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Candidate Qualifications for Office

The California Elections Code requires all candidates for public office in California to be registered voters and otherwise qualified to vote for office they are seeking at the time their nomination papers are issued or at the time of their appointment. (Elections Code §201)

The constitutional requirements to be a registered voter are: that a person must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (Gov. Code §1020-1021)

A person is not eligible to a county or district office, unless he or she is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the appointment of the person. (Gov. Code §24001)

Elected county officers take office at 12 o’clock noon on January 4, 2021, the first Monday after January 1st succeeding their election. (Gov. Code §24200)
Qualifications and Requirements for the office of Superior Court
(Non-partisan - 6-year term)

The candidate must be a registered voter, a member of the State Bar for 10 years or have served as a Judge of a California court of record for 10 years immediately preceding selection. (California Const. Art VI, Sec. 15) Documentation providing qualifications is required to be filed.

The Elections Code specifies a fee for filing of nomination papers to be paid by candidates for certain offices. The candidate may decide to submit signatures in lieu of paying the filing fee. "In Lieu" indicates the number of signatures required; or, if a candidate submits signatures for a portion of the filing fee, "Value per Signature" indicates the monetary value of each valid signature. Sponsors may be indicated through to the maximum number of valid signatures needed on a candidate’s nomination paper to qualify for a particular office. (EC §§ 8061, 8062, 8104)

The candidate must file a declaration of intention, declaration of candidacy, nomination papers and a statement of economic interests by the closing of the filing period, December 6, 2019. (EC §§13.5, 8023, GC §87200)

A candidate for a numerically designated judicial office shall state in his or her declaration for which office he or she intends to become a candidate. (Election Code §§8023, 8200, 8202)

A vacancy shall be filled by election to a full term at the next general election. The Governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy temporarily until the elected judge’s term begins. (California Const. Art VI, §16)

Annual salary is: $213, 833

Filing fee is: $2,138.33 or 1% of the annual salary

Signatures required to cover the filing fee: 6,416 with each signature valued at $0.3333

Nomination signatures required to be on the ballot: 20-40
Obtaining Signatures for Petitions and Nomination Papers

Circulator: A person shall not circulate a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition or nominating paper unless the person is 18 years of age or older. (EC §§102, 8066)

Signer: Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. With respect to a candidacy for partisan office, signers shall be voters who disclosed a preference, pursuant to Section 2151, for the party, if any, for which the nomination is proposed. With respect to a candidacy for voter-nominated office, signers need not have disclosed a preference for any party. (EC §8068)

Note: A voter may sign both a candidate's nomination papers and his or her in-lieu-filing-fee petition. However, if signatures appearing on the documents are counted towards both the nomination paper and the in-lieu-filing-fee petition signature requirements, a person may only sign one of the documents. (EC §8106) (a)(6)

Petitions In-Lieu of Filing Fee

Petitions in-lieu-filing fee may be circulated for securing signatures in lieu of paying for all, or part of, the filing fee. Only registered voters who are qualified to vote for the candidate in the Presidential Primary Election may sign the petition. A nonpartisan county office petition in-lieu could be signed by any registered voter in San Joaquin County. If the office is for a particular district only registered voters in that district may sign the petition in-lieu.

Petitions in-lieu of filing fee may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters Office at 44 N. San Joaquin St., 3rd Floor, Suite 350, Stockton, California 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning on Thursday, September 12, 2019. All petitions must be turned in by Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

General Information Regarding the Filing of Petitions In-Lieu

San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters will provide forms to any candidate to obtain the necessary petitions in-lieu and/or nomination petition signatures. A master form which must be duplicated exactly as provided (i.e. a two-sided copy) will be issued. The candidate can duplicate the master form at his/her own expense for the purpose of circulating petitions in-lieu documents.

Signatures obtained and filed in-lieu of the filing fee are automatically counted towards the signature requirements for nomination papers. Signatures obtained prior to the nomination period must be submitted for in-lieu purposes.

If a candidate submits a petition in-lieu of filing fee pursuant to §8106 of the Elections Code, any or all signatures appearing on the petition, which would be valid under §8041 of the Elections Code, shall be counted towards the number of voters required to sign a nomination paper. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. (Elections Code §§ 8060, 8106(b) (1)

If an in-lieu-filing fee petition contains a requisite number of valid signatures under Elections Code §8062, the candidate shall not be required to file a nomination paper, but may request the Registrar of Voters to accept the
petition in-lieu instead of filing a nomination paper. However, candidates are still required to file a Declaration of Candidacy during the nomination period.

If the petition is circulated for an office in more than one county, the candidate shall submit the signatures to the elections official in the county in which the petition was circulated.

Signatures in-lieu-filing fee may be counted towards the number of voters required to sign a nomination paper if signers are of the same political party as the candidate. (Election Code §8106(d))

Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on and shall be affiliated with the party, if any, in which the nomination is proposed. (Election Code §8068)

Signatures used for nomination papers for non-partisan office must be of registered voters within the district.

**Declaration of Intention**

All judicial candidates must file a declaration of intention between October 28 and November 6, 2019. If an incumbent does not file a declaration of intention between this period, the filing period will be extended for five calendar days to everyone but the incumbent. The extended period is November 7 – November 12, 2019.

The filing fee must be paid at the time the declaration of intention is filed. (EC § 8105)

Elections Code Section 8023 states the following: Except in the case of a judicial office filled in accordance with subdivision (d) of Section 16 of Article VI of the Constitution, every candidate for a judicial office, not more than 14 nor less than five days prior to the first day on which his or her nomination papers may be circulated and signed or may be presented for filing, shall file in the office of the elections official in which his or her nomination papers are required to be filed, a written and signed declaration of his or her intention to become a candidate for that office on a form to be supplied by the elections official. A candidate for a numerically designated judicial office shall state in his or her declaration for which office he or she intends to become a candidate.

