

# Candidate Filing Guide

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## Gubernatorial Primary Election



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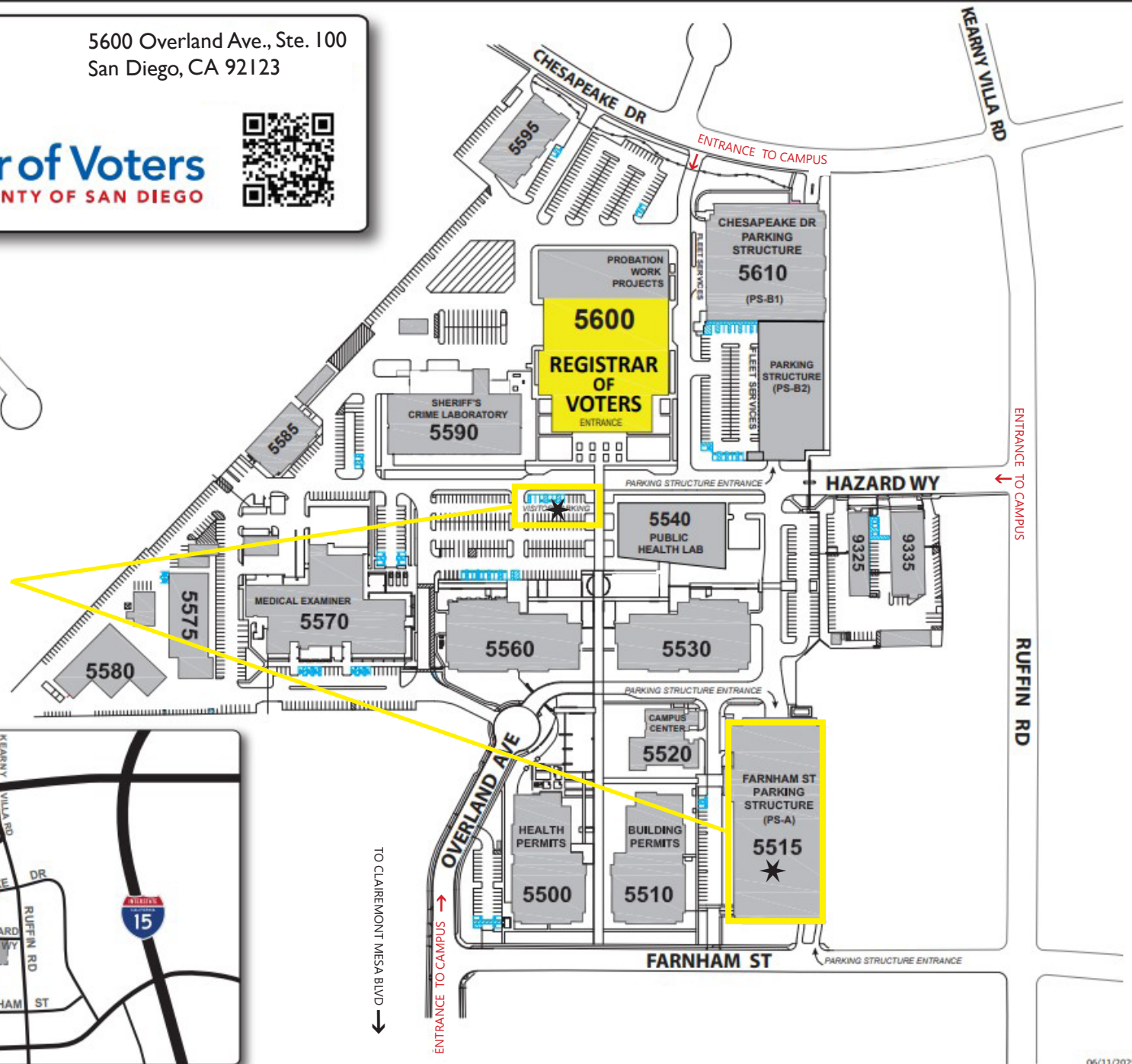
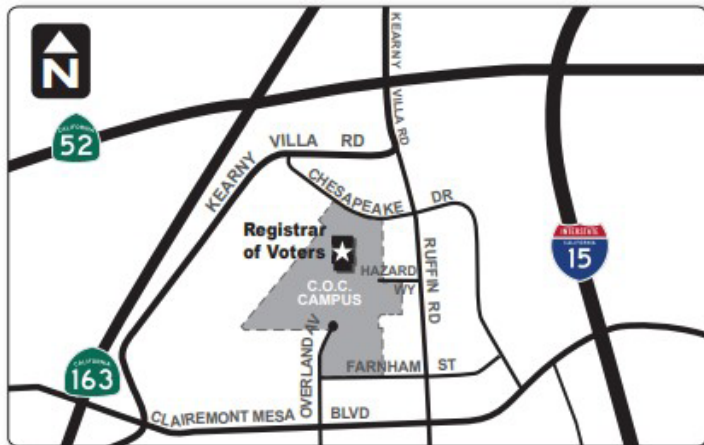


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Dear Candidates & Campaigns,

The 2026 election cycle has begun, and if you're reading this Guide, you've either decided—or are considering—running for office. Once you've made that big decision, there are several important steps to ensure your name appears on the ballot.

At the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, our mission is to administer fair, transparent, accurate, and secure elections. Part of that mission is helping candidates successfully navigate the filing process. We strive to make the experience as straightforward as possible. Our Candidate and Campaign Services Team has spent months preparing for this election season, starting with this Candidate Filing Guide.

This Guide summarizes key provisions of the California Elections Code and other laws relevant to candidates running for office in our county for the June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election. While not comprehensive, it highlights the essential requirements and resources you'll need. Candidates, political committees, and anyone interested in elective office should not rely solely on this Guide. For detailed information, please contact our office at (858) 505-7260 or seek a consultant or legal counsel.

Inside, you'll also find an overview of candidate services designed to support your campaign—from registered voter and mail ballot data to customized maps—providing essential tools for running an effective campaign.

If you have questions after reviewing this Guide, we're here to help. You can count on us to provide answers or connect you with the right resources to ensure you have the support you need throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Shawn K. Brom

Assistant Registrar of Voters

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# CHAPTER 1

## FAQs & Calendar of Events

FILING GUIDE INFORMATION

FAQs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FILING GUIDE INFORMATION

This Guide has been prepared to summarize major provisions of the California Elections Code and other laws. It is not all encompassing; however, it does provide the fundamentals to run for office. Highlighting a few of these, you will find a condensed overview of the qualifications needed to run for an office and the types of forms that are required to be filled out. Additionally, you will find a Calendar of Events which provides important milestones of the election cycle. It also contains important campaign finance disclosure reporting information and a variety of candidate services (e.g., voter data, maps, etc.) we offer to assist in managing the campaign.

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

No duty is imposed upon the Registrar of Voters to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. The Declaration of Candidacy that each candidate must sign states that the candidate meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for office including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, and party preference, if applicable.

Candidates and others using this Guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards, duties and factual material contained therein.

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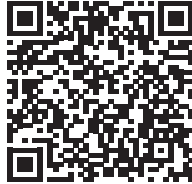
## FAQs

**Q: How may I apply to run for office?**

**A:** Visit Campaign Services Section located on the 2nd floor, or call (858) 505-7260 for information on the offices up for election, qualifications, filing dates, and to determine if you are eligible to run for office. If you are interested in a city office, please visit the respective city clerk's office, or view the city's website.

**Q: How do I find my voting districts?**

**A:** Visit [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com) and enter your voter information to verify your voting districts or use the following QRC:



**Q: What does Congressional redistricting mean for candidates running for Congress?** **NEW**

**A:** Congressional district numbers and boundaries have changed. Voters will now elect Congressional candidates based on the new district boundaries approved during the Statewide Special Election on November 4, 2025. Voters who sign petitions need to live within these new congressional districts.

**Q: May I have someone pick up my paperwork?**

**A:** Yes. However, we require the Authorization Form signed by the candidate. If the authorized person is also filing the candidate's nomination documents, the Declaration of Candidacy must be notarized.

**Q: What are the office hours to obtain nomination documents?**

**A:** The Registrar of Voters office will be open between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. To make an appointment, please call (858) 505-7260 or email [candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Q: How long will it take to complete documents?**

**A:** The time frame varies and depends on how accurately the candidate completes required documents. To avoid delays especially on the deadline to file nomination forms, we recommend candidates file their documents early.

**Q: May I fax or email my official candidate filing documents?**

**A:** No. The Registrar of Voters office requires original signed forms.

**Q: Does the Registrar of Voters provide a way for the public to verify petition signatures before filing?**

**A:** Yes. The Registrar of Voters office offers computer terminals for public use to look up and verify petition signatures before petitions are officially filed. Using these terminals can help ensure that a sufficient number of valid signatures are submitted.

**Q: Is it possible to correct the wording or spelling on a candidate statement after submission?**

**A:** No. The statement may be withdrawn but not changed. During the nomination filing period, you will be required to submit a signed written statement to withdraw your original statement then file a new statement. If you wish to withdraw your statement and not submit a new statement, you have until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. After this period, your statement cannot be withdrawn.

**Q: Can a candidate change their mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?**

**A:** A candidate running for a school, community college or special district may not withdraw their declaration of candidacy after 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the primary election.

**Q: What is the order of the candidates' names on the ballot?**

**A:** The order of candidate names is determined by the "randomized alphabet" that is drawn by the Secretary of State on March 12. If the office overlaps more than one county, they will follow the respective county randomized alphabet.

**Q: Will I be able to find out who is running for office?**

**A:** Yes. The Registrar of Voters office will publish a daily list of candidates who have been issued and have filed nomination documents via our website at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com). The list will be updated by 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The list of qualified candidates will become final upon receipt of the Certified List of Candidates from the Secretary of State on March 26, 2026.

