

JUNE 2, 2026 - DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION  
**CANDIDATE GUIDE**



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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to run for office. This guide was prepared to assist candidates, committees, and the media in preparing for the upcoming election. This handbook does not contain all information concerning elections, but rather is a summary of major provisions related to candidates running for office. Please be advised that the statutes cited in this guide are for general reference and may not be the exclusive authority for the information provided.

The Registrar of Voters staff has attempted to make this guide as informative as possible and will make every effort to answer your questions. However, the law precludes the Registrar of Voters' office from answering legal questions. This guide is not intended to be a substitute for legal advice. Candidates are strongly encouraged to consult private legal counsel when legal questions arise.

The Candidate Services Department will be available to assist you throughout your candidate filing process.

If you have any questions, please call: (510) 272-6960 or e-mail: [candidate.services@acgov.org](mailto:candidate.services@acgov.org)

The Registrar of Voters' office wishes you the best of luck in your endeavors.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
ALAMEDA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Registrar of Voters	Tim Dupuis	(510) 272-6933
Deputy Registrar of Voters	Cynthia Cornejo	(510) 272-6933
Candidate Information	Candidate Services	(510) 272-6960
Campaign Disclosure Filing	Candidate Services	(510) 272-6960
Campaign Disclosure Statements	Candidate Services	(510) 272-6960
Report Purchasing	Candidate Services	(510) 272-6960
Voter Registration	Voter Services	(510) 272-6973
Vote by Mail	Voter Services	(510) 272-6973
Election Worker Recruitment	Recruiting	(510) 272-6971
Vote Centers	Election Services	(510) 383-1717
Fax Number		(510) 272-6982

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Candidates running for office should read the following two sections of the guide carefully, as they pertain to the office they intend to run for. Please read each of the following sections carefully:

- QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE & FILING REQUIREMENTS
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates running for federal or state offices should also read the following section carefully:

- TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY ACT

Candidates need to read and understand the qualifications for office, filing requirements, and campaign disclosure requirements and their deadlines.

The remainder of the guide contains other essential and helpful information regarding elections.

NOTICE: THE SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND DOES NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF LAW, REGULATION, OR RULE. IN CASE OF CONFLICT, THE LAW, REGULATION, OR RULE WILL APPLY. THE STATUTES CITED ARE FOR GENERAL REFERENCE BUT MAY NOT BE THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. LAW PRECLUDES THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FROM GIVING LEGAL ADVICE. CANDIDATES MUST CONSULT A PRIVATE LEGAL COUNSEL WHEN LEGAL QUESTIONS ARISE.

## CONTACTS FOR VOTER NOMINATED OFFICES

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
(916) 322-5660 / FAX (916) 322-0886  
Toll Free: 1-866-275-3772 (1-866-ASK-FPPC)  
Website: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) was created by the Political Reform Act of 1974, a ballot initiative passed by California voters as Proposition 9.

The FPPC educates the public and public officials on the requirements of the Act. It provides written and oral advice to public agencies and officials; conducts seminars and training sessions; develops forms, manuals, and instructions; and receives and files statements of economic interests from many state and local officials.

The FPPC investigates alleged violations of the Political Reform Act, imposes penalties when appropriate, and assists state and local agencies in developing and enforcing conflict-of-interest codes.

The FPPC regulates:

- campaign financing and spending
- financial conflicts of interest
- lobbyist registration and reporting
- post-governmental employment
- mass mailings at public expense
- gifts and honoraria given to public officials and candidates.

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Secretary of State Shirley Webber, Ph. D.  
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 653-6814  
Website: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

Political Reform Division  
(916) 653-6224 / FAX (916) 653-5045

The Secretary of State's Political Reform Division administers provisions of California's Political Reform Act of 1974 that require the disclosure of financial activities related to political campaigns and lobbying.

Specific activities of the Political Reform Division include:

- Register and issue identification numbers for all state and local campaign committees that raise funds in connection with elections (non-federal) throughout California.
- Receive notices from all state and local candidates of their intentions to raise campaign funds and establish separate bank accounts for these funds.

- Receive campaign disclosure statements (itemizing contributions received and expenditures made) filed by individuals and committees raising or spending campaign funds to support or oppose state candidates or ballot measures. (Local campaign committees file their itemized disclosure statements with local filing officers. For California federal campaigns, the Political Reform Division receives copies of itemized disclosure statements filed with the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.)
- Provide technical assistance regarding campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act to state and local candidates and elected officials, treasurers of campaign committees, and the general public.
- Review campaign documents to ensure compliance with reporting requirements.
- Provide public access to all campaign disclosure documents.
- Publish campaign financing reports that summarize and analyze the extensive information contained in campaign documents filed with the Political Reform Division.
- Determine if campaign documents have been filed on time and impose and collect fines for late filings.

**Elections Division**

(916) 657-2166 / FAX (916) 653-3214  
 TTY/TDD: 1(800) 833-8683  
 1(800) 345-VOTE (8683)  
 E-Mail: [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)

**Responsible for:**

- certifying the official lists of candidates;
- determining which types of voting systems are acceptable for use in California;
- advising candidates and local elections officials on the qualifications and requirements for running for office, providing guidance on choosing acceptable candidate ballot designations, and determining the order of the candidates on the ballot;
- tracking and certifying ballot initiatives;
- coordinating the tabulation of the votes from each county on election night;
- producing the official Statements of Vote after each election;
- printing registration forms, encouraging registration and voter turnout, and producing several voter information publications;
- investigating voter fraud

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**Campaign Filing Offices**

Statewide candidates and officeholders, Supreme Court justices, state ballot measure committees, and other committees that support or oppose state candidates and ballot measures, or that support or oppose candidates and ballot measures in more than one county, file campaign reports with:

- the Secretary of State and
- the election officials for the counties in which they are domiciled.

State Committees are no longer required to file their forms with San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Federal Election Commission (FEC)  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463  
1(800) 424-9530  
TTY: (202) 219-3336  
Website: [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)

- Federal Campaign Disclosure
- Contributions from National Banks, National Corporations, and Foreign Nationals

State Franchise Tax Board  
1(800) 852-5711  
1(800) 338-0505 (24-hour Automated Support)  
Website: [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov)

- Committee Tax Status
- Tax Deductible Contributions
- Charitable Non-Profit Groups
- Audit of Campaign Disclosure Statements

Internal Revenue Service  
1(800) 829-1040  
Website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

- Federal Taxpayer I.D. Numbers
- Any other Tax-related questions

Attorney General  
California Department of Justice  
Attn: Public Inquiry Unit  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550  
1(800) 952-5225 / FAX (916) 323-5341  
California Relay Service:  
TTY: (800) 735-2929  
Website: [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov)

- Legal Opinions
- Incompatibility of the office
- Quo Warranto actions
- Brown Act requirements

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our office will issue candidate nomination materials in person during regular business hours. Before issuing candidate documents, our office will follow standard procedures and guidelines, such as verification of eligibility for the office sought and collecting the appropriate filing fee. All materials that require an oath by the candidate must be executed in the presence of a notary or at the office of the Registrar of Voters. All documents must be submitted to the Registrar of Voters' office by the March 6th, 5:00 PM deadline.

To submit the original documents, the candidate must deliver them to our office during our business hours.

To make an appointment, visit [acvote.alamedacounty.ca.gov/candidates/how-to-run](http://acvote.alamedacounty.ca.gov/candidates/how-to-run).

WEBSITE: [www.acvote.alamedacounty.ca.gov](http://www.acvote.alamedacounty.ca.gov)

The ACVOTE website contains vital information to assist candidates and voters.

Some highlights are:

Navigate to the June 2, 2026, Direct Primary Election page, and you will find:

Candidate List – list of names and contact information (if provided)

County Voter Information Guide – once published, we will post the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications and local measure information.

Important Voter Information – voting center list/map, 24-hour drop box list/map, registration lookup, vote by mail status, and important dates.

Other items on the website:

Campaign Finance Filing

Election Data – Voter Registration, and Vote by Mail Statistics

Election Results History

Lists of Election Officials

District Maps

## Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act

On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created the “Top-Two Open Primary Act.”

Before the “Top-Two Open Primary Act,” candidates running for partisan office appeared only on their own party’s ballot. The top vote-getter from each qualified political party and any candidates who qualified using the independent nomination process would then move on to the general election.

Now, under the “Top-Two Open Primary Act,” all candidates running, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single combined ballot, and voters can vote for any candidate from any political party. The “Top-Two Open Primary Act” would not affect the election of President or County Central Committees, which are still party-specific contests.

The “Top-Two Open Primary Act” requires that only the two candidates for voter-nominated offices who receive the highest and second-highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election.(EC8141.5)

The “Top-Two Primary Act” changes the way elections are conducted for all statewide offices including:

Governor	Controller	State Senator
Lt. Governor	Insurance Commissioner	State Assembly
United States Senator	Board of Equalization	State Treasurer
Secretary of State	U.S. Representative	Attorney General

Non-partisan offices such as judges, schools, special districts, municipalities and the Superintendent of Public Instruction would remain open to all eligible voters

### Quick facts about the “Top-Two Primary Act.”

#### **What does this mean for the Voter?**

*It changes the way candidates are elected in a primary election.*

#### **How does this affect write-in candidates?**

*You may write in a qualified write-in candidate’s name on the ballot in a Primary Election contest.*

In the General Election, you may only write-in a qualified candidates name in a Party-Nominated contest. Write-in votes are not allowed in a voter-nominated general election.

### 3 Types of Candidate Contests

CONTESTS	OFFICES	WHO CAN VOTE	PARTY APPEARANCE ON BALLOT	WHO ADVANCES TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
<u><b>Party-Nominated</b></u> <i>(formerly known as Partisan)</i>  Party-nominated offices are contests in which the nominee is selected by the political party	U.S. President County Central Committees	Only voters registered with the same party preference as the candidate.  (Except parties who allow non-partisans to cross-over and join their primary).	Candidates' party preferences ALWAYS appear on the ballot	Presidential contest only, the top vote-getters in each party moves on to the general election.
<u><b>Voter-Nominated</b></u>  Are contests in which the nominee is selected by the voter	Governor Lt. Governor Secretary of State State Treasurer State Controller State Insurance Commissioner State Board of Equalization Attorney General State Senator State Assembly U.S. Senator U.S. Representative	All voters regardless of party preference can vote for any candidate.  This replaces party ballots in primary elections with a single combined ballot listing all candidates	Candidates have the option of having their party preference appear on the ballot	The top-two vote-getters regardless of party preference moves on to the general election.
<u><b>Non-partisan</b></u>  An office in which no political party nominates a candidate	Superintendent of Public Instruction Superior Court Judges County Offices Municipal Offices School Districts Special Districts	All voters can vote for these candidates	Candidates' party preferences NEVER appear on the ballot	In majority vote contests, candidates that receive a majority of the votes win outright in the Primary.  If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, then the top-two vote-getters move on to the general election.