No person may be a candidate nor have his or her name printed on any ballot as a candidate for judicial office unless he or she has filed the declaration of intention provided for in this section. If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a declaration of intention by the end of the period specified in subdivision (a), persons other than the incumbent may file declarations of intention no later than the first day for filing nomination papers.
Nomination Papers

**Circulators of Nomination Papers:** Circulators appointed by candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on and shall serve only in that district or political subdivision. A candidate may circulate and sign his or her own nomination papers. (EC §8066)

The affidavit of circulator on each petition must be completed in the circulator’s own hand, even if the petition is circulated by the candidate.

**Signers Qualifications:** Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on and shall be affiliated with the party, if any, in which the nomination is proposed. Signatures used for nomination papers for non-partisan office must be of registered voters within the district. (EC §8068)

**Signers Limitations:** No signer shall, at the time of signing a certificate, have his or her name signed to a nomination paper for any other candidate for the same office, or, in case there are several positions to be filled in the same office, signed to more nomination papers for candidates for that office than there are positions to be filled. (EC §8069)

**Verification of Signatures on Nomination Papers:** The eligibility (district and partisan affiliation, if applicable) and signatures of all signers on nomination papers will be verified by the voter’s registration status. The signer must be a registered voter residing at his or her address of registration at the time of signing any nomination petition. If your nomination papers are filed early and any signatures are found insufficient, there will be time for you to submit supplemental signatures.

By not filing your nomination papers early, you could be risking your nomination, if you don’t have the required number of valid signatures.

If the petition is circulated for an office in more than one county, the candidate shall submit the signatures to the registrar of voters of the county in which the petition was circulated.

In the situation where a candidate is a resident of another county, status of candidacy will be confirmed with the county of residence prior to the issuance of nomination papers to be circulated within San Joaquin County. The Registrar of Voters Office will issue a receipt for all petitions filed in San Joaquin County. The signatures will then be verified and the registrar of voters office of the candidate’s county of residence, as well as the Secretary of State (if applicable), will be notified of the results of the signature verification.

**Declaration of Candidacy:** The Declaration of Candidacy is an official nomination document where the candidate indicates how his or her name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot. Additionally, the candidate declares that he or she meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, and that if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw.

**Designating someone to pick up documents:** A candidate may submit a signed and dated written statement designating a person to receive a declaration of candidacy form from the county elections official and deliver it to the candidate. These statements shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy and nomination papers must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official of the county of the candidate’s residence by 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019. The statement shall be retained by the elections official. (EC §§8020, 8028, 8041, 8060, 8101, 8105)
Withdrawal of Candidate: No candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. (EC §8800)

Separate judicial offices: In any election at which two or more judges or justices of any court are to be voted for or elected for the same term, it shall be deemed that there are as many separate judicial offices to be filled as there are judges or justices of the court to be elected. Each separate office shall be designated by a distinguishing number not greater than the total number of the offices. The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general election and shall be used on all nomination papers, certificates of nomination, ballots, certificates of election, and all election papers referring to the office. After the election and the issuance of the certificates of election, the designating number shall have no further significance. (EC §8200)

Declaration of Candidacy: A declaration of candidacy for election or a nomination by the Governor, made pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 16 of Article VI of the California Constitution, shall be filed with the officer charged with the duty of certifying nominations for publication in the official ballot. (b) No candidate described in subdivision (a) (judicial offices) shall be required to state his or her residential address on the declaration of candidacy. However, in cases where the candidate does not state his or her residential address on the declaration of candidacy, the elections official shall verify whether his or her address is within the appropriate political subdivision and add the notation “verified” where appropriate. (EC §8201)

Arrangement on ballot: The numerically designated offices shall be grouped and arranged on all ballots in numerical order. No person may be a candidate nor have his or her name printed upon any ballot as a candidate for any numerically designated office other than the one indicated by him or her in his or her declaration of intention to become a candidate. (EC §8202)

Judicial candidate name on ballot: In any county which only the incumbent has filed nomination papers for the office of superior court judge, his or her name shall not appear on the ballot unless there is filed with the elections official, within 10 days after the final date for filing nomination papers for the office, a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office.

If a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office at the general election, signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, is filed with elections official not less than 83 days before the general election, the name of the incumbent shall be placed on the general election ballot if it has not appeared on the direct primary election ballot.

If, in conformity with this section, the name of the incumbent does not appear either on the primary ballot or general election ballot, the elections official, on the day of the general election, shall declare the incumbent re-elected. Certificates of election specified in Section 15401 or 15504 shall not be issued to a person re-elected pursuant to this section before the day of the general election. (EC §8203)
Name on Ballot

**Name on Ballot:** The candidate’s name as it is provided by the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy or Declaration of Intent is the way it will appear on the ballot. The Declaration cannot be changed after the nomination process is complete.

No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate’s name, either before or after the candidate’s name, in the case of any election to any office. (EC §13106)

If the candidate has changed his or her name within one year prior to the election, the new name will not appear on the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or by judicial decree. (EC §13104)

**Ballot Designations**

Candidates have the option of using a ballot designation. The ballot designation is the word or group of not more than three words, which will appear on the ballot under the candidate’s name, designating the current principal profession, vocation or occupation of the candidate.

Permissible ballot designations are governed by Elections Code §13107:

(a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate only one of the following designations:

1. Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which he or she was elected by vote of the people.

2. The word “incumbent” if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers and was elected to that office by a vote of the people.

3. No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

4. The phrase “appointed incumbent” if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word “appointed” and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word “incumbent” or any words designating the office unmodified by the word “appointed.” However, the phrase “appointed incumbent” shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which he or she holds and to which he or she was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.
(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), for candidates for judicial office, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, only one of the following designations may appear at the option of the candidate:

(A) Words designating the city, county, district, state, or federal office held by the candidate at the time of filing the nomination documents.

(B) The word “incumbent” if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.

(C) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:

(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.

(B) One of the following ballot designations: “Attorney,” “Attorney at Law,” “Lawyer,” or “Counselor at Law.” The designations “Attorney” and “Lawyer” may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:

(A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words “City of.”

(B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words “County of.”

