



Abbreviated Election Calendar

San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' Office

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Sep 14 – Nov 8, 2023 (E-173 – E-118)	Signatures in Lieu (SIL) of Filing Fee Petitions <i>(For contests requiring a filing fee)</i>	<i>Elections Code §§ 8061, 8105-8106</i>
During this period, petition forms may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters' Office 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.		
Sep 29 – Dec 8, 2023 (E-158 – E-88)	Nomination Period for Central Committees	<i>Elections Code § 8020</i>
During this period, central committee candidates must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers.		
Oct 30 – Nov 8, 2023 (E-127 – E-118)	Declaration of Intention <i>(For Judicial offices)</i>	<i>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105(b)</i>
During this period, candidates for judicial offices must file a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate. The filing fee must be paid at this time. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions will not be accepted after the Declaration of Intention is filed. The filing fee is nonrefundable.		
Nov 6 – Dec 6, 2023 (E-120 – E-90)	Notice of Election	<i>Elections Code §§ 12112-12113</i>
The Registrar of Voters shall publish a Notice of Election once in a newspaper of general circulation.		
Nov 6 – Dec 15, 2023 (E-120 – E-81)	Nomination Period for Presidential Candidates	<i>Elections Code §§ 6591, 6791, 6854.5, 6857.2</i>
This is the nomination period for presidential candidates not selected by the Secretary of State.		
Nov 9 – Nov 13, 2023 (E-117 – E-113)	Declaration of Intention Extension Period <i>(For Judicial offices)</i>	<i>Elections Code § 8023(b)</i>
During this period, if an incumbent fails to file Declaration of Intention papers by November 8th for their office, there will be a 5-calendar-day extension period during which any qualified person other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention no later than the first day for filing nomination papers.		
Nov 10, 2023	County Holiday (Veterans Day)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Nov 13 – Dec 8, 2023 (E-113 – E-88)	Nomination Period	<i>Elections Code §§ 8020, 8028, 8061-8062, 8100, 8105-8106, 10407, 13307</i>
During this period, candidates, including candidates for judicial offices, must file Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers. Filing fees, if required, must be paid at the time the nomination papers are obtained from the Voter Registration and Elections office. This fee is nonrefundable. 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. A candidate may prepare a candidate statement on the appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name, and occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall be filed in the election's office at the time the candidate's nomination papers are returned/filed.		
Nov 23 – Nov 24, 2023	County Holiday (Thanksgiving)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Dec 8, 2023 (E-88)	Candidate Withdrawal <i>(For Municipal and School District Candidates Only)</i>	<i>Elections Code §§ 8800, 10224, 10603</i>
Candidates for municipal offices or school district offices are permitted to withdraw up to and including this deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Candidates for any other offices may not withdraw after filing Declarations of Candidacy.		

