**

- (a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a Vote By Mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time 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 provision of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by Section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

**E. C. § 18371**

**Compelling another in voting.**

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

**E. C. § 18540**

**Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.**

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

**E. C. § 18541**

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

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



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

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

(1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote.

(2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his or her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote.

(3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official.

(4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held.

**E. C. § 18544**

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

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

**E. C. § 18545**

**Definitions.**

As used in this article:

(a) "Elections official" means the county elections official, registrar of voters, or city clerk.

(b) "Immediate vicinity" means the area within a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which the voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

**E. C. § 18546**

**PART 7**

**SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**

**Authorization to use candidate or committee name.**

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

Authorization by a candidate or committee shall not be construed as rendering the person soliciting funds a controlled committee as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code. **E. C. § 20202**

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

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

**E. C. § 20203**

**PART 8**

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

**Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.**

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

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

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

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

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

### STATE OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM  
P.O. BOX 942874, MS-36  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001  
TDD 1-800-735-2929  
PHONE (916) 654-6473  
FAX (916) 651-9359

### DISTRICT OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM  
100 S. MAIN STREET, MS-9  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
PHONE (213) 897-6123  
FAX (213) 897-7197

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

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

### Placement of Signs in Unincorporated Areas

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

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

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

**PART 9  
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS**

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

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

| <b>ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION OF OFFICE</b> | <b>OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 900XX<br>902XX - 908XX       | LOS ANGELES CITY          | (323) 586-2605                 |
| 910XX – 935XX                | SIERRA COASTAL DIST.      | (661) 775-6663                 |
| 917XX – 918XX<br>926XX – 928 | SANTA ANA DIST.           | (714) 662-6447                 |

**PART 10**

**INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**

**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

**Before you do anything else, contact your local elections official.**

The local elections official can assist you in your Vote By Mail voter drive. He or she can provide information to ensure that your application format is correct, as well as other important details. Failure to make early contact with the elections official could result in delays or problems which might interfere with your intended goal of enabling people to Vote By Mail.

If you need assistance or have any further questions concerning use of the Vote By Mail voter application form, please call the Vote By Mail Voting Section at 1-800-815-2666 option 2.

**Non-conforming vote by mail application.**

Any individual, group, or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a vote by mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor. **E. C. § 18402**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

**Important Vote By Mail ballot application information**

Some of the important points you need to be aware of in your effort to distribute applications for Vote By Mail ballots include:

- (1) In order to ensure accuracy, the voter should fill out all the information on the application himself or herself. The law does, however, permit the following information to be preprinted on the application form prior to distribution to the voter:
  - (a) The voter's name and residence address as they appear on the voter's affidavit of registration.
  - (b) The name and date of the election for which the Vote By Mail ballot is being requested.
  - (c) The deadline date by which the application must be received by the elections official.
- (2) There is a separate section of the form for the voter to indicate a "mailing address" if he or she receives mail at an address other than his or her residence address. This section of the form may **only** be completed by the voter (**mailing address information may not be printed by the person, group or organization distributing the applications**).
- (3) The voter must personally affix his or her signature.
- (4) The mailing address to which a Vote By Mail ballot is requested to be sent may not be the address of any political party, political campaign headquarters, or a candidate's residence. This provision, of course, does not apply to the candidate or the candidate's immediate family members or housemates who requests that a Vote By Mail ballot be mailed to the candidate's residence address.
- (5) Any application containing preprinted information shall contain the following statement (verbatim):

**You have the legal right to mail or deliver this application directly to the local elections official of the county where you reside.**

This statement must be conspicuously printed on the application form.

- (6) The name, address and telephone number of any organization, individual or group which authorizes the distribution of applications shall be printed on the application.
- (7) Any individual, organization or group that distributes applications for Vote By Mail voter ballots and receives completed application forms back from voters shall deliver the forms to the appropriate elections official **within 72 hours** of receiving the completed forms. **Note that Elections Code § 18576 makes it a misdemeanor to delay the proper return of a Vote By Mail voter application.**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (8) Any application for a Vote By Mail voter's ballot which is sent by a group or organization to a voter shall be sent by non-forwardable mail.
- (9) Any individual, group or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a Vote By Mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor. **E. C. § 18402**
- (10) Voters who use the Vote By Mail ballot applications provided by individuals, groups and organizations must attest to the truth and correctness of the contents of the application and sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (11) The Vote By Mail ballot application must contain information about California's permanent Vote By Mail voter provision. **E. C. § 3006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

