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CANDIDATE GUIDE



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To all candidates, campaign managers, and other interested parties,

This Candidate Guide has been prepared to assist those who intend to file for candidacy in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election by providing a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

We hope that you will find this guide to be both informative and useful. Please review the information provided carefully. This guide includes general candidate filing information, election, and campaign information. Online access to this guide is available on our website at www.sjcrov.org. Daily listings of candidates filing for elective offices will also be posted to the website for public access.

The Candidate Services Division has been temporarily moved from the 3rd to the 5th floor of the County Administration Building located at 44 N. San Joaquin Street in Stockton. Prospective candidates will need to visit this new location in Suite 566 to file nomination papers or receive any other in-person assistance. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

Our staff is committed to providing the best possible service to you, your campaign staff, and the voters of San Joaquin County. If you have questions or concerns regarding this guide, or suggestions for future guides, please write an email to candidates@sjgov.org or call the Candidate Services team at (209) 468-8945.

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MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ABBREVIATED ELECTION CALENDAR

Sep 14 – Nov 8 (E-173 to E-118)	<u>Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for Contests Requiring a Filing Fee</u> During this period, petition forms may be obtained from the ROV to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Valid signatures submitted on the Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for that office. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 days of filing the petition. <i>Elections Code 8061, 8105, 8106(b)</i>
Sep 14 – Mar 19 (E-173 to E+14)	<u>State Senator and Member of the Assembly Candidates Only</u> Period in which candidates must file an initial Form 501. If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary election, but not exceeded during that election, the Form 501 may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general election. The amended Form 501 must be filled within 14 days following the primary election. <i>Government Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401</i>
Sep 15 (E-172)	<u>County Central Committee Deadline</u> This is the last day for central committees to notify the Secretary of State whether a county central committee election will be held. If a county central committee election is not held, a county central committee will be convened pursuant to rules adopted by the party. <i>Elections Code § 7770</i>
Sep 29 (E-158)	<u>Secretary of State to Prepare Notice of Offices on the Primary Ballot</u> At least 158 days before the primary, the Secretary of State prepares and transmits to each county elections official a notice designating all the state offices for which candidates are to be nominated for this election. <i>Elections Code § 12103</i>
Sep 29 – Dec 8 (E-158 to E-88)	<u>Nomination Period for Central Committee Candidates</u> During this period, candidates for central committee offices must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers. <i>Elections Code § 8020 (b)</i>
Oct 9 (E-148)	<u>Governor's Proclamation – Issuance</u> On or before this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be up for election and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. <i>Elections Code § 12000</i>
Oct 30 – Nov 8 (E-127 to E-118)	<u>Declaration of Intention Period for Judicial Candidates Only</u> Every candidate for a judicial office must file a Declaration of Intention with the county elections official. All incumbent judges seeking re-election to the same office must file during this period. The Declaration of Intention will include the seat number designated by the ROV. Nonrefundable filing fees (money, signatures, or any prorated combination of both) are due when filing the Declaration of Intention. <i>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105</i>
Oct 30 – Nov 13 (E-127 to E-113)	<u>Municipal Notice of Election Publication</u> For cities consolidating with this election, the city clerk shall publish a Notice of Election during this period. This notice contains the date of the election, polling hours, any offices to be filled and/or measures to be voted on, the qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed and the deadline for filing these forms. <i>Elections Code §§ 12101, 12111</i>

Nov 6 – Dec 6 (E-120 to E-90)	<u>County Notice of Election Publication</u> The ROV shall publish a Notice of Election once in a newspaper of general circulation during this period. The notice provides the date of the election, offices to be elected, qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed, and the deadline for filing these forms. <i>Elections Code §§ 12112, 12113</i>
Nov 9 – Nov 19* (E-117 to E-107)	<u>Unopposed Superior Court Judge Write-In Campaign Deadline</u> During this period, a write-in candidate may file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign 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% (at least 100 but no more than 600) of qualified registered voters. Once the petition is complete, write-in candidates must file their write-in statement and Nomination Petitions between E-57 and E-14. <i>Elections Code §§ 8203, 8600-8606</i>
Nov 9 – Nov 13 (E-117 to E-113)	<u>Extension of Declaration of Intention Period for Judicial Offices Only</u> If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intention to succeed to the same office by the end of the Declaration of Intention filing period, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention for that office during this period. Payment of the nonrefundable filing fees must be paid at the time of the Declaration of Intention. <i>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105</i>
Nov 12* (E-114)	<u>Municipal Calling of Special Election to Fill Vacancy</u> This is the last date for a city council to call a special election to fill a vacancy on the day of the primary election. The vacancy cannot go to election on this established election date if the election is not called by this date. <i>Government Code § 36512(b)</i>
Nov 13 – Dec 8 (E-113 to E-88)	<u>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period</u> All candidates, including incumbents, may obtain nomination papers from the Registrar of Voters' Office during this period. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions can be counted toward the number of signatures required for the candidate's nomination papers. If the candidate's Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures required for his/her nomination papers, the county elections office shall not require the candidate to circulate nomination papers. The nonrefundable filing fee (money, signatures, or a prorated, combination of both), if applicable, must be paid at the time the nomination papers are obtained. Once the candidate files a declaration of candidacy for a primary election, they may not withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. <i>Elections Code §§ 8020-8021, 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811</i> <u>Submittal of Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest</u> During this period, candidates who have not submitted a Form 700 within the previous 60 days must file Form 700. (U.S. Senate, congressional, and central committee candidates are exempt.) <i>Government Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500</i> <u>Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal</u> During this period, all candidates who wish to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the county voter information guide must submit it and pay the deposit when filing their Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. <i>Elections Code §§ 13307-13308</i> <u>State Senator and Assembly Candidates' Statement of Qualifications</u> During this period, statewide candidates may opt to include a 250-word Statement of Qualifications in the county voter information guide if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). <i>Government Code §§ 85600, 85601</i>
Dec 4 (E-92)	<u>Notice of Random Alphabet Drawing</u> Each randomized alphabet drawing shall be open to the public. This is the deadline for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of when and where the Random Alphabet Drawing is to be held. <i>Elections Code §§ 13112(b)(1)(B), 13112(c)</i>