## FAQs (Continued)

**Q: If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can the candidate statement fee be refunded?**

**A:** Yes. The candidate statement fee will be refunded if the contest does not require an election.

**Q: Can I choose what languages my candidate statement will be printed in?**

**A:** No. Our office is federally mandated to print our County Voter Information Pamphlets in five languages: Chinese, English, Filipino, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**Q: Can the San Diego County Registrar of Voters office help me complete my required campaign disclosures?**

**A:** As a nonpartisan governmental entity, we can only provide tools and resources. We cannot complete your disclosure forms and we will not provide any legal advice. You may request additional information from the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) or seek your own legal counsel. The FPPC will be conducting a webinar on March 10, 2026 on state and local campaign disclosure requirements. For more information see page 60.

**Q: Where can I research the contributions and/or expenditures of a committee?**

**A:** You may visit [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com) and review the Campaign Disclosure Public Access portal for the County. Specific campaign finance disclosure forms are required to report election campaign contribution and expenditure activities. To view federal disclosure, please visit the Federal Election Commission's website ([fec.gov](https://fec.gov)). To view state disclosure, please visit the Secretary of State's website ([sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov)). To view City disclosure, please visit the City's website.

**Q: Can I e-File my financial forms with your office?**

**A:** Yes. For information on our eCampaign portal, you may contact the Campaign Services Section by calling (858) 505-7260. This free online service is available to any local committee that is required to file campaign disclosure documents with our office.

**Q: Any helpful resources?**

**A:** Yes. Candidates should familiarize themselves with resources found at the following sites: the California Secretary of State: [sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov), the Fair Political Practices Commission: [fppc.ca.gov](https://fppc.ca.gov), the Federal Voting Assistance Program: [fvap.gov](https://fvap.gov), and the California Elections Code (CA Legislative Information): [leginfo.ca.gov](https://leginfo.ca.gov).

**Q: Can I request voter information?**

**A:** Yes. Voter registration information can be provided to any candidate for federal, state, or local office. An [application](#), valid photo ID and payment are required. You may contact the Campaign Services Section for cost information by calling (858) 505-7260 or by email at [rovmail.rov@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:rovmail.rov@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Q: How do I find out the election results?**

**A:** On Election Night, results are available at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com). After Election Day, updated results will be posted on a schedule published by the Registrar of Voters. All results are unofficial until completion of the official canvass.

**Q: Payment Option - Credit Card Payments?**

**A:** As a convenience for local candidates, the Registrar of Voters offers the option of paying by credit card. Using our public computers, you can charge the type of transaction you are paying for. (This is not available for Statewide Offices /State Senate and State Assembly whose filing fee is paid to the Secretary of State). Please note that there is a 2.19 percent fee for each transaction.

**Q: What is the Levine Act?**

**A:** 2 C.C.R. §§ 18438-18438.8 sometimes referred to as the Levine Act, requires elected officials to recuse themselves in some circumstances from matters involving licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use if the official has accepted, solicited, or directed contributions of \$500 or more in the previous year from a participant in the license, permit, or entitlement for use or their agent. Candidates for elected office should scrupulously keep track of contributions over \$500 that they received, including the donor's identity and affiliations. Candidates should familiarize themselves with 2 C.C.R. §§ 18438-18438.8 and the Fair Political Practices Commission's interpretive regulations.

**Q: Is my voter registration information confidential?**

**NEW**

**A:** Under Assembly Bill 1392, effective January 1, 2026, once you file the Declaration of Candidacy, your residence address, phone number, and email on your voter registration record are made confidential within five business days. A candidate who does not wish to have "confidential voter status" may opt out.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	EVENT
December 19, 2025	165	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – FIRST DAY</b> First day Registrar of Voters can issue in-lieu-filing-fee petitions for all offices that require a filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for the office. (E.C. § 8106) <b>NOTE: Does not apply to San Diego Unified School District candidates.</b>
January 26 - February 4, 2026	127 - 118	<b>DECLARATION OF INTENTION (Judicial candidates only)</b> Candidates for judicial offices are required to file a Declaration of Intention prior to the candidate filing period. Must be accompanied by either payment of filing fee and/or in-lieu-filing-fee petitions. <b>The filing fee is non-refundable.</b> (E.C. § 8023)
February 4	118	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – LAST DAY</b> Last day to file the in-lieu-filing-fee petitions. The Registrar of Voters has 10 days to verify the signatures. (E.C. § 8106)
February 5 - 9	117 - 113	<b>DECLARATION OF INTENTION – EXTENSION (Judicial candidates only)</b> Declaration of Intention filing is extended ONLY to non-incumbent(s) if the incumbent does not file a Declaration of Intention by February 4, 2026. (E.C. § 8023 (b))
February 9	113	<b>NOMINATION PERIOD – FIRST DAY</b> Nomination Documents (Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers) to be issued upon payment of filing fee. (E.C. § 8020) <b>NOTE:</b> Candidates for San Diego Unified School District pay filing fee when nomination papers are returned.
March 4 - June 2	90 - 0	<b>24 Hours - CONTRIBUTION REPORTS</b> Within 24 hours of receiving or making contributions of \$1,000 or more. (Gov. Code § 87200, 82036.5)
March 6	88	<b>FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE</b> Last day to file Statement of Economic Interest – Form 700. This filing is not required if the candidate has filed this statement within the past 60 days. (Gov. Code § 87200-87203, 87500)
March 6	88	<b>NOMINATION PERIOD – LAST DAY</b> No later than 5 p.m. on this date, all candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy, nomination papers, Ballot Designation Worksheets and optional candidate statements. (E.C. § 8020, 10407)
March 6	88	<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – LAST DAY</b> Last day for candidates for <b>San Diego Unified School District</b> to file in-lieu-filing-fee petitions.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued)

DATE	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	EVENT
March 6	88	<b>LOCAL MEASURES – RESOLUTION DEADLINE</b> Last day to receive a resolution from local jurisdictions for a measure to appear on the ballot. (Ed. Code § 5322, E.C. § 10403)
March 7 - 11	87 - 83	<b>NOMINATION PERIOD – EXTENSION</b> Nomination Period extended ONLY to non-incumbents if the incumbent does not file Nomination Documents by March 06, 2026. Extension does not apply to an incumbent for any office or for offices in which the incumbent is prohibited from seeking re-election due to term limits. (E.C. §8022, 8024)
March 7 - 16	87 - 78	<b>REVIEW PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS</b> During this period, Candidate Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations will be available for public review at the Registrar of Voters office. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the material in a Candidate's Statement to be amended or deleted. For candidate ballot designation a writ may also be filed.
March 7 - 16	87 - 78	<b>PETITION PERIOD TO PLACE JUDICIAL CONTEST ON BALLOT</b> Petition can be circulated to place contest(s) on ballot to allow write-ins if only the incumbent files. Must be signed by at least 0.1% of registered voters qualified to vote for the office and shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. (E.C. § 8203)
March 9	85	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WITHDRAWAL</b> For jurisdictions where candidate filing ended on March 6, statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. of the next business day. Withdrawal request must be in writing and signed by the candidate. (E.C. § 13307)
March 11	83	<b>POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS</b> Last day for a State Chair of a qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is timely received in the county Voter Information Pamphlet. (E.C. § 13302 (b))
March 12	82	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WITHDRAWAL- EXTENSION</b> For offices with a 5-day extension, statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. of the next business day. The withdrawal request must be in writing and signed by the candidate. (E.C. § 13307)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued)

DATE	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	EVENT
March 12	82	<b>RANDOM ALPHABET</b> There shall be a random drawing of the alphabet at 11 a.m. to determine the order in which candidates' names appear on the ballot. (E.C. § 13112)
March 13	81	<b>CANDIDATE LIST – INCORPORATED CITIES</b> Last day for a City Clerk to file with the Registrar of Voters a list of the names and ballot designations of city candidates to appear on the ballot. (E.C. § 10403)
March 27	67	<b>ALL LEGAL CHALLENGES RESOLVED</b>
April 6	57	<b>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES – FIRST DAY</b> First day for a person desiring to be a qualified write-in candidate to file the required documents with the Registrar of Voters (E.C. § 8601)
April 18	45	<b>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS</b> Last day for county election officials to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters. (E.C. § 3114)
April 23	40	<b>CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE – 1<sup>st</sup> PRE-ELECTION DEADLINE</b> Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470.
April 23 - May 12	40 - 21	<b>MAILING BEGINS VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS (ALSO AVAILABLE AT SDVOTE.COM)</b> Between these dates the county elections official shall mail a Voter Information Pamphlet with a list of Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Box locations. (E.C. § 13300 – 13304)
May 4	29	<b>VOTE-BY-MAIL</b> Mailing of official ballot packets underway. All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot. (E.C. § 3001)
May 5	28	<b>BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS OPEN</b> Official Ballot Drop Box locations open through Election Day, June 2. A list of Ballot Drop Box locations and hours of operation will be printed on the County Voter Information Pamphlet and posted at <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> .
May 18	15	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> Deadline to register to vote in the June Primary Election. (E.C. § 2102)
May 19	14	<b>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES – LAST DAY</b> Last day for a person desiring to be a qualified write-in candidate to file the required documents with the Registrar of Voters. (E.C. § 8601)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued)

DATE	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	EVENT
May 19 - June 2	14 - 0	<b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Conditional Voter Registration Period—Voters who miss the registration deadline may register conditionally and vote provisionally at the Registrar of Voters or beginning May 23 at any Vote Center. See details at <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> . (E.C. § 2170)
May 21	12	<b>CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE – 2<sup>nd</sup> PRE-ELECTION DEADLINE</b> All committees must file Form 460.
May 23 - June 2	10 - 0	<b>VOTE CENTERS OPEN (VOTE CENTER MODEL ONLY)</b> Starting May 23, select Vote Centers open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On May 30, all Vote Centers open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Election Day, June 2, when voting hours change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. See details at <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> .
June 2	0	<b>ELECTION DAY (LAST DAY TO VOTE)</b> All Vote Centers, Official Ballot Drop Boxes, and the Registrar of Voters office open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. (E.C. § 14212)
July 2	+30	<b>CERTIFY RESULTS</b> Certified results are available after the official canvass is completed. (E.C. § 15372)

All candidates for state and local office are responsible for filing campaign disclosure statements. Please refer to page 61 for filing schedules and forms.