**Vote By Mail Ballot Application Format**

All individuals, groups and organizations distributing Vote By Mail ballot applications must use the standard format approved by the Secretary of State. **E. C. § 3007**

**APPLICATION FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

To request a Vote By Mail ballot, complete the information on this form. This Application Form must be received by the Elections official no later than seven days prior to an election.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

**NOTICE** – You have the legal right to mail this form to:  
  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Vote By Mail Section  
P. O. Box 30450,  
Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450  
  
Or deliver to:  
  
12400 Imperial Hwy.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room 3002  
8am – 5pm  
(800) 815-2666 option # 2  
  
Returning this application to anyone else may cause a delay that could interfere with your right or ability to vote

**Any Voter wishing to become a Permanent Vote By Mail voter may call our office at: (800) 815-2666 option # 2 for further information or visit our website at lavote.net.**

The format used on this application **MUST** be used by **ALL** individuals, organizations, and groups that distribute Vote By Mail ballot applications. Failure to conform to this format may result in criminal prosecution. Election Code Sections 3007 & 18402

Under Federal law, election materials are available in other languages in Los Angeles County 1-800-481-VOTE.

1. **PRINT NAME:**

2. **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Middle Name or Initial

Last Name

3. **RESIDENCE ADDRESS** (please print):

Number and Street - as registered (P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc. not acceptable)

(Designate N.S.E.W. if used)

City

County

Zip Code

4. **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

Daytime

Evening

5. **MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE. (PLEASE PRINT)**

**NOTE: ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING THIS FORM MAY NOT PREPRINT MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION.**

Number and Street/P.O. Box (Designate N.S.E.W. if used)

City

U.S. State or Foreign Country

Zip Code

**6. THIS APPLICATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PROPER SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT**

I have not applied for, nor do I intend to apply for, a Vote By Mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the name, residence address and information I have provided on this application are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WARNING:** Perjury is punishable by imprisonment in state prison for two, three or four years. (Section 126 of the California Penal Code)

7. **THIS FORM IS PROVIDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING THIS FORM MUST ENTER THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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**NOTE:** The Postal Service will not process Vote By Mail voter applications prepared by a committee which contains a postage pre-paid permit if it is addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office even though the committee uses their own permit number.

If the applications are addressed directly from a computer file of registered voters, please include the voter identification number (9 digits) with the names and street addresses of the voters.

If bar coding or OCR font of the voter identification number is used, submit samples to this office for testing.

## **PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTING**

### **Voting more than once.**

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

**E. C. § 18560**

### **Interfering with the Vote By Mail voting process.**

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

**E. C. § 18576**

A third party may not (without the voter's authorization) retain a completed application for a Vote By Mail ballot for more than 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) or beyond the deadline for applying, whichever is earlier.

**E. C. § 18576**

No one can deny a voter the right to return his or her application for a Vote By Mail ballot to the elections official.

**E. C. § 18576**

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

**E. C. §§ 18577 and 18578**

It is a misdemeanor to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he or she is voting a Vote By Mail ballot.

**E. C. § 18371**

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

**Penal Code § 126**

### **Other penalties.**

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

**E. C. § 18502**

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

**E. C. §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524**

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

**E. C. §§ 18564 and 18565**



**PART 11**

**FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES**

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

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

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



## Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**DEAN C. LOGAN**  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