Dec 6 – Mar 5 (E-90 to E-Day)	<p><u>Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or More</u> Within 24 hours of the transaction, FPPC Forms 462, Form 496, or Form 497 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer. <i>Government Code §§ 82036, 82036.5, 84203, 84203.3, 84204, 84215(e), 85204, 85309</i></p>
Dec 8 (E-88)	<p><u>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period Ends at 5 p.m.</u> This is the deadline for all voter-nominated, non-presidential, and county central committee candidates to file all required nomination papers. <i>Elections Code §§ 8020, 8022</i></p> <p><u>Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest</u> This is the deadline for candidates to submit Form 700. (U.S. Senate, congressional and central committee candidates are exempt.) <i>Government Code §§ 87100-87500</i></p> <p><u>Last day for Local Measure Qualification</u> This is the deadline for local ordinances, resolutions, tax rate statements for bond measures, or orders calling for an election to be filed with the Registrar of Voters' Office. <i>Elections Code §§ 9160, 9401, 10401</i></p>
Dec 9* – Dec 13 (E-87 to E-83)	<p><u>Nomination Extension Period</u> If the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by the deadline for their office, this will be a 5-calendar-day extension period during which any candidate other than the incumbent may file for office. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8100, 8105, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i></p>
Dec 9* – Dec 18 (E-87 to E-78)	<p><u>10-Day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications</u> The ROV shall make a copy of any Statement of Qualifications submitted during the nomination period available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters' Office for the duration of this 10-calendar-day period. <i>Elections Code § 13313</i></p>
Dec 13 (E-83)	<p><u>Last Day to Submit Political Party Endorsements</u> This is the deadline for the chairperson of any qualified political party to submit an official list of the party-endorsed candidates to the county elections official. <i>Elections Code § 13302(b)</i></p> <p><u>Appointments Submitted to the Board of Supervisors</u> The ROV shall submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting all applicable appointments in lieu of election. <i>Elections Code § 10515</i></p> <p><u>Last Day to Withdraw a Local Measure</u> This is the deadline to withdraw a measure from election that has been submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction. The order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 9605</i></p>
Dec 14 (E-82)	<p><u>Randomized Alphabet Drawing</u> The Secretary of State and the ROV will conduct a random drawing of letters to determine the order in which candidates appear on the ballot. <i>Elections Code § 13112</i></p>
Dec 14 – Dec 23* (E-82 to E-73)	<p><u>10-Day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications (Extended)</u> The ROV shall make a copy of any Statement of Qualifications submitted during an extended nomination period, if any, available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters' Office for the duration of this 10-calendar-day period. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i></p>
Dec 28 (E-68)	<p><u>Certified List of Candidates for Federal and State Offices</u> The Secretary of State will issue the certified list of candidates no later than this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 8147-8150</i></p>

Jan 5 – Jan 20* (E-60 to E-45)	<p><u>Military and Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballots</u> During this period, ballots and balloting materials will be mailed to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 300, 3101-3123</i></p>
Jan 8 – Feb 20 (E-57 to E-14)	<p><u>Write-in Candidacy Period</u> Candidates may pick up write-in candidacy nomination papers at the Registrar of Voters' Office anytime between these dates.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 8600-8606</i></p>
Jan 25 (E-40)	<p><u>County Voter Information Guides May Begin to be Mailed to Registered Voters</u> The Registrar of Voters' Office will begin mailing county voter information guides to registered voters no sooner than this day.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 13303</i></p> <p><u>State Voter Information Guides May Begin to be Mailed to Registered Voters</u> The Secretary of State shall begin mailing state voter information guides to voters no sooner than this day.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 9094</i></p> <p><u>First Pre-Election Financial Statement Due</u> This is the last day for candidates listed on the ballot to file a Form 460 or Form 470.</p> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218</i></p>
Jan 31 (E-34)	<p><u>Semi-annual Campaign Statements Due</u> This is the deadline for all required candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers to file semiannual campaign statements.</p> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200, 84218</i></p>
Feb 5 (E-29)	<p><u>Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing</u> This is the deadline for the Registrar of Voters to send Vote-by-Mail ballots to all registered voters.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 3001</i></p>
Feb 5 – Mar 4 (E-29 to E-1)	<p><u>Early Voting Period</u> During this period, voters may vote in person or drop off a ballot at the Registrar of Voters' Office.</p>
Feb 6 (E-28)	<p><u>Official Ballot Drop Box Deployment Deadline</u> This is the deadline for all ballot drop boxes to be deployed and made available by the ROV. Drop box locations will be printed in the county voter information guide.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 3025.5(b)</i></p>
Feb 19* State Holiday (E-15)	<p><u>Last Day to Register to Vote</u> This is the deadline to register to vote for this election. Postmarks, DMV submissions, and deliveries/drop-offs at the elections office are acceptable.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 2102</i></p>
Feb 20 – Mar 5 (E-14 – E-Day)	<p><u>Conditional Voter Registration</u> During this period, eligible voters who missed the 15-day voter registration deadline may appear in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office or a polling place on Election Day and register to vote provisionally for this election.</p> <p><i>Elections Code § 2170</i></p>
Feb 22 (E-12)	<p><u>Second Pre-Election Financial Statement Due</u> This is the last day for committees to file Form 460.</p> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b), 84218</i></p>
Feb 23 (E-11) (SOS-Designated Date)	<p><u>Certified List of Nonpartisan Write-in Candidates</u> The Secretary of State will prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the names of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, and the offices to which they seek election. This list will also be mailed to each candidate running for the affected offices.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822</i></p>

Feb 28 – Mar 5 (E-6 to E-0)	<u>Special Vote-by-Mail Requests</u> This is the deadline to submit a request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot for voters with special circumstances that cause them to be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day. <i>Elections Code § 3021</i>
Mar 5	<u>Election Day</u> All polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for drop-off or in-person voting on this day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by this date to be counted. <i>Elections Code §§ 1000, 14212</i> <u>Semifinal Official Canvass</u> Beginning at 8 p.m. on this day and continuing until completed, the Registrar of Voters' Office conducts the semifinal official canvass of votes and reports the totals to the Secretary of State. <i>Elections Code §§ 15150, 15151</i>
Apr 2 (E+28)	<u>Official End of Canvass of the Election</u> The Registrar of Voters' Office certifies election results no later than this date. The governing bodies consolidated with this election receive a certified statement of the votes. If a judicial or county office candidate does not receive a majority of the vote in the primary election, there will be a run-off in the general election between the top two candidates for that office. <i>Elections Code §§ 15372, 15375</i>
Apr 4 (E+30)	<u>Refunds of Excess SOQ payments</u> In the event of overpayment for the total cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing candidate's statements filed, the ROV shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid no later than this date. <i>Elections Code § 13307 (d)</i>
Apr 12 (E+38)	<u>Statement of the Votes Filed</u> This is the deadline for the Secretary of State to compile and file the statement of the votes for this election. <i>Elections Code § 15500, 15501, 15503</i>
Jul 31 (E+148)	<u>Semi-annual Campaign Statement</u> This is the deadline for all required candidates, organizations, and committees to file semi-annual campaign statements. <i>Government Code §§ 84200, 84218</i>

*Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, whenever the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the conduction of the action is on the next business day.

Elections Code § 15, Government Code §§ 6700, 6701, 6707

The ROV has no authority to extend filing deadlines established by law. The candidate must be aware of all deadlines and make sure that they file their appropriate documents and forms before the deadline.

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

Information presented in this section is subject to change without notice.
Updates will be made closer to the time of candidate filing periods.

UNITED STATES PARTISAN OFFICES

For information regarding qualification requirements for candidacy for the office of President of the United States, please visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections>

FEDERAL VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	FILING FEE	NOMINATIONS NEEDED	SOQ FEE
United States Representative – District 9	2 years	District	\$1,740	40	\$13,040
United States Representative – District 13	2 years	District	\$1,740	40	\$1,010
United States Senator	6 years	At Large	\$3,480	65	\$13,760

Every candidate must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for seven years, and a resident of California on the date he or she would be sworn into office if elected. A sworn statement that the candidate meets documentation requirements per state law is required when nomination papers are filed. There are no district residency requirements for Members of Congress.

CA Constitution, Article IV, § 2(c)

STATE LEGISLATIVE VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	FILING FEE	NOMINATIONS NEEDED	SOQ FEE
State Assembly Member - District 9	2 years	District	\$1,226.94	40	\$5,800
State Assembly Member - District 13	2 years	District	\$1,226.94	40	\$8,250
State Senator - District 5*	4 years	District	\$1,226.94	40	\$13,750

Every candidate must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued to the person. Not have been convicted of a felony involving, accepting, or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. Served no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during his or her lifetime if he or she was first elected to the Legislature after June 2012 and has not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. Has not served two terms in the State Senates since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected to the State Senate before June 2012. Has not served three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected to the Assembly before June 2012.

