

Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide



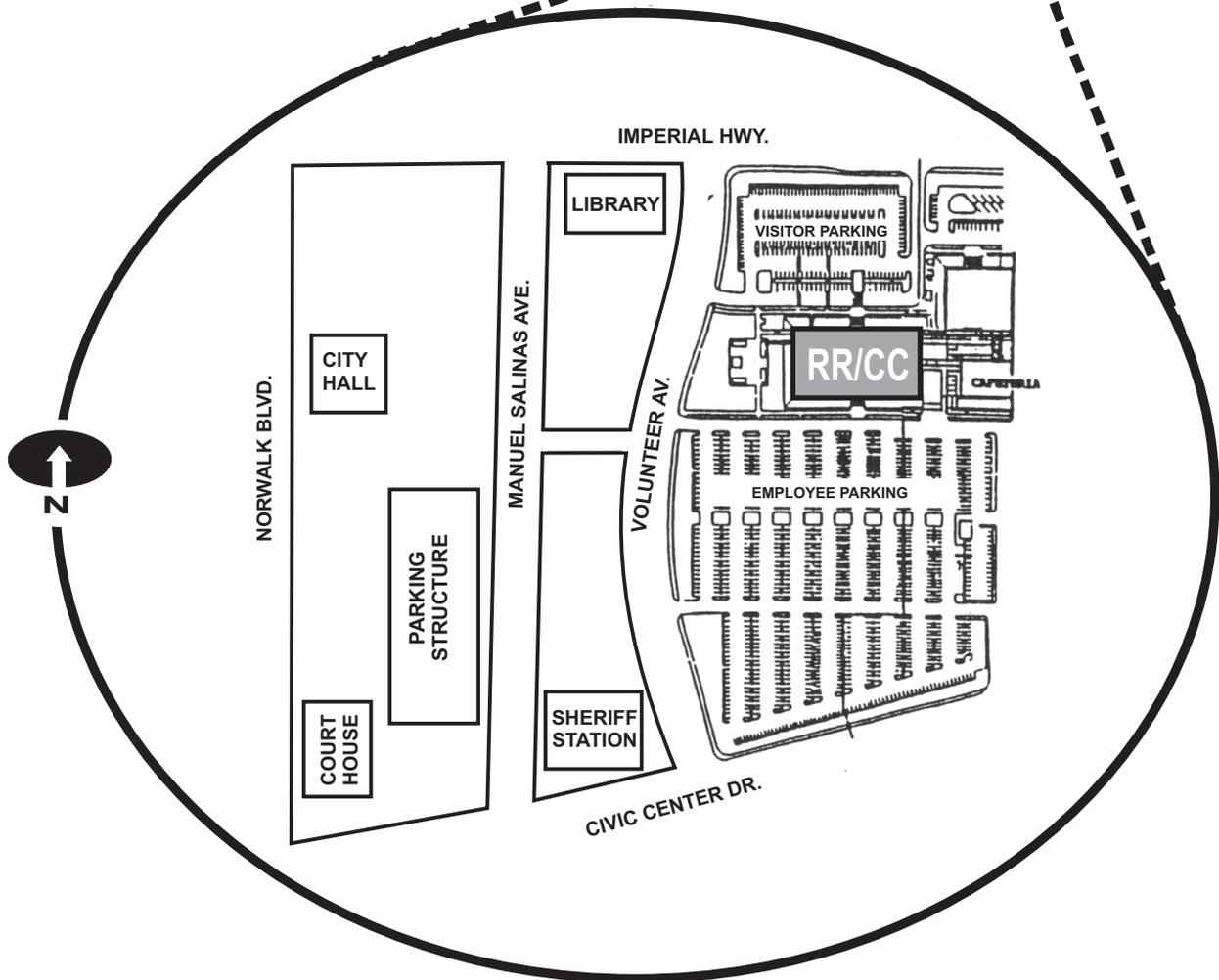
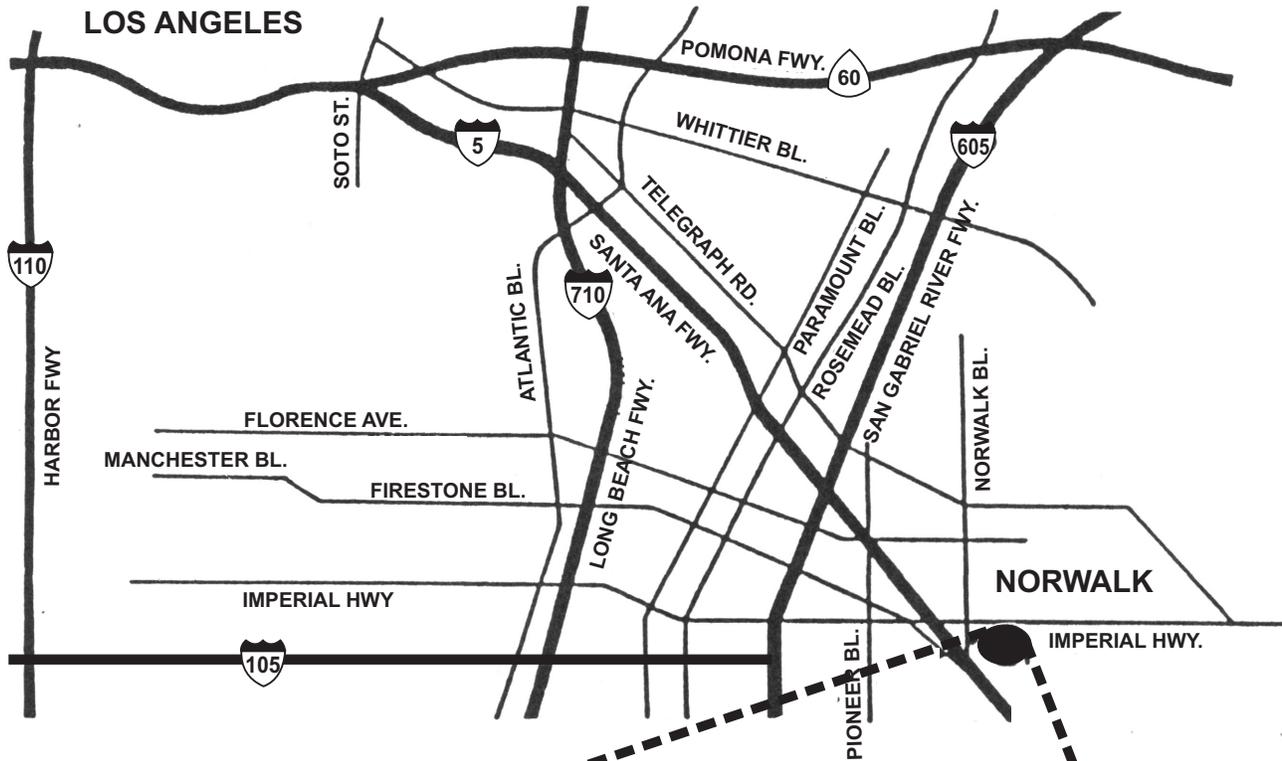
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Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections November 8, 2005



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SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE**

November 8, 2005 – Special Statewide And Consolidated Elections

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for elective offices on the ballot for the Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections, scheduled to be held on November 8, 2005. 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 are pleased to present the handbook in a new format for this election and hope you will find it to be both informative and useful. Please review the information provided in this handbook carefully. Section 1, Chapters 1-5, includes general Candidate Filing Information and Section 2, Chapters 1-7, includes Election and Campaign Information. On-line access to this handbook is available on our website www.lavote.net. The names of candidates for offices to be filled and other information will be updated daily on website listings to assist you with the candidate filing process.

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 or send an e-mail to (cmccorma@rrcc.co.la.ca.us) or call me at (562) 462-2716.

For additional information regarding the election, including election results, check our website or call (562) 466-1310.

NOTICE

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

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

Candidates and others using this Handbook & 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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Candidate Handbook

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Chapter 1

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 8, 2005

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

DATES	EVENTS
JUNE 13 (M) E-148	GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION On this date, the Governor issued the Special Statewide Election proclamation. (E. C. §§ 12000)
JUNE 30 (Th) E-131	STATEWIDE MEASURES QUALIFY FOR BALLOT Last day for an initiative or legislative measure to qualify for the special election. (Calif. Const. Art. II, § 8(c) & E. C. § 9013)
JULY 1 (F) E-130	NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS) Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall notify the elections official and affected school and community college governing boards, in writing, that a consolidated election is required to be held. (Ed. Code § 5340)
JULY 6 (W) E-125	NOTICE OF ELECTION (UDEL DISTRICTS) Not later than this date the District Secretary shall deliver a notice containing: 1) elective offices, including specifying which offices are for unexpired terms, 2) candidate statement word limitation (200 or 400 words), 3) designated party responsible for statement cost (candidate or district) and, 4) required method of payment, i.e., advance, if cost is payable by candidate. (E. C. §§ 10522 & 13307)

DATES

EVENTS

JULY 6 (W)

E-125

MAP OF DISTRICT (UDEL DISTRICTS)

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)

JULY 8 (F)

E-123

ADOPT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

Last day for governing boards to adopt 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 the elections official.

(Ed. Code § 5322)

JULY 11 (M)

E-120

FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver a formal notice of a governing board member election to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

(Ed. Code §§ 5324 & 5325)

BOARD RESOLUTION re CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

Not later than this date, the district board 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 if cost is to be paid by candidate, whether advance payment is required.