### Fee Schedule As of 11/2016

| Item  | Fee   |
|---|---|
| Boundary Maps - District<br>Congressional, Senate, Assembly & Supervisorial   | \$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$1.17 Handling Fee Per Request.   |
| Certified Copy - Affidavit Or Transcript  | \$1.50 For Copy Of Own Registration.<br>\$6.75 Per Copy For All Others. (Public And Authorized) |
| Campaign Statement Copies   | \$0.10 Per Page.<br>\$5.00 retrieval fee per request.   |
| Certification Of Election Documents<br>(Except Affidavits Of Registration)  | \$1.75 Per Certified Copy.  |
| Precinct Map on Plotter Paper (11" X 17")<br>Precinct Map on Standard Paper (11" X 17")<br>Precinct Maps on CD or GIS Shape File<br>Precinct Maps on DVD<br>Precinct/District Maps on 35 mm Microfilm | \$11.00 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)<br>\$4.67<br>\$16.00<br>\$18.00<br>\$246.00   |
| Shipping and Handling Fee for CD or DVD   | \$6.00  |
| Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3')<br>(Customized Wall Map w/ color)  | \$30.00 Each  |
| Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3')<br>(Customized Wall Map w/o color)   | \$13.00 Each  |
| Customized District Map With Acetate Overlay Map That<br>Allows Distinction From Original Background Map.   | \$48.00 Each  |
| Polling Place Maps  | \$17.00 Small (11" X 17") Each Page.<br>\$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies In Size.               |
| Photocopies (Miscellaneous)   | \$0.46 Per Copy.  |

**Fee Schedule (Continued)  
As of 11/2016**

| Item  | Fee  |
|---|--|
| Returned Checks   | \$33.00 Each   |
| Search – Records or Files   | \$5.00 for each record or file searched.   |
| Statement Of Votes Cast (SVC)   | \$0.37 Per Page.<br>(Handling Fee Included In Cost)  |
| Telefaxing  | \$0.04 Per Page Plus \$1.17 Handling Fee.  |
| *Compact Disc (CD) Text File<br>Los Angeles County Voter Files                      | \$146.00 Per File.   |
| *Compact Disc (CD) Text File<br>(Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files)         | (Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files)<br>\$54.00 Per File<br>\$39.00 For Each Additional File   |
| *Index To Voter (Street Index)  | Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names.<br><br>General Public for Political Purposes Only: \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request. |
| *Voted Index  | \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.  |
| *Precinct Rosters (Combined Index-Roster)   | \$5.50 Per Roster Or \$0.22 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)  |
| *Absent Voter Report  | \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.  |
| *Applicant Is Required To Execute Contract With The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk |  |
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|   |  |



# CHAPTER 4

## MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES





## MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

### BACKGROUND

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese-speaking voters. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to **transliterate** the names of candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters. (*Transliteration* is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.) At that time, these languages included Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, and Thai.



### TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

A language is considered to be covered by the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and thus mandatory for translation of election materials if 1) more than 5% of the citizens of voting age are members of a single language minority and are limited English proficient (LEP) or 2) more than 10,000 of the citizens of voting age are members of a single language minority and are limited English proficient.

Although the VRA has established a 5% threshold for languages to be covered, Los Angeles County has set a 3% standard as established by the State Elections Code (§14201) to provide minority language materials in every election. If the number of eligible voters for a specific language is higher or equal to the 3% criteria, that language qualifies for translation. Languages that fall under the 3% criteria do not qualify for translation. This criteria not only identifies the election district/city areas throughout the county with a cost-effective method of meeting the VRA requirements, but also helps minimize printing/translation costs for election jurisdictions. The **eight** minority languages that are required by mandate in Los Angeles County are **Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese**. Additionally Los Angeles County will continue to support **Hindi, Japanese, and Thai**. **Russian** will be available for translation on a limited basis.

### IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE COST

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

## **TRANSLATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

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

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

## **TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES**

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

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

## **TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD**

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

## **MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES**

We provide services to voters who require assistance in Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai, and Vietnamese. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will, upon request by a jurisdiction, translate specific materials into Russian.



## Multilingual Voter Services (Continued)

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ◆ ML Assistance Hotline (1-800) 481-8683
- ◆ Mailing of translated election materials to voters before every election, upon request
- ◆ ML assistance at targeted polling places

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



DEAN C. LOGAN  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

## TRANSLITERATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, candidate for nomination to the  
office of \_\_\_\_\_

agree as indicated below:

**CHECK ONE:**

I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean and Thai.