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters office does not have the authority to extend statutory filing deadlines. It is your responsibility to remain aware of all deadlines and to ensure that all documents and forms are submitted on time.



# CHAPTER 2

## Office Qualifications & Information

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

LIST OF OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

## GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR AND HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE

Anyone seeking to hold office must meet certain qualifications. While there are minimum requirements that apply to every office, some offices may require additional qualifications. Candidates are responsible for determining whether they are eligible to hold public office.

<b>AGE/CITIZENSHIP</b>	A person is eligible to hold an elective civil office if, at the time of election, the person is 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. (Gov. Code § 1020 (a))
<b>REGISTERED VOTER/ DISTRICT RESIDENT</b>	Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (E.C. § 201)
<b>CONVICTION OF CRIMES</b>	A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State. (Gov. Code § 1021)
<b>FILE FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one office at the same primary election. (E.C. § 8003 (a))
<b>NONPARTISAN OFFICE</b>	If a candidate is a candidate for a nonpartisan office, all reference to party affiliation shall be omitted on all forms required to be filed. (E.C. § 8002)

# INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any office holder from holding multiple public offices or 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 office that are considered incompatible.

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 of particular compatibility questions.

## **Here are six examples of incompatible offices:**

1. The offices of city councilmember and school district board member 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 council member,
5. Water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, please contact the Attorney General’s Office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website, [oag.ca.gov](http://oag.ca.gov).

For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission toll free at (866) 275-3772 or visit their website at [fppc.ca.gov](http://fppc.ca.gov).



# UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Every candidate shall be at least 25 years of age, 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) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.								
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	The two candidates for voter-nominated offices who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$1,740.00 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	48 <sup>th</sup> District: \$ 3,225.00 49 <sup>th</sup> District: \$ 3,137.00 50 <sup>th</sup> District: \$ 4,377.00 51 <sup>st</sup> District: \$ 4,241.00 52 <sup>nd</sup> District: \$ 4,081.00  <b>(250-word limit)</b>								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 40 valid signatures.  Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (2))								
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu: 1,714      Value per Signature: \$1.015169195</b> Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.								
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# GOVERNOR

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Every candidate shall:</p> <p>A. Be a U.S. citizen. (Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 21, 9)</p> <p>B. Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. (E.C. § 2012)</p> <p>C. Not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20)</p> <p>D. Not have served two terms in the office. (Cal. Const., art. V, § 2, 11)</p> <p>E. [For Governor only] File with the Secretary of State two (2) copies of every income tax return the candidate filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the five (5) most recent taxable years, one unredacted copy and another copy with required redactions. (E.C. § 8902-8903) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office see page 10.</p>								
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	Only the candidates for a voter-nominated office who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$4,918.58 (2% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
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# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Every candidate shall:</p> <p>A. Be a U.S. citizen. (Cal. Const., art. V, §§ 21, 9)</p> <p>B. Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. (E.C. § 2012)</p> <p>C. Not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20)</p> <p>D. Not have served two terms in the office. (Cal. Const., art. V, § 2, 11)</p> <p>See “General Qualifications” which also apply to this office see page 10.</p>								
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<b>FILING FEE</b>	<p>\$3,688.94 (2% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>, due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 &amp; 8105)</p>								
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<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	Only the candidates for a voter-nominated office who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$3,688.94 (2% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Deadline: February 11, 2026 <b>File with the Secretary of State.</b>								
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<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$3,934.86 (2% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
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# STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

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<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	Only the candidates for a voter-nominated office who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$1,844.47 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Deadline: February 11, 2026 <b>File with the Secretary of State.</b>								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 40 valid signatures. Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (2))								
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu: 4,743      Value per Signature: \$0.388882564</b> <b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b>								
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## STATE SENATOR

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Every candidate shall: Be a U.S. citizen. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(c)) Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. (E.C § 201) Not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20) Serve no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during their lifetime if they were first elected to the Legislature after June 2012 and they have not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) Not have served two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the State Senate before June 2012. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) Not have served three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the Assembly before June 2012. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) See “General Qualifications” which also apply to this office on page 10.								
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	Only the candidates for a voter-nominated office who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$1,346.94 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<div> <div>18<sup>th</sup> District: \$3,401.00</div> <div>32<sup>nd</sup> District: \$617.00</div> </div> <div> <div>38<sup>th</sup> District: \$4,145.00</div> <div>40<sup>th</sup> District: \$5,377.00</div> </div> <p align="center"><b>(250-word limit)</b></p>								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	<p>Requires 40 valid signatures.</p> <p>Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (2))</p>								
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<p><b>Signatures-in-Lieu:</b> 1,714      <b>Value per Signature:</b> \$0.785845974</p> <p><b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b></p>								
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# STATE ASSEMBLY

QUALIFICATIONS	Every candidate shall: Be a U.S. citizen. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(c)) Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. (E.C § 201) Not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20) Serve no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during their lifetime if they were first elected to the Legislature after June 2012 and they have not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) Not have served two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the State Senate before June 2012. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) Not have served three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the Assembly before June 2012. (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 2(a)(4)) See “General Qualifications” which also apply to this office on page 10.										
HOW ELECTED	Only the candidates for a voter-nominated office who receive the highest or the second highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballot as candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141.5) In November, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.										
FILING FEE	\$1,346.94 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)										
CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS	74 <sup>th</sup> District: \$2,291.00 75 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,791.00	76 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,481.00 77 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,881.00	78 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,791.00 79 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,371.00 80 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,661.00								
	(250-word limit)										
NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES	Requires 40 valid signatures.  Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (2))										
SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE	Signatures-in-Lieu: 857      Value per Signature: \$1.571691949  Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.										
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# STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	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. (E.C. § 201) Not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. (E.C. § 20) Not have served two terms in the office. (Cal Const., art. IX, § 2) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.								
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	Any candidate who at the primary election receives votes on a majority of all the ballots cast for candidates for this office at the primary election, the office shall not appear on the ballot at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8140) If no candidate has been elected to a nonpartisan office pursuant to Section 8140, then the candidates receiving the two highest number of votes cast for nomination to the office shall be candidates at the ensuing general election. (E.C. § 8141) In the general election, the candidate with the most votes will be elected.								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$4,272.34 (2% of the salary) payable to <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Deadline: February 11, 2026 <b>File with the Secretary of State.</b>								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 65 valid signatures. Candidates may submit up to 100 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (1))								
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu: 6,000      Value per Signature: \$0.712056667</b> <b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b>								
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# JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	The candidate shall be a U.S. citizen and a registered voter. A person is ineligible to be a judge of a court of record unless 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 this State. (Cal. Constitution, Article VI, § 15) See “General Qualifications” which also apply to this office on page 10.										
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	The names of unopposed judicial incumbents do not appear on the June primary election ballot, and they will be declared elected after the November general election. For a contested office, the candidates' names will appear on the June primary election ballot. If one candidate receives over 50%, they shall be elected in the primary. If no one receives over 50%, the top two candidates will run off in the November general election.										
<b>NUMERICAL DESIGNATION OF JUDICIAL OFFICES</b>	In any election at which two or more judges are to be voted for or elected for the same term, it shall be deemed that there are as many separate judicial offices to be filled as there are judges of the court to be elected. Each separate office shall be designated by a distinguishing number not greater than the total number of offices. The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general election and shall be used on all nomination documents, certificates of nomination, ballots, certificates of election and all election papers referring to the office. After election, and the issuance of the certificates of election, the designating number shall have no further significance. The numerically designated offices shall be grouped and arranged on all ballots in numerical order. No person may be a candidate nor have his or her name printed upon any ballot as a candidate for any numerically designated office other than the one indicated by him or her in his or her declaration of intention to become a candidate. (E.C. § 8200 & 8202)										
<b>DECLARATION OF INTENTION</b>	Candidates for judicial office must file a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate. A candidate for a numerically designated judicial office shall state in his or her declaration which office he or she intends to file for. (E.C. § 8023)										
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$2,447.27 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> , due when Declaration of Intention form is filed. (E.C. § 8103 & 8105)										
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	\$18,312.00 (200-word limit)										
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 20 valid signatures.  Candidates may submit up to 40 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (3))										
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu: 6,293      Value per Signature: \$0.388888889</b> <b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b>										
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# JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Continued)