*Elections Code §§ 13-15, 20, 201
CA Constitution, Article IV, §§ 2(a), 4, 15*

COUNTY NONPARTISAN OFFICES

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	FILING FEE	NOMINATIONS NEEDED	SOQ FEE
Superior Court Judge (15 Seats)	6 years	At Large	\$2,311.74	20	\$13,750

Superior Court Judge: Every candidate shall be a citizen of the U.S., registered voter, a member of the State Bar for ten years, or have served as a judge of a California court of record for ten years immediately preceding the election. A sworn statement that the candidate meets documentation requirements per state law is required when nomination papers are filed. All candidates must file a Declaration of Intention and a Declaration of Candidacy.

*Elections Code §§ 13-15
CA Constitution, Article VI, §15*

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	FILING FEE	NOMINATIONS NEEDED	SOQ FEE
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Member – District 1*	4 years	District	\$1,207.10	20	\$2,480
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Member – District 3*	4 years	District	\$1,207.10	20	\$3,230
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Member – District 5	4 years	District	\$1,207.10	20	\$3,200

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Member: Every candidate shall be at least eighteen years of age, a citizen of California, and a registered voter in the district which the candidate seeks to represent for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents for the office. Supervisor shall reside in the district during his or her incumbency. A sworn statement that the candidate meets documentation requirements per state law is required when nomination papers are filed.

*Elections Code §§ 13-15, 24001, 25041
CA Constitution, Article IV, § 2(c)*

MUNICIPALITY OFFICES

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	NOMINATIONS NEEDED	SOQ FEE
Mayor of City of Stockton	4 years	At Large	10	\$5,370
Member of Stockton City Council - District 2*	4 years	District	10	\$1,050
Member of Stockton City Council - District 4	4 years	District	10	\$1,210
Member of Stockton City Council - District 6	4 years	District	10	\$1,040

Candidates for these city offices must file with the Stockton City Clerk's Office. Registered voter of the city at the time nomination papers are issued.

Government Code § 6502

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	SOQ FEE
San Joaquin County Board of Education Member - Trustee Area 1	6 years	Trustee Area	\$3,070
San Joaquin County Board of Education Member - Trustee Area 2	6 years	Trustee Area	\$2,510
San Joaquin County Board of Education Member - Trustee Area 5	6 years	Trustee Area	\$3,240
Sacramento County Board of Education Member - Trustee Area 6	4 years	Trustee Area	\$320

Candidates must be a registered voter of the district residing within the district or trustee area.

Education Code §§ 5030, 35107

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Currently, five political parties form Central Committees in the state of California. The number of candidates to be elected for the American Independent and Green parties is determined by the Secretary of State. For the Democratic and Republican parties, the number of candidates to be elected is calculated based on votes cast in the previous gubernatorial by supervisorial district. For Peace and Freedom and Libertarian parties, the Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration is used for the calculation of the number of members to be elected. There aren't any filing fees or extension period for central committees.

Elections Code §§ 7200-7226, 7400- 7421, 7650, 7651, 7770, 7771, 7902, 7912, 7913

American Independent Party: Each candidate for Member of the American Independent County Central Committee must be registered continuously for not less than three months immediately before the time of the presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and must not have been registered with any other qualified political party for twelve months immediately before filling the Declaration of Candidacy. EC 8001(c) Not later than 125 days (November 1, 2023) before the presidential primary election, the Secretary of State will compute the number of county central committee members to be allotted in each county.

Elections Code § 7671

Democratic Party: Each candidate for Member of the Democratic County Central Committee must be registered continuously for not less than twelve months immediately before the time of the presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and must not have been registered with any other qualified political party for twelve months immediately before filling the Declaration of Candidacy.

Elections Code 8001(c)

Green Party: Each candidate for Member of the Green County Central Committee must be registered continuously for not less than three months immediately before the time of the presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and must not have been registered with any other qualified political party for three months immediately before filling the Declaration of Candidacy.

Elections Code 8001(c)

Peace and Freedom Party: Each candidate for Member of the Peace and Freedom County Central Committee must be registered continuously for not less than thirty days immediately before the time of the presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and must not have been registered with any other qualified political party for thirty days immediately before filling the Declaration of Candidacy.

Elections Code § 8001(c)

The state party chairperson, no later than the 135th day before the presidential primary election, shall notify the Secretary of State whether a county central committee election will be held. If a county central committee election is not held, a county central committee will be convened pursuant to rules adopted by the party.

Elections Code § 7770

Republican Party: Each candidate for Member of the Republican County Central Committee must be registered continuously for not less than twelve months immediately before the time of the presentation of the Declaration of Candidacy and must not have been registered with any other qualified political party for twelve months immediately before filling the Declaration of Candidacy.

Elections Code § 8001(c)

In addition to the above qualifications, a candidate for county central committee member of the Democratic, Republican and American Independent parties must be a registered voter residing in the Supervisorial District, which he or she is to represent.

Elections Code §§ 201, 7200, 7209, 7400, 7407, 7650, 7654

The number of nomination signatures required for Green and Peace and Freedom parties varies according to the total number of registered voters in the party in each election district. The established total number of signatures required will represent 2% of the total registration of the party in each election district, or at least 20 signatures and not more than 30 signatures, whichever is the lesser number.

Elections Code § 7776

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICE	TERM	ELECTED BY	NOMINATIONS NEEDED
American Independent Party (Will not be using public ballot.)	4 years	District	20
Democratic Party Supervisory District 1 (3 Members) Supervisory District 2 (4 Members) Supervisory District 3 (5 Members) Supervisory District 4 (4 Members) Supervisory District 5 (5 Members)	4 years	District	20-40
Green Party 7 Members	4 years	At Large	20-30
Peace & Freedom Party 9 Members	4 years	At Large	20-30
Republican Party Supervisory District 1 (2 Members) Supervisory District 2 (4 Members) Supervisory District 3 (5 Members) Supervisory District 4 (7 Members) Supervisory District 5 (5 Members)	4 years	District	20-40

***Incumbent has been termed out of office.**

****Unexpired Term:** The remainder of a term filled by an officer elected by special election or appointed, after a vacancy has occurred in the office.

PREPARE TO FILE

BEFORE YOU FILE

- Verify that your voter registration information is correct online at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Please re-register if your information is incorrect.
- Confirm the office and position for which you are filing.
- Make sure you meet and have proof of any qualifications for that office.
- Decide how you want your name to appear on the ballot.
- Decide on your ballot designation (See the Ballot Designation guidelines for assistance)
- Have your authorized agent/campaign contact information ready.

Staff cannot accept documents from an unauthorized person. A signed authorized agent section of the registration form must be completed.

Elections Code § 8028

FIRST STEPS

1. Request an appointment* via the Candidate Services tab on ROV website at www.sjcrov.org.
2. Upon receipt of the appointment request, a confirmation email containing nomination papers will be sent for you to complete before your in-person appointment.

The following documents are included in the candidate filing process:

- Candidate Registration Form (includes District Verification and Authorized Agent sections)
- Candidate Handbook
- Signatures In-Lieu Petition
- Nomination Petition
- Ballot Designation Worksheet
- Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form** (optional)
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices (optional)
- Candidate Campaign Statement Form 501, Form 460, and/or Form 470
- Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests (Mandatory for all candidates except incumbents who have filed within 60 days before filing nomination documents.)
- Declaration of Candidacy (completed in office)
- Character-Based Name (if applicable)

* An appointment is encouraged, as there may be a long wait time for walk-in candidates. Expect to spend at least 30-60 minutes to complete the filing process.