OR

I am submitting an attachment of the transliteration(s) for the language(s) below. I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any language not submitted.

| <u>Language</u>                    | <u>Name Transliteration</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian: |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese:  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farsi:    |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi:    |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese: |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer:    |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean:   |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thai:     |                             |

**GENDER:**

Male       Female

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Filing #

# CHAPTER 5

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ELECTION DAY





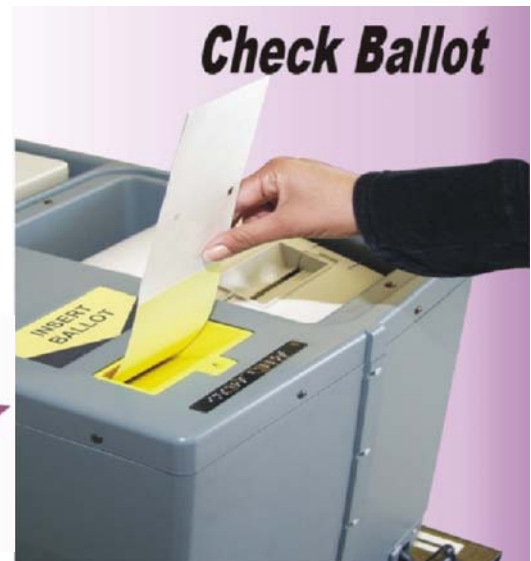
## ELECTION DAY

### ENHANCED VOTING SYSTEM – INKAVOTE PLUS

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on Election Day. InkaVote Plus enhances the existing InkaVote optical scan system to comply with federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements. The enhanced system allows disabled voters, including those who are blind and visually impaired, to cast a ballot privately and independently using an audio headset. Additionally, the InkaVote Plus system will provide all voters with the opportunity to have their ballots reviewed for errors prior to casting their votes.



After using the inking device provided to mark the InkaVote ballot, the voter will insert the ballot into the ballot reader slot. The ballot reader machine will alert the voter if a mistake occurred - for example, if a voter "overvoted" in any one contest for more candidates than allowed. The voter may then receive a replacement ballot to correct the error.



## HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) – UPDATE ON VOTER REGISTRATION

As of January 1, 2006, federal HAVA law requires every state to have a statewide voter registration database in place. As a result, in order to be listed on the California voter file, each person must provide a California Driver License (CDL) number when registering or re-registering to vote. Persons who do not have a CDL may provide a California State Identification (ID) number issued by the State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Any person who does not have either a driver license or State ID number must provide the last four digits of his/her social security number. All voter registration forms must then be cleared by the California Secretary of State (SOS) system (CalVoter) prior to the registration or re-registration becoming effective. Clearance by the SOS's CalVoter system involves matching information provided by the voter on the registration form against the DMV database or federal social security information to verify identity.

***When assisting voters with the voter registration process, please ensure that they provide a CDL or State ID number on the form.***

## POLLING PLACES AND POLL WORKERS

### Basic Information

- ◆ Polling Place Hours: 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ There will be approximately 4,147 polling places for the November 6, 2018 General Election.



### Questions and Answers

- Q.** *Can a candidate or a close relative of a candidate serve as a **poll worker** for the election in which he/she is running?*
- A.** No. This is not legally allowed.
- Q.** *Can a candidate host a **polling place** at his/her residence or office on Election Day?*
- A.** No. This is not legally allowed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

*Q. How can candidates get a list of **polling place** locations?*

*A.* Contact the Election Information Section at 1-800-481-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-815-2666 option 4. There is a small fee for this service. A small number of polling locations change after sample ballots are mailed to voters. Voters are notified of polling place changes via a “polls change postcard.” All polling locations are kept current on our website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) and are accessible for any voter to view by clicking on “Polling Place and Sample Ballot Look Up”.

**NOTE:** Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter’s precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution. **E. C. § 18302**

*Q. Why do **polling places** change?*

*A.* Despite best efforts to locate and secure long-term hosts for voting locations, an average of 8-10% of Los Angeles County polling places change between major elections. Facilities used in the past may not be available due to 1) other commitments on that date or reconstruction; 2) precinct boundary lines revised to comply with new legal requirements; 3) determination of non-accessibility to voters with disabilities; 4) complaints from voters regarding former voting location such as insufficient parking, lighting, etc.; and 5) different groupings of districts from one election to the next, making it necessary to alter voting precinct boundary lines.