## ASSIGNED OFFICE NUMBERS

Length of Term: 6 years

New Term Begins: January 4, 2027

Incumbent	Assigned Office Number	Incumbent	Assigned Office Number
BEHAN, Wendy M.	1	KIRBY, Sara E.	26
McLAUGHLIN, Marcella O.	2	LAI, Roy S.	27
RICHARDSON, Catherine A.	3	WOOD, William Y.	28
SANCHEZ, Francisco J.	4	NICHOLAS, Danna W.	29
SEGURA, Toni Dean	5	NADER, Tim	30
SHEIBANI, Saba	6	HAEHNLE, Garry G.	31
POPKINS, Michael J	7	BELSKY, Daniel S.	32
MUNOZ, Lizbeth	8	AMIN, Marsha	33
PARSKY, Laura H.	9	WHITNEY, Richard S	34
BOWMAN, Blaine K.	10	WASHINGTON, Michael D.	35
MAAS, Earl H., III	11	CAIETTI, Carolyn M.	36
MODY, CJ	12	TRENTACOSTA, Robert J.	37
LOMAYESVA, Devon L.	13	BIRKMEYER, Laura J.	38
JENSEN, Rachel L.	14	MORALES, Alejandro	39
MALONEY, Jihan S.	15	SMYTH, Michael T.	40
REID, Chandra S.	16	WALSH, Timothy R	41
CHARLICK, Shereen J.	17	IALEGGIO, Michelle	42
GOLDSTEIN, Daniel B.	18	LEWIS, Kathleen M.	43
SOPER, Blair A.	19	FERRARA, Jami L.	44
ROBINSON, Alana W.	20	VARELA, Carlos.	45
ROSENSTEIN, Paula S.	21	MILLER, Laura H.	46
ZAPANTA, Rohanee	22	FREESTONE, Loren G.	47
KIRVIN, Evan P.	23	YOUNG, Kristopher A.	48
ZIPP, Rebecca F.	24	STACKHOUSE, Renee N.G.	49
WEINREB, Brad A.	25		

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

QUALIFICATIONS	To qualify, a candidate must be a U.S. citizen and a registered voter of the district where the office's duties are carried out for at least 30 days before the deadline to file nomination documents for the office of supervisor. The candidate must also continue to reside in that district while serving in office. (Gov. Code § 24001, 25041) No person may serve for more than two terms as Supervisor, regardless of district represented, after the effective date June 8, 2018. (San Diego County Charter § 401.5) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.									
HOW ELECTED	When there are more than two candidates that qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary are the candidates in the general election, and the one who receives the higher number of votes in the general election is elected. In the event there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the office shall be voted upon at the general election and not the primary election. Write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the primary election. However, no write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the general election except in circumstances where there are two or fewer total candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election and one or both qualified candidates is a write-in candidate. When one or two write-in candidates qualify to participate in the primary election with two or fewer total candidates, the names of the write-in candidates who qualified to participate in the primary election shall be printed on the general election ballot in the same manner as non-write-in candidates who qualify for the general election. The County shall establish rules governing qualification and filing dates for write-in candidates including, but not limited to, ensuring the deadline to qualify as a write-in candidate precedes the printing of ballots and does not otherwise interfere with the county's administration of the election. (San Diego County Charter § 401.3). Each member of the board of supervisors shall be elected by the district which they represent and not at-large. (Gov. Code § 25040)									
FILING FEE	\$2,202.55 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8105)									
CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS	4 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,838.00 5 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,718.00 (200-word limit)									
NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES	Requires 20 valid signatures. Candidates may submit up to 40 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (3))									
SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu:</b> 5,664 <b>Value per Signature:</b> \$0.388888889 <b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b>									
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# ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	The candidate shall be a U.S. citizen and a registered voter of the County of San Diego at the time nomination papers are issued. (Gov. Code § 24001) (a) A person may not exercise the powers and duties of the office of assessor unless he or she holds a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 670) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a duly elected or appointed person may exercise the powers and duties of assessor, for a period not to exceed one year if they acquire a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board of Equalization no later than 30 days after taking office.(c) This section does not apply to any person holding the office of assessor on January 1, 1997. (Gov. Code § 24002.5) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.								
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	When there are more than two candidates that qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary are the candidates in the general election, and the one who receives the higher number of votes in the general election is elected. In the event there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the office shall be voted upon at the general election and not the primary election. Write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the primary election. However, no write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the general election except in circumstances where there are two or fewer total candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election and one or both qualified candidates is a write-in candidate. When one or two write-in candidates qualify to participate in the primary election with two or fewer total candidates, the names of the write-in candidates who qualified to participate in the primary election shall be printed on the general election ballot in the same manner as non-write-in candidates who qualify for the general election. The County shall establish rules governing qualification and filing dates for write-in candidates including, but not limited to, ensuring the deadline to qualify as a write-in candidate precedes the printing of ballots and does not otherwise interfere with the county's administration of the election. (San Diego County Charter § 401.3).								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$2,617.52 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	\$18,312.00 (200-word limit)								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 20 valid signatures.  Candidates may submit up to 40 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (3))								
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu: 6,731      Value per Signature: \$0.388888889</b>  <b>Any portion of the signatures may be collected; they will be pro-rated at the value shown.</b>								
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# TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

## QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate shall be a U.S. citizen and a registered voter of the County of San Diego at the time nomination documents are issued. (Gov. Code § 24001)

(a) A person shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector of any county unless that person meets at least one of the following criteria:

(1) The person has served in a senior financial management position in a county, city, or other public agency dealing with similar financial responsibilities for a continuous period of not less than three years, including, but not limited to, treasurer, tax collector, auditor, auditor-controller, or the chief deputy or an assistant in those offices.

(2) The person possesses a valid baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in any of the following major fields of study: business administration, public administration, economics, finance, accounting, or a related field, with a minimum of 16 college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance.

(3) The person possesses a valid certificate issued by the California Board of Accountancy pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, showing that person to be, and a permit authorizing that person to practice as, a certified public accountant.

(4) The person possesses a valid charter issued by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts showing the person to be designated a Chartered Financial Analyst, with a minimum of 16 college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance.

(b) (1) This section shall only apply to any person duly elected or appointed as a county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector on or after January 1, 1998. (2) The amendments made by the act adding this paragraph 1 apply to any person duly elected or appointed as a county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector on or after January 1, 2024. (Gov. Code § 27000.7)

Any duly elected county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector serving in that office on January 1, 1996, may serve for his or her remaining term of office during which period of time the requirements of this section shall not apply. After the election of a county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector to office, that person shall complete a valid continuing course of study as prescribed in this section, and shall during the person's four-year term of office on or before June 30 of the fourth year, render to the Controller a certification indicating that the person has successfully completed a continuing education program consisting of, at a minimum, 48 hours, or an equivalent amount of continuing education units within the discipline of treasury management, tax collection, public finance, public administration, governmental accounting, or directly related subjects, offered by a recognized state or national association, institute, or accredited college or university, or the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, that provides the requisite educational programs prescribed in this section. The willful or negligent failure of any elected county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector to comply with the requirements of this section shall be deemed a violation of this section. (Gov. Code § 27000.8)

Notwithstanding any other requirement of law, any duly appointed county officer serving in the capacity of county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector shall, beginning in 2000, complete a valid continuing course of study as prescribed in this section, and shall, on or before June 30 of each two-year period, render to the Controller, a certification indicating that the county officer has successfully completed a continuing education program consisting of, at a minimum, 24 hours or an equivalent amount of continuing education units within the discipline of treasury management, tax collection, public finance, public administration, governmental accounting, or directly related subjects, offered by a recognized state or national association, institute, or accredited college or university, or the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, that provides the requisite educational programs prescribed in this section. The willful or negligent failure of any county officer serving in the capacity of county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector to comply with the requirements of this section shall be deemed a violation of this section. (Gov. Code § 27000.9) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.

## TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (Continued)

<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	When there are more than two candidates that qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary are the candidates in the general election, and the one who receives the higher number of votes in the general election is elected. In the event there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the office shall be voted upon at the general election and not the primary election. Write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the primary election. However, no write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the general election except in circumstances where there are two or fewer total candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election and one or both qualified candidates is a write-in candidate. When one or two write-in candidates qualify to participate in the primary election with two or fewer total candidates, the names of the write-in candidates who qualified to participate in the primary election shall be printed on the general election ballot in the same manner as non-write-in candidates who qualify for the general election. The County shall establish rules governing qualification and filing dates for write-in candidates including, but not limited to, ensuring the deadline to qualify as a write-in candidate precedes the printing of ballots and does not otherwise interfere with the county's administration of the election. (San Diego County Charter § 401.3).								
<b>FILING FEE</b>	\$2,529.38 (1% of the salary) payable to <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> , due when Nomination forms are issued. (E.C. § 8105)								
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	\$18,312.00 (200-words limit)								
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 20 valid signatures. Candidates may submit up to 40 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 8062 (a) (3))								
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# SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