** Candidates' Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) will appear in both English and Spanish in the County Voter Information Guide.

CANDIDATE FILING PROCESS

Candidates should review and follow the first steps section before coming into the office.

FILING PERIOD DATES

• Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Period	Sep 14, 2023 – Nov 8, 2023
• Filing Period for Judicial Candidates	Oct 30, 2023 – Dec 8, 2023
• Filing Period for Central Committees	Sep 29, 2023 – Dec 8, 2023
• Filing Period for All Other Candidates	Nov 13, 2023 – Dec 8, 2023

APPLY FOR SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE

A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters instead of paying all or a portion of the filing fee to run for office. The signatures submitted may cover all or a prorated portion of the filing fee.

Any registered voter may sign a Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition for any candidate for whom they are eligible to vote.

Elections Code § 8106(b)(1)

No additional signatures may be filed after the filing date, but supplemental signatures may be filed to replace signatures in the original filing that were found to be insufficient. That portion of the filing fee not covered by the signatures must be paid in full before the nomination documents may be filed.

Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee may be applied to the nomination signature requirement. Candidates may request in writing to have valid signatures from their Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition applied to their nomination signature requirement. Candidates who obtain enough valid signatures are not required to circulate and submit Nomination Petitions. If the signature in-lieu petitions do not contain the necessary number of valid nomination signatures, the candidate must circulate and file a separate Nomination Petition to obtain the required number of valid signatures.

SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITION

1. Each signer must print and sign their name and include their residential address.

- Married couples must sign their own name.
- P.O. Boxes are unacceptable as residential addresses.
- Ignore precinct/verification columns (this will be completed by the elections office staff)

2. Circulators must complete the “Affidavit of Circulator” on the back of the form.

- Fill in the appropriate information in blank spaces.
- Fill in dates signatures are obtained.
- Fill in the execution date and place of signing.
- Sign and print name and include the residential address.
- Only one circulator is allowed for each in-lieu petition.

Circulators must be registered or eligible to be registered in the district and may collect signatures only in that district.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(For superior court judicial candidates only)

Candidates for judicial office must file a Declaration of Intention identifying the office for which they intend to run. Judicial candidate filing fees must be paid at the time the Declaration of Intention is filed with the county elections official. Except in the case of a judicial office filled in accordance with subdivision (d) of Section 16 of the California Constitution, every candidate for a judicial office, not more than 14 nor less than five days before the first day on which their nomination papers may be circulated and signed or may be presented for filing, shall file in the office of the elections official in which their nomination papers are required to be filed, a written and signed declaration of their 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 their declaration for which office they intend to become a candidate.

NOMINATION PETITION

Candidates are required to submit nomination papers signed by a requisite number of voters. No signer shall at the time of signing nomination documents have signed their name to any other nomination paper for any other candidate of the same office or, in the case where there are several seats to be filled for the same office, signed nomination papers for more candidates for that office than there are seats to be filled.

Elections Code § 8069

For nonpartisan offices and voter-nominated offices requiring nomination papers, signers shall be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be elected.

Once the nomination petition has been processed, candidates will receive their filing packet via email and should complete the forms before scheduling an in-person appointment. Candidates are encouraged to start the process early in the filing period to meet the filing deadline.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

If a candidate chooses to have a ballot designation title printed on the ballot, then it must be filed along with the Declaration of Candidacy. A ballot designation is a title printed underneath the candidate's name on the ballot. Any candidate who wishes to have a ballot designation printed on the ballot must complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet. This worksheet will also help a candidate determine an appropriate ballot designation. Please see the Ballot Designation section of this guide for more information.

Elections Code § 13107

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) (Optional)

SOQs must be filed and paid for at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Candidates are required to submit their Statement of Qualifications electronically via email in Word format and attach a written copy to the Statement of Qualifications form provided by the ROV. Please see the Candidate Statement Section of this guide for more information.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Optional)

By subscribing to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, a candidate vows to follow the principles of decency, honesty, and fair play. Subscription to the code is optional. Completed forms are to be filed with the ROV and shall be retained for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completed in office only)

The Declaration of Candidacy is the most important candidate filing document and is **required of all candidates**. On the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate indicates how their name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot, declares that they meet the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, will accept the nomination, and will not withdraw.

The ballot name may be designated as follows:

- First, middle, and last name
- Initials may be used in place of first and/or middle name.
- A nickname may be included but must be in quotation marks, not parentheses.

The name should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered to vote, although it does not need to be identical. For example, a candidate registered as "William James Shaw" may use such variations as "Will J. Shaw", "Billy Shaw", or "W. James Shaw". 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.

Elections Code § 13106

CHARACTER-BASED NAME

(If applicable)

Assembly Bill 57 (2019) requires that any ballot providing a translation of a candidate's name, in jurisdictions required to provide translated ballot materials, contain a phonetic transliteration of the candidate's name unless certain conditions are met and as specified:

1. Permits a candidate who has a character-based name by birth, which can be verified by birth certificate or other valid identification, to use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration.
2. Permits a candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, to use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

All state and local candidates, their committees, and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures are required to report campaign contributions and expenditures. When a candidate receives nomination papers, they will receive an informational overview of all filing responsibilities including electronic filing of all campaign disclosures. Candidates should familiarize themselves thoroughly with the information provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and carefully note the filing deadlines, as the Act imposes penalties for late filing of campaign statements. Information and requirements can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov.

APPEARANCE OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT

A randomized alphabet drawing is the basis for determining the order of candidates on the ballot. Each candidate will be placed on the ballot in the order that each of the letters of their surname was drawn. For example, the placement of candidates with the surnames of Miller and Ramos will depend on the order in which the letters M and R were drawn. Six calendar days after the end of the filing period, the Secretary of State conducts a drawing of the letters. The drawing will be conducted E-82, August 18, 2022, for the General Election.

Elections Code § 13112

This randomized list is used for all candidates in the upcoming election to assure that all candidates have an equal opportunity to be the first name listed on the ballot in their respective office. In statewide and countywide offices, the randomized alphabet list drawn by the secretary of state determines the order of candidate names on all ballots, starting in Assembly District 1. The order is then rotated, so that in Assembly District 2 the candidate who appeared first in Assembly District 1 is moved to the bottom of the ballot list and the second candidate is moved up to be the first candidate on the ballot in Assembly District 2, and so on. This rotation process continues throughout all the 80 assembly districts in California and begins in San Joaquin County with Assembly District 9. County random alphabet rotations are only used for senate or assembly districts that are in more than one County.

RULES FOR CANDIDATE ROTATIONS

Statewide offices: Candidates' names appear on the ballot using the Secretary of State's random alphabet and rotate through all 80 assembly districts.

Congressional: Candidates' names appear on the ballot using the Secretary of State's random alphabet and rotate by the Assembly Districts that are within the Congressional district.

Board of equalization: Candidates' names appear on the ballot using the secretary of state's random alphabet and rotate by the assembly districts that are within the board of equalization district.

State senate and state assembly: If the state senate or assembly district is in more than one county, the county random alphabet is applied. If the state senate or assembly district is wholly contained within the county, the state random alphabet is applied. Candidates' names do not rotate.

Countywide offices: The candidates' names appear on the ballot using the secretary of state's random order and rotate by supervisorial districts in the county.