(E. C. § 13307)

DATES		EVENTS
JULY 11 (M) E-120	AUG. 10 (W) E-90	<p>NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PUBLICATION (UDEL AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS)</p> <p>Between these dates the notice of governing board member election shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.</p> <p>A general press release shall be issued providing information on the elective offices and the telephone number to call regarding candidate nomination procedures. (E. C. § 12112 & Ed. Code § 5363)</p> <p>NOTICE OF ELECTION POSTING (UDEL AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS)</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. (E. C. § 12113)</p>
JULY 18 (M) E-113	AUG. 12, (F) 5 P. M. E-88	<p>NOMINATION PERIOD – FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</p> <p>First and last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10510 & 10603)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS</p> <p>During this period, candidates may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the district governing body (200 or 400 words) for inclusion with the sample ballot. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10540 & 13307)</p>

DATES

EVENTS

AUG. 12, (F)
5 P. M.
E-88

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY DEADLINE
(UDEL & SCHOOL DISTRICTS)**

Last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy.
(E. C. §§ 10510 & 10603)

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL (UDEL & 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 & 10604)

CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS

Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with the election. A copy of the resolution must also be filed with the elections official.
(E. C. §§ 10400, 10402 & 10403)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Last day to file a candidate statement.
(E. C. §§ 10540 & 13307)

ADOPT SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION RESOLUTION

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 elections official.
(Ed. Code § 5322)

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT

Last day for a local jurisdiction to file statement in compliance (bond statement) with the elections official.
(E. C. § 9401)

DATES

EVENTS

AUG. 13 (Sa)**
E-87**

AUG. 17, (W)
5 P. M.
E-83

NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD (IF INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE)

If declaration of candidacy for an incumbent is not filed by 5 p.m. on August 12, the declaration period shall be extended until August 17, 5 p.m., **for persons other than the incumbent.**

NOTE: The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.
(E. C. §§ 10516 & 10604)

AUG. 13 (Sa)**
E-87**

AUG. 22, (M)
5 P. M.
E-78

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, CANDIDATES' NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS

During this period candidate statements, candidates' names and ballot designations shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted.

(E. C. § 13313)

NOTE: If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to August 18 through August 29*.

AUG. 17, (W)
5 P. M.
E-83

PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION DEADLINE

Last day to file a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is smaller in number) in the district, trustee area or division requesting that an election be held if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled.

(E. C. § 10515 & Ed. Code § 5326)

**August 13 (Saturday) and August 14 (Sunday) – Office will be closed

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday

DATES

EVENTS

AUG. 17, (W)
5 P. M.
E-83

APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board or, if no person has been nominated, the governing board shall appoint a qualified person or persons at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election.

(Ed. Code § 5328)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLICATION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

After this date, if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice shall be published once stating that the governing board intends to make an appointment and the procedures for applying for the office.

(Ed. Code §§ 5303 & 5328.5)

APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (UDEL DISTRICTS)

If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, a certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting appointment of the candidates or, if there are no candidates, appointment of any qualified person. Appointments shall be made not later than November 28.

(E. C. § 10515)

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD

Last day a candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy papers when nomination period has been extended for that office.

(E. C. §§ 10516 & 10604)

AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE DEADLINE

Last day for county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot.

(E. C. § 9605)

DATES

EVENTS

AUG. 18, (Th)
11 A. M.
E-82

RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine order of candidates' names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.
(E. C. § 13112)

AUG. 19 (F)
E-81

DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS PUBLICATION

Not later than this date a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, setting forth the date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county or school district measure.

(E. C. §§ 9163 & 9502 & Govt. Code § 6061)

NOTE: A copy of the published notice shall be delivered to the District Secretary/Superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office.
(E. C. § 12113)

AUG. 22, (M)
5 P. M.
E-78

ARGUMENTS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT

Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed **300 words** in length.

(E. C. §§ 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 & 9502)

EXCEPTION: These provisions do not apply to a measure on school district reorganization.

AUG. 23 (Tu)
E-77

SEPT. 1 (Th)
E-68

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS

During this period the Election Official shall make available for public examination a copy of any ballot measure text, arguments and the statement in compliance (bond statement) for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted.

(E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 & 9509)

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<p>SEPT. 1, (Th) 5 P. M. E-68</p>	<p>REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for authors of arguments for and against county, district or school measures to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 & 9504)</p> <p>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure. (E. C. §§ 9160, 9313, & 9500)</p> <p>DEATH OF CANDIDATE Last day on which the name of a deceased candidate may be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (Ed. Code § 5329 & E. C. § 10529)</p> <p>NOTE: This provision does not apply under certain circumstances as set forth in Election Code Sections 8026 & 8027.</p>
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<p>SEPT. 2 (F) E-67</p>	<p>SEPT. 12* (M) E-57*</p>	<p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REBUTTALS/IMPARTIAL ANALYSES During this period rebuttals and impartial analyses for measures shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 & 9509)</p>
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<p>SEPT. 7 (W) E-62</p>	<p>SEPT. 9 (F) E-60</p>	<p>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.</p>
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*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES

EVENTS

SEPT. 9 (F)
E-60

SPECIAL ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT APPLICATIONS

The first day County election officials may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. The application must include the Statement that the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period of October 11 to November 1, 2005 because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. (E. C. §§ 300(b) & 3103)

SEPT. 12 (M)
E-57

OCT. 25, (Tu)
5 P. M.
E-14

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD

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

SEP. 19 (M)
E-50

REGISTRATION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE

Last day to submit to Secretary of State tapes listing registrations for those persons registered as of **September 9** (E-60). (E. C. § 2187)

SEPT. 29 (Th)
E-40

OCT. 18 (Tu)
E-21

MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS

A sample ballot booklet shall be mailed to each voter during this period. (E. C. § 13303)

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILED

Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail a state ballot pamphlet to all households in which voters were registered by September 9, 2005. (E. C. § 9094)

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OCT. 10* (M)

E-29*

EARLY TABULATION SNAP TALLIES

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.
(E. C. § 14440)

OCT. 11* (Tu)

E-28*

NOV. 1 (Tu)

E-7

ABSENT VOTERS – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY

Applications may be filed between these dates (both dates inclusive). Applications received prior to the 28th* day preceding the election will be kept and processed during this period.
(E. C. §§ 3001 & 3003)

OCT. 11* (Tu)

E-28*

PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES APPOINTMENT

Last day to appoint precinct officers and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each precinct officer appointed.
(E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 & 12319)

OCT. 24 (M)

E-15

REGISTRATION CLOSES

Last day to transfer or register to vote in the election.
(E. C. § 2107)

OCT. 25 (Tu)

E-14

NOV. 1 (Tu)

E-7

NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION/VOTING

Between these dates any new citizen (a person who meets all requirements of an elector and has become a U.S. citizen beginning the 14th day prior to the election but on or before the 7th day prior to that election) is eligible to register and vote at this office. New citizen must provide proof of citizenship prior to voting.
(E. C. §§ 331 & 3500-3503)

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES	EVENTS
<p>OCT. 25, (Tu) 5 P. M. E-14</p>	<p>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES DECLARATION DEADLINE Last day for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 & 8601)</p> <p>BILINGUAL PRECINCT OFFICER LIST Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual precinct officers. (E. C. § 12303)</p>
<p>OCT. 31* (M) E-8*</p>	<p>TALLY CENTER LOCATION PUBLICATION Not later than this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. (E.C. § 12109)</p>
<p>NOV. 1 (Tu) E-7</p>	<p>STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION Last day to transmit to Secretary of State the total county registration as of October 24 (E-15). (E. C. § 2187)</p> <p>PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES PUBLICATION Not later than this date, a list of precinct officers and polling places for each precinct shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. (E. C. § 12105 & Govt. Code § 6061)</p> <p>COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to send copy of computer vote counting program and Certificate of Logic and Accuracy Test to Secretary of State. (E. C. § 15001)</p>

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES		EVENTS
NOV. 1 (Tu) E-7		CANVASS ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS The canvass may commence on the 7 th day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the polls close. (E. C. § 15101)
NOV. 2 (W) E-6	NOV. 8 (Tu) E	EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTING Between these dates any voter may apply for an absentee 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 & 3110)
NOV. 8, (Tu) 8 P. M. E		ELECTION DAY Polls open 7 A.M. and close 8 P. M. (E. C. §§ 1304, 10541 & 14212 & Ed. Code §§ 5000 & 19700) ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED – 8 P.M. Last day for absent voter ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. A designated family member may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017 & 3020)
NOV. 10 (Th) E + 2		OFFICIAL CANVASS The official canvass shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. §§ 10547 & 15301)
NOV. 28 (M) E + 20		APPOINT CANDIDATES (UDEL DISTRICTS) Before this date the Board of Supervisors shall, if no election is held, appoint the persons who have filed declarations of candidacy or, if no person has filed a declaration of candidacy, appoint any qualified person. (E. C. § 10515)

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NOV. 28 (M)

E + 20

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

The official canvass must be completed within 28 days of the election. The legal deadline for elections officials to certify the election result is December 6. (E. C. §§ 15301, 15372, 15400 & 15401)

DECLARE ELECTED CANDIDATES AND DELIVER CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION (UDEL AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

Not later than this date candidates shall be declared elected. A certificate of election shall be prepared and delivered to each person elected.

NOTE: The person(s) receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. (E. C. §§ 10551, 10553 & 15401)

DEC. 2 (F)

E + 24

TAKE OFFICE (UDEL AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

Officers, elected or appointed, take office on the first Friday in December following the election. (E. C. § 10554, Ed. Code §§ 5017, 19700 & Water Code § 21101)

DEC. 19* (M)

E+ 41*

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST BY SECRETARY OF STATE

Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile, certify and file in his office a statement of all votes.

(E. C. § 15501)

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JAN. 3* (Tu)
E + 56*

NOTICE TO SECRETARY OF STATE (UDEL DISTRICTS)

Not later than December 31, immediately following a general district election a statement containing all of the following for each election in the county held pursuant to this part shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

- (a) The list of offices to be filled.
 - (b) The name of each candidate, including occupational designation, if any.
 - (c) The name of each successful candidate.
 - (d) The number of voters eligible to vote in the district and, if voting is by division, the number of voters eligible to vote in each division.
 - (e) The number of votes cast in each division or district.
 - (f) The list of offices for which appointments have been made in lieu of election pursuant to Elections Code Section 10515 together with the names of the persons so appointed.
- (E. C. § 10552)

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

Chapter 2

**Office Information,
Candidate Qualifications
and Offices to be filled**

OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE TERM: Four Years

TERM BEGINS: Noon on December 2, 2005

PARTY AFFILIATION — NO PARTY AFFILIATION REQUIRED.