## ALAMEDA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

## Offices up For Election

June 2, 2026 – Statewide Direct Primary Election

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## IMPORTANT DATES

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU PERIOD**Voter-Nominated Candidates**

December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026

**Non-Partisan Candidates – (if applicable)**

December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026

**Judicial Candidates**

December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026

During this period, all voter-nominated, non-partisan (if applicable) and judicial candidates may obtain forms from the Registrar of Voters office for circulating petitions to secure signatures-in-lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for office.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION**Judicial Candidates Only**

January 26, 2026 – February 4, 2026

Declaration of Intention is only required for the Office of Superior Court Judge, and candidates are required to file a Declaration of Intention to become a qualified candidate for Superior Court Judge.

NOMINATION PERIOD**Voter-Nominated, Non-Partisan, Judicial Candidates**

February 9, 2026 – March 6, 2026

During this period, candidates must file nomination documents and declarations of candidacy for office.

Holidays

New Year's Day | Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday  
Lincoln's Birthday | Washington's Birthday | Memorial Day

The Registrar of Voters' office will be closed on **Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>; Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>; Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

Filing Fee

The non-refundable filing fee is due at the time the candidates obtain their nomination forms. Please note that not all offices require a filing fee.

**VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES****SEAT****FILING OFFICE**

U.S. Representative	Congressional Districts 10, 12, 14, 17	Registrar of Voters
Governor	Statewide	
Lieutenant Governor	Statewide	
Secretary of State	Statewide	
Controller	Statewide	
Treasurer	Statewide	
Attorney General	Statewide	
Insurance Commissioner	Statewide	
Member, Board of Equalization	District 2	
State Senator	Senatorial District 10	
Member of the State Assembly	Assembly Districts 14, 16, 18, 20, 24	

**NON-PARTISAN OFFICES****SEAT****FILING OFFICE**

Superintendent of Public Instruction	Statewide	Registrar of Voters
Superior Court Judge	Countywide	

*\*If a deadline falls on a holiday, the period will continue on the next business day.*

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NON-PARTISAN OFFICES	SEAT	FILING OFFICE
County Board of Supervisors	Supervisoral Districts 2, 3	Registrar of Voters
County Board of Education	Trustee Areas 1, 4, 7	
County Superintendent of Schools	Countywide	
District Attorney (Short-Term)	Countywide	
Union Sanitary District	Ward 3 – 2 Board Directors	
Zone 7 Flood Control District	4 Board Directors	

*\*If a deadline falls on a holiday, the period will continue on the next business day.*

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## ABBREVIATED ELECTION CALENDAR

June 2, 2026

Direct Primary Election

Description	Timeframe	Days before Election Day
<p><b>Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Period for All Candidates</b>  During this period, candidates may obtain petition forms to secure signatures-in-lieu to cover all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in-lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for nomination of that office. (EC §§ 8061, 8105, 8106)</p>	Dec. 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026	E-165 – E-118
<p><b>Declaration of Intention Period For Judicial Candidates</b>  A Declaration of Intention is only required for the Office of Superior Court Judge, and candidates are required to file a Declaration of Intention to become a qualified candidate for Superior Court Judge. The non-refundable filing fee is due at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention Form.  (EC §§ 8105(b), 8023)</p>	January 26 – February 4, 2026	E-127 – E-118
<p><b>Nomination Period for All Candidates</b>  During this period, all candidates must file their declarations of candidacy for office and circulate their nomination papers (if applicable).  (EC §§ 8020, 8040, 8041 8061, 8100, 8104, 8105, 8106)</p>	February 9 – March 6, 2026	E-113 – E-88
<p><b>Candidate's Statement of Qualifications for All Candidates</b>  During this period, candidates for U.S. Representative, State Senate, Member of the Assembly, and local nonpartisan offices may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation of 200 words (250 words for State Offices) for inclusion within the Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file nomination documents.  (EC §13307, 13311, GV §85601)</p>		
<p><b>County Holidays</b> – Office is closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday.</p>	February 12, 2026 February 16, 2026	
<p><b>Nomination Period Extension If Incumbent Fails to File</b>  If nomination documents for an eligible incumbent are not filed by 5 p.m. on March 6, 2026, a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, to file for the office during the extended period.  (EC §8024, 10516)</p>	March 7 – March 11, 2026	E-87 – E-83
<p><b>Public Examination Period – Candidate Statements/Candidates' Names and Ballot Designations</b>  During this period, candidate statements, candidates' names, and ballot designations shall be open to public examination. Any person may view, file a writ of mandate, or an injunction to require any or all the material/data to be amended or deleted. (EC §13313)</p>	March 7 – March 16, 2026	E-87 – E-78
<p><b>Randomized Alphabet Drawings</b>  The Secretary of State draws a random alphabet to determine the order of the candidates' names that will appear on the official ballot. The Registrar of Voters' office conducts random alphabet drawing for multi-county State Legislative districts. (EC §13111, 13112)</p>	March 12, 2026	E-82

<b>Write-In Candidacy Period</b> During this period, Write-In Candidates must file their Statement of Candidacy, nomination papers, and Declaration of Write-In Candidacy. (EC §8600, 8601)	April 6, 2026 – May 19, 2026	E-57 – E14
<b>Voter Information Guides are mailed to all registered voters.</b> (EC §9094, 13303, 13304)	April 23, 2026	E-40
<b>First Day of Mailing Vote by Mail Ballots to every registered voter</b> <b>First Day of Early Voting at the Registrar of Voters' Office</b> <b>First Day 24-Hour Official Drop boxes are opened</b> (EC §3001, 3003, 4005(a)(1)(B))	May 4, 2026	E-29
<b>Last Day to Register to Vote for the June 2, 2026, Election.</b> (EC §321, 2102, & 52 U.S.C. §20501)	May 18, 2026	E-15
<b>Same Day Voter Registration</b> Voters who missed the voter registration deadline can still register and vote up to and including Election Day at the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office, and at any Vote Center Location. Ballots will be counted after the Registrar's office verifies the voter's registration and confirms that they have not already voted in the election. (EC §2170)		
<b>Write-In Candidacy Deadline</b> Last day for write-in candidates to file required write-in candidacy documents (EC §8601)	May 19, 2026	E-14
<b>11-Day Vote Centers Open</b> 20 Vote Centers will open throughout Alameda County. Vote Centers will stay open through Election Day. Voters' Centers are open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (EC §4005(a)(2)(A),(4)(A))	May 23, 2026	E-10
<b>Vote by Mail Ballot Replacement Request Deadline</b>	May 26, 2026	E-7
<b>4-Day Vote Centers Open</b> An additional 80 Vote Centers will open throughout Alameda County. These Vote Centers will stay open through Election Day. Vote Centers are open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (EC §4005(a)(3)(A))	May 30, 2026	E-3
<b>Election Day</b> All 100 Vote Centers are open from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.	June 2, 2026	E-0
<b>Official Canvass of the election begins.</b> Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than July 2, 2026 (E+30). (EC §15301, 15372)	June 3, 2026	E+1
<b>Last Day for the Registrar of Voters' office to certify the election results</b> (EC §15301, 15372, 15400, 15401)	July 2, 2026	E+30