All other offices: Candidates' names appear on the ballot using the secretary of state's random order and do not rotate.

APPOINTMENT IN-LIEU OF ELECTION

Special Districts: If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled within the district, the office does not appear on the ballot. The Board of supervisors appoints the unopposed candidates. Appointees by the board of supervisors take office and serve exactly as if elected at the general election.

Elections Code § 8028

School Districts: If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of offices to be filled within a particular district, an election will not be held, and the qualified candidates shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the school district governing board.

Elections Code § 5326

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE

An employee of a local agency may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body of that local agency unless they resign as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon them being sworn into office. This does not apply to any volunteer firefighters who do not receive a salary.

Government Code § 53227

HOLDING OR RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE

Candidates are not prohibited from seeking more than one elective office and may serve in more than one office. However, it is important to note that candidates can only appear on the ballot once, and they cannot file for more than one office. The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties. The courts have defined this concept as follows: "One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both."

Government Code § 1099

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The State of California Attorney General's Office has issued many opinions on compatibility questions. Here are some examples of incompatible offices:

- City councilmember and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common.
- Fire chief of a county fire protection district and a member of the county board of supervisors of the same county.
- High school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district.
- Water district director and a city council member.
- Districts having territory in common:
 - Water district director and a school district trustee
 - Deputy Sheriff and county board of supervisors.

If you have any questions about whether two public offices would be considered incompatible, contact the State of California Attorney General's Office at (800) 952-5225 or visit their website at www.oag.ca.gov.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Every 4 years, Americans cast their vote for president. The nominees for president and vice president are chosen by political parties. Political parties have varied state rules on how to choose their nominees; for example, whether to hold a primary or a caucus, how to apportion votes (winner-takes-all versus proportional), etc. They can be complex events, so voters need to know what to do to participate in a presidential primary election.

In California, the presidential primary is partially closed. That means that, in general, voters can participate in the primary on the condition that the voter is registered with the party for whom they support as their nominee. In other words, Republicans vote on in the Republican Primary, Democrats vote in the Democratic Primary, etc. If you want to vote in the primary, you must declare a party preference.

There are currently 6 certified political parties in California that will have a presidential primary:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace & Freedom Party
- Republican Party

CROSSOVER VOTING

Some political parties choose to allow No Party Preference (NPP) voters to participate in their primary without having to re-register. That is what's referred to as a "crossover." If voters are not registered with one of the certified political parties, that means that the state election laws consider them to be a NPP voter and will be given the option to crossover.

Every presidential election cycle, the political parties will notify the secretary of state as to whether they will allow crossover voting. Counties will then notify voters as to which parties allow crossovers as the presidential primary election draws near.

NPP voters have three choices for how to participate in the primary:

1. Request a crossover card be mailed to you.
2. Re-register.
3. Do nothing. (In this case, a ballot without presidential candidates on it will be provided.)

No matter how voters decide to participate in the presidential primary, everyone will be able to vote for president and vice president in the November general election.

TOP-TWO OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM

On June 8, 2010, California voters passed Proposition 14, which created the "Top-Two Open Primary Act." All candidates running for a voter-nominated office, regardless of their party preference, appear on all ballots in the primary election.

Top-two rules do not affect the election of the president and county central committees, which are party-nominated contests.

Voter-nominated offices affected by top-two rules are:

- Attorney general
- Board of Equalization
- Controller
- Governor
- Insurance commissioner
- Lieutenant governor
- Secretary of state
- State assembly member
- State senator
- State treasurer
- U.S. representative
- U.S. senator

HOW THE TOP-TWO AFFECT ELECTIONS

Top-two rules require that only the two candidates for voter-nominated offices who receive the highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the November ballot.

Elections Code § 8141.5

Top-two rules do not affect presidential and county central committee elections. They are party-nominated contests governed by party rules.

WHAT TOP-TWO MEANS FOR VOTERS

Voters can vote for any top-two candidate from any political party. In gubernatorial election years, all candidates for statewide office in the statewide primary will be shown on the ballot, regardless of the candidate's party affiliation. The two candidates receiving the most votes advance to the November general election.

In presidential election years, top-two rules only apply to voter-nominated contests such as those for U.S. representative or members of state assembly. In the primary election, voters receive a party-specific ballot based on their current registration which includes all eligible candidates running in voter-nominated contests, regardless of party affiliation.

HOW THE TOP-TWO AFFECT WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

A qualified write-in candidate's name may be written on the ballot in a primary election contest. In the general election, only a qualified candidate's name may be written in a party-nominated contest. Write-in votes are not allowed in a voter-nominated contest in a general election.

HOW THE TOP-TWO AFFECT NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Nonpartisan offices such as judges, school board members, special districts, county officers, municipal officers, and the superintendent of public instruction are open to all eligible voters. As always, voters can vote for any candidates for nonpartisan offices in the primary. If one candidate receives over 50 percent of the vote in "vote for one" contests, that candidate is declared the winner and does not need to run again in the November general election. If no candidate in a "vote for one" contest receives a majority vote, then the two candidates who receive the most votes will be placed on the November ballot.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

After the close of the filing period, anyone may examine any ballot designation and/or statement. During a 10-calendar-day period commencing the day after the close of the filing period, the county elections official or any voter who resides within the jurisdiction in which the election is being held may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction challenging any or all the material in a candidate statement or challenging the ballot designation.

Elections Code §§ 13313, 13314

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (FORM 700)

Government Code § 87300 requires every agency to adopt a conflict-of-interest code. A conflict-of-interest code is a document which designates the positions within an agency that makes, or participates in making, governmental decisions which may have a foreseeable material effect on any financial interest. Only candidates for elective office under the agency's conflict of interest code and candidates for public office listed in Government Code § 87200 must file a Statement of Economic Interest with their nomination papers, unless they filed a statement for the same jurisdiction within 60 days before filing a Declaration of Candidacy.

All information required to be disclosed per the conflict-of-interest code for the office sought during the 12 months before the nomination deadline must be reported. The candidate's investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months are disclosed. The Form 700 is to be completed and filed with the ROV before the deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy. For technical questions regarding completion of Form 700, please contact the FPPC.

Government Code §§ 87200, 87202, 87203

BALLOT DESIGNATION

BALLOT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES

Any candidate who wishes to have a ballot designation printed on the ballot must complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet. A ballot designation is a vocation, occupation, profession, or elected position title below your name on the ballot and is optional.

Elective office title: You may use an elective title if you were elected to the office and are still in that office at the time of filing. You may use the term *incumbent* if running for the same office. If you were appointed, you must use *appointed incumbent* or the word *appointed*, and the title of the office held.

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

Principal occupation: You are limited to three words to describe your principal profession, vocation, or occupation. If more than one profession, vocation, or occupation is listed they must be separated by a slash "/".

You may not use the following:

- Any designation that would mislead the voter
- Any suggested evaluation, such as *outstanding*, *leading expert*, *virtuous* or *eminent*
- Words indicating a prior status, such as *former* or *ex*. You may not use the name of any political party.

The ballot designation *community volunteer* is permissible if a candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation and the candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation. The ballot designation of *community volunteer* may not be used in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupational designation.