(C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words “City and County.”

(D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.

(c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of his or her principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as his or her ballot designation: “Attorney,” “Attorney at Law,” “Lawyer,” or “Counselor at Law.” The designations “Attorney” and “Lawyer” may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(e) The Secretary of State and any other elections official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:
(1) It would mislead the voter.

(2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.

(3) It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.

(4) It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”

(5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.

(6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.

(7) It refers to any activity prohibited by law.

(f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet.

(1) The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date he or she receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).

(2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate’s name.

(g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.

(h) The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.

(i) In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in a manner consistent with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211.

**Ballot Designation Worksheet Required:** As a supplement to the ballot designation indicated on a candidate’s Declaration of Candidacy, a Ballot Designation Worksheet is required of all candidates. The Ballot Designation Worksheet provides verification and supporting information as to the validity of the candidate’s proposed designation as well as alternate designations to be used in the event the Elections Official finds the proposed designation to be invalid.
Statement of Economic Interests Form 700

Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest: All candidates are required to file a statement disclosing personal investments and interests in real property. Forms must be filed by the final date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy (GC §§87200, 87302.3)

Additional Forms

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

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

The text of the code shall read, as follows:

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate’s actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
(5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Permission to Post Personal Information on the County’s website Form: No state or local agency may post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

No person shall knowingly post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official, or of the official’s residing spouse or child on the Internet knowing that person is an elected or appointed official and intending to cause imminent great bodily harm that is likely to occur or threatening to cause imminent great bodily harm to that individual. A violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor. A violation of this subdivision that leads to the bodily injury of the official, or his or her residing spouse or child, is a misdemeanor or a felony.

For purposes of this section “elected or appointed official” includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: (1) State Constitutional Officers; (2) Members of the Legislature; (3) Judges and Court Commissioners; (4) District Attorneys; (5) Public Defenders; (6) Members of a City Council; (7) Members of a Board of Supervisors; (8) Appointees of the Governor; (9) Appointees of the Legislature; (10) Mayors; (11) City Attorneys; (12) Police Chiefs and Sheriffs; (13) A Public Safety Official as defined in GC § 6254.24. (GC §6254.21)
Write-In Candidacy

Nominee-Petition Calling Election Required for Write-In Candidacy

If a judicial incumbent is the only candidate, the candidate’s name shall not appear on the primary election ballot unless there is filed with the Registrar of Voters, not later than December 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. (EC §8203 (a)

If the name of the incumbent judicial candidate did not appear on the direct primary election ballot, it shall not appear on the November 3, 2020 ballot, UNLESS there is filed with the Registrar of Voters, not later than August 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by the number of registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office specified in subdivision (a) of the Elections Code §8203.

Every person who desires to be a write-in candidate and have his or her name as written on the ballot of an election counted for a particular office shall file not later than 14 days before the election, which is February 18, 2020 for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

A statement of write-in candidacy that shall contain:

- Candidate’s name
- Residence address
- A declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate
- The title of the office for which he or she is running
- The party nomination which he or she seeks, if running in a partisan primary election
- The date of the election

The requisite number of signatures on the nomination papers, if any, for that office.

Certain county offices (District Attorney, Sheriff and Judge of the Superior Court) require documentation proving qualifications to be filed per EC §13.5.

The statement and nomination papers shall be available on the 57th day prior to the election (January 6, 2020) for which the candidate is filing as a write-in candidate, and shall be delivered to the election official responsible for the conduct of the election no later than the 14th day prior to the election. (February 18, 2020) (EC § 8601)
Signers of nomination papers for a write-in candidate shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. In addition, if the candidate is seeking a party nomination for an office, the signers shall also be affiliated with the party whose nomination is sought. No fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate. (EC §8603)

**Votes required for write-In candidate to qualify to have name printed on ballot at the November Presidential General Election:** No person whose name has been written in upon a ballot for an office at the direct primary election may have his or her name placed upon the ballot as a candidate for that office for the ensuing general election unless one of the following is applicable:

At that direct primary he or she received for a partisan office votes equal in number to 1% of all votes cast for the office at the last preceding general election at which the office was filled. In the case of an office that has not appeared on the ballot since its creation, the requisite number of votes shall equal 1% of the number of all votes cast for the office that had the least number of votes in the most recent general election in the jurisdiction in which the write-in candidate is seeking office.

He or she is an independent nominee for a Partisan office pursuant to Part 2. (commencing with §8300 of the Elections Code).

At that direct primary he or she received for a voter-nominated office the highest number of votes cast for that office or the second highest number of votes cast for that office, except as provided by subdivision (b) of Section 8142 or Section 8807.
Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications

Elections Code Section 13307 allows each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in any local agency, including any city, county or district, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the Registrar of Voters Office. The candidate's statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualification for the office he/she is seeking. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description, of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications, expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include any party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in the office of the Registrar of Voters, when his or her nomination papers are returned for filing or in the case of no primary, the statement shall be filed by the 88th day prior to the election. Except as provided in Section 13309, the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

The Registrar of Voters shall send to each voter together with the sample ballot, a voters’ pamphlet that contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.

The Registrar of Voters may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statement filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the Registrar of Voters his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voters’ pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the receipt for the payment shall include a written notice that the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Registrar of Voters is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the Registrar of Voters may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Registrar of Voters shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make any such statement or the authors thereof, free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voters' pamphlet.

Before the nomination period opens, the Registrar of Voters shall determine whether a charge shall be levied against that candidate for sending the candidate's statement to each voter. This decision shall not be revoked or modified after the seventh day prior to the opening of the nominating period. A written statement of the regulations with respect to charges for handling, packaging, and mailing shall be provided to each candidate or his or her representative at the time he or she picks up the nomination papers.

For the purpose of this section, and Section 13310, the Board of Supervisors shall be deemed the governing body of judicial elections.
Preparation of Candidate Statement

In order to ensure uniformity of candidate's statements, candidates must prepare their statement as follows:

All statements must be submitted electronically along with a signed hard copy of the candidate statement attached to the candidate statement form provided.