*Q. What do **poll workers** do and how are they compensated?*

*A.* Poll workers are civic-minded citizens who help to set up the voting locations (polls), assist voters when signing in, demonstrate how to use the voting system, issue ballots, etc. After the polls close, poll workers are responsible for accounting for all the ballots, packing up election supplies and delivering ballots and supplies to a designated Check-in-Center.

Every poll has an Inspector who is in charge and several poll worker clerks depending on the number of registered voters in the precinct. Inspectors receive up to a \$240 stipend and clerks receive up to \$140.

To volunteer to serve as a poll worker, non-candidates  
may call 1-800-815-2666 option 7

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

**Q.** *Is it legal for high school students to serve as **poll workers**?*

**A.** State law allows qualified high school students to serve as “student poll workers” on Election Day. The Student Poll Worker Program (SPP) is a great way to introduce young people to democracy in action and at the same time provide a valuable community service. Students who serve as regular members of a precinct board on Election Day receive the \$100 poll worker stipend, plus a \$40 bonus if they attend a training class. Students must be U.S. citizens at least 16 years of age with a grade point average of 2.5.

**Q.** *Do you know any **bilingual voters** who might be willing to serve as a **poll worker**?*

**A.** The RR/CC is required to hire **bilingual/multilingual poll workers** for targeted polling places to provide oral assistance to limited-English proficiency voters. The RR/CC is currently recruiting Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese-speaking poll workers.

## **BILINGUAL/MULTILINGUAL POLL WORKERS**

Bilingual/Multilingual poll workers must be registered voters who speak English well enough to explain election procedures to English speaking voters. They must also understand English well enough to assimilate the difficult procedures taught in the training classes. Bilingual/Multilingual poll workers are vital in helping citizens with limited English proficiency to exercise their voting privileges. They assist voters, whose primary language is not English, and help them understand voting procedures by responding to their questions. As a means to address the bilingual poll worker recruitment challenges, a “Poll Worker/Recruiter” Program, which brought community activists into recruiting bilingual/multilingual poll workers from their communities, was launched in 1998. In addition, to solve general poll worker recruiting issues, Los Angeles County has developed the Student Poll Worker and County Employee Poll Worker Programs. The County has utilized these programs, in addition to the Poll Worker/Recruiter Program, to address bilingual/multilingual poll worker recruiting challenges. By working together, we can eliminate problems early.

In 2013, Assembly Bill 817 was passed allowing lawful permanent residents to serve as poll workers as a means of expanding the pool of bilingual individuals who can serve as bilingual poll workers and providing civic engagement opportunities for future voters.



## BILINGUAL/MULTILINGUAL POLL WORKERS (Continued)

Los Angeles County employs a four-part system to identify "targeted" polling places for oral assistance. This "targeting" system was negotiated over a two-year period with attorneys from Los Angeles County, the Department of Justice and community-based organizations. The four elements of the targeting system are:

- **Census Data.** This is simply a "Yes – Targeted" or "No – Not Targeted" designation per voting precinct. All census data targeted precincts are placed on a high targeted list.
- **Multilingual Requests on File.** This category reflects the number of voter requests for language assistance which are on the voter file for a given voting precinct. The standard for targeting is twenty or more requests for all eight mandated languages (Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese) and the three support languages (Hindi, Japanese, and Thai). Precincts with twenty or more such requests are placed on a (high) targeted list.
- **Input from Community Based Organizations.** If a community based organization indicates that a neighborhood should be targeted for a particular language due to community awareness of a high number of language minority voters in a specific language(s), the polling places in that immediate neighborhood are targeted for future elections and are placed on a secondary targeted list.
- **Multilingual Tally Card.** The "Multilingual Tally Card" is provided to each polling place for poll workers to keep track of voters requesting language assistance. If more than five voters request language assistance in any language in a precinct not already targeted, such precincts are placed on a tertiary targeted list.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD VOTING CENTERS (NVC's)**

In an effort to recruit and retain voting locations which are visible, stable, sizeable, and accessible for voters with disabilities and adaptable to more sophisticated voting technologies, the County is moving in the direction of centralized Election Day voting locations which can accommodate more than one precinct. (Current state law limits precinct size to a maximum of 1000.)

Between major elections, approximately 8 to 10 percent of LA County polling places are replaced because the previous location is no longer available. The transition to NVCs will mean identifying and securing long-term partnerships with polling place hosts, which will help minimize voter confusion. Examples include government buildings, schools, recreation centers and community centers.