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
<b>OFFICE</b>	United States Representative in Congress (10, 12, 14, 17)
<b>ELECTION</b>	Primary Election of even-numbered years
<b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>	2 Years U.S. Const., art. I, § 2, 20th Amend., § 1
<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	January 3, 2027, at 12:00 noon U.S. Const., art. I, § 2, 20th Amend., § 1
<b>INCUMBENT</b>	Congressional District 10 – Mark Desaulnier Congressional District 12 – Lateefah Simon Congressional District 14 – Eric Swalwell Congressional District 17 – Ro Khanna
<b>JURISDICTION</b>	Congressional District 10 – Alameda County, Contra Costa County Congressional District 12 – Alameda County Congressional District 14 – Alameda County Congressional District 17 – Alameda County, Santa Clara County
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Every candidate shall be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for seven years, and a resident of California on January 3, 2027, the date to be sworn into office if elected. U.S. Const., art. I, § 2, 20th Amend. § 1
<b>FILING FEE (1% of Salary)</b>	\$1,740 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(2), 8105
<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURE</b>	# of Required Signatures: Min. 40 Max. 60 Election Code § 8062(a)(2) All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
<b>SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 1,714</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$1.015169195</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu may be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(2),(b)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
<b>FORMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(2), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• Campaign Disclosure Forms: All candidates for U.S. Representative will need to contact the Federal Elections Commission for filing requirements for this office.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Governor
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027  Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 2, 11
INCUMBENT	No Qualified Incumbent
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person.  Cal. Const., art V, §§ 2, 9 EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$4,918.58  Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100  All signers must be California voters.  Election Code § 8062(a)(1)  Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.819763333</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)
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## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Lieutenant Governor
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027  Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 2, 11
INCUMBENT	No Qualified Incumbent
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person.  Cal. Const., art V, §§ 2, 9 EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$3,688.94  Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100  All signers must be California voters.  Election Code § 8062(a)(1)  Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.614823333</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Secretary of State
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 11
INCUMBENT	Shirley N. Weber
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$3,688.94 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.614823333</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Controller
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 11
INCUMBENT	Malia Cohen
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$3,934.86 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.65581</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Treasurer
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 11
INCUMBENT	No Qualified Incumbent
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$3,934.86 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.65581</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Attorney General
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 11
INCUMBENT	Rob Bonta
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person, and have been admitted to practice before the California Supreme Court for at least five years immediately preceding his or her election to the office. Gov. Code § 12503; EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$4,272.34 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.71205667</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Insurance Commissioner
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Ins. Code § 12900; Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 2
INCUMBENT	No Qualified Incumbent
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person, and during tenure of office, not be an officer, agent, or employee of an insurer or directly or indirectly interested in any insurer or licensee under the California Insurance Code, except (1) as a policyholder, or (2) by virtue of relationship by blood or marriage to any person interested in any insurer or licensee. Ins. Code § 12901; EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$3,934.86 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 All signers must be California voters. Election Code § 8062(a)(1) Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.65581</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Member, State Board of Equalization, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. V, § 2
INCUMBENT	Sally Lieber
JURISDICTION	2 <sup>nd</sup> District, Board of Equalization (All of Alameda County is within the district)
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. EC 201
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	\$1,844.47 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 40 Max. 60 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 4,743</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.388882564</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Superintendent of Public Instruction
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Year
TERM BEGINS	January 4, 2027 Cal. Const., art. IX, § 2
INCUMBENT	No Qualified Incumbent
JURISDICTION	State of California
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. EC 201
FILING FEE (2% of Salary)	\$4,272.34 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8162(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 65 Max. 100 Election Code § 8062(a)(1) All signers must be California voters. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 6,000</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.712056667</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu will be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8106(a)(3), 8162(b)</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(1), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the State's Voter Information Pamphlet. The candidate must contact the Secretary of State's office for more information on how to file a Candidate Statement and the fee.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	State Senator (10)
ELECTION	Primary Election every four years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years
TERM BEGINS	December 7, 2026 Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(1) & (3)
INCUMBENT	Senatorial District 10 – Aisha Wahab
JURISDICTION	Senatorial District 10 – Alameda County
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. Cal. Const., art IV, 2(c), EC 201
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	\$1,346.94 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(3), 8105
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 40 Max. 60 All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which The candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8062(a)(2) Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 1,714</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$ 0.785845974</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu may be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106(a)(2),(b)(3), 8162(b)
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(2), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Member of the Assembly (14, 16, 18, 20, 24)
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	2 Years
TERM BEGINS	December 7, 2026 Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(2) & (3)
INCUMBENT	Assembly District 14 – Buffy Wicks Assembly District 16 – Rebecca Bauer-Kahan Assembly District 18 – Mia Bonta Assembly District 20 – Liz Ortega Assembly District 24 – Alex Lee
JURISDICTION	Assembly District 14 – Alameda County, Contra Costa County Assembly District 16 – Alameda County, Contra Costa County Assembly District 18 – Alameda County Assembly District 20 – Alameda County Assembly District 24 – Alameda County, Santa Clara County
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. Cal. Const., art IV, 2(c), EC 201
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	\$1,346.94 Election Code §§ 8103(a)(2), 8105
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: Min. 40 Max. 60 All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which The candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8062(a)(2) Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 857</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$1.571691949</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu may be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8103(a)(2), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Superior Court Judge
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	6 Years
TERM BEGINS	Term begins the Monday after January 1st following their election. Cal. Const., art. VI, § 16(c)
INCUMBENT	27 Superior Court Judge Seats
JURISDICTION	Alameda County
QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall be a registered voter in California, and for 10 years immediately preceding selection, the person has been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in the State of California. Cal. Const., art. VI, § 15,
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	\$2,447.27 Election Code §§ 8104(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: 20 All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which The candidate is to be voted on. Election Code § 8062(a)(3) Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 7,342</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$.33</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu may be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul> Election Code § 8106
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Declaration of Intention (Mandatory): This document must be filed during the Intention Period to become a candidate. Intention Period is from January 26th to February 4th. (Election Code § 8023)</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when filing the Declaration of Intention. (Election Code §§ 8104(b), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	County Board of Supervisors
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years – Full-term
TERM BEGINS	Term begins the Monday after January 1st following their election. Government Code § 24200
INCUMBENT	Supervisorial District 2 – Elisa Marquez Supervisorial District 3 – Lena Tam
JURISDICTION	Alameda County, Supervisorial District 2 Alameda County, Supervisorial District 3
QUALIFICATIONS	A registered voter of the district for at least 30 days before the deadline to file nomination documents, and shall reside in the district during his/her incumbency. Gov. Code § 25041, EC §201
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	\$1,957.90 Election Code §§ 8104(b)
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	# of Required Signatures: 20 Election Code § 8062(a)(3) All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which The candidate is to be voted on. Election Code §§ 100, 8068
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	A candidate may choose to submit signatures to offset all or a portion of their filing fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Signatures Needed to Offset Filing Fee: 5,874</li> <li>• Value of Each Signature: \$.33</li> <li>• Signatures in lieu may be used towards nomination signature requirements; however, they must be submitted by the signature in lieu period deadline.</li> <li>• Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.</li> </ul>
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (Optional): The process of circulating petitions to obtain signatures to offset the partial or entire Filing Fee.</li> <li>• Filing Fee (Mandatory): A filing fee is required to become a candidate, and must be paid when pulling nomination papers. (Election Code §§ 8104(b), 8105)</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Nomination Signatures (Mandatory): Nomination signatures must be obtained to become a candidate.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	County Board of Education
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years
TERM BEGINS	The term begins July 1st following their election.  Education Code § 1007, Election Code § 1302, 10405.5
INCUMBENT	Trustee Area 1 – Joaquin J. Rivera Trustee Area 4 – Aisha Knowles Trustee Area 7 – Cheryl Cook-Kallio
JURISDICTION	Alameda County Board of Education, Trustee Area 1 Alameda County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4 Alameda County Board of Education, Trustee Area 7
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time Nomination Papers are issued to the person;</p> <p>Be an elector of the trustee area that they represent</p> <p>A candidate may not be the County Superintendent of Schools, any member of their staff, or any employee of a school district that is within the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Election Code §§ 20, 201, Ed. Code §§ 1000(a), 1006(a)</p>
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	Not Required
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	Not Required
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	Not Required
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Union Sanitary District, Board of Directors
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years
TERM BEGINS	Contact Union Sanitary District
INCUMBENT	Union Sanitary District, Ward 3 – Marty Kludjian Union Sanitary District, Ward 3 – Jennifer Toy
JURISDICTION	Union Sanitary District, Board of Directors, Wards 1, 2, 3
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office for at least 1 year at the time Nomination Papers are issued to the person;</li> <li>• Be an elector of the Ward area that they represent</li> </ul>
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	Not Required
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	Not Required
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	Not Required
FORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory): Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</li> <li>• Permission to Post Information on Internet (Optional): A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on their website.</li> <li>• Candidate's Statement (Optional): A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired): A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</li> <li>• Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired): It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</li> <li>• FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms: A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office that they are running for and on how much money a candidate will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory): Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</li> <li>• Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory): The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</li> </ul>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE

TOPIC	INFORMATION
OFFICE	Zone 7 Flood Control District Directors
ELECTION	Primary Election of even-numbered years
TERM OF OFFICE	4 Years - Full Term
TERM BEGINS	Contact Zone 7 Flood Control
INCUMBENT	Dawn Benson Catherine Brown Dennis Gambs Sarah Palmer
JURISDICTION	Zone 7 Flood Control District
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time Nomination Papers are issued to the person</li> </ul>
FILING FEE (1% of Salary)	Not Required
NOMINATION SIGNATURE	Not Required
SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE	Not Required
FORMS	<p><b>Candidate Preliminary Form (Mandatory):</b> Candidate must complete this form to provide basic information for the Registrar of Voters</p> <p><b>Permission to Post Information on the Internet (Optional):</b> A candidate may provide contact information for the Registrar of Voters to post on the Registrar's website.</p> <p><b>Candidate's Statement (Optional):</b> A candidate may prepare a brief description of their background and qualifications to be printed in the County's Voter Information Pamphlet.</p> <p><b>Candidate Statement Fee (Mandatory if Candidate's Statement is desired):</b> A fee is required if a candidate chooses to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet.</p> <p><b>Ballot Designation Worksheet (Mandatory if Ballot Designation is desired):</b> It is optional for the candidate to have a Ballot Designation on the ballot, but if the candidate wants to have a Ballot Designation, they must complete this form. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 13107.3)</p> <p><b>FPPC – Campaign Disclosure Forms:</b> A candidate may need to file these forms depending on the office they are running for and how much they will spend or raise on campaigning. For more information, refer to section "Campaign Reporting Requirements" in the Candidate Guide or visit: <a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a></p> <p><b>Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest (Mandatory):</b> Form 700 is a document on which the candidate must disclose their assets and income. Requires a wet signature.</p> <p><b>Declaration of Candidacy (Mandatory):</b> The Declaration of Candidacy is the document on which the candidate indicates how they want their name to appear on the ballot and what Ballot Designation they desire, if any. It also contains the Oath of Office. Requires a wet signature. (Election Code § 8020(d), 8028, 8040, 8064)</p>

## Candidate Filing Checklist

Listed below are descriptions of the mandatory and optional forms to be filed for candidacy in the **June 2, 2026, Direct Primary Election**. The candidate must ensure that all filing requirements and deadlines have been met. All candidates are urged to file the required documents as early as possible to avoid a last-minute rush, confusion, or misunderstandings. Additionally, it is recommended that the candidate file all documents personally.

DOCUMENT	APPLIES TO	FILING PERIOD	FILED
Declaration of Intention and Filing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior Court Judge</li> </ul>	Jan. 26, 2026 – Feb. 4, 2026 (E-127 to E-118)	
Filing Fee <b>*Must be paid before Nomination Papers can be issued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voter-Nominated Offices</li> <li>County Board of Supervisors</li> <li>District Attorney</li> <li>County Superintendent of Schools</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Nomination Papers <b>(Nom Petition)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voter-Nominated Offices</li> <li>Superior Court Judge</li> <li>County Board of Supervisors</li> <li>District Attorney</li> <li>County Superintendent of Schools</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Permission to Post Information on the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Code of Fair Campaign Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Candidate Statement of Qualifications and Fee <b>(Optional)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Ballot Designation Worksheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Declaration of Candidacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Character-Based Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Declaration of Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior Court Judge</li> <li>District Attorney</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Confidential Status Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Statement of Economic Interest <b>(Form 700)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Candidate Intention Statement <b>(Form 501)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Candidates</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	
Candidate Intention Statement <b>(Form 470)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All candidates appearing on the ballot who do not have an open committee</li> </ul>	Feb. 9, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)	

## **Declaration of Intention**

**A Declaration of Intention is only required for the Office of Superior Court Judge**, and candidates are required to file a Declaration of Intention to become a qualified candidate for Superior Court Judge.

The Declaration of Intention form must be obtained from and filed with the county elections official of the county in which the candidate is a resident. The numerical office number being sought must be stated on the form. No candidate for a judicial office shall be required to state his or her residential address on the Declaration of Intention or Declaration of Candidacy. However, if the address is not stated on the Declaration of Intention, the address must be provided to the elections official for verification and contact purposes; this information will not be provided to the public.

If an incumbent judge has not filed by the end of the Declaration of Intention period, any qualified person, other than the incumbent, may file a Declaration of Intention form during the extension period (February 5, 2026 – February 9, 2026).

**The nonrefundable filing fee is due at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention form.**

**When the filing fee is paid:**

Candidates for judicial office are required to pay the filing fee at the time they submit their Declaration of Intention form. When paying the filing fee, our office recommends bringing a blank check; a member of our team will assist you in completing it.

**Amount of the Filing Fee: \$2447.27**

The filing fee is 1% of the annual salary for the office. Election Code 8104(b)

**The filing fee is not refundable:**

If, for any reason, the candidate fails to qualify, the filing fee is forfeited.

Official Filing Form

Filed in County of \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration Of Intention

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

(Election Code Section 8023)

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare my intention to become a candidate for the  
(Print Candidate's Name)

office of Superior Court Judge, Seat \_\_\_\_\_, at the **Statewide Direct Primary Election** to be held on **June 2, 2026**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

State of California – County of Alameda } SS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public (or other official)

(seal)

Examined and certified by me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Elections Official

Note: For judicial offices, the declaration of the intention shall be filed in the duplicate in the office of the Registrar of Voters in which the candidate's nomination papers are required to be filed. The declaration shall be filed not more than 14 nor less than 5 days prior to the first day on which nomination papers may be presented for filing; however, if the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a declaration of intention by the end of such period, persons other than the incumbent may file declarations of intention no later than the first day for filing nomination papers. No candidate for a judicial office shall be required to state his or her residential address on the declaration of intention. (Election Code Section 8023)  
All Code section references are to the California Election Code unless stated otherwise.

## **Filing Fee**

A candidate must pay a filing fee equal to a percentage of the first year's salary for the office sought. The applicable salary is determined as of the first day on which a candidate may circulate petitions instead of filing fees. The filing fee must be made payable to either the Secretary of State or Alameda County, as applicable.

The filing fee amounts are listed on the "**Qualifications and Requirements for Office**" pages.

### **Payment of the Filing Fee**

Candidates are required to pay the filing fee at the time they obtain their nomination papers from the county elections official in the candidate's county of residence.

(Elections Code §§ 8103, 8104, 8105)

### **Amount of the Filing Fee**

Filing fee amounts are available on the "Qualifications and Requirements for Office" pages.