If the statement is prepared on a separate piece of paper, attach the paper to the candidate statement form provided.

All statements should be checked by the candidate, for spelling, punctuation and grammar. The Registrar of Voters Office will not edit any material and is not responsible for any mistakes contained therein. Statements with spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will be printed exactly as submitted.

Count the words in your statement. The total count must not exceed 200 words. If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must delete or change a sufficient number of words or sentences to put the statement within the required word limit before the statement is filed.

Do not use special formatting such as bullets, underlines, stars, lists, tables, boldface type, italics, all capital letters indentations, multiple punctuations or any unusual spacing or underscoring.

Do not include any party affiliation. Do not include membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

Statements for judicial offices shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for judicial office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. (EC §13308)

Notwithstanding the above guidelines, nothing should be deemed to make any statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's pamphlet. Candidate statements are to discuss the education and qualifications of only the candidate filing the statement. The Registrar of Voters will not accept any candidate statements that discuss in any way the education, qualifications, and/or record (or lack thereof) of any of the candidate's opponents.

At the time the statement is filed, you will be asked to sign the "Candidate Statement Form" to ensure uniformity in all the statements submitted. Statements must be formatted pursuant to the guidelines provided by the county. Statements not submitted in the appropriate format will be reformatted by the Registrar of Voters Office. The candidate must sign and date the candidate statement agreement form before it is filed. A copy of the submitted statement will be given to the candidate. If the candidate does not file a statement, the lower portion of the agreement form must be signed by the candidate to indicate the candidate does not want to publish a candidate statement of qualifications.
Confidentiality of Candidate’s Statement

Notwithstanding the provisions of the California Public Records Act commencing with Section 6250 of the Government Code, the statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline December 6 (or 11), 2019.

Challenge of Contents Candidate statements are available in the Registrar of Voters Office for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days immediately following the close of the nomination period, where documents may be reviewed and copies obtained (for a copy fee of $0.10 per page). During this 10-calendar-day examination period, any voter of the affected jurisdiction may take legal action to challenge the contents of any candidate’s statement pursuant to Elections Code §13313(b)(1).

Elections Code §18351 provides that any candidate for a local nonpartisan office in an election who prepares a candidate’s statement and knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his/her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).
Word Counting Guidelines

The following are the guidelines for computing word count as specified in Elections Code 9. This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Elections Code 13107.

The title of the office, name, age, and occupation and the signature are not included in the word count—only the text is counted.

The following are the guidelines for computing word count:

(1) Punctuation is not counted.
(2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
(3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, “City and County of San Francisco” shall be counted as one word.
(4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
(5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
(6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
(7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as “one,” shall be considered as a separate word or words. “One” shall be counted as one word whereas “one hundred” shall be counted as two words. “100” shall be counted as one word.
(8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
(9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.
Non-Partisan Runoff Candidate Statements

Presidential Primary Election
March 3, 2020

Applicable to runoff candidates for Judge of the Superior Court. After certification of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election results, any nonpartisan runoff candidates required to appear on the November General Election ballot will be notified in writing and provided with a cost estimate for a candidate’s statement of qualification to be published for the November General Election.

Those candidates who appear on the ballot in a runoff election on November 3, 2020 may:

1. Withdraw the candidate’s statement and not utilize any statement for the runoff election; or
2. Utilize the same candidate’s statement as was printed for the March Primary Election; or

A statement for a runoff election or general election which occurs within 88 days of the primary or first election, the statement shall be filed with the elections official by the third day following the governing body’s declaration of the results from the primary or first election.

Advance payment of estimated costs of any candidate’s statement in the November 3, 2020 sample ballot pamphlet will also be required no later than April 5, 2020.
Example of Formatting

The statements on the left are unacceptable, and will not be accepted by the Registrar of Voters. The statements on the right are acceptable versions of the same statements.

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<td>Occupation: HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR</td>
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<td>My education and qualifications are: I have lived in the Town of Loomis for 55 years. I know the area well and the needs of the community. I have served in the United States Air Force for 12 years. I am a graduate of Harvard University with a B.A. in engineering.</td>
<td>My education and qualifications are: I have lived in the Town of Loomis for 42 years. I know the area well and the needs of the community. I have served in the United States Air Force for 12 years. I am a graduate of Harvard University with a B.A. in engineering.</td>
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<td>I believe that I am the BEST person for this position. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. Unlike my opponent, I will not disgrace the office and will listen to the needs of the people. <strong>Elect Fred for results.</strong></td>
<td>I believe that I am the best person for this position. If you elect me, I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I will not disgrace the office and will listen to the needs of the people. Elect Fred for results.</td>
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<td>My education and qualifications: I have lived in the area for 10 years and I love this community. I want to get involved in community affairs. I believe that I am the better person for this position. I will work harder than the incumbent JANE DOE. I will not take advantage of my position for financial gain. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I will fight to protect wildlife in the area. Let's get back on the right track, elect me and I will get the job done right.</td>
<td>My education and qualifications: I have lived in the area for 10 years and I love this community. I want to get involved in community affairs. I believe that I am the better person for this position. I will work hard for the constituents of San Joaquin County and not take advantage of my position for financial gain. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I will fight to protect wildlife in the area. Let's get back on the right track, elect me and I will get the job done right.</td>
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<td><strong>ELECT MARGARET FOR THE BEST RESULTS!!!!!!!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Elect Margaret for best results!</strong></td>
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Payment

As provided in Elections Code §13307, the Registrar of Voters Office shall estimate the total prorated cost of printing, handling and mailing the candidate statements, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. (EC §13307(c))

Each candidate is required to pay in advance the estimated cost of having his or her statement included in the Sample Ballot Pamphlet when the statement is filed. Checks are payable to San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters.

In the event of overpayment of actual costs, the Registrar of Voters shall refund any excess to the candidate. In the event of underpayment, the candidate shall be billed and required to pay the additional costs within 30 days of receiving the bill. (EC §13307(c))

The estimated quotes are based on a 200-word statement.