The County will continue to provide a variety of services to assist in directing voters to their correct poll including listing the poll address on the back of the Official Sample Ballot, posting poll addresses on the County website, and an automated phone system which can be accessed 24 hours a day.

## **ELECTION DAY SERVICES FOR VOTERS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS**

**Assistance in Voting.** Under California law, any voter who needs help in casting a ballot is entitled to request assistance. A poll worker can provide assistance or the voter may select a person of his or her choice. If the voter is unable to mark the ballot, the voter may choose up to two people to help cast his/her vote. The assistants may not be the voter's employer, the employer's agent or the voter's labor union leader or agent.

**Curbside Voting.** Any voter who cannot reach the voting area at the polling place because of architectural barriers or physical limitations may request to vote "curbside" (outside of the polling location.) A poll worker will bring a ballot and marking device to the voter, assist the voter if necessary, and place the voter's ballot in the box.

**Large Handle Pen.** A special pen with a large ball for easy gripping is available at each polling place in Los Angeles County. This pen allows persons who are unable to grasp the regular pen to more easily mark the ballot card.

**Voters with Vision Impairments.** Each polling place displays voting instructions in large type. Magnifying devices are also available for voters who may have difficulty reading the ballot.

**Wheelchair Accessible Voting Booths.** Designated wheelchair accessible voting booths are available at every county poll location.



County of Los Angeles  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

# ***A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS***

**Poll watchers** are persons interested in election proceedings who are entitled to observe polling place operations during voting hours. However, poll watchers may not disrupt the election process or interfere with a voter's right to cast a secret ballot. Poll watchers often represent candidates, political campaigns and/or organizations.

**Poll workers** are appointed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and are responsible for all phases of the election that take place at the polls. They will comply with poll watchers' requests for voter information.

The following pages contain rules and procedures that all observers at the polling places must comply with at all times.

## A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS (Continued)

1. Vote counting activities at the polls and the tally center are open to public observation but no interference will be allowed during the proceedings. Interference with the election and canvass, or with a voter casting a ballot, is punishable by imprisonment in state prison for up to three years. **(E.C. § 18502)**

Only poll workers have the right to challenge a person's eligibility to vote at the polls. A challenge may be made only upon sufficient probable cause. Poll workers are instructed to report the presence of any persons or signs which may be intimidating to voters or cause interference with the voting process to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Department. **(E.C. § 14240)**

The use of force, violence or tactic of coercion or intimidation to compel a person to refrain from voting at any election is a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison. **(E.C. § 18540)**

2. Damaging or tampering with voting equipment or official election materials in a polling place is a felony, punishable by imprisonment for 2, 3, or 4 years. **(E.C. § 18564)**
3. Electioneering is not permitted within 100 feet of the polling place; that is, within 100 feet from the entrance or door to the room or rooms in which voters sign the roster and cast their ballots. Exit polling is permitted, however, no closer than 25 feet of polling places by news media or other organizations surveying voters as to how they voted. Media may come into a poll to film or interview voters, including voters in the booth, as long as the voter consents and there is no disruption to other voters or the voting process. **(E.C. § 18370 and A.G. Opinion)**
4. Only poll workers can post signs within 100 feet of a polling place. Talking in loud voices, disruptive behavior which causes confusion or the congregating of excessive numbers of persons inside the polling place is not permitted. Onsite telephones or other facilities are not available for the use of poll watchers.
5. Wearing campaign badges or taking campaign material or literature into the polling place is not permitted.
6. Poll watchers may not sit at the official table. **(E.C. § 14223(a))**

A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS (Continued)