QUALIFICATIONS	Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools or any member of his or her staff, or any employee of a school district that is within the jurisdiction of the county board of education. Each regular member of the board shall be an elector of the trustee area that the regular member represents and shall be elected by the electors of the trustee area. (Ed. Code § 1000, 1006) See “General Qualifications” which also apply to this office on page 10.							
HOW ELECTED	When there are more than two candidates that qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary are the candidates in the general election, and the one who receives the higher number of votes in the general election is elected. In the event there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the office shall be voted upon at the general election and not the primary election. Write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the primary election. However, no write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the general election except in circumstances where there are two or fewer total candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election and one or both qualified candidates is a write-in candidate. When one or two write-in candidates qualify to participate in the primary election with two or fewer total candidates, the names of the write-in candidates who qualified to participate in the primary election shall be printed on the general election ballot in the same manner as non-write-in candidates who qualify for the general election. The County shall establish rules governing qualification and filing dates for write-in candidates including, but not limited to, ensuring the deadline to qualify as a write-in candidate precedes the printing of ballots and does not otherwise interfere with the county’s administration of the election. (San Diego County Charter § 401.3)							
FILING FEE	None							
CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS	3 <sup>rd</sup> District: \$3,678.00 5 <sup>th</sup> District: \$3,790.00 (200-word limit)							
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# GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>(a) Any person who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the community college district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a community college district without further qualifications.</p> <p>(b) (1) An employee of a community college district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that community college district's governing board unless and until he/she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. (Ed. Code § 72103)</p> <p>A candidate for election as a member of the governing board shall reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area the candidate seeks to represent. (Ed. Code § 72035(d))</p> <p>See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.</p>						
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	<p>The governing board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District may establish a top-two primary election system. At the district primary election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes within the trustee area shall be nominees for the district general election for that trustee area, and the nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast by the voters of the trustee area in the district general election shall be elected to represent that trustee area. (Ed. Code § 72036.5 (c))</p>						
<b>FILING FEE</b>	None						
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Trustee Area 1: \$1,121.00  Trustee Area 2: \$1,103.00  Trustee Area 5: \$1,067.00  <b>(200-word limit)</b></p>						
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	<p>Requires 40 valid signatures.</p> <p>Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (E.C. § 872036.5 (2))</p>						
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<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	<p>The governing board of the San Diego Community College District may establish a top-two primary election system. At the district primary election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes within the trustee area shall be nominees for the district general election for that trustee area, and the nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast by the voters of the trustee area in the district general election shall be elected to represent that trustee area. (Ed. Code § 72035)</p>						
<b>FILING FEE</b>	<b>None</b>						
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>District A: \$2,356.00 District C: \$2,386.00 District E: \$2,106.00 (400-word limit)</p>						
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	<p>Requires 40 valid signatures.</p> <p>Candidates may submit up to 60 signatures for verification. (Ed. Code § 72035 (a))</p>						
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# SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Each candidate for the Board of Education shall have been a registered voter of the San Diego Unified School District and an actual resident of the election district from which the candidate seeks to be nominated for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the filing of a nomination petition. (San Diego City Charter § 66) See "General Qualifications" which also apply to this office on page 10.														
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	The government of the San Diego Unified School District shall be vested in a Board of Education, composed of five members who shall be nominated and elected by the registered voters of the individual Board of Education District for which they are a candidate. Board of Education elections will be held at the regular Municipal Primary Elections and Municipal General Elections, at the same time as the election of Councilmembers. At the Municipal Primary Election, the registered voters of an individual Board of Education District shall nominate two candidates to fill the office of their Board of Education member in a District whose term expires the following December. At the Municipal General Election, the registered voters of the individual Board of Education District shall select one of the nominees to fill the seat. (San Diego City Charter § 66)														
<b>FILING FEE</b>	TBD The fee will be payable to <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> , due when Nominations are returned.														
<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>	District B: \$1,784.00 District C: \$1,752.00 (200-words limit)														
<b>NUMBER OF NOMINATING SIGNATURES</b>	Requires 200 valid signatures.														
<b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</b>	<b>Signatures-in-Lieu:</b> TBD <b>Value per Signature:</b> \$0.33  In addition to the valid signatures required for nomination.														
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## Filing Procedures



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# PETITIONS IN LIEU OF FILING FEE

## MOST OFFICES\*

<b>PURPOSE</b>	A candidate may submit petitions containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of paying the filing fee to run for office. The number of valid signatures submitted may cover all or a prorated portion of the filing fee. Any registered voter who resides within the district may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate they are eligible to vote for. Each signature and residence address on the in-lieu-filing-fee petitions is verified against the voter's Affidavit of Registration information.
<b>WHERE AVAILABLE</b>	In-Lieu-Filing-Fee Petitions may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.
<b>FILING PERIOD</b>	<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS/STATEWIDE OFFICES/ STATE SENATE &amp; ASSEMBLY/ BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTYWIDE OFFICES:</b></p> <p><b>December 19 through February 4, 2026:</b> Signatures for in-lieu-filing-fee petitions must be filed by <b>Wednesday, February 4</b>. Although the nomination period does not close until <b>Friday, March 6</b>, in-lieu-filing-fee petitions must be filed earlier. (E.C. § 8106)</p> <p><b>CANDIDATES FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE:</b></p> <p><b>December 19 through February 4, 2026:</b> Signatures for in-lieu-filing-fee petitions and/or filing fee must be submitted at the time the Declaration of Intention is filed. The Declaration of Intention filing period is: <b>January 26 - February 4.</b> (E.C. § 8105 (b))</p> <p><b>Supplemental signatures in lieu of the filing fee are not allowed.</b></p>
<b>WHEN SIGNATURES CAN BE COLLECTED</b>	After obtaining petitions to collect signatures in lieu of the filing fee, a candidate may choose not to submit any in-lieu signatures and instead pay the full filing fee by check. In that case, any signatures collected before <b>February 9</b> , the first day of the nomination period, may not be counted toward the nomination signatures.
<b>WHO CAN OBTAIN FORMS</b>	The candidate or authorized representative (with written authorization) must appear in person at the Registrar of Voters office to obtain the forms, unless service in the United States Armed Forces or a physical disability prevents such appearance. Forms will not be mailed. (See "Candidate Filing Documents" for an explanation of the "Authorization" form.)
<b>WHO CAN CIRCULATE</b>	<b>A circulator must be at least 18 years of age.</b> Each petition form may have only one circulator, who must sign the declaration confirming that they witnessed all signatures on the form. Candidates may circulate and sign their own in-lieu-filing-fee petitions.
<b>NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED</b>	Please see the requirements on pages 12 - 33 for each office.

**\*San Diego Unified School District candidates, please see page 37.**

## PETITIONS IN LIEU OF FILING FEE (Continued)

### MOST OFFICES\*

<p><b>PETITION SIGNERS</b></p>	<p><b>Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom the voter is eligible to vote.</b></p> <p>Each signer of the petition must print their name and place of residence (number, street, city, and ZIP code) and sign in the presence of the circulator. If a voter signs more than one candidate's petition, the signature shall be valid only on the petition filed first. All signers of the same section of a petition must be registered in one county. Separate petition sections must be used in each county where petitions are circulated and filed with the Registrar of Voters in that county.</p> <p>A circulator may also be a signer on the petition they are circulating, if otherwise qualified.</p> <p>No petition or paper may be signed within 100 feet of any Vote Center.</p>
<p><b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b></p>	<p>If a portion of the filing fee is paid with signatures in lieu, the remaining balance must be paid by check. Credit cards are not accepted. Please do not include the amount of the filing fee on the check. Instead, below the line where the amount would be written out, write:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Not to exceed (insert filing fee amount)”</b></p> <p>The appropriate amount will be written in after the signatures are verified and the value determined. The candidate will be notified of the amount. This process eliminates the need for a refund check.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make checks payable as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for Congress, Statewide Offices, State Senate, and State Assembly: <b><u>Secretary of State</u></b></li> <li>• Candidates for Superior Court Judge, Board of Supervisors, Countywide Offices, and San Diego Unified: <b><u>County of San Diego</u></b></li> </ul> <p>Petitions should be <b>filed all at once</b>, no later than February 4. More than the minimum number of signatures required should be filed, as some may be invalid. The Registrar of Voters has 10 days to verify the signatures and notify the candidate.</p> <p>Signatures in lieu of the filing fee shall be counted toward the number of voters required to sign a nomination paper. If the in-lieu-filing-fee petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures, the candidate is not required to file nomination signatures.</p>

### NOTE

**All candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy form** between February 9 and March 6, 2026 even if the in-lieu-filing-fee petition contain enough signatures to count toward the nomination signatures.

# PETITIONS IN LIEU OF FILING FEE

## SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY

<b>PURPOSE</b>	Signatures may be obtained on nominating petitions (provided by the Registrar of Voters) to be counted toward payment of all or any portion of the filing fee.
<b>FILING PERIOD</b>	<p><b>February 9 through March 6, 2026:</b> Signatures for in-lieu-filing-fee petitions must be filed by Friday, March 6, when the nomination period closes.</p> <p><b>Supplemental signatures in lieu of filing fee are not allowed.</b></p>
<b>WHERE AVAILABLE</b>	<p>In-Lieu-Filing-Fee Petition and Nomination Petition forms may be obtained only from the Registrar of Voters office, beginning <b>Monday, February 9</b>.</p> <p>Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.</p>
<b>WHO CAN OBTAIN FORMS</b>	Candidates seeking nomination shall appear personally unless service with the United States Armed Forces or a physical disability prevents such an appearance.
<b>QUANTITY ISSUED</b>	Forms are available at no charge and will include space for the number of signatures needed to pay the full filing fee. If additional forms are desired, a "master form" will be provided for duplication at the candidate's expense.
<b>WHO CAN CIRCULATE</b>	<p><b>A circulator must be at least 18 years of age.</b> Each petition form may have only one circulator, who must sign the declaration confirming that they witnessed all signatures on the form. Candidates may circulate and sign their own in-lieu-filing-fee petitions.</p>
<b>NUMBER OF SIGNATURES</b>	The number of signatures and filing fee is TBD. The value of each valid signature will be pro-rated at a value of \$0.33 each.
<b>PETITION SIGNERS</b>	<p>Only voters within the <b>home district</b> of the candidate may sign the petitions.</p> <p>Each signer of the petition must write his/her signature, printed name, and place of residence (number, street, and city) in the presence of the circulator.</p> <p>If a voter signs more than one petition within the same district the signature shall count only for the first petition filed.</p> <p>A circulator may also be a signer on the petition he/she is circulating, if otherwise qualified.</p>
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	<p>If a portion of the filing fee is paid with signatures in lieu, the remaining balance must be paid by check. Credit cards are not accepted. Please do not include the amount of the filing fee on the check. Instead, below the line where the amount would be written out, write:</p> <p><b>"Not to exceed TBD"</b></p> <p>The appropriate amount will be written in after the signatures are verified and the value determined. The candidate will be notified of the amount. This process eliminates the need for a refund check.</p> <p><b>Make the check payable to: <u>County of San Diego</u></b></p> <p>Petitions <b>must</b> be <b>filed all at once</b>. More than the minimum number of signatures required should be filed, as some may be invalid. The Registrar of Voters has 20 days to verify the signatures and notify the candidate.</p>

# NOMINATION PROCESS

**All candidates** desiring to have their name placed on the ballot are required to complete the nomination process.

The filing fee must be submitted when the nomination papers are **obtained**.