Actual cost will vary depending on the number of registered voters in the district, translation fees, printing costs, typing and proofing costs, and page setup fees. The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

The estimated cost for judicial candidates is:

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Candidates will be asked to pay the estimate in the second column, if two statements are printed, when the statement is filed.

San Joaquin County imposes a $45.00 service fee on checks returned by the bank as non-payable.
Waiver of Payment

Elections Code Section 13309 states that when advance payment is required for a voluntary candidate’s statement but the candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay in advance the requisite fee, the candidate shall submit to the Registrar of Voters Office a statement of financial worth to be used in determining whether or not he or she is eligible to submit a candidate’s statement without advance payment. The statement of financial worth shall be submitted by the candidate together with his or her candidate’s statement during the filing period.

“Statement of Financial Worth” forms are available at the Registrar of Voters Office. Necessary data requested includes candidate’s most recent Federal income tax returns, candidate’s employer, income, real estate holdings, tangible personal property and financial obligations. The candidate is to certify the contents of the statement as to its truth and correctness under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California.

If it is determined that the candidate is indigent, his or her statement will be printed and mailed without advance payment. If the Registrar of Voters Office determines that the candidate is not indigent, the candidate shall, within three days of notification, pay the requisite estimated cost, or be required to withdraw the candidate’s statement. The Registrar of Voters Office is not obligated to print and mail the statement if payment is not received.

Notwithstanding the above, the candidate will be billed and expected to pay the cost of the candidate’s statement after the election. This indigent provision does not waive the payment of a candidate statement fee. It only delays payment until after the election. The total fee is due and payable upon receipt of the final invoice.
Campaigning

Mailings

Any candidate or campaigns planning any type of mass mailing needs to contact the post office in advance for the most current and specific postal regulations.

Definition of “Mass Mailings” 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. (Government Code §82041.5)

Elections Code §16 requires the Registrar of Voters to furnish each candidate or committee a copy of Government Code Section 84305, at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy and to the proponents of a local initiative or referendum at the time of filing the petition.

Mass Mailing Prohibitions: No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. (GC §89001)

Political Advertising Requirements: Political Advertising Disclaimers on all communications made by candidate committees for their own Election must include: “Paid for by Committee Name”. Contact FPPC for further information and exceptions.

Any paid political advertisement which 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 of 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. (EC §20008)

Elections Code §20000 et seq. provides additional information regarding restrictions on endorsements, representation requirements, etc.

At the Polls

Campaign Literature containing Polling Place Locations: Candidates are requested not to distribute or mail campaign literature telling voters where their polling places are located.

A candidate and members of a candidate’s household are not eligible to serve as precinct officials, or to provide polling place facilities, for any election at which the candidate’s name appears on the ballot. (EC §12287)
Political Advertising

Rules and regulations surrounding political advertising vary depending on the jurisdiction. It is up to the candidate to know the rules before putting up signs.

**San Joaquin County requirements**: can be found at in the County ordinance Code, Division 17 - Sign Regulations Chapter 9-1700 and sections 2-7200 & 9-1710.4

For additional information regarding political and campaign signs contact the San Joaquin County Community Development Department’s Planning Division Counter Help Desk at (209) 468-2193 or visit their website at sjgov.org/commdev

The County does not have jurisdiction over the placement or removal of campaign lawn signs or other outdoor advertising in your city.

Public Utilities prohibit posting of signs on their property including telephone poles.

All Political Signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of an election.
City Clerk Contact Information

Contact the City Clerk’s Office directly for information concerning requirements or restrictions for local jurisdictions.

**City of Escalon**  
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Escalon, CA 95320  
(209) 691-7400  
talcantor@cityofescalon.org  

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Stockton, CA 95202  
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city.clerk@stocktonca.gov  

**City of Tracy**  
Adrienne Richardson  
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Tracy, CA 95376  
(209) 831-6105  
adrienne.richardson@ci.tracy.ca.us
State Requirements

The California Department of Transportation, Right of Way Program - Outdoor Advertising Branch, has specific requirements pertaining to political signs placed within their areas of jurisdiction.

Reproduced on the following page is their informational letter, a “Statement of Responsibility for Temporary Political Signs”.
(State Outdoor Advertising Act §5405.3)
Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election

B. Is placed no 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 sign (Attached)

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to: Division of Traffic Operations

Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible
embarrassment or inconvenience to you and your supporters. Please share this information with those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 654-6473.

Election Results

Semi-final Official Canvass (Election Night Results)

The semi-final election night unofficial results will commence immediately upon the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., on March 3, 2020. (EC §15150) The counting of ballots will commence when all polls are closed within the County of San Joaquin. (EC §15152) It is anticipated that the first report of semi-official results (Vote-by-Mail ballots only) will be released at 8:30 p.m., with cumulative updates scheduled every hour until completion.

Generally, a schedule of election night unofficial results is as follows:

- Vote by Mail Ballots: 8:10 p.m.
- Precinct Ballots: 10:00 p.m.
- Every hour until complete

Ballots are delivered to the following central counting location:

7585 S Longe Street
Suite 112
Stockton, CA 95206

In addition to local television reports, cumulative results are available to the public and candidates. There are two different ways you may inquire about Election Night Semifinal results:

1. On the internet. The ROV website address is: www.sjcrov.org. The Secretary of State’s website address is: www.sos.ca.gov
2. By phone. The ROV main phone number is (209) 468-2890, where staff will remain available to read results and to answer questions until all precinct results have been reported.

The Election Night Report will NOT provide precinct by precinct results. That report is available upon certification
of the election results.

**Post-Election Night**

Semifinal election results will be available by telephone between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Registrar of Voters on the day after the election. Printed copies of the semi-final results will also be available.

No later than Thursday, March 5, 2020, the canvass of the returns will commence at the Registrar of Voters Office, 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 350, Stockton. During the canvass, a complete inspection of all returns will be accomplished, as well as processing and counting of Vote-by-Mail ballots voted and/or received on Election Day. Additionally, any provisional ballots and ballots cast for qualified write-in candidates will be processed during the canvass.