FILING FEE, NOMINATING PETITIONS AND SALARY — Neither a filing fee nor a nominating petition is required. Salaries vary. (E.C. §§ 10510 and 10603)

PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT — Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine order of candidates' names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. No rotation of names on ballot. (E.C. §§ 13111 and 13112)

VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES (PLURALITY) — When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. (E.C. § 10551)

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

DIRECTOR — CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 35055 and E.C. § 201)

DIRECTOR — COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Govt. Code § 61200 and E.C. § 201)

DIRECTOR — COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 30500 and E.C. § 201)

DIRECTOR — IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Each director shall be a voter and landowner of the district and a resident of the division, at the time nomination documents are issued or appointment is made. (Water Code § 21100 and E.C. § 201)

TRUSTEE — LIBRARY DISTRICT

Each trustee shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code § 19611 and E.C. § 201)

DIRECTOR — RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Public Resources Code § 5784(c) and E.C. § 201)

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER — SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

A registered voter of the district or trustee area, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code §§ 5030, 35107, 72022 & 72103 & E. C. § 201)

OFFICES TO BE FILLED

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
ABC UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Olympia Chen David Montgomery Mark Pulido
	1 (Unexpired term ending 12/07/07)	Louise Dodson (A)
ACTON-AGUA DULCE UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Max Duran (A) Steven D. Harbeson Fred E. Heslep
ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Shared with Kern County)	3 Full terms	Michael R. Adams Steve D. Buffalo Betty J. Wienke
ANTELOPE VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH (Shared with Kern County)	3 Full terms	Albert S. Beattie, Sr. James T. Lott Calvin H.A. Robinson
AZUSA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Rosemary Garcia Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez Lisa Harrington
BALDWIN PARK UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Sergio Corona Marco A. Dominguez
BASSETT UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Anna A. Aguilar Robert Fuentes Paul Solano
BELLFLOWER UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Richard Buonocore Paul Helzer W. St. Marie

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED	2 Full terms	(Vacant) Myra Demeter
BONITA UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Patti A. Latourelle Ron White
CASTAIC UNION	3 Full terms	Nora Emmons Wendy L. Gingrich John N. Kunak
CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH **	3 Full terms	
	Trustee Area #1	Angelina G. Moller
	Trustee Area #2	Jean J. De Simone
	Trustee Area #5	(Vacant)
CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	3 Full terms	Robert Epple (A) Eric Gutierrez Bob Verderber
CHARTER OAK UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Jane Bock (A) Alexandra R. Parslow
CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2 Full terms	
	Trustee Area #1	Gary L. Woods
	Trustee Area #3	Edward C. Ortell
CLAREMONT UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Jeanne Hamilton Samuel L. Mowbray David M. Speak

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

** Nominated by Trustee Area - Elected At Large

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2 Full terms Trustee Area #1 Trustee Area #2	Willie O. Jones Carl E. Robinson
COMPTON UNIFIED	4 Full terms	Delorise A. Anderson Leslie A. Irving Marjorie A. Shipp Mae P. Thomas
COVINA-VALLEY UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Charles M. Kemp Teri Meister
CULVER CITY UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Jessica Beagles-Roos Saundra Davis Dana Russell
DOWNEY UNIFIED**	3 Full terms Trustee Area #1 Trustee Area #5 Trustee Area #7	(Vacant) Betty N. Ferraro Barbara R. Samperi
DUARTE UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Kenneth Bell Reyna Diaz
EAST WHITTIER CITY	3 Full terms	Robert R. Ehlers Paul R. Gardiner Christine Sullivan (A)
EASTSIDE UNION	3 Full terms	Charles R. Cooke David Eubanks (A) Martha D. Johnson

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

** Nominated by Trustee Area - Elected At Large

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**	2 Full terms Trustee Area #4 Trustee Area #5	Lila S. Hummel (Vacant)
EL MONTE CITY	3 Full terms	Robert M. Barrios Janye Lee Iberri Agustin Salcedo (A)
EL MONTE UNION HIGH	3 Full terms	Tonson Man Carlos G. Salcedo Theresa A. Velasco
EL RANCHO UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Frank P. Boyce Rita Jo Ramirez Lupe Salas
EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Jo-Ann E. Edlefsen Christine M. Sherrill Kathleen A. Wiley
GARVEY	3 Full terms 1 (Unexpired term ending 12/07/07)	Robert Bruesch Irene Flores John Yuen (Vacant)
GLEN DORA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Chuck J. Gomer Rick Pousard Patricia A. Rasmussen
GORMAN JOINT (Shared with Kern County)	1 Full term	Julianne C. Ralphs
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Joseph K. Chang Felicia F. Minardi Anita Perez
HAWTHORNE	3 Full terms	Shirley M. Duff Nilo Michelin Hugo M. Rojas

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** Nominated by Trustee Area - Elected At Large

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
HERMOSA BEACH CITY	3 Full terms	Linda S. Beck Gregory S. Breen Lance Widman
HUGHES-ELIZABETH LAKES UNION	3 Full terms	Brian D. Christian Thomas E. Sawhill Lola Skelton
KEPPEL UNION	3 Full terms	R. Michael Dutton Valorie Gorny Jeff Sauer
LA CANADA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Andy Beattie Ronald J. Dietel Scott E. Tracy
LANCASTER	3 Full terms	Keith Giles Greg A. Tepe Richard T. White
LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED (Shared with Ventura County)	3 Full terms	Cindy Iser Judy Jordan Gordon Whitehead
LAWNDALE	3 Full terms	Bonnie J. Coronado Ann M. Phillips Shirley Rudolph
LENNOX	3 Full terms	Hector D. Carrio Maria Calix (A) Jerardo Usquiano
LITTLE LAKE CITY	2 Full terms	Janet E. Rock Hilda A. Zamora
LOS NIETOS	3 Full terms	Gloria Duran Catherine Martinez (A) Jose L. Martinez

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
LYNWOOD UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Rachel Chavez Martina Rodriguez
MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Lynette Y. Campbell Joseph P. Loverich Mary A. Rogers
MONROVIA UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Bruce Carter Monina A. Diaz
MONTEBELLO UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Hector A. Chacon Edwin Chau Gerri Guzman
MOUNTAIN VIEW	3 Full terms	Robert L. Griffith Joe A. Moreno Edwin E. Wallach
MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Shared with Orange County)	2 Full terms	Judy Chen Haggerty David K. Hall
NEWHALL	3 Full terms	John A. Castagna Sue Neiberger Steve Tannehill
NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED	4 Full terms	Darryl R. Adams Gabriel P. Garcia Ed Hengler Ana Valencia
	1 (Unexpired term ending 12/07/07)	Karen L. Morrison (A)
PALMDALE	3 Full terms	Shawny M. Barcelona Sandy Corrales Sheldon Epstein
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Gabriella Holt Barbara Lucky Ellen Perkins

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
PARAMOUNT UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Alicia L. Anderson Sonya S. Cuellar Tony Pena
PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4 Full terms Trustee Area #1 Trustee Area #3 Trustee Area #5 Trustee Area #7	Geoffrey L. Baum Consuelo Rey-Castro Warren L. Weber Beth Wells-Miller
POMONA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	John J. Avila Steve Lustro Candelario Mendoza
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	3 Full terms Trustee Area #1 Trustee Area #3 Trustee Area #5	Andre Quintero Michelle Yanez Leo Camalich
ROSEMEAD	3 Full terms	Charles Lyons (A) Fred S. Mascorro Linda Clark-Molina (A)
ROWLAND UNIFIED (Shared with Orange County)	3 Full terms	Gloria Burt (A) Gilbert G. Garcia Judy Nieh
SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Cristina C. Alvarado Lee H. Freeman Ken K. Tcheng
SAN MARINO UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Andrew F. Barth Jeanie Caldwell C. Joseph Chang

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**	2 Full terms Office #1 Office #3	Ernie Tichenor Joan W. MacGregor
SAUGUS UNION	3 Full terms	(Vacant) Jonathan L. Myl Judith A. E. Umeck
SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Donald Eggleston Tammy J. Godley Pete S. Kutzer
SOUTH WHITTIER	3 Full terms	Sylvia V. Macias Deborah L. Pacheco Timothy Schneider
	1 (Unexpired term ending 12/07/07)	Janet Baird (A)
SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION	3 Full terms	Kerry B. Clegg Michael Hogan Sheldon Wigdor
TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED	2 Full terms	Edward Chen (A) Matt W. Smith
TORRANCE UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Maureen O' Donnell Joseph F. Bonanno Gary S. Kuwahara
VALLE LINDO	3 Full terms	Rudy T. Martinez Gloria J. Olmos David Del Rio
VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Shared with San Bernardino County)	3 Full terms	Dorothy N. Franke Dennis Henderson Bettye Underhill

(A) Appointed to fill vacancy

** Nominated by Office - Elected At Large

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED	3 Full terms	Helen M. Hall Anyork Lee Cindy Ruiz
WEST COVINA UNIFIED	2 Full terms	George S. Fuller Forrest E. Wilkins
WESTSIDE UNION	3 Full terms	James Brink Christine LeBeau Marty G. Meeden
WHITTIER CITY	3 Full terms	Javier Gonzalez Ken Henderson John L. Peel
WHITTIER UNION HIGH	3 Full terms	Leighton Anderson Jeff Baird Alex Morales
WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH	3 Full terms	Patricia A. Hanrion Dennis V. King Paul B. Strickland
WILSONA	3 Full terms	Christina Behringer Lynnette Ledet Emma Montesdeoca
WISEBURN	3 Full terms	JoAnne L. Kaneda Nelson Martinez (A) Israel A. Mora

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OFFICES TO BE FILLED

GENERAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
<u>CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT</u>		
WALNUT VALLEY	2 Full terms	
	Division # 2	Edwin M. Hilden
	Division # 3	Edward N. Layton
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT</u>		
POINT DUME	3 Full terms	Beverly J. Hammond* John G. Mazza* Karen Verham*
<u>COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS</u>		
CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER	3 Full terms	Richard W. Atwater (A) Ernest M. Weber Vasken A. Yardemian
GREEN VALLEY	3 Full terms	William A. Folwell Richard W. Kirchner (A) Jeane Sargent
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	2 Full terms	Bradley C. Cooke Michael Roach
LA PUENTE VALLEY	3 Full terms	Charles Aguirre Joe V. Alderete John P. Escalera
NEWHALL	3 Full terms	Barbara Dore Joan M. Dunn Maria A. Gutzeit