## Exceptions:

- Candidates for the **Superior Court Judge** pay the filing fee at the time of filing the **Declaration of Intention**.
- Candidates for San Diego Unified pay the filing fee at the time nomination papers are **filed**.

The filing fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. (E.C. § 8105)

<b>WHERE TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS</b>	All documents are available at the Registrar of Voters office. Only official documents may be used. Candidates or their authorized representatives will be given instructions on the procedures to be followed at the time nomination papers are issued. The documents must be filed with (returned to) the Registrar of Voters office by the filing deadline.
<b>IN-LIEU-FILING-FEE PETITION</b>	The document on which a candidate obtains signatures to reduce (or eliminate) the filing fee. (E.C. § 8106)
<b>FILING FEE PAYMENT</b>	<p>If a portion of the filing fee is paid with signatures in lieu, the remaining balance must be paid by check. Credit cards are not accepted. Please do not include the amount of the filing fee on the check. Instead, below the line where the amount would be written out, write:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Not to exceed (insert filing fee amount)”</b></p> <p>The appropriate amount will be written in after the signatures are verified and the value determined. The candidate will be notified of the amount. This process eliminates the need for a refund check.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make checks payable as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for Congress, Statewide Offices, State Senate, and State Assembly: <b><u>Secretary of State</u></b></li> <li>• Candidates for Superior Court Judge, Board of Supervisors, Countywide Offices, and San Diego Unified: <b><u>County of San Diego</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>NOMINATION PERIOD</b>	<p><b>February 9 - March 6, 2026</b> Nomination documents must be obtained and filed between these dates.</p> <p><b>NOTE: San Diego Unified candidates</b> may obtain and file nomination documents/signatures in lieu between February 9 - March 6, as signatures in lieu are filed at the same time as nomination documents. See page 37 regarding signatures in lieu for this district.</p> <p><b>March 6</b> Last day to file nomination documents. Documents must be RECEIVED in the Registrar of Voters office by 5 p.m. (E.C. § 8020) <b>(Postmarks, scanned copies, or faxed submissions are NOT acceptable.)</b></p>
<b>EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD</b>	<p><b>March 11, 2026</b> If the incumbent has failed to file by 5 p.m. on March 6, any person other than the person who was the incumbent on the 88th day (March 6) shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day (March 11) before the election to file nomination documents for the elective office. This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. The extension <b>DOES NOT</b> apply to offices in which the incumbent is prohibited from seeking re-election due to term limits. (E.C. § 8024)</p>

## CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

<b>AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE'S REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<p>The Authorization Form for Candidate's Representative is a document on which the candidate may authorize another person to act as their representative to obtain the required nomination documents. The candidate may use the Registrar of Voters authorization form or prepare their own as long as the following information is provided: name, residence address, phone number, office sought, and language indicating that the candidate is aware that the nomination documents must be completed and filed no later than March 6. (E.C. § 8028) Elections Code Section 202 permits a person who is deployed on active military service outside of the state to have a declaration of candidacy, nomination paper, or any other paper necessary to run for office filed by an attorney-in-fact who is commissioned and empowered in writing for that purpose through a power of attorney.</p> <p>Candidates for <b>San Diego Unified School District</b> must appear personally to sign the nominating papers unless service with the United States Armed Forces or a physical disability prevents such an appearance. (San Diego Municipal Code § 27.0203)</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTENTION</b>	<p>The document on which candidates for <b>Superior Court Judge</b> declare their intention to seek the office. <b>(Not required of other offices)</b> (E.C. § 8023) All candidates for judicial office must <u>also</u> file a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers to qualify for office. See "Declaration of Intention" which also apply to this office on page 41.</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<p>All candidates for public office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy. This is the official document used by a candidate to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare candidacy for a particular office and party preference (if applicable),</li> <li>2. Provide name and occupational designation as to appear on the ballot,</li> <li>3. Provide address, email, and phone numbers,</li> <li>4. Declare that candidate meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, and that, if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw. (E.C. § 8040)</li> <li>5. Sign the Oath of Office,</li> <li>6. For a voter-nominated office, must provide party preference(s) for the past ten years (beginning with the year 2016).</li> </ol> <p><b>This form must be witnessed by either a notary or a Registrar of Voters deputy.</b></p> <p><b>Except as provided in Section 8020.5, a candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any primary election shall not withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.</b> (E.C. § 8800)</p>
<b>BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET</b>	<p>The ballot designation is a candidate's principal profession, vocation or occupation in three words or less, or the candidate's elected office, if applicable. The ballot designation will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name. This form is <b>REQUIRED</b> for all candidates who want to have a "ballot designation" printed under their name on the ballot. On this form the candidate will provide justification and documents (if any) to justify the specific designation requested. (E.C. § 13107.3)</p>
<b>STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT OF NOMINEE</b>	<p>This document is required of candidates for <b>San Diego Unified School District only</b>. It shall state the name of the candidate, their current residence, their past residences for a period of four years, date and place of birth, the office for which they seek nomination, the term for which they are running, their occupation, a written acceptance of the nomination, and the manner in which they wish their name to appear. (San Diego Municipal Code § 27.0205, 27.0206)</p> <p><b>This form must be witnessed by either a notary or a Registrar of Voters deputy.</b></p>
<b>CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES</b>	<p>A voluntary document a candidate may sign and file at the Registrar of Voters office. As stated in Elections Code Section 20440, "The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths and distortions."</p>



## CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION (Continued)

<p><b>NOMINATION PETITIONS</b></p>	<p>The document on which a circulator obtains nominating signatures for the candidate. (E.C. § 8041, San Diego Municipal Code § 27.0207)</p> <p>The nomination paper shall be delivered to the elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter. (E.C. § 8063)</p> <p>Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. (E.C. § 8068)</p> <p>No signer shall, at the time of signing a petition, have his or her name signed to any other nomination paper for any other candidate for the same office or, in case there are several places to be filled in the same office, signed to more nomination papers for candidates for that office than there are places to be filled. (E.C. § 8069)</p> <p><b>Number of Signatures Required:</b> Please see separate page in this guide for each office.</p> <p><b>San Diego Unified School District:</b> No signature used to determine the sufficiency of the nominating petition may be used for the purpose of reducing the nominating fee. (San Diego Municipal Code § 27.0221(d))</p> <p><b>Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee May Count as Nominating Signatures.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The following two paragraphs <b>DO NOT</b> apply to <b>San Diego Unified School District</b> because signatures in lieu of filing fee shall not count toward nomination signatures for that district.</p> <p>(a) If a candidate submits an in-lieu-filing-fee petition pursuant to Section 8106, any or all signatures appearing on the petition, which would be valid under Section 8041, shall be counted towards the number of voters required to sign a nomination paper. If an in-lieu-filing-fee petition contains a requisite number of valid signatures under Section 8062, the candidate shall not be required to file nomination papers.</p> <p>(b) If an in-lieu-filing-fee petition does not contain the requisite number of valid signatures as set forth in Section 8062, the candidate shall be entitled to file, within the time period allowed for filing nomination papers, a nomination paper in order to obtain the requisite number of valid signatures required to be submitted to the elections official on a nomination paper. A candidate who submits a nomination paper pursuant to this subdivision shall only be required to obtain the number of signatures thereon needed to supplement the in-lieu-filing-fee petition so that the combination of signatures appearing on the in-lieu-filing-fee petition and the nomination paper equals or exceeds the requisite number of signatures set forth in Section 8062 (E.C. § 8061)</p> <p><b>Circulator Qualifications:</b></p> <p>(a) Any registered voter who is a candidate for any office may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own nomination papers. The candidate's signature shall be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer.</p> <p>(b) Any person engaged in obtaining signatures to the nomination papers of a candidate for any office or to any recall, initiative or referendum petition, may, if otherwise qualified to sign the papers or petition, sign the papers or petition. The signature of the person shall be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer (E.C. § 106)</p> <p>Circulators shall be 18 years of age or older. (E.C. § 8066)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The Registrar of Voters office has computer terminals available for the public to use to verify petition signatures before the petitions are filed. This may help to ensure sufficient valid signatures are filed.</p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL FORMS</b></p>	<p>Please follow the instructions given in the manuals and forms available from the Campaign and Financial Disclosure Section of the Registrar of Voters office. There are additional details beginning on page 59. Forms can also be downloaded from the Fair Political Practices Commission website: <a href="http://fppc.ca.gov">fppc.ca.gov</a> (click on "View All Forms").</p>
<p><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b></p>	<p>The document on which a candidate may write an optional statement to be mailed to voters. The statement will be included in the San Diego County Voter Information Pamphlet. Please refer to the instructions in a separate section of this guide and to the cost information listed on the page for each office. (E.C. § 13307)</p> <p>Multi-County Offices: If you are a candidate for an office to be elected in more than one county, and you wish to submit a Candidate Statement of Qualifications; it is your responsibility to contact each county for the candidate statement filing requirements.</p>