The official election results will be certified after the completion of the canvass of returns, no later than April 2, 2020.
Canvass of the Vote

The election canvass process is an internal audit and is required by state law to ensure the accuracy of election results. California election law allows 28 days for the conduct of the official canvass. All aspects of the canvass are open to public inspection. During the canvass, Vote-by-Mail and provisional ballots not counted on election night are researched to validate eligibility. The canvass concludes with the certification and issuance of official election results. Listed below are the major components of the official canvass.

Roster Reconciliation: Following the close of the polls election night, precinct officers are responsible for completing the Official Ballot Statement. The statement lists the exact number of voted ballots, unused ballots, spoiled ballots, roster signatures, etc. As part of the official canvass, the number of signatures indicated by the inspector on the roster is compared to the number of ballots tabulated by the computer tally system.

1% Manual Vote Tally: All voted ballots from a randomly selected 1% of the precincts are manually tallied and balanced against the computer counts to verify the accuracy of the election tally system. This process is required by law.

Ballots Added During Official Canvass: The following categories of ballots are not reported on election night. Once eligibility is determined these ballots are added to the election results. Vote-by-Mail Ballots returned on Election Day to our office or dropped off at polling locations. These ballots do not arrive in sufficient time to be individually signature-verified, opened and prepared for tabulation on election night.

1. **Provisional Ballots** issued at polling place locations on Election Day must be individually researched to determine eligibility and is a time-consuming process. Provisional ballots are issued at polling locations when a person’s voter registration cannot immediately be authenticated. On Election Day, each voted provisional ballot is placed in a pink envelope so they can be identified and separated from the regular voted ballots. On election night they are transported to the Tally Center in Stockton (ROV warehouse) with all the other ballots. During the canvass period, each provisional ballot is researched to determine eligibility of the voter. It takes time to carefully check each one through the computer registration files. After the determination is made, and if the voter is qualified to vote, their ballot is added to the overall total for the election.

2. **Damaged Ballots** that are unable to be processed through the election tally system and, therefore, must be manually duplicated prior to tabulation.

3. **Write-In Ballots** must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a certified write-in candidate. Only votes cast for certified candidates will be counted.

4. **“Last Minute” Vote-by-Mail Ballots** returned on Election Day to our office or dropped off at polling locations. These ballots do not arrive in sufficient time to be individually signature-verified, opened and prepared for tabulation on election night; however all eligible vote-by-mail ballots are counted.
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is your office open during the lunch hour?**
   
   Yes. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding county holidays.

2. **What if I change my mind about being a candidate after filing nomination papers?**
   
   Once a candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy, he or she is not permitted to officially withdraw, and the name of the candidate will appear on the primary election ballot if he or she qualifies. No candidate nominated at any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at the ensuing general election except as permitted by statute. (EC §8800, 8801)

3. **What happens if some of the signatures I obtain on my nomination papers are from individuals who are not registered voters, do not live within the jurisdiction I seek to represent, or are not of the same party affiliation as I am?**
   
   These signatures would not be valid. Signatures must be obtained from registered voters in the jurisdiction the candidate is seeking to represent. Additionally if the office sought is partisan, signers must be of the same party affiliation as the candidate. (EC §8068)

   If your nomination papers are filed early and any signatures are found insufficient, there will be time for you to submit supplemental signatures. By not filing your nomination papers early, you could be risking your nomination, if you don’t have the required number of valid signatures.

4. **How soon will a final list of qualified candidates (with ballot designations, addresses and telephone numbers) be available after the close of the nomination period?**

   The nomination period for the Primary Election ends December 6, 2019 and in limited circumstances, if an incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended until December 11, 2019. A list of local office candidates will be available at the end of the filing period. The certified list from the Secretary of State’s Office will be available December 26, 2019. A copy fee, of $0.10 per page, will be charged for the list, which includes ballot designations, addresses, and telephone numbers.

5. **May I change or correct the wording or spelling on my candidate’s statement after it has been filed?**

   No, you may not make any changes to your candidate’s statement once it has been filed. Check your candidate’s statement carefully before submitting. The statement is entirely the candidate’s responsibility. (EC 13307(3))

6. **If I file a candidate’s statement of qualification may I withdraw the statement?**

   The candidate’s statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. (EC §13307(3))
7. **May my spouse, friend or campaign manager pick up nomination documents for me?**

A candidate may, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a specific person to receive a declaration of candidacy form from the election’s official and deliver it to the candidate. This statement must contain the candidate’s name, the office he or she is seeking, and party affiliation, if applicable. The statement shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official of the county of the candidate’s residence by the 88th day prior to the primary election, December 6, 2019. The elections official shall retain that statement. (EC §8028)

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

A. The declaration of candidacy is not to be removed from the office of the Registrar of Voters (except as provided in Elections Code §8028 (b)). Additionally, a member of the Registrar of Voters’ staff, a qualified public officer, or a notary public must administer the oath or affirmation, which is a part of the declaration of candidacy form. It is much easier for a candidate to file in person and have the oath administered at the time he or she files; and,

B. The signature of the candidate is required on many documents involved in the nomination process. If through an oversight the nomination papers are incomplete, the problem can easily be rectified when a candidate files in person. It is not recommended that nomination documents be mailed back. However, if mailed back, nomination documents must be received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the close of the nomination period, regardless of the postmark.

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

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

10. **What determines the order in which my name and other candidates’ names will appear on the ballot?**

A randomized alphabet drawing will be conducted by the Secretary of State’s Office on December 12, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Election Code §13111(i), further requires that the Registrar of Voters conduct an additional randomized alphabet drawing for State Senate and State Assembly offices when the district includes more than one county. In addition to the randomized alphabet, Elections Code §13111 provides for the rotation of the names of candidates for many offices by State Assembly district, and for other offices by supervisorial district. The names of candidates for other offices are not rotated, but placed on the ballot on the basis of the randomized alphabet.