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* Incumbents not verified at time of printing

GENERAL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
<u>COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS</u>		
ORCHARD DALE WATER	3 Full terms	Harold Estabrook Elden E. Hughes Robert J. Noonan
PICO WATER	3 Full terms	Andres O. Gonzalez Antonio A. Martinez Salvador M. Orozco
	1 Unexpired term ending 12/07/07)	Richard S. Briones
QUARTZ HILL WATER	3 Full terms	Michael Martin Bill Meyer Tom Stevenson
ROWLAND WATER	3 Full terms	John Rowland V Robert William Lewis Antonio Diliberti
SAN GABRIEL	3 Full terms	Sabino Cici (A) Virgil Hansen Wellington H. Love
SATIVA-LOS ANGELES	2 Full terms	Anita M. Emery Johnny E. Johnson
VALLEY	3 Full terms	Mariana Lake B. Estela Rubio (Vacant)
WEST VALLEY	2 Full terms	Patti Claude (A) Harold B. Crossley (A)

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GENERAL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
<u>IRRIGATION DISTRICTS</u>		
KINNELOA	2 Full terms Division # 2 Division # 3	Jay N. Stock Richard L. Barkhurst (A)
LA CANADA	2 Full terms Division # 1 Division # 4	Richard H. Myers, Jr. Dean E. Williams
LITTLEROCK CREEK	3 Full terms	Barbara L. Hogan Charles E. Yingst Frances S. Young
PALM RANCH***	2 Full terms Division # 2 Division # 4	Brett M. Valasek Donald J. Chaisson
PALMDALE WATER***	2 Full terms Division # 2 Division # 5 Division # 1 Unexpired term ending 1 12/07/07)	Ronald D. Cunningham Nolan D. Negaard Jeffery Storm, Sr. (A)
SOUTH MONTEBELLO***	2 Full terms Division # 1 Division # 2	Robert E. Brown Annette Sanchez

***Nominated by Division-Elected at Large
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GENERAL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

DISTRICT	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT NAMES
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LIBRARY DISTRICTS

ALTADENA	2 Full terms	Dale E. LaCasella (A) G. Jeffrey Snyder
PALOS VERDES	2 Full terms	Jane Jones Theodore Paulson

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

MIRALESTE	2 Full terms	Peter D. Glusac Dawn E. Henry
RIDGECREST RANCHOS	3 Full terms	Victor E. Hansen (A) Joyce Huppert (A) Tom Carter (A)

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Chapter 3

Filing Procedures

<p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL INFORMATION ON FILING PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATES</p>

**SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

All candidates must be registered voters at 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. Oral and written instructions regarding procedures to be followed in completing the nomination process are given to candidates or authorized agents when the forms are issued.

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

NOMINATION FILING PERIOD

JULY 18 (M) E - 113 - 88 NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES
Through
AUG. 12, (F)
5 P.M.

AUG. 13 (Sa) E - 87** - 83 NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD**
Through
AUG. 17 (W)
5 P.M.
(If Incumbent Does Not File)

SEPT. 12 (M) E - 57 - 14 FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN
Through
OCT. 25, (Tu)
5 P.M.
NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

**August 13 (Saturday) and August 14 (Sunday) – Office will be closed.

EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD – If an incumbent for any office fails to file nomination documents by the deadline date, 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 to be elected.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – Withdrawal of candidacy is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office.
(E. C. §§ 10510 & 10603)

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 into Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (88 days prior to the election). Candidates may review the transliteration of names and submit changes to the elections official no later than the last day of the review period, which is normally 60 days prior to the election but subject to change. To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832. Refer to Multilingual Voting Services Chapter for additional information.

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 at the time it is filed.
- Become public record once the information is filed on the Declaration of Candidacy. Ballot designations **cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents**.

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

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

Example A: Governing Board Member

Example B: Board member, XYZ School District

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

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

Example A: Appointed Incumbent

Example B: Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

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

BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (Cont'd)

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

Example A: High School Teacher

Example B: Attorney/Educator/Rancher

Example C: CEO/Councilmember

- 5) **Community Volunteer:** A Community Volunteer shall constitute a valid principal profession, vocation or occupation subject to the following conditions:
- 1) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - 2) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation.
 - 3) 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(f) of the California Elections Code. **Restrictions:** The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State's ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – If the designation appears to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, this office will provide you with a "Ballot Designation Worksheet." This worksheet is intended to assist in the prompt evaluation of requested ballot designations. This office may also request that a candidate submit additional documentation to support the proposed ballot designation.

If a candidate's ballot designation is in violation of any of the restrictions, the candidate will be notified by certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot. **(E.C. § 13107(c))**

BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (Cont'd)

UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS – Pursuant to Elections Code §13107(b), the election 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 includes a word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- g. It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST):

- a. Is it true?
- b. Is it accurate?
- c. Does it mislead?
- d. Is it generic? (This means “IBM” is out, “computer company” is okay.)
- e. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against)
- f. Is it how this person makes a living?

Candidates may review their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, at this office during working hours Monday through Friday from **August 13, 2005** through **August 22, 2005** or if the nomination period is extended, from **August 18** through **August 29 (Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.)**

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

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

You are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know **“HOW DO I GET STARTED.”** There are five (5) easy 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 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATE REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION FORM		FOR OFFICE USE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> SIL _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NOM _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL FOR REASON OF: _____ AGENT: _____	
NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS (Please Print IN ALL CAPS)			
FIRST	MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL (and/or Nickname)	LAST	
NAME AS REGISTERED (if different from ballot name)			
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS			
CITY NAME		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE NUMBERS DAYTIME: ()	EVENING: ()	FAX: ()	
WEBSITE:		EMAIL:	
<small>ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION / INTERNET AND ISSUED TO NEWS MEDIA (if none given, above residence address and telephone numbers will be used)</small>			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY NAME		ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NO.
OFFICE TITLE (include District, Division or Office No.)			
			Initial if FULL TERM
			Initial if UNEXPIRED TERM
<small>POLITICAL PARTY (Not Applicable to Non-Partisan Offices)</small>			
ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT?	YES	NO	IF "YES", CHECK ONE
			ELECTED
			APPOINTED
			APPOINTMENT DATE
"I am aware of the qualifications for office and understand this is not an official filing document."			
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE OR AGENT			DATE
FOR OFFICE USE			
FILING FEE/SIGNATURE IN-LIEU INFO		PRECINCT NUMBER	CONTEST CONTROL NO.
FILING FEE \$		RESIDENCE CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	PTY CODE
DATE FILED		RE-REG (NEW ADDRESS) <input type="checkbox"/>	VOTER ID NO.
NO. SIGNATURES	@ \$ EACH	DISTRICT CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE FILING NO.
BALANCE \$		PARTY CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	
CASHIER'S INITIALS	RECEIPT NO.	CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE #	ABL OPER
		REVIEWER/TIME	INSTRUCTOR
			<input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> NOM
INITIALS & DATE _____			
COMMENTS:			
ELECTION PLANNING COPY			
<small>8/31/05P Rev 6-13-05</small>			

The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available on-line at www.lavote.net. Information on the form is used in preparing the 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 THIS TIME.**

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Cont'd)

STEP 2 – Issuing Nomination Documents

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

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

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

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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR - RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

I am aware of the following:

1. Qualifications for Candidacy for office.
2. Requirements for filing Campaign Statements.
3. Election Candidate Handbook was received.
4. Last day to file Nomination Papers.

PETITION SIGNERS REQUIRED	
SIG 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	ISSUE DATE
PARTY (IF APPLICABLE)			
OCCUPATION			
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE NUMBERS		EVENING	DAYTIME
		EXTENSION	E-MAIL
FAX			
WEB SITE:			
PUBLICATION ADDRESS		ZIP CODE	
DATE ISSUED		SIGNATURE IN LIEU	NOMINATION PAPERS
DATE FILED		PUBLICATION PHONE	
		INCUMBENT (Elected/Appointed)	
CANDIDATE NAME FIELDS			
FIRST	MIDDLE	NICKNAME	
LAST	SUFFIX	CRD #	EI #
SHORT NAME			

S/CS/SFORMS: Nomination Application

THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE AND A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET ARE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Cont'd)

STEP 3 – Declaration of Candidacy (Completing Nomination Documents)

A Declaration of Candidacy Form is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification form. This declaration form must be signed by the candidate acknowledging name and designation (occupation) requested to be printed on ballot. Candidate must provide the following required information and verify that the addresses, telephone/fax numbers/e-mail are correct for publication.

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. Day time, evening and telephone numbers (Fax numbers, e-mail and web site address information is optional)
4. If 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

<p>OFFICIAL FILING FORM</p>  <p>REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK LOS ANGELES COUNTY</p> <p>By: _____ Elections Deputy</p> <p>Date Issued: _____</p>	<p>OFFICIAL FILING FORM</p>  <p>REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK LOS ANGELES COUNTY</p> <p>By: _____ Elections Deputy</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p>	<p>(Secretary of State Use Only)</p>		
<p>Declaration Of Candidacy</p> <p>(Elections Code Sections 200, 8040, 10226, 10511, 10602, and Code of Civil Procedure Section 2015.5)</p> <p>I, _____, hereby declare myself a _____ candidate for nomination to the office of _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full term, or <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired term ending _____, to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____</p> <p>I hereby request that my name and ballot designation appear on the ballot as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> <p>000000 _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NAME AS IT WILL APPEAR ON BALLOT</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLOT DESIGNATION REQUESTED</p> <p><small>Print your principal profession, vocation or occupation in 3 words or less. If you hold an elective office you may use the elective office title or use the word "Incumbent". See written instructions provided for restrictions and examples.</small></p> <p><small>NOTE: A Ballot Designation is optional. If no Ballot Designation is requested, write in the word "NONE" and place initials in box on the right.</small></p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Note: If no Ballot Designation is desired, candidate must initial below:</p> <p>_____</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>I declare that the foregoing Ballot Designation is true and in conformance with Section 13107 of the Elections Code.</p> <p><small>NOTE: For federal and state offices the Secretary of State will publish one of the addresses below in the certified list of candidates and on their website. Please check the appropriate box below to indicate which address you wish to be used for this purpose.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Residence Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>E-Mail: _____ Web site: _____</p> <p>Fax No. () _____ Phone Nos. () _____ () _____ Daytime Evening</p> <p><small>NOTE: Candidates for Judicial Offices are not required to state their residence address on this form.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT: BACKSIDE OF PAGE MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED</p> <p style="font-size: small;">© 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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Cont'd)

STEP 4 – Filing Nomination Documents

Listed below are mandatory and optional documents to be filed for candidacy. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines are met.