### **Nonrefundable Filing Fee**

The filing fee is not refundable. If a candidate fails to qualify for any reason, the filing fee is forfeited.

## **Nomination Papers (Nomination Petitions)**

A key requirement for running for office is filing nomination papers. These are official documents issued by our office and signed by registered voters who support a candidate's run for office. Under California Elections Code § 8020, a candidate's name may not be printed on the ballot unless nomination papers and a Declaration of Candidacy are properly filed, or a lawful alternative (such as signatures submitted instead of a filing fee) is used.

Voters who sign nomination papers must print their registered first and last name, street address, city, and ZIP code so their signature can be verified. Each signer must be eligible to vote for the candidate listed on the nomination paper. Each nomination paper contains 10 signature blocks, and our office can only verify signatures from voters registered in Alameda County.

Nomination papers must be submitted by the end of the nomination period (5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026). Each nomination paper must be double-sided and include a front side (with the heading and issued stamp) and a back side containing a completed Affidavit of Circulator. Nomination papers that are incomplete or not properly assembled will not be accepted for verification.

The Affidavit of Circulator is a required declaration printed on the back of each nomination paper. It must be completed and signed by the person who collected the voter signatures on that paper. The only requirement to be a circulator is that the person is 18 years of age or older.

The minimum number of nomination signatures required for each office is listed in the "Qualifications and Requirements for Office" section of this guide.



California Secretary of State

NOMINATION PAPER

Voter-Nominated Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction

June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election (Elections Code §§ 100, 104, 8041, 8062, 8068, 8069, 8140; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

For County  
Elections and  
Secretary of  
State Officials  
USE ONLY

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Official Filing Form

Filed in County of: \_\_\_\_\_

County Elections Official

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

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

County Elections Official

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

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of State Official

Candidate  
Name, Office,  
and Signer's  
County of  
Residence

1

I, the undersigned signer for \_\_\_\_\_, for nomination/election to the  
Name of Candidate

office of \_\_\_\_\_, to be voted for at the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be  
held on June 2, 2026, hereby assert as follows:

I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County and am registered to vote at the address  
shown on this paper. I am not at this time a signer of any other nomination paper of any other candidate for the above-named office.

My residence is correctly set forth after my signature hereto:

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
	Print: 1	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 2	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 3	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 4	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 5	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 6	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 7	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 8	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	

Please Complete Affidavit of Circulator on Reverse Side

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
	Print: 9 Signature:	Residence Address ONLY: City or Town:	
	Print: 10 Signature:	Residence Address ONLY: City or Town:	

Affidavit of  
Circulator  
(to be  
completed in  
circulator's own  
hand)

2

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:  
Print Name

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
2. That my residence address, including street and number, is \_\_\_\_\_.  
[If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is: \_\_\_\_\_.]
3. That the signatures on this section of the nomination paper were obtained between \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
Month and Day

and \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. Month and Day

nomination paper being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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

X

Signature of Circulator

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

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Notary Public  
or  
Other Officer

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(Notary Public Seal)

Signature of Notary Public  
(or other officer) \_\_\_\_\_

Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
County Elections Official \_\_\_\_\_

(TO BE ENTERED BY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL AFTER VERIFICATION)

Number of Valid Signatures on this Section:

Date:

By:

**WARNING:** Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper in the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202.)

## **Permission to Post Information on the Internet**

Candidates are required to complete the Permission to Post Campaign Information on the Internet form to indicate whether they allow the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to post campaign or contact information on the elections website. State law prohibits election officials from posting a candidate's home address or telephone number online without the candidate's written permission. This requirement is based on Government Code § 7928.25(a) and related provisions that protect certain personal information of elected and appointed officials.

Candidates must check either GRANT or DENY permission. If permission is granted, candidates may select which information they want posted. Optional information includes an address, phone number (including a campaign phone), email address, and website. A candidate's name will automatically appear on the website regardless of the option selected. Any information provided on this form becomes final after the close of the nomination period and cannot be changed.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to use campaign-specific contact information, such as creating a campaign email address or phone number, rather than listing personal contact details. This allows voters to contact the campaign while helping protect the candidate's personal privacy. Only information that the candidate is comfortable making publicly available should be provided on this form.



## PERMISSION TO POST CAMPAIGN INFORMATION ON INTERNET

The purpose of this form is for granting or denying the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office to post campaign or personal information on the Internet. Posting any personal or campaign information would be useful for the public to obtain more information about the candidate.

### Government Code §7928.25(a)

No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

### Government Code §7920.500

For purposes of this section "elected or appointed official" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) A state constitutional officer. (b) A Member of the Legislature. (c) An active or retired judge, court commissioner, or judge of the State Bar Court. (d) A district attorney. (e) A public defender. (f) A member of a city council. (g) A member of a board of supervisors. (h) An appointee of the Governor. (i) An appointee of the Legislature. (j) A mayor. (k) A city attorney. (l) A police chief or sheriff. (m) A public safety official. (n) A state administrative law judge. (o) An active or retired federal judge or federal defender. (p) A member of the United States Congress or appointee of the President of the United States. (q) An active or retired judge of a federally recognized Indian tribe. (r) An appointee of a court to serve as children's counsel in a family or dependency proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

**GRANT** permission to post information on the Internet  
 **DENY** permission to post information on the Internet

### CAMPAIGN INFORMATION TO BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET

**Only provide information that you want to be posted on the website.**

**\*Note: your name will automatically appear on the website.**

Address:

Contact Phone # or Campaign Phone #:

Fax #:

E-mail:

Website:

I understand that the provided information on this form is final and no changes will be allowed after the close of the nomination period.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Requested Original Document

## **Code of Fair Campaign Practices**

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a voluntary pledge authorized by California Elections Code § 20440 that outlines ethical standards for candidates and committees participating in California elections. The purpose of the code is to promote campaigns that are conducted with honesty, fairness, and respect for voters, so that election outcomes reflect the free and informed choice of the public.

By endorsing the code, a candidate agrees to conduct their campaign openly and to focus on issues, qualifications, and public policy. The code commits candidates to refrain from personal attacks, character defamation, libel, slander, and whisper campaigns. It appeals to prejudice based on protected characteristics such as race, religion, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, or other classifications under Government Code § 12940. It also rejects dishonest or unethical practices that interfere with voter registration, voting, or the free expression of the voters' will.

Candidates who sign the code further agree not to coerce employees into providing campaign assistance or contributions, to repudiate improper campaign tactics used by supporters publicly, and to take responsibility for violations by campaign staff. By endorsing the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, candidates affirm their commitment to fair elections and to protecting the right of every eligible voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

Signing the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary. Candidates are not required to sign the code to qualify for the ballot or run for office. However, candidates who choose to sign publicly affirm their commitment to ethical campaigning and fair election practices, as described in Elections Code § 20440.



California Secretary of State  
**CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**  
(Elections Code § 20440)

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

THEREFORE:

- (1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.
- (2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.
- (3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.
- (4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
- (5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.
- (6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- (7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

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

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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Office

## **Candidate Statement of Qualifications and Fee**

Each candidate for nonpartisan elective offices, State Legislative, and House of Representatives offices may submit an optional candidate's statement at the time they file nomination papers. The purpose of the candidate's statement is to acquaint voters with the candidate's qualifications for the office they are seeking. The candidate's statement is incorporated into the Voter Information Pamphlet, usually at the candidate's expense, and is mailed to all registered voters eligible to vote for that candidate.

### **\*Proposition 34**

Under Proposition 34, adopted by voters in November 2000, all candidates must agree to abide by voluntary spending limits. By accepting these voluntary spending limits, they will be able to purchase space in the county voter information guide.

### **Offices that Cross Multi-County Lines**

If a candidate is running for office where the district extends into another county and the candidate wishes to have their candidate statement printed in that county, it is the candidate's responsibility to coordinate with that county for payment and publication of their candidate statement. Our office will send an electronic copy to the shared county.

### **Time Period for Filing**

The filing period for the candidate's statement is February 9, 2026, through March 6, 2026. If an incumbent for any office does not file, the filing period for that office will be extended to March 11, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**  
A candidate must sign a statement if they choose not to file a statement.

### **Where to file:**

Registrar of Voters Office  
1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1  
Oakland, CA 94612

### **Requirement**

The candidate statement must be filed electronically.

### **Restrictions**

The candidate statement cannot refer to opponents in any manner. If a candidate does refer to anything other than their qualifications, they could be subject to legal action.

The candidate's statement may not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

### **Withdrawal**

The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. A candidate must sign a statement if they choose to withdraw their statement. A new statement cannot be filed to replace a withdrawn statement.

### **Endorsements**

If your statement contains endorsements, you must file written authorization letter(s) from the person(s) or organization(s) endorsing you at the time you file your statement. Letters must be signed and dated.

### **Confidentiality of Statements**

Candidate statement shall remain confidential until the close of the nomination period for the office sought. (EC §1311)

### **Public Examination**

After the nomination period closes, anyone may examine candidate statements. During 10 days commencing the day after the close of the nomination period, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the county elections official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in a candidate's statement to be amended to delete. (EC §13313-13314)

## **CONTENTS FOR A NON-PARTISAN OFFICE**

The statement includes the candidate's name and a description of their education and qualifications. The candidate's age and occupation are optional. The statement may be no more than 200 words unless the local jurisdiction has authorized an increase of up to 400 words. See word count standards at the end of this section.

## **PREPARATION AND FORMAT OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

Candidate statements are printed in block format in the sample ballot. To ensure uniformity, please use the following guidelines when preparing your candidate's statement.

Do not use:

- Bullets
- Stars
- Italics
- Tables
- All capital letters
- Highlights
- Boldface type
- Extra exclamation points
- Underlines
- Handwriting

## **COST**

Candidates are responsible for the costs of translating, typesetting, printing, and distribution of their statements. The cost of the statements will be estimated before the beginning of the filing period. Candidates for Alameda County offices are required to make the payment when the statement is filed. Due to the many unknown factors involved in printing and distribution of the candidate's statement, it is difficult to determine the actual cost until after the election.

If payment exceeds actual costs, the excess will be refunded to the candidate within 30 days of the district's receipt of a billing for election services. If payment is less than the actual costs, the candidate will be billed for the additional costs.

## **ADVANCE PAYMENT**

Candidates for County offices and State legislative and House of Representatives offices are required to pay for their candidates' statements in advance. In addition, governing bodies of schools, special districts, and cities may require payment in advance. When payment in advance is required, the Registrar of Voters will provide a receipt for payment received at the time of acceptance of nomination papers and the candidate's statement.

**PAYMENT DUE AFTER ELECTION**

If a school district, special district, or city does not require advance payment for a candidate statement, each candidate may be billed after the election for their share of translating, typesetting, printing, and mailing. The vendors will bill the district. The district, in turn, will bill the candidate who submitted the statement. The candidate is to pay the district.

**INDIGENT CANDIDATES**

If a candidate claims to be indigent and unable to pay for the candidate's statement in advance, they must submit proof of indigence to the Registrar of Voters at the time that the statement is filed. Proof includes a statement of financial worth and the candidate's most recent Federal income tax returns. The statement of financial worth consists of the candidate's employer, income, real estate holdings, tangible personal property, and financial obligations. The candidate must certify the statement as true and correct under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California.