For rotation of candidate names for Judge of the Superior Court and for countywide offices, the Elections official shall determine the order of the names in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in §13112 for the first supervisorial district. Thereafter, for each
succeeding supervisorial district, the name appearing first for each office in the preceding supervisorial district shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.

How to Order Voter Data from the Registrar of Voters

The Registrar of Voters Office has a great deal of data available to candidates for use in their campaign. Most data is available on storage media (USB drive or CD), printed report, or through our ftp site. Please allow 3 – 5 working days for regular jobs and 5 – 7 working days for custom jobs.

Requests for election and voter data must be in writing (preferably on company or campaign letterhead).

If voter addresses and phone numbers are being requested, the “Application for Voter Registration Services” must be completed. The application can be found on line at www.sjrov.org, or the Elections Office will fax or e-mail this application upon request. Upon receipt of the application, it will be reviewed by elections staff to determine if the applicant is eligible for the information. Identification of the applicant must be proven by a driver’s license or state identification card. If an applicant is a San Joaquin County resident, driver’s license must be shown in the Registrar of Voters Office. If an applicant is a non-San Joaquin County resident, a photocopy of a driver’s license must accompany the application.

Payment is required prior to processing any requests for information. (check, money order or cash is acceptable). Call the Registrar of Voters Office for cost estimate and shipping & handling charges.

Shipping or delivery will be charged to purchaser. If out of the area, it is suggested you include a Federal Express air bill, which is billed to your account. If data is to be picked up from the office in person, a courtesy call can be made upon completion.

Purchasing a Precinct Index

The Registrar of Voters has a listing of all registered voters by district at a cost of $.50 per thousand registered voters ($.50 minimum). The listing is by precinct, then by residential address, and name. It also shows political party and telephone number, if provided by the voter. This list is designed for precinct walking or phone banks, but does not have mailing addresses so it is not recommended for use in mailing political material.
GIS PRODUCT REQUEST
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX 810, STOCKTON, CA 95201-0810
TEL: (209)468-2890   FAX: (209)468-9534

Requester's Name: ________________________________  Request Date: ________________________________

Telephone #: ___________________  Ext. __________  Cell #: __________________

Organization: ________________________________  Fax #: __________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Street  Suite #  City  State  Zip Code

Purpose or use of Requested GIS Product: ________________________________

Maps: Hard Copy or CD  $40.00 each Map

☐ Coverage's or Shape files: __________________________ includes Labor and Media Cost $300.00
☐ 1 Set of precinct maps $320.00
☐ Countrywide (no City boundaries or city precincts listed) $40.00
☐ City of Escalon $40.00
☐ City of Lathrop $40.00
☐ City of Lodi $40.00
☐ City of Manteca $40.00
☐ City of Ripon $40.00
☐ City of Stockton $40.00
☐ City of Tracy $40.00
☐ Each Additional Layer $40.00
☐ Staff Time: 75.00 per hr. for Custom Jobs $40.00

Fee Charges: (Cash or Check Only)  Quantity x Rate = Total: __________

The Registrar of Voters will begin processing your signed request when payment is received.

I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of GIS Product as outlined on the next page of this document and entitled, GIS PRODUCT – TERMS AND CONDITION OF USE:

_________________________________  _________________________  _________________________
Print Name  Title  Signature

For County Use Only

Completion Date: __________________________  Completed By:  __________________________
GIS Product – Terms and Conditions of Use

1. GIS product is not used for any purpose other than that indicated on the application. The applicant shall not disclose, lease, sell, distribute, make, transfer or assign the GIS product or engage in any other transaction which has the effect of transferring the right of use for all or part of the GIS product without prior written consent of the County of San Joaquin-Registrar of Voters.

2. GIS product provided is based on the most current information available to the County of San Joaquin Registrar of Voters Department. The information provided is not intended to replace engineering, financial or primary records research.

3. Applicant shall print the following attribution whenever producing a hard copy plot containing substantial elements of GIS product: “Source: County of San Joaquin Registrar of Voters”.

4. The County of San Joaquin does not warrant that the GIS product furnished will meet the applicant’s requirements, or that their use will be uninterrupted or error free. The GIS product is furnished “as is” and the County of San Joaquin makes no warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. The entire risk as to the quality and performance of the GIS product furnished is with the applicant.

5. The applicant understands that the automated conversion of information and data from the system and format used by the County of San Joaquin to an alternate system or format cannot be accomplished without the possibility of introduction of inexactitudes, anomalies and errors. In the event the GIS product provided to the applicant in the machine-readable form are so converted, the applicant agrees to assume all risks associated therewith, and to defend, to hold harmless and indemnify the County of San Joaquin from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, damages and costs, including but not limited to attorneys’ fees, arising there from or in connection therewith.

6. The applicant recognizes that changes or modifications to the County of San Joaquin GIS product introduced by anyone other than the County of San Joaquin may result in adverse consequences which the County of San Joaquin can neither predict nor control. Therefore, and in consideration of the County of San Joaquin’s agreement to provide the product, the applicant agrees, to defend, to hold harmless and indemnify the County of San Joaquin from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages and costs, including, but not limited to attorneys’ fees arising out of or in any way connected with the modification, misrepresentation, misuse or reuse by others of the machine-readable and photographic information and data provided by the County of San Joaquin under this agreement. The foregoing indemnification applies, without limitation, to any use of the GIS product on other projects, or additions to this project, or for completion of this project by others, excepting only such use as may be authorized, in writing, by the County of San Joaquin.

7. Liability: The County of San Joaquin shall not be liable for any activity involving the GIS product.

8. Copyrights and/or Patents: The copyrights and or patents for all or any of the work and materials used in creating the GIS product shall be vested in the County of San Joaquin, exclusively. The applicant shall not challenge or act in any way inconsistent with or detrimental to the copyright and/or patent of the County of San Joaquin in the product.