Below are examples of acceptable and unacceptable ballot designations:

Elections Code § 13107

ACCEPTABLE
Retired (Must precede the profession)
Mother
High School Teacher
Attorney/Educator/Rancher
Businessman/Councilmember
Incumbent
Appointed Incumbent
Attorney at Law
Community Volunteer (Must stand alone and be primary occupation)

NOT ACCEPTABLE
Ret. Policeman
Teacher, Retired
Former Sheriff
Incumbent/Business owner
Community Volunteer/Businessman
Rotarian
Activist
Veteran
Philanthropist
Volunteer

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate's Statement of Qualifications is optional; it is entirely up to candidates to determine if they wish to submit a statement. The purpose of the Statement of Qualifications is to explain the candidate's qualifications and experience to voters.

The Statement of Qualifications is published in the county voter information guide and may include the candidate's name, age, occupation, and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications for the office sought.

Candidates may not mention political opponents. Candidates for nonpartisan office may not reference political party affiliation or activity in a partisan political organization. If endorsements are mentioned, the candidate must submit a written authorization letter from the individual(s) and/or organization(s) named in the endorsements.

A Statement of Qualifications may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the filing period and until 5 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the filing period. Statements are confidential until after the close of the filing period.

Copies of all candidate statements will be available for public inspection during the ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements before submission for printing in the county voter information guide.

Elections Code § 13313

FORMATTING RULES

Statements shall be written in first person and printed in a uniform size, darkness, and with uniform spacing. Statements will be set in a justified format to fit within a 1/4-page space. Generally, any characters that can be produced by a standard keyboard are acceptable (., !, @, *, -, (), %, #).

Statements may **not** contain bolded, capitalized, or underlined words. Entire statements or phrases in all capital letters, multiple indentations, circles, or arrows are prohibited. Indentations, bullets, or multiple underscoring are not allowed. Items in a list are not allowed.

The candidate should check the Statement of Qualifications for spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Statements with spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will be printed precisely as submitted by the candidate. **The county elections official will not make any edits.**

Elections Code § 13308

WORD COUNT GUIDELINES

The Statement of Qualifications cannot exceed 200 words (250 words for candidates for legislative office who meet FPPC eligibility requirements to submit a statement). Candidates for the county board of education are limited to 400 words. The governing body of school districts and special districts have the option to allow 200 or 400 words.

Elections Code § 13307

Name, age, office title, signature, and punctuation marks are not included in the final word count. Each individual word should be counted as one word. Websites, cities, states, and other geographical names are counted as one (1) word.

Examples:

- County of San Joaquin
- City of Stockton
- San Joaquin Delta Community College
- www.sjgov.org

Any numeric combination of digits, telephone numbers, and monetary amounts utilizing the dollar sign (\$) are counted as one (1) word.

Examples:

- (209) 468-8945
- \$1,000
- 2010-2022
- 1/1/2022

Abbreviations are counted as one (1) word.

Examples:

- UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles)
- CPA (Certified Public Accountant)
- UOP (University of the Pacific)
- PTA (Parent-Teacher Association)

Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available dictionary are counted as one (1) word.

Examples:

- Fast-paced
- Re-election
- Self-assured
- Check-in

Dates consisting of a combination of words and numeric digits and numbers spelled out are counted as one for each word.

Examples:

- One hundred
- One thousand dollars
- June 14, 2022
- January 5th

CAMPAIGN SERVICES & RESOURCES

REGISTRATION FORMS

For candidates and committees wishing to conduct registration drives to register voters, registration forms are available at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

COMPUTER PRODUCTS

Registered Voter File: Candidates may purchase the registered voter file on a USB drive. The file is in alphabetical sequence and can be ordered with the names of all voters in San Joaquin County or just the voters in a particular city or district. Products may be purchased at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

WALKING LISTS

All candidates are entitled to purchase indexes. These are printed lists of registered voters by precinct, listed by address with the street names arranged alphabetically and street numbers in numerical order for a given street name. Each candidate may purchase up to two copies (sets) of indexes for his/her own use or the use of his/her committee. These may be a complete set, including all precincts within the district in which the candidate is running, or a partial set, including some of the precincts in the district. Walking lists may be ordered by filling out the proper form at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

ELECTRONIC MAPS

Shapefiles and PDFs with district and precinct boundaries are available.

PRINTED MAPS

Printed custom maps are available for a small fee. You can customize your map and complete your purchase at the Registrar of Voters' Office. Printed maps must be picked up at our office. All services must be paid in advance at the time the product is requested. The candidate must fill out a written request form containing a signed declaration that the data purchased will be used only for election purposes.

Products are usually available within 3-4 days of placing the order (depending on job scheduling).

Product Pricing	
Vote-by-Mail Data	\$45.00
Voter Data	\$68.00
Printed Map	\$25.00
Custom Map	\$25.00
Electronic Map	Free
Walking List	\$0.50 per 1,000 names
USB Containing ROV Data	\$2.00

MASS MAILING HANDOUT

ALL CANDIDATES OR THEIR AGENTS AT TIME OF FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND TO THE PROPONENTS OF A LOCAL INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM AT TIME OF FILING PETITIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED A COPY OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 84305 PER ELECTION CODE 16.

84305.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the candidate's, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidates, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84504.2 unless the name, street address, and city of the committee is shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.

(c) (1) A candidate, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(2) A committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass electronic mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 or 84504.3 unless the name of the committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(d) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a) or (c).

(e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Mass electronic mailing" means sending more than two hundred substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month. "Mass electronic mailing" does not include a communication that was solicited by the recipient, including, but not limited to, acknowledgments for contributions or information that the recipient communicated to the organization.

(2) "Sender" means the candidate, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84216.5, inclusive.

(3) To "pay for" a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment: (A) to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or (B) as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.

(f) This section does not apply to a mass mailing or mass electronic mailing that is paid for by an independent expenditure.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 558, Sec. 1. (AB 864) Effective January 1, 2020. Note: This section was added on June 4, 1974, by initiative Prop. 9.)

ELECTION CYBERSECURITY



Office of
Election
Cybersecurity

Website: Cybersecurity.sos.ca.gov

Safeguarding our Elections

Fair and accurate elections are the bedrock of our democracy. The Secretary of State's Office collaborates with multiple government agencies to ensure that Californians can vote with confidence.

Together, we are protecting the integrity of our elections, safeguarding against potential cyberattacks, and ensuring that every vote is counted. Here is how we are safeguarding our state's elections:

Investing in New Systems:

- The Secretary of State's office has administered over \$221 million dollars in state funding for voting infrastructure updates, including strengthening the accessibility, accuracy, security, and safety of our elections.
- In addition, California has been awarded and distributed over \$73.5 million dollars in federal funding from the U. S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), between 2018 and 2022 for election security.

Protecting Election Infrastructure

- California has one of the most strenuous voting system testing and certification programs in the country. Any new voting systems in California must receive certification and undergo months of testing, including functional testing, source code review, red team security testing that involves experts trying to "break into" the voting system, and accessibility and volume testing.
- California mandated that every ballot must either be paper or have a voter verifiable paper audit trail.
- Elections officials conduct a manual audit of a random 1% of ballots to ensure vote count machines are accurate.
- In collaboration with the California Office of Emergency Services, the Secretary of State's Office has launched the California Election Security Task Force to ensure local officials have robust support from state and federal infrastructure security partners in case of a security incident.

Office of Election Cybersecurity and Office of Risk Management

- The California Legislature appropriated an unprecedented \$3 million to combat misinformation and strengthen cybersecurity by establishing The Offices of Election Cybersecurity (OEC) and Office of Risk Management (ORM) within the Secretary of State.
- Our Communications Department develops election information-correction campaigns, improves outreach to communities in rural and urban areas, and assists county elections officials and voters with up-to-date information about potential threats.
- The Office of Election Cybersecurity coordinates efforts between the Secretary of State and local elections officials to expand cyber-attack prevention capabilities and establish improved cyber incident response.
- The Office of Risk Management implements infrastructure security measures to protect the Secretary of State.