If the Registrar of Voters determines that the candidate is indigent, their statement will be printed and mailed without advance payment. If the Registrar of Voters determines that the candidate is not destitute, they must pay the required fee or withdraw the statement within three days of notification. The Registrar of Voters is not obligated to print and mail the statement if payment is not received. As with all other nomination documents, the statement of financial worth and accompanying documents are public record.

**SPANISH, CHINESE, TAGALOG, AND VIETNAMESE TRANSLATIONS OF THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

The Federal Voting Rights Act requires the Registrar of Voters to translate election information material into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese throughout the county. The cost of translation, typesetting, printing, and mailing the candidates' statements in the stated languages is included in the price of the statement.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
CANDIDATE STATEMENT FILING RULES/AGREEMENT**

**RULES GOVERNING FILING OF CANDIDATE STATEMENT  
(EC 13307, 13307.5, 13312, 18351)**

**General Information:**

The law permits Nonpartisan, \*State Legislative, and House of Representative Candidates to file a Candidate Statement for printing in the Voter Information Pamphlet that our office sends to voters. Filing a Candidate Statement is not mandatory but is permissive if the candidate desires to file.

\*Only State Legislative candidates who have submitted FPPC Form 501 and accepted the voluntary spending limitations outlined within Proposition 34 may file a statement.

**Format:**

Candidates must type their submitted Statement in upper and lower case. All statements will be printed in a standardized font type and size, in a block paragraph format (see the back of the form for an example). The Registrar's Office will not accept an outlined format. The California Elections Code intends uniformity of the Candidate Statement's appearance. This avoids favored composition or printing of one candidate's Statement over another. The Statement will be printed in accordance with the requirements of the California Elections Code. The following WILL NOT be permitted: handwriting, all capital letters, bullet points, special characters, extra exclamation points, highlights, italicize, bold, underlined, or bold and underlined.

**Content:**

The Candidate Statement includes the name and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications in no more than 200 words (Nonpartisan office) or 250 words (State Legislative, House of Representative office). It may include the age and occupation of the candidate. The occupation listed on the Candidate Statement is not mandated to be the same occupation listed as your ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy. The occupation on the Statement is not limited to the laws that apply to your ballot designation. Statements shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Candidate Statement may not include any party affiliation of the candidate, nor include membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

**When and Where to File Statement:**

It is a requirement to file an electronic copy of the candidate statement in one of the following ways: on a USB, CD, by e-mail, or online. Please see the back of this form for further instructions on how to e-mail or submit online. Candidates or representatives are still required to come to our office for the word count verification and to make payment for the Statement. The Candidate Statement must be filed in the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office no later than 5 p.m. on March 6, 2026. The Candidate Statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, no later than 5 pm on the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

**Offices that Cross Multiple County Lines:**

It is the responsibility of the candidate to file his or her Candidate Statement with each corresponding county and pay the full respective county fee. The candidate files the hard copy of their statement with Alameda County. The candidate then mails a hard copy to the other counties, along with county-specific forms and payment, by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the hard copy with their home county. The home county will send the filed candidate statement electronically to the other counties in the district upon filing.

**Cost:**

The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's Statement pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. Each candidate filing a statement may be required to pay the local agency in advance or after the election, his or her estimated pro-rata share as a condition of having his or her Statement included in the Voter Information Guide. In the event of underpayment, the Election Official will require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of an overpayment, the Election Official shall prorate the excess amount.

**Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Translations of Statements:**

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office is required to translate materials that will appear in the Voter Information Pamphlet in Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

**Proof/Review of Statement:**

Statements will be typeset exactly as submitted; candidates are therefore advised to carefully check their statements for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar. The Registrar of Voters makes corrections only to the format of the Statement. The Registrar of Voters office will send a proof of the Candidate Statement (as it will appear in the Voter Information Pamphlet) to the candidate via e-mail or fax to review before printing it in the Voter Information Pamphlet. It is the responsibility of the candidate to proof/review their Candidate Statement and to notify the Registrar of Voters office of any errors. If the Registrar of Voters office does not receive any notification from the candidate, the Candidate Statement will be printed as is.

**Candidate Statement Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Payable To:**

**District**

**Word Limit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alameda County**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**I have read and acknowledged the rules and regulations for submitting a Candidate Statement.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DECLINE TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<p>I decline to file a Candidate Statement.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>
<b>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<p><b>*Note:</b> A Candidate may withdraw their Candidate Statement by signing and submitting this withdrawal notice to the Registrar of Voters <b>no later than 5 pm on the next working day after the close of the nomination period.</b></p> <p>I hereby withdraw my Candidate Statement. I request the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to refund the deposit amount paid in advance.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>
<b>UNOPPOSED WITHDRAWAL</b>	<p>If you are running unopposed and the race for which you are running is still on the ballot, please select one of the following options:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – print my statement      <input type="checkbox"/> No – do not print my statement (<i>check will be voided</i>)</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>
<b>E-MAIL CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<p>If preferred, you may e-mail your Candidate Statement to: <b>Candidate.Services@acgov.org</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Candidate Statement must be submitted in MS Word</li> <li>• Must be submitted in the standard block paragraph format (<i>see below for reference</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>ONLINE SUBMISSION</b>	<p>To submit your Candidate Statement online, please follow the steps below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide your e-mail address to the Registrar of Voters office; this e-mail address will be your user ID and a password will be e-mailed to you.</li> <li>2. Log on to <b>My Candidate Profile:</b> <a href="https://candidate.acgov.org/">https://candidate.acgov.org/</a></li> <li>3. Click on <b>Candidate Statement</b></li> </ol> <p>You can make changes up until the day you officially file your Candidate Statement to the Registrar of Voters office with your payment.</p>
<b>REQUIRED E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>	<p>This email address will be used for the ROV to send Candidate Statement proofs and other materials for your review.</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p>

**INCLUDE THIS STANDARD FORMAT WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

**Name:**  
**Occupation:**  
**Age: (optional)**  
**My education and qualifications are:**  
[begin text here]

**EXAMPLE OF HOW THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT WILL APPEAR IN THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**

**BOB SMITH**  
**Occupation: Businessman**  
**Age: 55**  
**My education and qualifications are:** I am asking for your help, your support, your endorsement and most important your vote on November 4, 2008. My knowledge and experience in business and my involvement as a member of the shared decision making process in the District qualify me to provide responsive leadership on the School Board. I will ensure that student achievement remains our highest priority by working collaboratively with parents, teachers and staff. I will work hard to ensure that our school district continues to improve test scores and that every dollar benefits our children's education. Please vote for Bob Smith to be your next responsive representative on the Unified School District Board of Trustees.



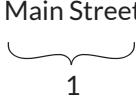
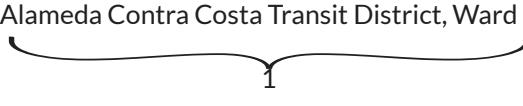
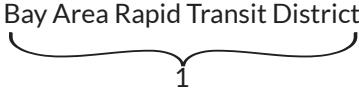
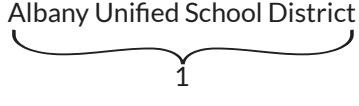
## WORD COUNT STANDARDS

Punctuation	Not counted
Single Character (I, a, \$, &)	One
Dictionary Words (Merriam-Webster)	One
Abbreviations/Acronyms (E.B.R.P.D. or EBRPD)	One
Proper nouns, geographical names of cities and counties	One
Names of areas, such as Bay Area, East Bay, South Bay, etc.	One
Names of school districts and special districts defined by political boundaries on a map	One
Telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and websites	One
Whole numbers: Digits (1, 100, etc.) Spelled out (one hundred)	One One for each word
Dates: All digits (4/5/99) Words and digits (April 5, 1999)	One One
Words hyphenated in any generally available dictionary	One
Hyphenated words not hyphenated in a dictionary	One for each part

\*See reverse for examples



## WORD COUNT STANDARDS: EXAMPLES

San Francisco Bay Area	San Francisco Bay Area 	1 word
Main Street	Main Street 	1 word
Alameda Contra Costa Transit District, Ward 1	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District, Ward 1 	1 word
Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Bay Area Rapid Transit District 	1 word
Albany Unified School District	Albany Unified School District 	1 word
San Francisco Bay Bridge	San Francisco Bay Bridge 	1 word

## CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### **WHO MUST FILE?**

The Political Reform Act was adopted by voter initiative in 1974 and has been periodically amended by legislation and initiatives. The Act requires that campaign disclosure reports provide the public with the identities of contributors and the amounts they give, as well as the amounts officeholders, candidates, and committees spend.

The following candidates and committees must file campaign statements. They should use the manual prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission and provided by the Registrar of Voters as a guide for their filing obligations.

- Candidates for state and local elective office
- State and local elected officeholders
- Committees controlled by state and local officeholders and candidates
- Jointly controlled (slate) committees

### **Filing Obligations**

All state and local elected officeholders, candidates for state and local elective offices, and their controlled committees are required to file campaign statements at specified intervals that disclose:

- Contributions received (including monetary and non-monetary contributions, loans received, and enforceable promises received)
- Expenditures made (including loans made)
- Unpaid bills
- Any miscellaneous increases to cash, such as bank interest

Detailed itemization is required for:

- Contributions received from a single source totaling, in the aggregate, \$100 or more in a calendar year
- Expenditures of \$100 or more
- Accrued expenses of \$100 or more
- Miscellaneous increases to cash of \$100 or more

There is an exception for officeholders or candidates who receive less than \$2000 in contributions and spend less than \$2000 during an entire calendar year. All officeholders and candidates must, however, keep detailed records of receipts and expenditures of \$25 or more.

Failure to file appropriate statements and reports in compliance with the Political Reform Act can result in substantial criminal, civil, and administrative penalties. Also, failure to file within the prescribed deadlines can result in late-filing penalties of \$10 per day the statement is late. The law does not allow extensions of the due dates for filing campaign statements.

Questions regarding filing obligations should be addressed to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) at 1(866) ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772) or visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) for more information.

## **CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE-CONTROLLED RECEIPIENT COMMITTEE FORMS**

All candidates file:

- **FORM 501:** Candidate Intention Statement

Candidates raising and spending ***less than \$2,000*** file:

- **FORM 470:** Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form

Candidates raising and spending ***\$2,000 or more*** file:

- **FORM 410:** Statement of Organization
- **FORM 460:** Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
- **FORM 497:** 24-hour/10-day Contribution Report

### **WHERE TO FILE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL:**

#### **Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement and Form 460 Recipient Committee Campaign Statement**

All candidates for an elective city or county office are required to file **Form 501** and **Form 460** with their respective local filing officer, who receives the originals of their campaign statements.

#### **Form 410 Statement of Organization**

A Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be filed by all recipient committees that raise \$2,000 or more in a calendar year to influence California's local elections. The original and one copy of the Statement must be filed with the Political Reform Division. A copy must be filed with the local filing officer, who will receive the committee's original campaign financial disclosure statement(s).

#### **Form 460 Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (City Level)**

Elected city officials, candidates for city office, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose such candidates, officers, or ballot measures being voted upon within one city, and city general purpose committees must file the original and one copy with the **City Clerk or Register of Voters**.