All candidates are urged to file documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush.

DOCUMENTS	APPLIES TO	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Candidate Statement Form	Optional for all candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Transliteration Form	All Candidates	Multilingual Voting Service (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832
Candidate Campaign Statement Forms	All Candidates	Campaign Financial Disclosure Section (562) 462-2339

STEP 5 – Receive Candidate Receipt for Nomination Documents



CANDIDATE RECEIPT FOR NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

The following documents have been received.

NOMINATION (Date / Initials)	CAMPAIGN (Date / Initials)
Declaration of Candidacy or Affidavit of Nominee _____	Confirmation Notice (FDD) _____
Nominating Petition _____	Statement of Economic Interests (FDD) _____
Supp. Nominating Petition _____	470 Declaration (Short Form) _____
Candidate Qualification Confirmation: (Judicial, Sheriff & DA) _____	Code of Fair Campaign Practices _____
Transliteration Form _____	800 Election Campaign Declarations (DA, Assessor, Sheriff, Supervisor) _____
Candidate Statement (Optional) _____	808 Deposit of Personal Funds Declaration _____

NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT	
OFFICE AND DISTRICT	FILED NUMBER
	ELECTION NUMBER
	CONTEST NUMBER
PARTY (IF APPLICABLE)	ISSUE DATE



Chapter 4

Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (LOCAL NON-PARTISAN OFFICES)

(School and Special Districts)
(California Elections Code §§ 10540 & 13307)

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

1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate's age and occupation.
2. Statement may not include reference to other candidates. See information below and enclosed Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statements for restrictions.
3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed.
4. Statements are confidential until after 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 this period, a voter may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all material to be amended or deleted.
5. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the sample ballots 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 candidate's own expense.**
6. No reference to candidate's political party affiliation nor any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.

FORMS AND COST INFORMATION

1. Form on which statement is submitted is issued with nomination documents and contains word limitation and an estimated cost.
2. 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 200 words or less statement is submitted, only one half of the estimated cost shall be required to be deposited. Refer to Word Counting Guidelines in this Chapter.
3. 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 CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Statements must be neatly typed using upper and lower case letters. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. Words to be printed in **boldface** type, underscoring and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. However, the number of letters/words that can be in **boldface**, underscoring or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed 25 words per 200 word statement and 50 words per 400 word statement.

FORMAT AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

2. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line.
3. Statement will be typeset using Dutch801 Rm BT font in 10 point size. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. See example of Candidate Statement on the opposite page for recommended form and style content.

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.

MINORITY LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS – Minority language translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with National 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 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.

ACCESS/PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – Candidate statements are confidential until the filing period ends on August 12th at 5 P.M. Candidate statements will be available for public examination from Saturday, August 13th (Saturday, office will be closed) through Monday, August 22nd. A fee may be charged to any person wishing to obtain 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. If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to Thursday, August 18th through Monday, August 29th.
(E. C. § 13311)

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



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



STATEMENT OF: JANE DOE

CANDIDATE FOR: ANY PLACE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Member of the Governing Board

AGE: 42 **OCCUPATION:** Incumbent
ELECTION DATE: 11/08/05 (Optional) (Optional)

Please type your statement below in upper and lower case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style DUTCH801 RM BT, size 10 point.

STATEMENT OF JANE DOE

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
ANY PLACE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Age: 42

Occupation: Incumbent

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 Candidate Filing Guide.

HIGHLIGHTS: It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be **bold** or underlined or **bold and underlined**. Some words may also be in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS or in ANY COMBINATION. 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 margins will be justified (as shown in this example). A double space will appear between paragraphs. Special indentions are not allowed. If a list is to be printed (clubs, accomplishments, goals, etc.), it will appear as shown in the following paragraph (with “dots” separating the items).

I belong to the following organizations: PTA... Chamber of Commerce ... Zoological Society ... Bridge Club. If elected, I will: 1) lower taxes; 2) increase services; 3) cure the common cold; 4) be your servant. If a list is provided in an unacceptable format, the Registrar of Voters staff will make modifications so it conforms to these rules.

NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S OWN QUALIFICATIONS

Court Decision Prohibits Any Reference to Opponents –

This decision applies to all candidates.

All prospective candidates should be aware of the Court of Appeals ruling in the recent court case of **Dean V. Superior Court**. The 1998 decision analyzed California Elections Code § 13307, the statute governing the content of a candidate's statement for local office. The Court of Appeals concluded that the statement prepared by a candidate for inclusion in a voter's pamphlet may include comments on one's own qualifications, but may not include comments on one's opponent's qualifications, or lack thereof. A copy of the **Dean** decision is available from our office at no cost.

The Dean decision is clear... candidates are not to refer to their opponents in any manner in the candidate's statement. All candidates should confine their voter pamphlet statement to a listing of their particular qualifications and pertinent biographical information.

Importantly, persons seeking office that use the candidate's statement as a forum for attacking an opponent are subject to legal action by the opponent. The opponent can request that the court strike all improper content in a candidate's statement. **If successful in this effort, the candidate can request, and the court can order the losing candidate to pay the attorney's fees and costs incurred by the opponent in challenging the candidate's non-conforming statement.** Accordingly, it is in each candidates best interest to use his or her allotted words wisely and within the permissible scope of Elections Code § 13307.

Prospective candidates are solely responsible for preparation and submittal of candidate's statements that are in conformance with Elections Code § 13307 and other pertinent provisions of the California Elections Code. Challenges to written material in a voter's pamphlet are governed by Elections Code § 13313, **which authorizes the courts** to amend or delete false, misleading or inconsistent material.

California Elections Code § 13308 and Case LAW, prohibits PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE from making any reference to another candidate for judicial office or to another candidate's qualification, character or activities. **In these cases, the COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** is required to reject any such statement in its entirety. (Candidate will be advised in writing and if times permits the candidate may substitute another statement.)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – 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. **GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES** such as countries, states, counties, cities, towns, or jurisdictions are counted as one (1) word.
 Such as: “City of Los Angeles” = 1 word
 “City and County of San Francisco” = 1 word
4. **ABBREVIATIONS** each acronym or abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression is counted as one (1) word.
 Such as: 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.
 Such as: Attorney-at-law
6. **DATES...** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.
 Such as: 3/18 7/21/89

 DATES... consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.
 Such as: July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987
7. **NUMERIC COMBINATIONS** are counted as one (1) word.
 Such as: 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14
8. **MONETARY AMOUNTS**
 Such as: \$1,000.00 are counted as one (1) word
 Such as: \$4 million are counted as two (2) words
9. **NAMES OF PERSONS AND THINGS** are counted as individual words.
 Such as: Gus Enwright (2 words)
 L. A. Basketball Team (3 words)
10. **TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBERS** are counted as one(1) word.
 Such as: 1-800 815-2666 1-562-462-2317
11. **INTERNET WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES** are counted as one (1) word.
 Such as: <http://www.co.la.ca.us> www.lavote.net <http://www.lacounty.info>

Chapter 5

Write-In Candidates

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(Election Code Sections 8600 & 8601)

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.

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

A Write-in Candidate **is not required** to pay a filing fee.

FILING DEADLINE

SEPT. 12 (Mon) Through OCT. 25 (Tue) 5:00 P.M.	E- 57 – 14	FIRST & LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
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The Write-In candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office **NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE 14th DAY** prior to the election.

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

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – Refer to the General Information for Nomination of Candidates, Chapter 3 of the handbook.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FORMS – If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, contact the Campaign Finance and Disclosure 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/unqualified write-in candidate to determine whether a voter has over voted. All aspects of the canvass shall be open to the public. **Write-in votes are counted and certified in an election only if qualified candidates have filed the required nomination documents with the elections official.**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. When School and UDEL contests are involved, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled. In this case, an eligible candidate is appointed in lieu of the election. California Law however, provides for such offices, a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted. The petition must be filed with the elections official to require the office(s) be placed on the ballot by means of a petition drive.

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

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

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Chapter 1

WHO DO I CALL

WHO DO I CALL?

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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

Office Address: 12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650
FAX: (562) 462-3030

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

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

Election Information – 2nd Floor, Room 2013 (562) 466-1310
General information on election, registration and voter services.

Candidate Nomination Procedures – 2nd Floor, Room 2013 (562) 462-2317
Information regarding election dates, offices to be filled, qualifications for office, nomination filing dates and procedures.

Campaign Finance Disclosure – 2nd Floor, Room 2003 (562) 462-2339
Campaign finance filing requirements for candidates, committees and officeholders.

Registering to Vote (562) 466-1310
Register to vote during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours, call (562) 462-2260 to leave a recorded message to request a voter registration form to be mailed. **Note:** The registration deadline for the **November 8th Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections** is on **Monday, October 24, 2005.**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



Absentee / Vote-by-Mail Ballot Inquiries (562) 466-1323

Sample Ballot Translation (800) 481-8683
To receive a Sample Ballot booklet translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog or Vietnamese.

Precinct Pollworkers/Polls (562) 466-1373
To become a pollworker, offer a home as a polling place or report problems at a polling place on Election Day.