Partnering with Federal and Local Partners

- We continually work with federal, state, and local partners—including The Department of Homeland Security, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, CA Department of Technology, CA Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol, and county elections officials—to share election security information and best practices.
- Our office hosts cybersecurity trainings with our federal and state partners, as well as organizing tabletop exercises and drills for county elections officials.

Be an Informed Voter and Report Suspected Misinformation.

- Be vigilant about the election information you consume and share on social media.
- Make sure that you receive your elections information from official sources such as local county elections officials and the California Secretary of State's office.
- If you suspect election information on social media is false or misleading, report it to your social media network and contact the California Secretary of State's office by emailing VoteSure@sos.ca.gov.

POLITICAL SIGNS

The ROV does not have jurisdiction over the placement or removal of campaign lawn signs or other outdoor advertising within city limits. The placement of political signs is subject to local regulations, it is the candidate's responsibility to know the requirements before placing their signs.

STATE

The California Department of Transportation Right of Way Program - Outdoor Advertising Branch has specific requirements about political signs placed within their areas of jurisdiction. If a candidate chooses to post campaign signs, a completed *Statement of Responsibility for Temporary Political Signs* form must be filed with the Department of Transportation.

Political signs may be placed 90 days before the election and removed 10 days after.

CA Business and Professions Code § 5405.3 (b)

COUNTY

All political signs in unincorporated San Joaquin County shall be placed any time before an election and removed within 30 days following the conclusion of an election.

San Joaquin County Ordinance 9 § 1710.5 (c) (d)

CITIES WITHIN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Escalon: Signs may be placed 90 days before the election and removed 5 days after.

Escalon Municipal Code § 17.42.180

Lathrop: Signs may be placed 90 days before the election and removed 7 days after.

Lathrop Municipal Code § 17.84.060

Lodi: Signs may be placed any time before the election and removed 10 days after.

Lodi Municipal Code § 17.34.070

Manteca: Signs may be placed any time before the election and removed 7 days after.

Manteca Municipal Code § 7.54.040 b (7)

Ripon: Signs may be placed 90 days before the election and removed 7 days after.

Ripon Municipal Code § 16.172.030 (L)

Stockton: Signs may be placed upon filing for office and removed 7 days after an election.

Stockton Municipal Code § 16.76.040 (D)

Tracy: Signs may be placed 45 days before the election and removed 5 days after.

Tracy Municipal Code § 10.08.4460 (f)

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

CITY CLERKS

City of Escalon

2060 McHenry Avenue, Escalon, CA 95320

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221 W. Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240

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City of Manteca

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Website: www.ci.manteca.ca.us

City of Ripon

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Website: www.stocktonca.gov

City of Tracy

333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, CA 95376

Phone: (209) 831-6105

Email: cityclerk@cityoftracy.org

Website: www.cityoftracy.org

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about outdoor advertising and political signs:

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Outdoor Advertising
1120 N. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-6473
Website: www.dot.ca.gov

For information about campaign disclosures, conflict of interest disclosure, state contribution limits, or proper use of campaign funds:

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

Campaign Finance Information
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811
Phone (Mon - Thu, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.): 1 (866) ASK-FPPC (275-3772)
Website: www.fppc.ca.gov

For information about the Elections Code, certified list of candidates, and statewide elections results:

Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

1500 11th Street, Room 495, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone (*Elections Division*): (916) 657-2166
Phone (*Political Reform Division*): (916) 653-6224
Website: www.sos.ca.gov

For information about committee tax status, tax-deductible contributions, or any other tax-related questions:

State Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

Customer Service
3321 Power Inn Road, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95826
Phone: (800) 852-5711
Website: www.ftb.ca.gov

For information regarding the electronic filing of mandated campaign statements:

NetFile

Website: www.netfile.com
Email (*Technical Support*): filerhelp@netfile.com

There are videos and printable instructions available at <http://netfile.com/filer> to create your free filer account.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Local Candidate/Committee Checklist

☐ File Form 501 (Candidate Intention)

You must file [Form 501](#) before soliciting, raising or spending any money in connection with your election. The only exception to this requirement is if you use personal funds to pay a filing fee or ballot statement fee.

Candidates Raising and Spending Less than \$2,000

☐ File Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement Short Form)

The [Form 470](#) is filed by candidates who do not have a controlled committee and do not anticipate receiving or spending \$2,000 or more, including personal funds, in a calendar year. These candidates generally do not file a Form 410 or other campaign statements or reports related to their campaign unless they receive or anticipate receiving or spending \$2,000 or more.

Candidates Raising \$2,000 or More

☐ File Form 410 (Statement of Organization)

Once you receive or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, you must file a [Form 410](#) as a recipient committee within 10 days of qualifying. File the original and one copy of the Form 410 with the Secretary of State and a copy with your local filing officer. The Secretary of State's address is on the Form 410.

☐ Open a Campaign Bank Account

All monetary contributions (including all personal funds you use for your campaign) must be deposited in the campaign bank account before being spent. Never deposit campaign contributions in your personal bank account.

☐ Committee Treasurer

The Act requires that every committee appoint a treasurer. The individual listed on the most recent Form 410 with the Secretary of State continues to be legally responsible until an amendment is filed to designate a new treasurer. Please note a candidate may act as his or her own treasurer.

☐ File Campaign Statements

You must file campaign statements ([Form 460](#)) disclosing the committee's activity during a specified period. Please access the Commission's filing schedules to find the schedule that applies to you/your election. Committees are required to file campaign statements as well as other reports including semi-annual campaign statements until the committee terminates.

☐ 24-Hour Reports

Within 90 days before the election, including the date of the election, if a committee receives a contribution(s) of \$1,000 or more from a single source, including loans from the candidate, the [Form 497](#) must be filed within 24 hours.

☐ Local Campaign Contribution Limits

Make sure you are aware of any local contribution limits before accepting contributions.

☐ After the Election

Following the election, your duty to file campaign statements continues until your committee terminates. In order to terminate, you must file a Form 460 with your local filing officer reporting a zero balance AND a Form 410 indicating the termination with the Secretary of State's Office and a copy with your local filing officer.

This factsheet provides guidance and a general overview of the rules for campaigns, but it does not replace any requirements under the [Political Reform Act](#) or [Fair Political Practices Commission Regulations](#). Information here should be used in conjunction with a careful review of the applicable laws.

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California Fair Political Practices Commission

California State Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024)

Candidates seeking a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits from a single source. Effective January 1, 2021 a state campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a contribution limit on such candidates. (Sections 85301 - 85303.) Contributions from affiliated entities are aggregated for purposes of the limits. (Regulation 18215.1.) The chart below shows the current limits per contributor for state offices and city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a contribution limit on such candidates. The primary, general, special, and special run-off elections are considered separate elections. Contribution limits to candidates apply to each election. Contribution limits to officeholder and other committees apply on a calendar year basis. Contact your city or county about contribution limits for local offices. The state campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a contribution limit on such candidates.

Contribution Limits to State and Local* Candidates Per Election

Candidate or Officeholder	Contributor Sources		
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	Small Contributor Committee (see definition on page 2)	Political Party
City and County Candidates subject to Section 85301 (d)	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Senate and Assembly	\$5,500	\$10,900	No Limit
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$5,500	\$10,900	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$9,100	\$18,200	No Limit
Governor	\$36,400	\$36,400	No Limit

*State campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a contribution limit on such candidates.