#### **Form 460 Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (County Level)**

Elected county officials, Superior Court Judges, candidates for such offices, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose such candidates, officers, or ballot measures being voted upon within a single county. County general-purpose committees must file the original and one copy with the County Clerk or County Registrar of Voters, and two copies with the filer's county of domicile. \*

#### **Form 460 Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Multi-County Level)**

Elected officials in jurisdictions other than legislative, Board of Equalization, or appellate court districts which contain parts of two or more counties, candidates for such offices, officers or ballot measures being voted upon

within a single county, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose such candidates, officers or ballot measures being voted upon in multi-county elections must file the original and one copy with the clerk of the county with the largest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction and two copies with the county of domicile.\*

\*A committee is domiciled at the address listed on its campaign statement. If the committee is domiciled outside of California, then Los Angeles shall be considered the county of domicile. If your county of domicile is one of the filing officers with whom you are already filing your statement, these two additional copies are not necessary.

Additional Notes:

- There is no provision in the law for an extension of the filing deadline. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per-day late fee.
- State committees making contributions/independent expenditures in connection with a local election held on June 2, 2026, should contact the FPPC for reporting requirements.
- Local jurisdictions may impose additional filing requirements.
- All statements are public documents.

\*Information obtained from the Secretary of State's Website. Any questions or comments regarding the content should be directed to the Secretary of State's Office, Political Reform Division.

## **PROPOSITION 34 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES**

Proposition 34 was approved by the voters in the November 7, 2000, General Election and went into effect January 1, 2001. Proposition 34 amends California's Political Reform Act to impose mandatory contribution and voluntary expenditure limits on candidates for elective state offices. Some of the provisions added by Proposition 34 also affect local candidates and committees.

To implement Proposition 34, the Fair Political Practices Commission will need to adopt regulations and develop revised disclosure forms. In the meantime, the following guidelines may be helpful for local candidates and committees.

### **PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTIONS**

- Contributor occupation and employer. As in years past, committees must continue to disclose the occupation and employer of any individual who contributes \$100 or more during a calendar year. Under Proposition 34, however, if occupation/employer information is not obtained, the contribution must be returned within 60 days. (Gov. Code section 85700)
- Independent expenditures by candidate-controlled committees. Candidates are prohibited from using their campaign funds to make independent expenditures to support/oppose other candidates or ballot measures. (Gov. Code section 85501)
- Receipt of laundered campaign funds. If a committee receives contributions through an intermediary and the required information about the true source of the funds is not properly disclosed, the committee must pay the funds to the State General Fund. (Gov. Code section 85701)

### **NEW DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

- Contributions by a spouse or minor children. Spouses may make separate contributions. A contribution made by a child under 18 is presumed to be a contribution from their parent or guardian. (Gov. Code section 85308)
- Late independent expenditures. A committee that makes independent expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure during the last 16 days before an election must disclose contributions received since the committee's last report, as well as the independent expenditures made. (Gov. Code section 84204) FPPC Form 496 will be revised to implement the new requirement.
- Paid spokesperson. An individual who has been paid or promised \$5,000 or more for an appearance in a printed or broadcast advertisement supporting or opposing the qualification, passage, or defeat of a state or local ballot measure must file a report disclosing that fact. The FPPC will develop a new form to implement this disclosure requirement. Also, the advertisement must include a statement indicating that the individual has been paid. (Gov. Code section 84511)
- Slate mailer organizations. A slate mailer sent by a slate mailer organization (as defined by the Act) that purports to but does not represent a particular political party's support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure must state that the position represented is not the official position of the political party in question. (Gov. Code section 84305.6)

### **OTHER**

- Communications to members, employers, or shareholders. Communications supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures that are made by an organization to its member, employees, shareholders, or their family members are not contributions or independent expenditures. (Gov. Code section 85312) Disclosure of these payments cannot be required. (Section 85700; Emergency Regulation 18573)
- Advertisements. New disclosure requirements for advertisements were enacted by Proposition 208 in November 1996 and were enjoined by the Federal District Court. Due to the passage of Proposition 34,

most of these provisions are once again in effect. (Gov. Code sections 84501-84509, except section 84503, which continues to be enjoined.

- Administrative penalties. The maximum administrative penalty for violations of the Act increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000. (Gov. Code section 83116)

The text of Proposition 34 and other important information are available on the Commission's website ([www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)) or by calling the FPPC toll-free advice line at 1-866-ASK FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

The Fair Political Practices Commission provided the following information.

# California Fair Political Practices Commission

## California State Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

Candidates seeking a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits from a single source. As of January 1, 2021, a state campaign contribution limit applies by default to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a law addressing a local 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 local 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.

### 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)	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$5,900
Senate and Assembly	\$5,900	\$11,800	No Limit
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$5,900	\$11,800	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$9,800	\$19,600	No Limit
Governor	\$39,200	\$39,200	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)	\$9,800	
Political Party Account for State Candidates	\$49,000	
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	\$4,900	\$81,400
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$4,900	\$81,400
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$8,100	\$162,900
Governor	\$32,600	\$325,700

# California Fair Political Practices Commission

## California State Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

*The contribution limits are effective for elections held between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026. (Regulation 18545.) These limits do not apply to contributions made to elections in previous years. Such contributions are subject to the limits in place for that year see previous charts.*

### Legal Defense Funds

Contributions raised for a legal defense fund are not subject to contribution limits or the voluntary expenditure ceiling. However, a candidate or officeholder may raise, in total, no more than is reasonably necessary to cover attorney's fees and other legal costs related to the proceeding for which the fund is created. (Section 85304; Regulation 18530.4.)

### Recall Elections

A state officeholder and city or county officeholder subject to Section 85301 (d) who is the subject of a recall may set up a separate committee to oppose the qualification of the recall measure and, if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election. Neither contribution limits nor voluntary expenditure ceilings apply to the committee to oppose the recall that is controlled by the officeholder who is the target of the recall attempt. Candidates running to replace an officeholder who is the target of a recall are subject to the contribution limits and the expenditure limits applicable to the election for that office. (Section 85315; Regulation 18531.5.)

### Ballot Measure Committees

Contributions to ballot measure committees controlled by a candidate for elective state office or a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) are not limited.

### Contributions from State Candidates and Candidates subject to Section 85301 (d)

A state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) may not contribute more than \$5,900 to a committee controlled by another state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d). This limit applies on a per election basis and includes, in the aggregate, contributions made from the candidate's personal funds and from campaign funds. (Section 85305; Regulation 18535.) This limit does not apply to a committee controlled by a state candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) to oppose their recall or their contributions made to a legal defense fund established by a candidate for elective state office or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301(d). It also does not apply to contributions made by a candidate for elective state office or a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) to a ballot measure committee controlled by another state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d). Please note there are certain rules applicable to use of funds held by state officeholder committees (See Regulation 18531.62.)

### Communications Identifying State Candidates

Any committee that makes a payment or a promise of payment totaling \$50,000 or more for a communication that:

1. Clearly identifies a state candidate; but
2. Does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate; and
3. Is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, may not receive a contribution from any single source of more than \$49,000 in a calendar year if the communication is made at the behest of the candidate featured in the communication. (Section 85310.)

### Officeholder Committees

Officeholder contributions must be cumulated (in full) with any other contributions from the same contributor(s) for any other future elective state office or elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) for which the officeholder maintains a controlled committee during the term of office in which the contribution is received. Contributions to candidates for future elections and to their officeholder account are cumulated for purposes of contribution limits. (Regulation 18531.62.)

### Contributions from State Lobbyists

A state lobbyist may not contribute to a state officeholder's or candidate's committee if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the agency of the elected officer or the agency to which the candidate is seeking election. The lobbyist also may not contribute to a local committee controlled by any such state candidate. (Section 85702; Regulation 18572.) In addition, effective January 1, 2015, lobbyists and lobbying firms may no longer take advantage of the \$500 or less home/office fundraiser exception that is available to other individuals and entities. (Section 82015(f).)

### Local Elections

Many cities and counties have local contribution limits and other election rules. The FPPC posts [local campaign ordinances](#) that are provided to the FPPC on its website. Always check with your city or county about contribution limits for local elections and for the most up-to-date information. A state campaign contribution limit applies by default to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a law addressing a local contribution limit on such candidates.

### Definitions

**Person:** An individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert. (Section 82047.)

**Small Contributor Committee:** Any committee that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The committee has been in existence for at least six months.
- (b) The committee receives contributions from 100 or more persons.
- (c) No one person has contributed to the committee more than \$200 per calendar year.
- (d) The committee makes contributions to five or more candidates. (Section 85203; Regulation 18503.)

**Political Party Committee:** The state central committee

or county central committee of an organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a political party under Elections Code Section 5100. (Section 85205.)

**California Fair Political Practices Commission**  
**Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates**  
(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

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State candidates may voluntarily accept expenditure limits for elections. They must declare on the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) whether they accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling established for each election. Candidates who accept the ceiling are designated in either the state ballot pamphlet (statewide candidates) or the voter information portion of the sample ballot (Senate and Assembly candidates) and may purchase space to place a 250-word statement there. The voluntary expenditure ceilings are effective for elections held between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026. (Regulation 18545.)

**Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates**

Office	Primary/Special Election	General/Special Runoff Election
Assembly	\$784,000	\$1,373,000
Senate	\$1,177,000	\$1,765,000
Board of Equalization	\$1,961,000	\$2,942,000
Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Controller, Secretary of State, Supt. of Public Instruction, Treasurer	\$7,844,000	\$11,767,000
Governor	\$11,767,000	\$19,611,000
CalPERS/CalSTRS (Section 85400)	N/A	N/A

**TITLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS  
CHAPTER 1.07 CAMPAIGN REFORM**

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**Chapter 1.07 CAMPAIGN REFORM**

**Sections:**

**1.07.010 Name.**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Alameda County Campaign Reform Ordinance."

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

**1.07.020 Definitions.**

The definitions and other applicable provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974 Government Code § 81000 et seq. and any amendments thereto and the regulations of the fair political practices commission shall govern the interpretation and application of this chapter to the extent practicable.

"County office" means every office of the government of the county of Alameda that is filled by county-wide or district election.

"Elective county officer" means any person holding a county office as defined herein.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

**1.07.030 Limitation of campaign contributions to candidates in county elections.**

- A. **No person or entity** shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office **filled by district election**, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by district election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars **(\$20,000.00) for each election**. No controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars **(\$20,000.00) for each election**.
- B. **No person or entity** shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office **filled by county-wide election**, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by county-wide election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than forty thousand dollars **(\$40,000.00) for each election**. No controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than forty thousand dollars **(\$40,000.00) for each election**.
- C. The board of supervisors shall by ordinance adjust the contribution limitations contained in subsections A and B of this section in January of odd-numbered years to reflect any cumulative increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index of California as announced by the United States Department of Labor since the last adjustment. Such adjustments shall be rounded off to the nearest hundred dollars for the limitations on contributions.
- D. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a candidate's own contributions of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign or controlled committee.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10; Ord. No. 2012-33, § 1, 9-11-12)

**1.07.040 Aggregation of contributions.**

- A. For purposes of the contribution limits of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:
  1. "Entity" means any person, other than an individual person.
  2. "Majority-owned" means an ownership of more than fifty (50) percent.
- B. The contributions of an entity whose contributions are directed and controlled by any individual person shall be aggregated with contributions made by that individual person and any entity whose contributions are directed and controlled by the same individual person.