Hourly Voter Turnout Information (562) 462-2726
Projected turnout reports based on phone calls to Sample Precincts (for media use) will be issued each hour on the half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Semi-Official Election Results (562) 466-1323
Preliminary absentee voting results will be available at approximately 8:30 p.m. Election Night. As ballots arrive from the precincts and are tabulated, results will be available approximately every 20 minutes until all voting precincts have reported. ***Election results will be continuously updated and displayed on the Internet Election Night at www.lavote.net.***

Election Results Information (562) 466-1310
Available on Wednesday, **November 9, 2005.**

Voter Fraud Hot Line (800) 815-2666
To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities. **(Press 6 in the option menu.)**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE

The RR/CC website has a wealth of information for voters, candidates, media and community activists. Information currently available on www.lavote.net:

- Voter Registration Information
- Absentee Voter/ Vote by Mail Information
- Polling Place Look-up
- “My Districts” Look-up
- RR/CC Strategic Plan
- Campaign Finance filings for County Board of Supervisors, Assessor, District Attorney, Sheriff and County Measures
- Multilingual Voter Services
- Services for Voters with Disabilities
- Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form
- List of Candidates Who Have Filed (Posted and updated daily during the Filing Period.)
- Candidate Handbook for Upcoming Election



NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

The following is a list of the registrar of voters offices in counties that are adjacent to Los Angeles County.

ORANGE COUNTY

1300 S. Grand Ave., Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 567-7600
Fax: (714) 567-7556

KERN COUNTY

1115 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 868-3590
Fax: (661) 868-3768

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

777 E. Rialto Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92415

(909) 387-8300
Fax: (909) 387-2022

VENTURA COUNTY

800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200
Ventura, CA 93009

(805) 654-2664
Fax: (805) 648-9200

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

POLITICAL REFORM DIVISION 1500 11th Street, Room 495 (916) 653-6224
Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: (916) 653-5045

ELECTIONS DIVISION 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor (916) 657-2166
Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: (916) 653-3214

TDD: 1-800-833-8683
Web: www.ss.ca.gov

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)

Advice / Assistance

428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Enforcement Division (To report violations)

(800) 561-1861

CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1300 I St., #125
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 445-9555

Or

300 S. Spring St., Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90013

(213) 897-2000

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Criminal Courts Building
210 W. Temple St., Room 18-709
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 974-3501

TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATION

NOTE: The RR/CC's office is NOT an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations. When our office receives reports of violations, we refer them to the agencies listed below:

VIOLATION OF:	REFERRED TO:
False or misleading campaign materials	There is no agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.
The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of California Government Code at Sections 81000 through 91015), i.e. mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests	Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (866) 275-3772
Election procedures	County District Attorney (213) 974-3501 California Secretary of State, Elections Division (916) 657-2166
Unlawful use of public funds, violation of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act	County District Attorney (213) 974-3501 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Open meeting laws (Brown Act)	County District Attorney (213) 974-3501 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Local ordinances	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3501
Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3501

On ELECTION DAY, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the polls that need attention, please contact our office at (562) 462-2512 so that we have the opportunity to immediately look into the problem and make necessary corrections before more voters are affected.

Chapter 2

FINANCIAL REPORTING

**CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CANDIDATES
AND COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005
SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS**

FORM 501

Candidates who **intend** to receive contributions from others for their campaign, must file a Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501, with the LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE (*not the **Secretary of State's Office***).

FORM 410

Recipient committees, including any group, individual or candidate, that receive \$1,000 or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the **SECRETARY OF STATE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**, Form 410, within 10 days of receiving the contributions.

FORM 470

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than \$1,000 in contributions and spending less than \$1,000 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 a Form 470, Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Short Form by September 29. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the \$1,000 threshold is reached.

Candidates who have filed a Form 470 and **thereafter** receive contributions or make expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more are required to send written notification to 1) the Secretary of State 2) the local filing officer and 3) each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent within 48 hours of receiving or expending the one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(Government Code Section 84206)

FILING PERIOD

2005 FILING REQUIREMENTS

All candidates/committees are required by the Political Reform Act to meet the first campaign statement filing deadline regardless of activity. The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement or January 1 if no previous statement has been submitted. Monetary penalties may be assessed for failure to file required statements. If you have any questions relating to filing requirements or need additional campaign statement forms, please contact the Campaign Finance Disclosure Section at (562) 462-2339. Detailed instructions for complying with the Political Reform Act are in each candidate's Campaign Finance Disclosure packet.

REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for ALL 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, however, candidates can avoid filing campaign statements by submitting a "Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470)."
- The only postmark which can be accepted as evidence of a filing date is one for first class mail. 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 deposit, and the name and address of the addressee.
- Any candidate or committee who files an original statement after an imposed deadline is liable in the amount of \$10 per day after the deadline until the document is filed. The liability is limited to the cumulative amount reported in the last document or \$100, whichever is greater.

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

DEFEATED CANDIDATES

Must file campaign disclosure reports until:

- ✓ Campaign committee has been terminated 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.

WHERE TO FILE CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

A list of forms that must be filed by all candidates, officeholders, and their controlled committees is located on page 11 of Section 2.

LOCAL OFFICES

- Original and one copy with local filing officer (RR/CC)

EXCEPTION: Statement of Organization (Form 410)

- Original and one copy with Secretary of State
Two copies with local filing officer (RR/CC)

School Board Member
Community College Board Member
California Water District Director
County Water District Director
Irrigation District Director
Community Services District Director
Library District Director
Recreation and Park District Director

ADDRESSES FOR FILING CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Campaign Finance Disclosure Section
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1024
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2003
Norwalk, CA 90650
Fax: (562) 651-2548

Secretary of State
Political Reform Division
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1467
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-1467
Fax: (916) 653-5054

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION MANUALS AND FORMS

The Fair Political Practices Commission prepares campaign disclosure information manuals that provide information on who must file, when campaign disclosure statements must be filed, where they are to be filed, etc. Current manuals are available at the Campaign Finance Disclosure Section. Candidates or committees must check to be sure they are using the correct manual and addendum.

- MANUAL 1** - Campaign Provisions of the Political Reform Act for Information for State Candidates, their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for State Candidates. (Formerly Manuals A & B)
- MANUAL 2** - Campaign Provisions of the Political Reform Act for Information for Local Candidates, Superior Court Judges, their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for Local Candidates. (Formerly Manual B)
- MANUAL C** - General purpose committees including political committees and broad based political committees.
- MANUAL D** - Recipient committees formed to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a state or local ballot measure.
- MANUAL E** - Major donor committees and independent expenditure committees.
- MANUAL F** - Slate mailer organizations.

FPPC FORMS/REPORTS		<u>WHERE TO FILE</u>	
		Local filing officer (RR/CC)	Secretary of State
410	Statement of Organization Recipient Committee	✓	✓
460	Recipient Committee Campaign Statement	✓	✓
461	Independent Expenditure and Major Donor Committee Campaign Statement	✓	✓
465	Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report	✓	✓
470	Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Short Form	✓	✓
470S	Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement Supplement	✓	✓
496	Late Independent Expenditure Report	✓	✓
497	Late Contribution Report	✓	✓
501	Candidate Intention Statement	✓	✓
700	Statement of Economic Interest (with instructions)	✓	✓

Chapter 3

CAMPAIGNING

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

The following code sections pertaining to campaign literature and related matters have been reproduced in full for your information.

- PART 1 - Chapter 976, 1977 Legislation.
LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

- PART 2 - Sections 82041.5, 84305 and 89001 Government Code.
MASS MAILINGS.

- PART 3 - Sections 20000 – 20010 Elections Code.
TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW.

- PART 4 - Section 18301, Elections Code.
PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS.

- PART 5 - Section 18302, Elections Code.
DISTRIBUTION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE INFORMATION

- PART 6 - Sections 18370, 18371, 18540, 18541, 18544, 18545 and 18546
Elections Code.
ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/POSSESSION OF
FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACE.

- PART 7 - Sections 20202 and 20203, Elections Code.
SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.

- PART 8 - Section 5405.3, Business and Professions Code.
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING: POLITICAL SIGNS.

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

- PART 10 - INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS
DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

PART 1

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. 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

Government Code Sections

82041.5. Mass Mailing – 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.

84305. 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.
- (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.

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(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 (a).

89001. Newsletter or mass mailing.

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

PART 3

Elections Code Sections

20000. Name of chapter.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Truth in Endorsements Law.

20001. 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.

20006. 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.

20007. 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

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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 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.

20008. 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.

20009. 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 such statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

**“NOTICE TO VOTERS
“(Required by Law)**

“This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.

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

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

(b) No such simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall any such 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.

20010. 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).

(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

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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.

PART 4

Elections Code Section

18301. 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.

PART 5

Elections Code Section

18302. 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 which 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.

PART 6

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.

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Elections Code Sections

18370. Electioneering within 100 feet of a polling place.

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter might 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 making his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering.

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

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

18371. Electioneering during absentee 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 an absentee 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 absentee 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.

18540. 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 in the state prison 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

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voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison for 16 months or two or three years.

18541. Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.

(a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet for a polling place:

- (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, videotape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

(b) Any person who violates this section is punishable by imprisonment in the 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.

18544. Fine for person in possession of firearm or unauthorized uniformed personnel.

(a) Any person in possession of a fireman 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 imprisonment in the state prison 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.

18545. 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

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(\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison 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.

18546. Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (a) "Elections official" means County Clerk, 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.

PART 7

Elections Code Sections

20202. 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 Government Code.

20203. Notice of nonauthorization 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.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

PART 8

**PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS INCLUDING
PLACARDS AND POSTERS**

Business and Professions Code Sections

5405.3 Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.

Nothing in this chapter, including, but not limited to, Section 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.
- (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.

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

STATE OFFICE

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RIGHT OF WAY
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING BRANCH
1120 N. STREET, MS-37
P.O. BOX 942874
SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001
TDD 1-800-735-2929
PHONE (916) 654-4790
FAX (916) 654-4956**

DISTRICT OFFICE

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF RIGHT OF WAY
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING BRANCH
464 W. 4TH STREET
8TH FLOOR, MS 854
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401-1400
SACRAMENTO OFFICE PHONE (916) 654-4790**

A **notarized** Statement of Responsibility must be filed with the Department of Transportation. The forms may be obtained from that department at the address above, or

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE SECTION ROOM 2003
12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
Telephone (562) 466-1310 or 1-800-481-VOTE**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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

PART 9

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATES WHO PLAN TO MAIL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

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:

CUSTOMER SERVICES U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED	LOCATION OF OFFICE	OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER
900XX	LOS ANGELES CITY	(323) 586-2605
902XX – 908XX	LONG BEACH DIST.	(562) 986-7360
910XX – 935XX	VAN NUYS DIST.	(661) 775-6663
917XX – 918XX 926XX – 928	SANTA ANA DIST.	(714) 662-6248 OPTION #4

PART 10

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

(a) Before you do anything else, contact your local elections official.