7. The area between the official table and the voting booths is accessible to voters only and may not be designated as an observer post. **(E.C. § 14221)**
8. Street indices marked to indicate persons who have voted are posted for reference by the public. Signature rosters may be inspected at any time provided there is no interference with poll operations or delay or inconvenience to the voters. **(E.C. §§ 14202 & 14223(b))**
9. The American flag must be prominently displayed (regardless of weather conditions) during all polling hours. **(E.C. § 14105(f))**
10. At the opening of the polls the ballot box must be opened, exhibited to be empty, closed, and remain locked until the last ballot is cast and the polls are closed. **(E.C. § 14215)**
11. If a polling place is inaccessible to a voter with a disability, the voter may vote a ballot outside the premises in an accessible area as near as possible to the polling place. **(E.C. § 14282(c))**
12. Voters may request and receive assistance in voting if they declare under oath that they are unable to mark their ballots. **(E.C. § 14282(a))**
13. A voting booth may not be occupied by more than one person at a time unless a person is assisting the voter as provided by law. **(E.C. §§ 14281, 14222 and 14224)**
14. Poll workers may communicate with voters in a language other than English, but are permitted to do so only to provide election information or instructions. Special language assistants are permitted to help voters in the voting booth without a time limit. **(E.C. § 14227 and the Voting Rights Act, VRA)**
15. Smoking is not permitted inside the polling place.



# CHAPTER 6

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ELECTION RESULTS







## ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

### TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

***Can a candidate view all parts of the ballot counting process?*** Yes, the ballot counting process is open to public observation. If you wish to observe the process, you may go to the lobby, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Norwalk headquarters, to check in and be provided with an observer's badge. Tours are available.

#### ***How/where are results available on election night?***

- **Website:** Results are available on the Internet at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)
- **In person:** You are welcome to come to the Tally Center which is open for public observation. Please call (562) 462-2665 to make a reservation.
- **Norwalk Headquarters:** Hard copy bulletins are printed and distributed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor near the Microcomputer Tally System (MTS) room.

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

### POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

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

Outstanding ballots include:

- Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the polls on election day
- Write-in ballots
- Provisional ballots voted at the polls

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

## **CANVASS/CERTIFICATION**

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

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

## **STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST**

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

## **ELECTION CONTEST**

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

## **DOCUMENT RETENTION**

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

## **REQUESTING A RECOUNT**

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

### **Who May Request a Recount?**

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

### **Timing of Recount Request**

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

### **Format of Request**

The request must:

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

The request may specify:

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

## Requesting a Recount (Continued)

### Place of Filing

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

### Notice of Recount

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

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

### Process of Recount

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

## Requesting a Recount (Continued)

### Result of Recount

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

### Cost and Payment

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

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

| COST BREAKDOWN<br>FOR MANUAL RECOUNT* |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| No. of Boards                         | Cost per Day |
| 1                                     | \$3,833.10   |
| 2                                     | \$4,233.10   |
| 3                                     | \$5,191.00   |
| 4                                     | \$5,591.00   |
| 5                                     | \$8,444.84   |
| 6                                     | \$8,844.84   |
| 7                                     | \$9,802.75   |
| 8                                     | \$10,202.75  |
| 9                                     | \$13,056.58  |
| 10                                    | \$13,456.58  |
| 11                                    | \$14,414.48  |
| 12                                    | \$14,814.48  |
| 26                                    | \$31,903.56  |
| 50                                    | \$59,574.03  |
| 75                                    | \$88,202.40  |

**\*Subject to change.** Cost will include labor, equipment, material and personnel. If computer recount is requested costs vary.

**1% MANUAL TALLY**

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be recounted manually to verify the computer count. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process. *The 1% Manual Tally is open to the public.* (E.C. § 15360)

# CHAPTER 7

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FAQ'S







## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. How may I apply for office?**

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

**Q. May I have someone pick up my paperwork?**

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

**Q. What is a Candidate Statement?**

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

**Q. What is a Campaign Statement?**

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

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

**A.** The Election Information Section will be open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. It is recommended that individuals who wish to take out nomination documents arrive at least 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. if possible to avoid delays (heavy lobby, stair well and elevator traffic) especially on the **deadline** to file nomination documents (**August 10, 2018**). The time frame to process candidates varies, and depends on how efficiently the staff qualifies the candidate and how accurately the candidate completes required documents.

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

**A.** Yes. You may obtain a list of the candidates who have been issued and have filed nomination documents from the Election Information Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Room 2013 or via our website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. Can a candidate change his/her mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?**

**A.** Depending on the office, a candidate may not withdraw once his/her declaration of candidacy has been filed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Q. If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can a candidate statement fee be refunded?**

**A.** Yes, a candidate statement fee can be refunded. Candidates who are nominated by district and elected at large are the exception.

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