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- C. If two or more entities make contributions that are directed and controlled by a majority of the same persons, the contributions of those entities shall be aggregated.
- D. Contributions made by entities that are majority-owned by any person shall be aggregated with the contributions of the majority owner and all other entities majority owned by that person, unless those entities act independently in their decisions to make contributions.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

#### **1.07.050 Limitations on transfers from controlled committees.**

- A. A candidate may carry over funds, without limit, from one controlled committee for county office of the candidate to a controlled committee for future election to the same county office.
- B. A candidate may transfer funds from one controlled committee for county office to a committee for election to a different county office of the same candidate. Contributions transferred pursuant to this subsection shall be attributed to specific contributors using a "last in, first out" or "first in, first out" accounting method, and these attributed contributions when aggregated with all other contributions from the same contributor may not exceed the limits set forth in Section 1.07.030, including any ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 1.07.030C.
- C. A candidate or committee controlled by that candidate shall not accept any contribution from a controlled committee of any other candidate for county office or from a committee controlled by another federal, state, or local candidate or officeholder in excess of the limits set forth in Section 1.07.030, including any ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 1.07.030C.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10; Ord. No. 2012-33, § 1, 9-11-12)

#### **1.07.060 Prohibition on multiple campaign committees.**

A candidate for county office or an elective county officer shall have no more than one campaign committee which shall have only one bank account out of which all qualified campaign and office holder expenses related to that county office shall be made. This section does not prevent a county candidate or an elective county officer from establishing another committee solely for the purpose of running for a state, federal, or local office that is not identified in Section 1.07.020 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

#### **1.07.070 Transmittal of campaign contributions in county office buildings.**

- A. No person shall receive or personally deliver or attempt to deliver a contribution in any office which the county owns or for which the county pays the majority of the rent.
- B. For purposes of this section:
  1. Personally deliver means delivery of a contribution in person or causing a contribution to be delivered in person by an agent or intermediary, other than the United States Mail.
  2. Receive includes the receipt of a campaign contribution delivered in person.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

#### **1.07.080 Criminal misdemeanor actions.**

- A. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who willfully causes or solicits any other person to violate any provision of this chapter, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of any provision of this chapter, shall be liable under the provisions of this section.
- B. No person convicted of a misdemeanor under this chapter shall be a candidate for an elective county office or act as a county contractor for a period of four years following the date of the conviction unless the court at the time of sentencing specifically determines that this provision shall not be applicable. A plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed a conviction for purposes of this section.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

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## **1.07.090 Civil actions.**

- A. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this chapter shall be liable in a civil action brought by the District Attorney or by a person residing within the jurisdiction for an amount not more than three times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or received or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation, whichever is greater.
- B. If two or more persons are responsible for any violation, they shall be jointly and severally liable.
- C. Any person, other than the District Attorney, before filing a civil action pursuant to this subsection, shall first file with the District Attorney a written request for the District Attorney to commence the action. The request shall contain a statement of the grounds for believing a cause of action exists. The District Attorney, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request, shall conduct an initial inquiry into the merits of the complaint. If the District Attorney determines in good faith that additional time is needed to examine the matter further, the complaining party shall be notified and the District Attorney shall automatically receive an additional sixty (60) days in order to determine the merits of the complaint. At the end of sixty (60) days the District Attorney shall inform the complaining party whether the District Attorney intends to file a civil action or is conducting a criminal investigation. If the District Attorney indicates in the affirmative and files a civil action or criminal charges within thirty (30) days thereafter, no other action may be brought unless the action brought by the District Attorney is dismissed without prejudice.
- D. In determining the amount of liability, the court may take into account the seriousness of the violation and the degree of culpability of the defendant. If a judgment is entered against the defendant or defendants in an action, the plaintiff shall receive fifty (50) percent of the amount recovered. The remaining fifty (50) percent shall be deposited into the county's general fund, in an action brought by the District Attorney, the entire amount shall be paid to the general fund.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

## **1.07.100 Injunctive relief.**

Any person residing in the jurisdiction, including the District Attorney, may sue for injunctive relief to enjoin violations or to compel compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

## **1.07.110 Costs of litigation.**

The court may award to a plaintiff, other than an agency, who prevails in any action authorized by this chapter, his or her costs of litigation.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

## **1.07.120 Statute of limitations.**

Civil actions and/or criminal prosecutions for violations of any provision of this chapter shall be commenced within four years after the date on which the violation occurred.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

## **1.07.130 Applicability of other laws.**

Nothing in this chapter shall exempt any person from applicable provisions of any other laws of this state or jurisdiction.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

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**1.07.140 Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this chapter are severable.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

**1.07.150 Interpretation of chapter.**

This chapter should be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

**1.07.160 Candidate acknowledgment of receiving county campaign finance ordinance.**

The registrar of voters shall provide each candidate for county office and county officer appointed to an office which is normally elective with a copy of this chapter as well as copies of any subsequent amendments. Each candidate for county office and county officer appointed to an office which is normally elective will be required to sign a form prepared by the registrar of voters acknowledging receipt of a copy of this chapter and any subsequent amendments.

(Ord. No. 2010-67, § 1, 12-7-10)

## FPPC: IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

TOPIC	INFORMATION
<b>BE INFORMED</b>	Study the FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manuals (Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 - Information for State Candidates, Their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for State Candidates, <b>or</b> Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 - Information for Local Candidates, Superior Court Judges, Their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for Local Candidates). Local candidates should also ask their election officials about any local campaign restrictions.
<b>BEFORE RAISING OR SPENDING ANY MONEY</b>	File a Form 501 (Candidate Intention), and then open a campaign bank account. Once \$1,000 is raised or spent, get an identification number by filing Form 410.
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	Know the due dates for campaign statements and file on time.
<b>RECORD KEEPING &amp; E-FILE</b>	Maintain details on contributions and expenditures of \$25 or more. Refer to recordkeeping guidelines in your campaign disclosure manual. If you're campaigning and plan to raise money, fill out a 410 and send it to the SOS to receive your campaign ID number, then contact the ROV to set up a Login and Password. E-Filing is a much easier way to file FPPC forms.
<b>100 OR MORE IN CASH?</b>	Never accept or spend \$100 or more in cash.
<b>USING PERSONAL FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES</b>	All personal funds of the candidate must first be deposited in the campaign bank account, except for the filing fee/candidate statement fee.
<b>REPORT LATE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	If \$1,000 or more is received from one contributor during the last 16 days before the election, disclose receipt within 24 hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds.
<b>ITEMIZE CONTRIBUTORS</b>	For contributions of \$100 or more, including loans and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, address, occupation, and employer.
<b>IF AN AGENT OR CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT BUYS GOODS OR SERVICES FOR THE CAMPAIGN</b>	Itemize expenditures of \$500 or more made by the agent or consultant.
<b>IDENTIFY CANDIDATE/COMMITTEE ON MAILINGS</b>	Include your name and campaign address in at least 6-point type on the outside of all mass mailings (more than 200 pieces). Your committee's name may be used if it includes your name. If your name is not part of the committee's name, you may use just your name, or both your name and the name of the committee.
<b>NO PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS</b>	Use campaign funds only for political, legislative, or governmental purposes.
<b>BE MORE INFORMED</b>	Attend a campaign workshop in your area. Contact your filing officer or the FPPC if you have any questions.

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## Filing Schedule for Candidates and their Controlled Committees for Local Office Listed on the June 2, 2026 Ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/25	<a href="#">460</a> or <a href="#">470</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>460:</b> All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• <b>470:</b> If a candidate raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025, file Form 470 (see below).</li> <li>• The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.</li> </ul>
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	3/4/26 – 6/2/26	<a href="#">497</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with another candidate or measure being voted on the June 2, 2026, ballot.</li> <li>• The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the contribution.</li> <li>• File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online if available.</li> </ul>
Apr 23, 2026 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election</i>	1/1/26 – 4/18/26	<a href="#">460</a> or <a href="#">470</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each candidate on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>
May 21, 2026 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</i>	4/19/26 – 5/16/26	<a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online if available.</li> </ul>
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	5/17/26 – 6/30/26	<a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.</li> </ul>

### Additional Notes:

- **\*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.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check whether additional local rules apply.
- **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) 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.
- **Method of Delivery:** Unless otherwise noted, all paper filings may be filed by first-class mail. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing under a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.

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- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470 (2025):** Non-incumbent candidates who raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025 and did not have an open committee must file Form 470 by February 2, 2026.
- **Form 470 (2026):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before April 23, 2026. 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.
- **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.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) 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. You can also visit [fppc.ca.gov/](http://fppc.ca.gov/) Learn > Campaign Rules. Refer to the FPPC video tutorial for candidates and treasurers for basic information for candidates and committees.

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## Filing Schedule for State Candidates and their Controlled Committees Listed on the June 2, 2026 Ballot

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Feb 2, 2026 Semi-Annual</b>	* – 12/31/25	<a href="#">460</a> or <a href="#">470</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>460:</b> All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• <b>470:</b> If a candidate raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025, file Form 470 (see below).</li> <li>• The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 10 Business Days \$5,000 Report</b>	<b>Ongoing – File any time other than the 90-day election cycle</b>	<a href="#">497</a>	<p><b>Only E-filers file this report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source.</li> <li>• No paper copy is required.</li> <li>• File within ten business days of receipt of the contribution.</li> </ul>
<b>Within 24 Hours Election Cycle Reports</b>	<b>3/4/26 – 6/2/26</b>	<a href="#">497</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or made to a political party committee.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• E-file only. No paper copy is required.</li> </ul>
<b>Apr 23, 2026 1<sup>st</sup> pre-Election</b>	<b>1/1/26 – 4/18/26</b>	<a href="#">460</a> or <a href="#">470</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>
<b>May 21, 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election</b>	<b>4/19/26 – 5/16/26</b>	<a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>• Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or by email with a verified digital signature.</li> </ul>
<b>Jul 31, 2026 Semi-Annual</b>	<b>5/17/26 – 6/30/26</b>	<a href="#">460</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.</li> </ul>

**See the next page for additional reporting information.**

## Additional Reports

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 ten 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 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:

- **\*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.
- **\*\*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](mailto: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.
- **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-Filer:** 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 (2025):** Non-incumbent candidates who raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025 and did not have an open committee must file Form 470 by February 2, 2026.
- **Form 470 (2026):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before April 23, 2026. 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.

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- **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 June 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 June 2, 2026, 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](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) > Learn > Campaign Rules.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Persons who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy and fulfill their nomination requirements to place their name on the ballot may run for office as a write-in candidate. To qualify as a write-in candidate, a person must file with the Elections Department the following documents:

1. A statement of write-in candidacy including:
  - a. Candidate's name
  - b. Residence address
  - c. Declaration stating that they are a write-in candidate
  - d. Title of the office for which they are running
  - e. The party that they are seeking, if running in a primary election
  - f. Date of the election
2. The required number of signatures on the nomination papers, if any, for that office.

The statement and nomination papers shall be available on the 57th day before the election for which the candidate is filing as a write-in candidate.