The local elections official can assist you in your absent 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 absentee.

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If you need assistance or have any further questions concerning use of the absent voter application form, please call Mr. Steve Logan, Head, Document Receipt and Absent Voting Section at (562) 462-2381.

(b) Uniform Absentee Voting Application

Pursuant to Elections Code § 3007, the Secretary of State has prepared a uniform application format for an absentee voter ballot for use by all individuals, organizations and groups distributing absent voter applications. Failure to conform your applications with the uniform format is a misdemeanor. (Elections Code § 18402)

(c) Important Information

Some of the important points you need to be aware of in your effort to distribute applications for absentee 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 absentee ballot is being requested; and,
 - (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 an absentee 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 an absentee ballot be mailed to the candidate's residence address.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (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 absent 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 an absent voter application.
- (8) Any application for an absentee voter 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 an absent voter's ballot which does not conform to the requirements of the absentee voter provision is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Elections Code § 18402)
- (10) Voters who use the absentee 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) Elections Code § 3006 requires that the absentee ballot application contain information about California's permanent absentee voter provision.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT ABSENTEE VOTING

(a) Voting more than once.

It is a crime to vote more than once in any election. (Elections Code § 18560)

(b) Interfering with the absent voting process.

It is a misdemeanor to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the elections official of a completed application for an absentee ballot. (Elections Code § 18576)

A third party may not (without the voter's authorization) retain a completed application for an absentee ballot for more than 36 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) or beyond the deadline for applying, whichever is earlier. (Elections Code § 18576)

No one can deny a voter the right to return his or her application for an absentee ballot to the elections official. (Elections Code § 18576)

It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted absentee ballot (Elections Code § 18577), or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent absentee ballot. (Elections Code § 18578)

It is a misdemeanor to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he or she is voting an absentee ballot. (Elections Code § 18371)

Absentee ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in a prison term. (Penal Code § 126)

(c) Other penalties.

It is a crime to interfere with anyone's right to vote. (Elections Code § 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. (Elections Code §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524)

It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system. (Elections Code §§18564 and 18565)

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PART 11

INFORMATION ON 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) 219-3420.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

12400 IMPERIAL HWY. – P.O. BOX 1024, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90651-1024/(562) 466-1310

CONNOR B. McCORMACK
 Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Fee Schedule

Item	Fee
Boundary Maps - District Congressional, Senate, Assembly, Bd. Of Equalization & Supervisorial	\$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$0.75 Handling Fee Per Request.
Certified Copy - Affidavit Or Transcript	\$1.50 For Copy Of Own Registration. \$6.50 Per Copy For All Others. (Public And Authorized)
Campaign Statement Copies	\$0.10 Per Page.
Certification Of Election Documents (Except Affidavits Of Registration)	\$1.75 Per Certified Copy.
I Registered To Vote Stickers	\$2.22 Per Each Batch Of 600 Labels <u>Plus</u> \$9.84 Handling Charge Per Order.
Precincting Book	\$34.00 Per Set.
Precinct Maps – 18” X 24” - Large 18” X 12” - Small	\$2.00 Per Map Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
Precincting G I S Maps 3” X 3 ½”	\$30.00 Each
Polling Place Maps	\$17.00 Small 11” X 17” Each Page. \$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies In Size.
Photocopies (Miscellaneous)	\$0.46 Per Copy
Returned Checks	\$33.00 Each
Search – Voter Registration File	\$5.00 Per Name For Each Year Of Records Searched.
Statement Of Votes Cast (SVC)	\$0.36 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
Telefaxing	\$0.04 Per Page Plus \$0.75 Handling Fee.

Fee Schedule

Item	Fee
Customized Wall Maps Customized District Map With Acetate Overlay Map That Allows Distinction From Original Background Map.	\$30.00 Each \$48.00 Each
Video Tapes (Personnel Training)	\$10.00 Each
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File Los Angeles County Voter Files *Compact Disc (CD) Text File (Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files)	\$146.00 Per File. (Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files) \$54.00 Per File \$39.00 For Each Additional File
*Index To Voter (Street Index)	Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names.
*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	

Chapter 4

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

OVERVIEW OF MULTILINGUAL (ML) VOTER SERVICES PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Public Law 102-344 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 and Vietnamese-speaking voters.



Translation of Election Materials

A language is considered to be covered by the Voting Rights Act (VRA) as mandatory for the County's translated 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.

Mandated Languages

Although the VRA requires a 5% standard for targeting for multilingual services, Los Angeles County has set a 3% standard 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 six minority languages that are required by Federal mandates in Los Angeles County are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Implications to Candidate

There are no implications to the candidate because 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 page 38 of Section 1) 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 RR/CC.

OVERVIEW OF MULTILINGUAL (ML) VOTER SERVICES PROGRAM – Cont.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ◆ Bilingual Assistance Hotline (1-800) 481-8683.
- ◆ Upon request, translated election materials are mailed to voters before every election.
- ◆ Bilingual assistance at targeted polling places.

Translated copies of the “ML Voter Services” brochures are available at the RR/CC Election Information counter, 2nd Floor Room 2013 and online at www.lavote.net

TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

Candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period. Timeframe: **E-62 through E-60** (subject to change). To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832.

TRANSLITERATION FORM

I, _____, Candidate for nomination to the
office of _____

to be voted for at the _____

agree as indicated below:

CHECK ONE:

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

OR

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

Languages

Name Transliteration

Chinese:

Japanese:

Korean:

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 #:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

NEW SERVICE FOR LIMITED-ENGLISH VOTERS:

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

BACKGROUND:

Public Law 102-344 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese to limited-English proficiency 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.) These languages include Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

PROCESS:

This department will transliterate your name in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. 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 deadline set to print translated sample ballots. 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.**

TRANSLITERATION FORM:

All candidates will be required to file this document together with their nomination documents but no later than the last day to file these documents.

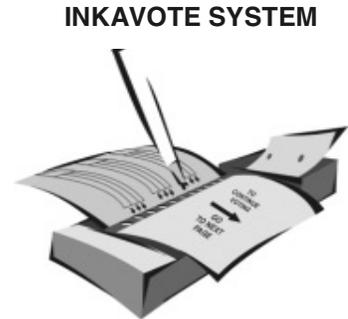
Chapter 5

ELECTION DAY

ELECTION DAY

VOTING SYSTEM - INKAVOTE

Los Angeles County voters will be using the “InkaVote” voting system for the Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections. (see graphic at right.) LA County is one of 9 California counties whose further use of pre-scored punch card ballots, in service in LA since 1968, was banned by Federal Court action in 2002. In order to minimize the impact of this change in voting systems on voters and pollworkers, InkaVote was designed to have the look and feel of the punch card voting system. InkaVote was used as an interim voting system beginning with the November 2003 Consolidated Elections.



RR/CC Outreach staff will conduct InkaVote demonstrations throughout the County upon request. Please refer to our website (www.lavote.net) under Outreach Services or call our office at (562) 462-2117.

NEIGHBORHOOD VOTING CENTERS (NVCs): POLLS FOR THE FUTURE

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 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 voters' sample ballot, posting poll addresses on the County website and an automated phone system which can be accessed 24 hours a day. We continue to appreciate candidate assistance to voters in locating their correct poll address. Noting again that 8 percent of polls changed between major elections.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002 (HAVA)

In October 2002, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The intent of this federal election reform law is to make it easier to vote. The Act states that if an individual registers by mail and has not previously voted in an election for federal office in the jurisdiction, then (a) if the person votes in person, the voter must show photo ID or a document that indicates both the voter's name and residence address, (b) if the voter votes by mail, the voter must submit a copy of a photo ID or a document with both the voter's name and residence address. This provision went into effect on January 1, 2003. If the voter provides their driver's license number when they register to vote and the number can be matched to a state record, then the voter will not be required to show ID when they vote. Among a number of implementation challenges is the need for County citizens who are registering for the first time to use an up-to-date registration form. Voter registration forms are provided to counties by the State.

When you are helping to register voters, please ensure they are using the most up-to-date voter registration forms – this will help us all make sure that these voters have the best possible voting experience in the future!

POLLING PLACES AND POLLWORKERS

BASIC INFORMATION:

- ◆ Polling Place Hours: 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ There will be approximately 2100 polling places in the November 8, 2005 Statewide Special and Consolidated Elections.



Questions and Answers:

- Q. Can a candidate or a relative of a candidate serve as a pollworker for the election in which he/she is running?*
- A. No.*
- Q. Can a candidate host a polling place at his/her residence or office on Election Day?*
- A. No.*
- Q. How can candidates get a list of polling place locations?*
- A. Contact the Election Information Section at 1-800-481-VOTE (8683) (option 5) or (562) 466-1310. There is a small fee for this service. As mentioned earlier, a small number of polling locations change after the sample ballots are mailed to voters. Voters are notified of polling place changes via a "polls change postcard." A list of changed voting locations is mailed to each candidate approx. 5 days before the election.*

NOTE: The California Elections Code (E.C. 18302) states: 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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

Q. Why do polling places change?

A. Despite best efforts to locate long-term polling place hosts, an average of 8 percent of Los Angeles County polling places change between major elections because of cancellations. The reasons include: (1) facilities become overcrowded or permission is no longer granted for a facility to be used as a polling place, (2) as precincts grow, boundaries have to be revised, (3) the previously used poll may not be accessible for voters with disabilities, (4) the different groupings of districts in an election could make it necessary to change a polling place from election to election or (5) We have had complaints about the old polling place (bad parking, bad lighting, etc.)

*Q. What do **pollworkers** do and how are they compensated?*

A. Pollworkers (formerly called “precinct officers”) are civic-minded citizens who help to set up the polls, assist voters when signing in, demonstrate how to use the voting system, issue and place voted ballots in the ballot box. After the poll has closed pollworkers are responsible for accounting for all the ballots, packing up the supplies and delivering the ballots to a Check-in-Center.