Contributions to Other State Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	
Committee (Not Political Party) that Contributes to State Candidates (PAC)	\$9,100	
Political Party Account for State Candidates	\$45,500	
Small Contributor Committee	\$200	
Committee Account NOT for State Candidates (Ballot Measure, PAC, Political Party)	No Limit*	

*State committees (including political parties and PACs) may receive contributions in excess of the limits identified above as long as the contributions are NOT used for state candidate contributions. (Regulation 18534.)

Contributions to State Officeholder Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Any Source (Person, Small Contributor Committee or Political Party)	Aggregate From All Sources
Senate and Assembly	\$4,500	\$75,500
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$4,500	\$75,500
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$7,500	\$151,000
Governor	\$30,200	\$301,900

FPPC FILING SCHEDULE

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

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

See next pages for additional reporting information.

Depending on committee activity, one or more of the following statements may also be required:

- **Payments Related to a State Ballot Measure (E-filers only):** File Form 496 (24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report) or Form 497 (24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report) within 10 business days of making payments totaling \$5,000 or more in connection with a single state ballot measure. No paper copy is required.
- **Form 511:** File within 10-Days of making either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure: 1) A payment totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement, or 2) A payment of any amount to an individual portraying a member of a licensed occupation (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter). E-filers must also file a paper copy.***
- **Form E-530:** File within 48 hours of making a payment, or a promise of a payment, of \$50,000 or more during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate listed on the ballot but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required.

Additional Notes:

- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Where to File:** State committees file statements with the Secretary of State. Candidate controlled committees that are not e-filers file paper copies with the elections' official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper copies.***
- **Form 470 (2024):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2024 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before January 25, 2024. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Forms 496 and Form 497:** All reports filed online only.

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

***Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

****Deadlines:** Due to the election being held early in the year, the deadline for the first pre-election statement for calendar year 2024 is earlier than the deadline for the semi-annual statement for calendar year 2023. A candidate/committee active in both calendar years may file the 2023 statement on January 25, 2024.

*****Paper Filings:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail or by email with a verified digital signature unless otherwise noted. Persons required to file a report or statement by paper with the Secretary of State's Office may instead file by email (digitalfiling@sos.ca.gov) with a verified digital signature or other digital means as prescribed by the Secretary of State's Office. Please visit the [Secretary of State's website](#) for more information on how to file with a digital signature. Refer to the [Filing with a Digital Signature Fact Sheet](#) for assistance in creating your digital ID.

NETFILE

San Joaquin County Code of Ordinances, Title 6, Division 12, Section 4 (6-12004, "Economic Filings") requires all campaign disclosure reports and documents mandated by the California Political Reform Act to be filed electronically. A filer who receives contributions totaling less than \$2,000.00 and makes expenditures totaling less than \$2,000.00 in a calendar year is exempt from this requirement, however the filer still has the option to file electronically and is strongly advised to do so.

San Joaquin County has contracted with NetFile to be the filing platform for all local candidates, their committees, and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures to electronically submit Campaign Finance Statements.

NetFile offers tutorials covering how to effectively utilize and navigate their website. As a first step in using this service, you may find it helpful to watch the "How to Create a New Campaign NetFile User" video in the "Videos" section of the page at www.netfile.com/filer.

NetFile User Log In [Get Help for this Page](#)

E-Mail Address

Password
 [Lost Your Password?](#)

Log In

Campaign Committee Filers	Form 700 (SEI) Filers	Lobbyist Filers
New Campaign Committee Filers Create a New NetFile User	New Form 700 Filers New User? Request a Password	New Lobbyists Registration and Links
Training Request Campaign Committee Training	Videos How to use the "Lost Your Password?" Feature	
FPPC Information Committee Training & Outreach When & Where to File Campaign Statements	Documents FPPC Form 700 Instructions for 2022/2023 FPPC Form 700 Reference Pamphlet for 2022/2023 Current FPPC Local Gift Fact Sheet Current State Gift Fact Sheet Current FPPC Form 700 FAQs	
Signature Verification Sign Pending Campaign Statements (For San Francisco & Berkeley Filers Only)		
Third-Party Uploads Upload a CAL File		
Videos How to Create a New Campaign NetFile User How to use the "Lost Your Password?" Feature How to Use the Committee Set-Up Wizard		
Documents Create a NetFile User & Link a Campaign Account How to Use Signature Verification		

ELECTION OBSERVERS

GENERAL RULES FOR ELECTION OBSERVERS

The number of observers may be limited so as not to interfere with the process. Operations will continue as scheduled regardless of whether observers are present. Observers who fail to follow these rules will be required to leave the facility for the day.

1. Discussion of politics, campaigns, or candidates is **not** allowed among observers within the facility or at polling places. This is considered a form of electioneering.
2. Observers shall **not** interfere with the orderly processing of Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot return envelopes or processing and counting of VBM ballots, including touching or handling of the ballots or envelopes.

Elections Code § 15104(e)

3. Observers will be permitted access to a designated observation area, sufficiently close to observe and challenge whether individuals handling VBM ballots are following established procedures.

Elections Code § 15104(d)

4. Challenges shall be discontinued if the challenge process unduly impedes or interferes with the verification process.
5. Briefcases, purses, backpacks, cell phones, cameras, radios, and recording devices are not allowed. You may not use your cell phone in the building.
6. Observers may not assist in operations, touch or handle ballots or other election-related materials or equipment.
7. All questions concerning the election process must be directed only to Management, Assistant Registrar of Voters, or Registrar of Voters.
8. Observers must avoid physical contact with employees.
9. Observers are to hold conversations outside the designated work areas.
10. Observers must remain in the area they were assigned to. If observers are found unsupervised in an area that was not assigned, the observer will be escorted from the building.

POST-ELECTION ACTIVITIES

BALLOT RETURN

After the close of polls on election night, election activities focus on completing necessary procedures, forms and delivering voted ballots and supplies to the Receiving Centers from all the polling places.

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

Election results for San Joaquin County will be available on the ROV website at www.sjcrov.org after the close of polls on Election Day. On rare occasions, the government may, by court order, extend the voting period after 8 p.m. delaying the initial release of results. If this occurs, a notice will be posted on our website providing details of the court-ordered actions.

SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Following election night, updated semi-official results will be posted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday **after 5 p.m.**, both at the election's office and on our website until the completion of the official canvass.

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

A certified statement of election results must be completed within 28 days of the election.

RECOUNTS

Requests for recounts for statewide offices and propositions are filed with the Secretary of State.

Following the completion of the official canvass, any voter may, within 5 days, file with the Registrar of Voters a written request for a recount of the votes cast. The request shall specify on behalf of which candidate or position on a measure it is filed. If the election is conducted in more than one county, the request for the recount may be filed with the election's official of, and the recount conducted within, any or all of the affected counties.

Any voter or campaign committee requesting a recount is required to deposit the costs for recount each day before the counting board commences recount activity. The request may specify the order in which the precincts shall be recounted, and the method of a recount. All recount activity shall be conducted publicly. If the recount reverses the results of the official canvass, all deposits shall be returned. If the results are not reversed, the requestor shall be entitled to a return of funds more than the actual costs of conducting the recount. The requestor may terminate the recount at any time.

Elections Code §§ 15620, 15621, 15624, 15627

For more information on court-ordered recounts, grounds, probable cause, etc., refer to Elections Code § 15640.



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