Signers of nomination papers for a write-in candidate must be voters in the district or political subdivisions in which the candidate is to be voted on. Also, if the candidate is seeking a party nomination for an office, the signers shall also be members of the same party. There will be no fee or charge for write-in candidates. (EC 8600-8604, 15342)

### **Disclosure Requirements:**

Write-in candidates are subject to the exact requirements as other candidates regarding disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure. (Government Code Section 82007; EC 305)

### **The tally of write-in votes:**

Write-in votes will be counted and certified only for qualified write-in candidates who file the required forms with the Registrar of Voters no later than 14 days before Election Day. Any name written upon a ballot for a qualified write-in candidate, including a reasonable facsimile of the spelling of a name, shall be counted for the office if it is written in the blank space provided and voted as specified on the following page:

### **For Vote by Mail voters and voters voting on paper ballots:**

The write-in space will appear directly below the list of candidates for that office on the ballot. Use a pen to write in the name of the candidate and fill the oval next to the write-in candidate's name. No write-in vote will be counted unless the voting space next to the write-in space is marked as directed by the voting instructions. (EC 15342(a)

The Elections Department will provide polling places with a list of the Qualified Write-In candidates.

## REGISTRATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026 ELECTION

TOPIC	INFORMATION
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	May 19, 2026, is the last day to register to vote for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election.
<b>VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE</b>	A Voter Information Guide (with sample ballot) will be mailed to each registered voter starting on April 23, 2026.
<b>ELECTION DAY</b>	<p>On Election Day, June 2, 2026, the polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.</p> <p>June 2, 2026, at 8:00 PM is the deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive a Vote by Mail Ballot by mail or in person. Vote by Mail Ballots may also be turned in to any Vote Center in the county by 8:00 PM on Election Day. Vote-by-mail ballots turned in at Vote Centers will be counted during the official canvass, not on election night, to allow time for signature verification (EC3017).</p>
<b>OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RETURNS</b>	The Registrar of Voters will begin conducting the official canvass of the returns on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. The election will be certified within 30 days of the election, which will be July 2, 2026. The election results are not final until the official canvass is completed and the Registrar of Voters certifies the results.
<b>VOTE BY MAIL VOTER INFORMATION</b>	The Vote by Mail voting period for the June 2, 2026, Election begins on May 4, 2026.
<b>APPLICATION FOR A REPLACEMENT VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT</b>	<p><b>Under California law, all registered voters are automatically mailed a Vote-by-Mail ballot.</b> From May 4, 2026, through May 26, 2026, voters who need a replacement Vote by Mail ballot may request one by mail or in person at the Registrar of Voters' office. Voters may also request a replacement ballot by submitting a written request—such as a postcard—containing their name, residence address, mailing address, and signature to the Registrar of Voters.</p> <p>A voter may provide written authorization for a third party to pick up a ballot on their behalf at the Registrar of Voters' office. Ballots issued in person during this period must be returned in person and may not be mailed.</p>
<b>RETURNING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b>	<p>Vote by Mail ballots may be returned by mail, deposited in an official 24-hour ballot drop box, or delivered in person to any Vote Center or to the Registrar of Voters' office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the Registrar of Voters no later than seven (7) days after the election.</p> <p>A Vote by Mail ballot may be returned only by the voter. If the voter is ill or disabled, the ballot may be returned by the voter's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or other individual authorized by law. All Vote by Mail ballots must be returned or postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 2, 2026.</p>
<b>PROCESSING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b>	The Registrar of Voters begins processing Vote-by-Mail ballots 29 days before the election. The processing of Vote by Mail ballots, which includes checking signatures and opening the ballot envelope, is open to the public. The vote count is not released until after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any officeholder from holding multiple public offices or from seeking more than one elective office. For example, a deputy district attorney can hold the office of city council member, or a water board director may also be elected to a park and recreation district. There are, however, instances of holding more than one incompatible office.

There is no single statute that defines “incompatibility of offices.” The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, 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.”

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

1. The offices of City Councilmembers and School District Boardmembers where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire Chief of a county fire protection district and member of the Board of Supervisors of the same county;
3. High School District Trustee and Trustee of an Elementary School District which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the High School District;
4. Water District Director and a City Councilmember;
5. Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common; and
6. A Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

If you have a question about whether two public offices that you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General’s office at 1(800) 952-5225 or visit their website, <https://oag.ca.gov/>. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission’s website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), or phone toll-free 1-866-275-3772.

## **ELECTIONEERING**

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 18370, electioneering is prohibited during the voting period, not just on Election Day. Under the Voter's Choice Act, voting occurs over multiple days at Vote Centers and ballot drop box locations.

No person shall, within 100 feet of a Vote Center, the office of an elections official, or an official ballot drop box:

- Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, nomination, or any other petition.
- Solicit a vote or speak to a voter regarding how to mark their ballot.
- Place a sign relating to voter qualifications or speak to a voter about their qualifications, except as permitted by Elections Code section 14240.
- Engage in any form of electioneering.

For purposes of this section, "within 100 feet" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots, or from an official ballot drop box location.

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

## PLACEMENT OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Candidates may wish to post temporary campaign signs during the campaign. The placement of such signs is regulated by state law and county and city ordinances. Enclosed is information regarding the placement of campaign signs on state highways and in the unincorporated portions of Alameda County.

### **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

No person, except as authorized by law, shall fasten or affix any political or advertising sign on any curbstone, lamppost, pole, traffic signal standard, traffic signpost, hydrant, bridge, wall, tree, sidewalk, or other structure, or directly to the land itself, or place an unattended freestanding sign within the county right-of-way.

However, political signs may be placed within county right-of-way during the period sixty (60) calendar days before an election upon the issuance of an encroachment-permit by the director of public works taking into consideration the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the prevention of damage to public property, the aesthetic condition of a particular neighborhood, and the guidelines adopted by resolution of the board of supervisors. Other terms and conditions of a permit, including, but not limited to, permit fees, security deposits, and requirements for the placement and removal of signs, may also be fixed by resolution of the board (Prior Gen. Code section 5-1.11).

Alameda County General Ordinance Code section 12.08.080

All persons wishing to obtain an encroachment permit for the placement of temporary political signs in the unincorporated portions of the county must contact the Alameda County Public Works Agency at (510) 670-5480.

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

The California Department of Transportation governs the placement of temporary political signs along state highways. The following three pages of this booklet contain information regarding this subject. Questions regarding this matter should be referred to the Department of Transportation at (916) 654-4956 or (916) 654-4790.

### **SIGNS WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

Each respective city regulates the placement of signs within city limits. Listed below are the names and addresses of the city clerks in Alameda County. Please get in touch with the clerks for local regulations regarding campaign signs.

#### **ALAMEDA**

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
2263 Santa Clara Ave. Room 380,  
Alameda, CA 94501  
510-747-4800

#### **ALBANY**

Anne Hsu, City Clerk  
1000 San Pablo Ave.  
Albany, CA 94706  
510-528-5710

#### **BERKELEY**

Mark Numainville, City Clerk  
2180 Milvia St.  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
510-981-6908

#### **DUBLIN**

Marsha Moore, City Clerk  
100 Civic Plaza  
Dublin, CA 94568  
925-833-6650

#### **EMERYVILLE**

April Foran, City Clerk  
1333 Park Ave.  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
510-596-4372

#### **FREMONT**

Alberto Quintanilla, City Clerk  
3300 Capitol Ave, Building A  
Fremont, CA 94538  
510-284-4060

#### **HAYWARD**

Miriam Lens, City Clerk  
777 B St., 4TH Floor  
Hayward, CA 94541  
510-583-4400

#### **LIVERMORE**

Debbie Elam, City Clerk  
1052 S. Livermore Ave.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925-960-4200

#### **NEWARK**

Neetu Salwan, City Clerk  
37101 Newark Blvd.  
Newark, CA 94560  
510-578-4278

#### **OAKLAND**

Asha Reed, City Clerk  
1 Frank Ogawa, Plaza, 2nd Fl.  
Oakland, CA 94612  
510-238-3612

#### **PIEDMONT**

Anna Brown, City Clerk  
120 Vista Ave.  
Piedmont, CA 94611  
510-420-3040

#### **PLEASANTON**

Jocelyn Kwong, City Clerk  
123 Main St., PO Box 520  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
925-931-5027

#### **SAN LEANDRO**

Kelly Clancy, City Clerk  
835 East 14th St.  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
510-577-3366

#### **UNION CITY**

Thai Nam Pham, City Clerk  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.  
Union City, CA 94587  
510-675-5448

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS****PERSONAL INFORMATION NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act (5 U.S.C, Section 552 et seq.) and the Information Practices Act of 1977 (IPA) (Civil Code Sections 1798 et seq.) declares that the right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by the California and United States Constitutions. Please be advised that this form requests personal information. The term "personal information" means any information that is maintained by an agency that identifies or describes an individual, including, but not limited to, the individual's name, social security number, physical description, home address, home telephone number, education, financial matters, and medical or employment history. It includes statements made by, or attributed to, the individual. (Civil Code, § 1798.3, subdivision (a).)

**Information Collection and Access:** California law requires the following information to be provided when collecting information from individuals. (See, for example, Civil Code, § 1798.17.)

**Agency Name and Division Within the Agency Requesting the Information:**

California Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Operations, Office of Encroachment & Outdoor Advertising Permits (OEOAP), Outdoor Advertising Branch.

**Title of Official Responsible for Information Maintenance:**

For more information, please contact the Permits Branch Chief for the Outdoor Advertising Branch (ODA) at (916) 654-6473 or at ODA@dot.ca.gov. In writing at the California Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Operations, Office of ODA MS-36, 1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Information can also be obtained on our website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda>.

**Maintenance of the Information Authorized By:**

Outdoor Advertising Act, California Business and Professions Code section 5200 et seq.

**Consequences of Not Providing All or Any Part of the Requested Information:**

Disclosure of this information is voluntary. Failure to provide all or any part of the requested information may delay processing of this form.

**Principal Purpose(s) for Which the Information Will Be Used:**

The principal purpose of the request for personal information is to facilitate processing this form. The California Department of Transportation is committed to the privacy of your personal information.

**Known Disclosures:**

The information obtained through the use of this form can be made available when requested by the public through the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

**Right of Access to Records:**

Individuals have the right to access information provided and may request a correction or deletion of records. Exceptions may include, but are not limited to, investigations and public transparency laws. Personal Information will only be disclosed as permitted by the Information Practices Act, Civil Code, §§ 1798–1798.83, or as otherwise required by law. To request access to, or to request correction or deletion of, information provided in this form you may contact the Official Responsible for Information Maintenance identified above.

## California Department of Transportation

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
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Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

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

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

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- B. Is placed no sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942873, MS-36  
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

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

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

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

Enclosure

DOT ODA-0027

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**

DOT ODA-0027 (REV 04/2025)

Election Date:  March  November  Other: Candidate's Name: Office sought or Proposition Number: County where sign(s) will be placed: Number of signs to be placed: **RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**Name: Address:   
Phone Number (Include Area Code): Email (Optional): 

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

I agree that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree to conduct business transactions by electronic means and that my electronic signature is the legal binding equivalent to my handwritten signature. I hereby agree that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

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Signature of Responsible Party

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Date**Mail Statement of Responsibility to:**

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Sacramento, CA 94273-0001  
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