Every poll has an Inspector and 6 to 8 pollworker “Clerks”, depending on the number of voters in the precinct. Inspectors receive a \$75 stipend and Clerks receive \$55. Inspectors and Clerks receive a \$25 bonus for attending training if they serve on Election Day.

To volunteer to serve as a pollworker, non-candidates
may call 1-800-815-2666 Option 7

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

A. The federal Voting Rights Act requires that **Bilingual pollworkers** be hired in targeted polling places to provide oral assistance to limited-English proficiency voters. The RR/CC is currently recruiting Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese-speaking pollworkers.

Q. Is it legal for high school students to serve as pollworkers?

A. State law allows high school seniors to serve as “student pollworkers” on Election Day. The Student Pollworker 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 \$55 pollworker stipend, plus a \$25 bonus if they attend a training class. Students must be high school seniors with a grade point average of 2.5, U.S. citizens and at least 16 years of age.

BILINGUAL POLLWORKERS

No other issue has dominated the long-term planning of election administrators nationwide over the past few years than the question, "Who is going to staff the polls?" The pool of poll workers was once fairly stable, consisting primarily of retired persons and housewives. However, the number of veteran, trained volunteers has diminished alarmingly as the traditional group ages (many are in their 80s). Statistics nationwide show volunteerism has dropped off in the past decade.

Recruiting bilingual pollworkers has all of the challenges of recruiting traditional pollworkers and in many cases, more challenges! Bilingual pollworkers 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 pollworkers 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 pollworker recruitment challenges, a "Pollworker/Recruiter" Program, which brought community activists into recruiting bilingual pollworkers from their communities, was launched in 1998. In addition, to solve the general pollworker recruiting issues, Los Angeles County has developed the Student Pollworker, County Employee Pollworker and Corporate Pollworker Programs. The County has utilized these programs, in addition to the Pollworker/Recruiter Program, to address bilingual pollworker recruiting challenges. By working together, we can eliminate problems early. For less serious problems, please contact us in writing after the election.

In 1992 federal legislation mandated that oral assistance be provided at "targeted" polling places. Los Angeles County employs a complicated four-part system to identify "targeted" polling places requiring bilingual pollworkers. A fifth element is also applied for high priority Chinese language precincts. 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 five elements of the targeting system are:

- **2000 Census Data.** Los Angeles County will use the 2000 Census Data for this election.
- **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 Chinese, Korean and Tagalog, fifty or more requests for Spanish, and ten or more requests for Japanese and Vietnamese.

BILINGUAL POLLWORKERS (Continued)

- **ML Tally Card.** The “Tally Card” is provided to each polling place for the pollworkers to keep track of voters requesting assistance with language or accessibility (i.e. voter who’s in a wheelchair, blind or hearing impaired). If more than ten voters request language assistance in any language not already indicated by the Census, requests on file or by a community-based organization, additional research is done to see whether the polling place neighborhood justifies being considered a targeted poll to receive translated materials and oral assistance. This card was recently updated to also include languages currently not covered by the Voting Rights Act (specifically, Armenian, Cambodian and Russian).
- **Input from Community Based Organizations.** If a community partner organization indicates that a neighborhood should be targeted for a particular language, the polling places in that neighborhood are considered “targeted” for future elections.
- **Chinese Dialect Survey.** In order to dispatch dialect-appropriate pollworkers at Chinese targeted polling places, a survey was conducted among Chinese “voters on file” in February 2000. The County currently uses the result of this survey to place Chinese speaking pollworkers in high priority precincts that indicate a need for Chinese speaking pollworkers.



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.

Pollworkers 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.

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 pollworkers have the right to challenge a person's eligibility to vote at the polls. A challenge may be made only upon sufficient probable cause. Pollworkers 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 pollworkers 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))

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. Indexes 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 then shall 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. Pollworkers 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

RESULTS

ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

ELECTION RESULTS: SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT - HISTORICAL TRENDS

Los Angeles County will be tabulating the votes using the InkaVote system. This is a central count system – there is no tabulation at the voting locations.

On Election Night, ballots from approximately 2,100 precincts are brought to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk for tabulation. After the polls close, pollworkers must complete the paperwork to balance the number of ballots cast with the number of voters signing in, the number of remaining unvoted ballots, etc. Most precincts complete this function between 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Then precinct pollworkers from the 2,100 precincts bring their ballots and supplies to one of the Check-in-Centers located throughout the County. From these locations, Sheriff deputies transport the voted ballots by car or helicopter to Norwalk.

After arrival in Norwalk, the ballots must be checked-in and inspected prior to counting. Once inspected, the ballots are moved in to the computer room for processing.

Hundreds of individuals are involved in the logistics of ballot transport, preparation and tabulation. Historically, for Major Elections, approximately 90% of the ballots are counted by midnight on Election Night.



Can I, as 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 1st floor of the Norwalk headquarters, to check in and be provided with an observer's badge. Tours are available.

How Can I Get Results Election Night?

- **Website:** Results are available on the Internet at www.lavote.net.
- **Phone:** Live operators are also available by calling (562) 466-1323 from 8:30 p.m. and approximately every 20 minutes thereafter until all precincts have reported.
- **Norwalk Headquarters:** Hard copy bulletins are printed and distributed on the 3rd floor near the Tally / 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 considered Semi-official.

POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

After Election Night, results will be available after 12 Noon the day after the election. Supplemental counts will be scheduled approximately 3 days after the election. This count is conducted to get the majority of the outstanding ballots counted at the beginning of the canvass process.

Outstanding ballots include:

- Absentee ballots turned in at the polls on Election Day,
- Write-in ballots, or
- Provisional ballots voted at polls and sealed in envelopes for further research.

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

CANVASS/CERTIFICATION

Canvass is a process of reconciling numbers. The number of voted ballots reported by pollworkers and absentee statistics, is matched to what the computer counted. The election materials are de-processed to locate any missing ballots. California law requires a manual recount of one percent of the precincts (including all races) during canvass. When everything has been checked and accounted for, the election is certified. At this time, final official results are issued. It is difficult to predict how long the process will take. However, the deadline is 28 days after the election. The legal deadline to certify the election results for the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections is December 6, 2005.

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

The Semifinal Official Canvass Statement of Votes Cast (SVC) which reports election results by individual voting precincts is available the morning 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 Official Canvass 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 brought for a variety of reasons and at different times. For complete information, refer to the 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 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 Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

WHO CAN 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)

Exceptions: *For statewide contests, the request must be filed within five (5) calendar days beginning on the 29th day after the election.*

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

Format of request

- The request must be submitted in writing. (E.C. § 15620)
- Must specify the contest to be recounted. (E.C. § 15620)
- Must state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed. (E.C. § 15620)
- May specify the order in which precincts shall be counted. (E.C. § 15622)
- May specify the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both). (E.C. § 15627)
- May specify any other relevant material to be examined. (E.C. § 15630)
- For statewide contests, may specify in which county or counties the recount is sought. (E.C. § 15621)

Place of filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide. (E.C. § 15620)
- If election is conducted in more than one county, the request may be filed with the county elections official of, and the recount conducted within, any or all of the affected counties. (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)

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

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.

(E.C. § 15628)

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for presidential candidates, if the race for presidential delegates is to be recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.

Process of recount

- The recount is open to the public.
- (E.C. § 15629)**
- Recount shall start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request by the elections official 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)

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)

Result of Recount (Continued)

- 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)

COST BREAKDOWN FOR MANUAL TALLY*	
No. of Boards	Cost per Day
1	\$2,077
2	\$3,363
3	\$4,650
4	\$5,936
5	\$8,013
6	\$9,300
7	\$10,586
8	\$11,872
9	\$13,949
10	\$15,236
11	\$16,522
12	\$17,809

*Cost will include labor, facilities, material and personnel. Cost will vary according to type of election and personnel involved.

AUTOMATIC PUBLIC 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 Automatic Manual Recount is open to the public.*

(E.C. 15360)

Chapter 7

FAQ'S

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How may I apply for office?

A. You may visit the Election Information Section located on the 2nd Floor, room 2013 or by calling (562) 466-1310 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.

Q. May I have someone pickup my paperwork?

A. Yes. A letter of authorization signed by the candidate containing the candidate's name, office for which he or she is applying, residence address, publication address if any, website, telephone number/email address is requested. Anyone may return the nomination documents.

Q. What does UDEL stand for?

A. **Uniform District Election Law** - provisions that apply to special districts and agencies whose principal act specifies rules and guidelines for conducting elections, qualifying and electing candidates: California Water Districts, Community Services Districts, County Water Districts, Irrigation District etc.. (**E.C. 10500**).

Q. What is a "Landowner voting district"?

A. A district whose principal act requires an elector to be an owner of land located within the district. (**E.C. 10500**).

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 word limit applicable to the district will be provided. (See *Candidate Statements Section*, page 38 of Section 1)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued)

Q. What is a Campaign Statement?

A. Specific campaign finance disclosure forms are required to report election campaign contribution and expenditure activities. (See the *Financial Reporting Section*, page 11 of Section 2)

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

A. 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 15 minutes before 5:00 p.m. if possible to avoid delays (heavy lobby, stair wells and elevators traffic) especially on the **deadline** to file nomination documents (**8/12/05**). The time frame to process candidates varies, and depends on how efficiently the staff qualifies the candidate and as well as 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, 2nd Floor in Room 2013 or via our website at www.lavote.net.

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

A. Yes. A candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last day (E-88) of the regular filing period. In the event of an extension, candidates affected have until 5:00 p.m. on the last day (E-83) of the extension filing period.

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))

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued)

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 2nd Floor, Room 2013.
- Q. If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, will a candidate statement fee be refunded?**
- A.** Yes. A candidate statement fee will be refunded.
- Q. How do I get election night results for Los Angeles County?**
- A.** For local election results, we recommend using our website, www.lavote.net, or Secretary of State's website, www.ss.ca.gov for statewide results - results are updated approximately every 20 minutes. You are also welcome to come to the Tally Center which is open for public observation, please call (562) 462-2665 to make a reservation.

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