9. Remedy: a) Applicant’s sole and exclusive remedy for breach of the limited warranty will be to return the GIS product within (30) days of receipt. b) The County of San Joaquin Registrar of voters Department shall, at its discretion, retain the GIS product returned because of physical defect and refund the fee for the GIS product, or replace the GIS product, or repair the GIS product and return it to the applicant. c) In the event that this authority to use is terminated, and GIS product is returned for applicant’s failure to comply with the terms and conditions, the County of San Joaquin shall retain all fees paid for the GIS product and retains the right to take any other appropriate action to protect its rights in the GIS product, and under this agreement.
Candidate Filing Calendar

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| **JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**                  | Thursday 9/12/2019 E-173 | Wednesday 11/6/2019 E-118 | PETITIONS IN LIEU OF FILING FEE - JUDICIAL CANDIDATES - Between these dates, judicial candidates may obtain and file signature-in-lieu forms from the Registrar of Voters.  
*For supplemental petitions, read the section below. |
| **JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**                  | Monday 10/28/2019 E-127 | Wednesday 11/6/2019 E-118 | DECLARATION OF INTENTION - Between these dates, Judicial candidates must file their Declaration of Intention. Candidates must pay the entire filing fee at this time, represented by money, signatures or any prorated combination of money and signatures. The filing fee is non-refundable. EC §8023 |
| **REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**                  | Monday 11/4/2019 E-120 | Wednesday 12/4/2019 E-90 | PRESS RELEASE – Between these dates the Registrar of Voters will publish a “Notice of Election” containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy. |
| **NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES** | Thursday 11/7/2019 E-117 | Tuesday 11/12/2019 E-113 | EXTENSION - DECLARATION OF INTENTION - If the incumbent of Judicial office fails to file a Declaration of Intention by 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2019, any person other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention no later than the first day for filing nomination papers. |
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<td><strong>CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD - DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS</strong> – First date candidates may file a Declaration of Candidacy and receive their Nomination papers. All candidates must pay the non-refundable filing fee or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their Nomination papers from the county elections official. (EC §8020 (b)) **) Signatures in-lieu of filing fee for voter-nominated offices may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.</td>
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<td><strong>Friday 12/6/2019</strong></td>
<td><strong>E-88</strong></td>
<td><strong>LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS</strong> - All forms must be filed by 5:00 p.m. to qualify for the Primary Election ballot. (EC §8020 (b))</td>
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<td><strong>CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT WITHDRAWAL</strong> - The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed during the period of the nomination papers and up to 5:00 p.m. on the first working day after the close of the nomination period.(EC §13307(a)(3))</td>
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<td><strong>NON INCUMBENTS EXTENSION OF FILING PERIOD</strong> – Only If the incumbent has not filed for re-election, non-incumbent candidates may file for the office up until the end of this extension period.</td>
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<td><strong>UNOPPOSED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN DEADLINE</strong> – Last day to file a petition indication that a write-in candidate will be conducted against an unopposed incumbent Superior Court Judicial candidate who has filed Nomination Petitions. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1% qualified registered voters.(at least 100 but no more than 600) (EC §8203)</td>
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<td><strong>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES</strong> - The Secretary of State shall transmit the certified list of all candidates who are eligible to be voted for at the direct primary. (EC §8120)</td>
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<td>Friday 1/3/2020</td>
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<td><strong>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOT REQUESTS</strong> - First day elections official shall send a ballot to the voter. (60 days before the election) (EC §3105)</td>
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<td>1st <strong>PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</strong> – The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period 1/1/2020 – 1/18/2020. (G.C. §84200.7)</td>
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<td><strong>MAILING OF STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET</strong> - The Secretary of State’s office shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 60th day before the election. (EC §9094)</td>
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<td><strong>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</strong></td>
<td>Thursday 1/23/2020</td>
<td>Saturday 2/22/2020</td>
<td><strong>MAILING OF SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET</strong> - The Registrar of Voter's office shall mail an appropriate partisan or nonpartisan sample ballot pamphlet to all voters eligible to vote in this election and an application for a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Pamphlet also contains location of the polling place and all information regarding permanent Vote-by-Mail Voters. (EC §13300 (c))</td>
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<td><strong>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</strong></td>
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<td>Tuesday 2/25/2020</td>
<td><strong>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS</strong> – Vote-by-Mail ballots can be requested by and mailed to the voters during this period. (EC §3001) However, voters may obtain their ballots in person at the Registrar of Voters office through election day.</td>
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<td><strong>2nd PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</strong> - All candidates and committees participating in the Primary Election are required to file a statement for the period 1/19/2020 – 2/15/2020. (G.C. §84200.7)</td>
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<td>Tuesday 2/25/2020</td>
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<td><strong>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION</strong> – Last day Vote-by-Mail Ballot applications may be submitted to the Registrar of Voters. (EC §3001)</td>
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<td><strong>VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday 3/3/2020 8:00</td>
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<td><strong>RETURN OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS – BY 8:00 P.M.</strong> - Vote-by-Mail ballots may be returned in person to the Registrar of Voters office or at any polling place within the county. The law permits a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling, or a person residing in the same household as the Vote-by-Mail voter to act as an authorized agent for returning Vote-by-Mail voter ballots.</td>
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<td><strong>ELECTION DAY</strong></td>
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<td><strong>OFFICIAL CANVASS</strong> - The official canvass will commence and continue until completed. (County has 28 days EC §15372)</td>
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<td><strong>RECOUNT MAY BE REQUESTED</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Within five (5) days</strong> after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the Elections official. The request may specify which candidate and/or measure is to be recounted. The voter making the request for the recount shall be required before the recount is commenced to make a deposit towards the total cost of the recount which will become due and payable upon the completion of the recount if the results of the recount do not change the outcome of the election. (EC §§15620 – 15634)</td>
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<td><strong>CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES</strong></td>
<td>Friday 7/31/2020</td>
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<td><strong>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</strong> - All candidates and committees participating in the Primary Election are required to file a semi-annual statement for the period 2/16/2020 through 6/30/ 2020. (G.C. §84200)</td>
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