Dec 11, 2023 (E-85)	Candidate Statement Withdrawal	<i>Elections Code § 13307(a)(3)</i>
This is the last day for a candidate to withdraw their Candidate Statement. This must be done in writing by 5:00 p.m. This deadline does not pertain to any offices that are in extension.		
Dec 9* – Dec 13, 2023 (E-87 – E-83)	Nomination Extension Period	<i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8204, 10407(b)</i>
During this period, if an incumbent fails to file nomination papers for their office by December 8th, there will be a 5-calendar-day extension period during which any qualified person other than the incumbent may file. The nomination extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent to be elected or an incumbent has served the maximum number of terms as permitted by the California Constitution.		
Dec 9* – Dec 18, 2023 (E-87 – E-78)	Public Examination Period	<i>Elections Code § 13313</i>
This is the 10-calendar-day review period for Candidate Statements submitted by December 8th (E-88). This review period does not pertain to any offices that are in extension. During this 10-calendar-day review period, any person may seek a Writ of Mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted. All Writs of Mandate must be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period.		
Dec 14, 2023 (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing and Order of Candidates on Ballot	<i>Elections Code §§ 13111(i), 13112</i>
The Secretary of State is to conduct the Randomized Alphabet Drawing and counties are to determine the order of candidates on the ballot at 11:00 a.m.		
Dec 14 – Dec 23*, 2023 (E-82 – E-73)	Public Examination for Extension Period	<i>Elections Code § 13313</i>
This is the 10-calendar-day review period for Candidate Statements submitted during the extension period. During this 10-calendar-day review period, any person may seek a Writ of Mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the material in the Candidate Statement to be amended or deleted. All Writs of Mandate must be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period.		
Dec 25, 2023	County Holiday (Christmas)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Dec 28, 2023 (E-68)	Certified List of Candidates and Last Day to Challenge Ballot Designation	<i>Elections Code § 8120</i>
This is the last day to challenge ballot designations and deadline for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the Registrar of Voters' Office a certified list of candidates.		
Jan 1, 2024	County Holiday (New Year's Day)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Jan 8 – Feb 20, 2024 (E-57 – E-14)	Write-In Period	<i>Elections Code § 8600-8601</i>
This is the period during which a person may file for write-in candidacy. A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed during this period a statement of write-in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, stating that they are a write-in candidate for the election.		
Jan 15, 2024	County Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Jan 5 – Jan 20*, 2024 (E-60 – E-45)	Military and Overseas Ballots Mailed	<i>Elections Code § 3114(a)</i>
The county elections official is to mail ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them.		

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Jan 25, 2024 (E-40)	Campaign Disclosure Statements	<i>Government Code § 84200.5</i>
This is the deadline for candidates to file their First Pre-election campaign statement.		
Jan 25, 2024 (E-40)	County Voter Information Guides Mailed	<i>Elections Code §§ 13300, 13302-13303</i>
A County Voter Information Guide will be mailed to every registered voter and to the chairperson of the county council/central committee of that party unless the voter has opted to receive the guide electronically via email or the county's internet website.		
Jan 25 - Feb 5, 2024 (E-40 - E-29)	Vote-by-Mail Ballots Sent Out	<i>Elections Code § 4005(a)(8)(A)</i>
Ballots are to be sent out via mail to all voters during this period.		
Jan 31, 2024	Campaign Disclosure Statements	<i>Government Code § 84200</i>
This is the deadline for candidates to file their Semi-Annual campaign statement.		
Feb 5, 2024 (E-29)	Official Ballot Drop Box Locations	<i>Elections Code § 3025.5(a)(b)</i>
All ballot drop-off locations open this day and remain open through Election Day.		
Feb 5, 2024 (E-29)	Process Vote-by-Mail Ballots	<i>Elections Code § 15101(b)</i>
The Registrar of Voters' Office is to begin processing Vote-by-Mail ballots on this date.		
Feb 5, 2024 (E-29)	Ballot Drop-Off Locations	<i>Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(B)</i>
All ballot drop-off locations open this day and shall remain open through Election Day.		
Feb 19, 2024	County Holiday (Washington's Birthday)	
The Registrar of Voters' Office will be closed on this date.		
Feb 20, 2024 (E-15)	Voter Registration Deadline	<i>Elections Code §§ 2102, 1070-2171</i>
This is the deadline to register to vote. After the 15-day close, Conditional Voter Registration is available.		
Feb 22, 2024 (E-12)	Campaign Disclosure Statements	<i>Government Code § 84200.5</i>
This is the deadline for candidates to file their Second Pre-election campaign statement.		
Feb 27, 2024* (E-7)	Last Day to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot	<i>Elections Code § 3001</i>
This is the deadline for voters to submit a request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot, no later than 5 p.m.		
March 5, 2024	Election Day	<i>Elections Code § 1000</i>
All polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballots mailed must be postmarked on or before this date to be counted.		
April 4, 2024 (E+30)	Official Canvass of the Election	<i>Elections Code § 15372, 15400</i>
Election results are to be certified by the Registrar of Voters' Office no later than this date.		

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