# DECLARATION OF INTENTION

## REQUIRED FOR ALL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

<b>FILING FEE/ SIGNATURES IN LIEU</b>	The filing fee and/or signatures in lieu of filing fee must be submitted at the time the candidate's Declaration of Intention is filed. The filing fee is non-refundable. (E.C. § 8105)
<b>FILING PERIOD</b>	<p><b>January 26 - February 4, 2026</b></p> <p>Every candidate for a <b>judicial office</b> shall file a written and signed declaration of his or her intention to become a candidate for nomination for that office and shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File with the Registrar of Voters of the county in which the nomination papers are to be filed.</li> <li>• File on a form to be supplied by the Registrar of Voters, not more than 14 nor less than five days prior to the first day on which nomination documents may be presented for filing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supplemental signatures in lieu of filing fee are not allowed.</b></p>
<b>FILING FEE PAYMENT</b>	<p>If a portion of the filing fee is paid with signatures in lieu, the remaining balance must be paid by check. Credit cards are not accepted. Please do not include the amount of the filing fee on the check. Instead, below the line where the amount would be written out, write:</p> <p><b>“Not to exceed \$2,447.27”</b></p> <p>Make checks payable to: <b><u>County of San Diego</u></b></p>
<b>EXTENSION PERIOD</b>	<p><b>February 5 - February 9, 2026</b></p> <p>If the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention by February 4, persons other than the incumbent may file their Declaration of Intention no later than the first day for filing nomination documents. (E.C. § 8023)</p>
<b>EXTENSION IF INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS</b>	<p><b>March 7 - March 11, 2026</b></p> <p>No candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot for a Judicial office at the direct primary election unless he/she has filed a Declaration of Intention; provided, however, that if the incumbent of the office files a Declaration of Intention, but for any reason fails to qualify for nomination for the office by March 6, an additional five days shall be allowed for the filing of nomination papers for the office, and any person, if otherwise qualified, may file nomination documents for the office during the extended filing period (until March 11), notwithstanding that they have not filed a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office. (E.C. § 8024)</p>
<b>NUMERICAL DESIGNATION OF JUDICIAL OFFICES</b>	<p>In any election at which two or more judges or justices of any court are to be voted for or elected for the same term, it shall be deemed that there are as many separate judicial offices to be filled as there are judges to be elected. Each separate office shall be designated by a distinguishing number not greater than the total number of offices. The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general election and shall be used on all nomination papers, certificates of nomination, ballots, certificates of election, and all election papers referring to the office. After election and the issuance of the certificates of election, the designating number shall have no further significance. (E.C. § 8200) A candidate for a numerically designated judicial office shall state in his or her declaration for which office they intend to become a candidate. (E.C. § 8023) The numerically designated offices shall be grouped and arranged on all ballots in numerical order. No person may be a candidate nor have his or her name printed upon any ballot as a candidate for any numerically designated office other than the one indicated by his or her Declaration of Intention to become a candidate. (E.C. § 8202)</p>

## CANDIDATE'S NAME ON BALLOT

The candidate's name, as provided by the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy, will appear on the ballot and **CANNOT** be changed after the nomination period has ended.

<p><b>A CANDIDATE MAY:</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use first, middle and last names.</li> <li>• Use initials only and last name.</li> <li>• Omit their middle name.</li> <li>• Use a nickname in quotation marks, provided the given name or initials and last name are shown.</li> <li>• Use a shortened familiar form of the given name. Such as "Bill" for William, "Dick" for Richard, "Kathy" for Kathleen, "Pat" for Patricia, "Sue" for Susan or "Terry" for Theresa.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A CANDIDATE MAY NOT:</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use titles such as "Miss," "Mrs.," "Dr.," "Col.," "Rev." No title or degree shall appear either before or after a candidate's names on the ballot. (E.C. § 13106)</li> <li>• Change their name within one year prior to the election. If a candidate changes their name within one year of any election, the new name shall not appear on the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or by decree of any court. (E.C. § 13104)</li> </ul>

## ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON THE BALLOT

<p><b>RANDOM DRAWING</b></p>	<p>On March 12, 2026 the Secretary of State will conduct a random drawing of the letters of the alphabet and the Registrar of Voters will follow this same alphabet. Names of candidates will be arranged on the ballot in accordance with the random alphabet. (E.C. § 13112)</p> <p>Those interested in observing the local random drawing are invited to the Registrar of Voters office: Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m. <b>Exception:</b> If the office is that of State Senator or Member of the Assembly, the Registrar of Voters shall arrange the names of the candidates for the office in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in Section 13112, unless the district encompasses more than one county, in which case the arrangement shall be made pursuant to subdivision. (E.C. § 13111)</p>
<p><b>BALLOT ROTATION</b></p>	<p>Rotated names will appear in the random order in the lowest numbered Assembly District in which the office appears; thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the name appearing first in the last preceding Assembly District shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.</p> <p>The order of candidates' names for all other offices will not change. (E.C. § 13111)</p>

# BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

The Ballot Designation Worksheet Form is required for all candidates who want their occupation printed under their name on the ballot. It is filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. On this form the candidate will provide justification and documents (if any) to justify the specific designation requested. The listing of a designation on the ballot is OPTIONAL. Once filed, these forms are public information. If the candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

## DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.

1. Fill in your name, office title you are running for and contact information.
2. Fill in your attorney's contact information.
3. Fill in the Proposed Ballot Designation, which shall match the designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, and two alternatives.
4. Fill in the justification for use of the proposed ballot designation, job title, employer, and information of person(s) that can verify this information.
5. Answer the 12 questions (if the answer to any of the questions is "yes", your designation is likely to be rejected).
6. Sign and date under penalty of perjury that information is true and correct.

Words designating a **currently held elected position**; more than three words are allowed.

### Acceptable:

Member, ABC Water District  
Governing Board Member, ABC School District

### Not Acceptable:

Governing Board Member/Parent (Too many words; "Parent" is not part of elected position)  
Governing Board President, ABC School District (Too many words; "President" is not an elected position; "Member" is)

**No more than three words** designating the current principal profession, vocation, or occupation, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents. Geographical names are considered one word.

### Acceptable:

Board Member/Educator  
Attorney/Small Businessman

### Not Acceptable:

Business Manager/Educational Consultant/Educator (Too many words)

The Secretary of State Ballot Designation Regulations  
on the following pages detail Elections Code 13107.

## BALLOT DESIGNATION (continued)

**For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107 are reproduced below:**

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

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

(2) The word “incumbent” if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people. A candidate shall not use the word “incumbent” if the candidate was elected to their office in an at-large election and is a candidate in a district-based election.

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

(4) The phrase “appointed incumbent” if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word “appointed” and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word “incumbent” or any words designating the office unmodified by the word “appointed.” However, the phrase “appointed incumbent” shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which the candidate holds and to which the candidate was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.

(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), for candidates for judicial office, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, only one of the following designations may appear at the option of the candidate:

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

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

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

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

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

## BALLOT DESIGNATION (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) It would mislead the voter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BALLOT DESIGNATION (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

(j) If a foreign language translation of a candidate's designation is required under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), as amended, to appear on the ballot in addition to the English language version, it shall be as short as possible, as consistent as is practicable with this section, and shall employ abbreviations and initials wherever possible in order to avoid undue length.

(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 479, Sec. 9. (AB 1762) Effective January 1, 2024.)

**For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107.3 are reproduced below:**

(a) A candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate, in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy.

(c) In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 547, Sec. 3. (AB 1572) Effective January 1, 2010.)



## BALLOT DESIGNATION (continued)

**For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107.5 are reproduced below:**

(a) A candidate's ballot designation as "community volunteer" shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
- (2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
- (3) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.

(b) The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section. (Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 364, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2003.)

**For your reference, California Code of Regulations section 20711 is reproduced below:**

(a) In order to facilitate review of a candidate's proposed ballot designation by the Secretary of State pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, the candidate shall submit, at the time of filing his or her proposed ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, a completed Ballot Designation Worksheet on a form provided by the Secretary of State.

(b) All Ballot Designation Worksheets filed with the Office of the Secretary of State or the county elections officials pursuant to this section shall be public records and shall be available for inspection and copying at the public counter of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, Fifth Floor, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or at the office of the applicable county elections official.

(c) The Secretary of State shall provide a master copy or copies of the Ballot Designation Worksheet to all elections officials responsible for providing and accepting the nomination documents for candidates in elections for offices certified by the Secretary of State. The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall request that the candidate proposing the ballot designation provide the following information:

- (1) The candidate's name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number;
- (2) A designation of the office for which the candidate is seeking election;
- (3) The name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number of the attorney representing the candidate or for any other person to be contacted in the event the Secretary of State requires further information regarding the proposed ballot designation;
- (4) The proposed ballot designation submitted by the candidate;
- (5) The candidate may submit one or more proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate's preference;



## BALLOT DESIGNATION (continued)

(6) A brief statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation and each proposed alternate ballot designation, including the following:

(A) If the candidate holds elected office and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code §13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently occupies and may attach a copy of his or her Certificate of Election;

(B) If the candidate is a judicial officer and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code §13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently holds and may attach either (A) a copy of his or her Certificate of Election or (B) a copy of his or her commission or certificate of appointment, issued at the time the candidate was appointed to the judicial office which he or she currently occupies;

(C) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code §13107, subdivision (a)(3), the candidate shall indicate:

(i) The title of the position or positions which he or she claims supports the proposed ballot designation;

(ii) The dates during which the candidate held such position;

(iii) A description of the work he or she performs in the position;

(iv) The name of the candidate's business or employer;

(v) The name and telephone number of a person or persons who could verify such information; and

(vi) A statement that the professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support the proposed ballot designation constitute the primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate, in accordance with the definition of the term "principal" as set forth at § 20714, subdivision (b).

(D) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code §13107, subdivision (a)(4), the candidate shall indicate the date on which he or she was appointed to the office for which he or she is an appointed incumbent.

(d) The candidate may attach or append any supporting documents or other exhibits to his or her Ballot Designation Worksheet which he or she believes support his or her proposed ballot designation. Such attached documents or other exhibits shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference as part of the candidate's Ballot Designation Worksheet and shall be considered as such by the Secretary of State.

(e) If a candidate requests a change of his or her ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code §13107(e), that request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.

# CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices Form is an optional form for all candidates. On this form the candidate pledges to conduct their campaign in accordance with the principles and practices listed. Once filed, these forms are public information.

## PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

### CHAPTER 5. Fair Campaign Practices

#### ARTICLE 1. General Intent

**20400.** The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

#### ARTICLE 2. Definitions<sup>1</sup>

**20420.** As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

#### ARTICLE 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

**20440.** At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary.

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

**20441.** The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the election's officials in quantities and at times requested by the election's officials.

**20442.** The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

**20443.** Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

**20444.** In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

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<sup>1</sup>**304.** "Campaign advertising or communication" means a communication authorized by a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee, as defined in Section 82016 of the Government Code, or by a committee making independent expenditures, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, or by a committee formed primarily to support or oppose a ballot measure, as defined in Section 82047.5 of the Government Code, for the purpose of advocating the election or defeat of a qualified candidate or ballot measure through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, or any other type of general, public, political advertising.

**305.** (c) "Candidate for public office," as used in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 20400) of Division 20, means an individual who has qualified to have his or her name listed on the ballot of any election, or who has qualified to have written votes on his or her behalf counted by election officials, for nomination for, or election to, any state, regional, county, municipal, or district office which is filled at an election.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES

(Elections Code Section 13307 Excerpts)

<b>FILING PERIOD</b>	The statement shall be filed in the Registrar of Voters office when nomination documents are returned for filing. The statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications. Deadline March 6, 2026 (E.C.13307)
<b>WHERE</b>	<p><b>Candidate Statement of Qualifications must be submitted as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Hard Copy:</b> Registrar of Voters 5600 Overland Ave., Ste. 100 San Diego, CA 92123</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>Word Doc:</b> <a href="mailto:candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov">candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov</a></p> <p>If there are any discrepancies between the hard copy and the Word Doc, the hard copy will prevail.</p> <p><b>CANDIDATES ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY CHECK THEIR STATEMENTS FOR ERRORS IN SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR.</b></p> <p>The Registrar of Voters is authorized to make corrections only to the format of the statement to fit into the Voter Information Pamphlet template.</p>
<b>CONTENT</b>	The statement may contain the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. (Some districts allow 250 or 400 words; please see the requirements for each office on pages 12, 21-22, 24, 26-33)
<b>CONTENT RESTRICTIONS</b>	<p>Candidate statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and <b>shall not in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.</b></p> <p>The candidate statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations for non-partisan offices. Candidate photographs are not permitted. San Diego Unified School District see page 55.</p> <p>The Registrar of Voters shall not print or circulate any statement which violates Election Code Sections 13307 or 13308.</p>
<b>PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD</b>	<p><b>Statements remain confidential until March 6, 2026.</b></p> <p>Once the filing period has closed, a 10-day public examination period allows documents to be reviewed and copies purchased. Any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the elections official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period.</p>

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES (continued)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FORMAT</b></p>	<p>All statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided by the Registrar of Voters.</p> <p>Please <b>TYPE</b> the statement <b>SINGLE SPACED</b> in <b>BLOCK PARAGRAPHS</b>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE FOLLOWING WILL <u>NOT</u> BE PERMITTED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Handwritten statement</i></li> <li>• Copy from a fax machine</li> <li>• <b>Bold</b></li> <li>• Extra exclamation points</li> <li>• Multiple punctuation</li> <li>• Lists</li> <li>• Stars, bullets, graphics</li> <li>• <i>Italics</i></li> <li>• ALL CAPITAL LETTERS</li> <li>• <u>Underlines</u></li> <li>• Tables</li> </ul> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WITHDRAWAL</b></p>	<p>The candidate statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. Written requests signed by the candidate must be received by the Registrar of Voters office. (E.C. §13307 (3))</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATEMENT</b></p>	<p>Candidate statements shall remain confidential until the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 13311)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHINESE, FILIPINO, SPANISH &amp; VIETNAMESE TRANSLATION</b></p>	<p>All Voter Information Pamphlet text, including candidate statements, is translated into Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Chinese. In addition to receiving an English Voter Information Pamphlet, registered voters may also request a pamphlet in any of these languages.</p> <p>Registered voters who were born in a Chinese- or Spanish-speaking country, the Philippines, or Vietnam will automatically receive a pamphlet in the language of their country of birth. This follows the Federal Voting Rights Act. On voting days, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish and Vietnamese Voter Information Pamphlets will be available at every Vote Center.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COST</b></p>	<p>Candidate statements must be paid for at the time of filing. All payments are deposited into a trust fund, and if, for any reason, a statement is not printed, the payment will be refunded. The cost is calculated to recover expenses for translation into four languages, typesetting, printing, addressing, labor, and mailing of the candidate statements.</p> <p><b>Candidate statements may be paid by check or credit card.</b></p>

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES (continued)

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONGRESS, STATE SENATE AND STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

Candidates for Congress, State Senate and State Assembly can submit a 250-word Candidate Statement of Qualifications for inclusion in the Voter Information Pamphlet. Candidates for State Senate and State Assembly must agree to the voluntary spending limits of Prop 34 and indicate this by checking the appropriate box on Form 501 in order to have a statement in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

**In addition, all candidates must agree to:**

1. Format guidelines and other criteria as explained in this Guide.
2. Submit and pay the cost of the statement no later than **March 6, 2026**.
3. Multi-County: Candidates for an office to be elected in more than one county must file the Candidate Statement of Qualifications with the Registrar of Voters of each county in which the jurisdiction appears.

**Multi-County Offices: If you are a candidate for an office to be elected in more than one county, and you wish to submit a Candidate Statement of Qualifications; it is your responsibility to contact each county.**

Jurisdiction	County	Contact Information
49 <sup>th</sup> Congress, 32 <sup>nd</sup> and 38 <sup>th</sup> Senate District, 74 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	Orange	(714) 567-7600
48 <sup>th</sup> Congress, 18 <sup>th</sup> and 32 <sup>nd</sup> Senate District	Riverside	(951) 486-7200
18 <sup>th</sup> and 32 <sup>nd</sup> Senate District	San Bernardino	(909) 387-8300
18 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	Imperial	(442) 265-1060

## THE COST FOR EACH STATEMENT IS SHOWN BELOW:

DISTRICT	COST (San Diego County Cost Only)
48 <sup>th</sup> Congress	\$3,225.00
49 <sup>th</sup> Congress	\$3,137.00
50 <sup>th</sup> Congress	\$4,377.00
51 <sup>st</sup> Congress	\$4,241.00
52 <sup>nd</sup> Congress	\$4,081.00
18 <sup>th</sup> Senate	\$3,401.00
32 <sup>nd</sup> Senate	\$617.00
38 <sup>th</sup> Senate	\$4,145.00
40 <sup>th</sup> Senate	\$5,377.00
74 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$2,291.00
75 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,791.00
76 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,481.00
77 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,881.00
78 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,791.00
79 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,371.00
80 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	\$3,661.00

# WORD COUNT GUIDELINES

(Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Registrar of Voters office for counting words on candidate statements. The guidelines do not apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200-, 250- or 400-word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change the text until the statement conforms to the requirements.

## Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:

<b>PUNCTUATION</b>	Punctuation is not counted.
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES</b>	All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word. <b>Example:</b> "County of San Diego" shall be counted as one word.
<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>	Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word. <b>Example:</b> "PTA" shall be counted as one word.
<b>HYPHENATIONS</b>	Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
<b>DATES</b>	Dates shall be counted as one word regardless of how they are written. <b>Example:</b> 1/1/2026 or January 1, 2026
<b>NUMBERS</b>	Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. <b>Example:</b> "100" shall be counted as one word.  Any number that is spelled shall be considered as separate words. <b>Example:</b> "one hundred" shall be counted as two words.
<b>PHONE &amp; INTERNET</b>	Telephone numbers and website addresses shall be counted as one word.

This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under E.C. § 13107.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS EXAMPLE

This is an example of an acceptable format to be used in a Candidate Statement of Qualifications.

<b>JURISDICTION NAME (IN CAPITAL LETTERS)</b> Division/District/Office No. In Upper & Lower Case	
<b>CANDIDATE NAME (IN CAPITAL LETTERS)</b> Occupation (Optional)	<b>AGE: ##</b> (Optional)
<p><b>Please review the guidelines for the content of the statement.</b> For word limits, see Chapter 2.</p>	
CS-999-9	SD 000-00

<b>WASHINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> Governing Board Member - Trustee Area No. 2	
<b>CONNOR STARK</b> Dentist	<b>AGE: 60</b>
<p>I am running for the governing board of the Washington Unified School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Washington High School in 1980. I am married and currently have two children attending schools in the district, have a private dental practice and oversee the daily operation and finances of our family-owned business.</p> <p>I own and operate my own dental business, so I am aware of the need to operate within a budget. With proper distribution of resources and educational materials, I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district.</p> <p>I am looking forward to serving you on the Washington Unified School District Governing Board. Thank you for your vote.</p>	
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## NOTE

Filing a Candidate Statement is optional and designed to allow candidates to share education, experience, and qualifications with voters.

# SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT EXCEPTIONS

<b>LIMITATIONS</b>	Candidates are limited to the paragraph format restrictions as explained in the Candidate Statement of Qualifications Guidelines.
<b>PHOTOGRAPH</b>	Candidates can have their photograph printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet, along with the statement. For best results, this should be a 5" x 7" black & white glossy (color does not reproduce well), showing just the head and shoulders of the candidate. Anything else submitted will be cropped to fit. The photograph will then be reduced to fit in the pamphlet.
<b>COST</b>	The candidate shall pay the cost to have the statement printed in a Primary Election and the District shall pay the cost in a General Election. This is in accordance with a Board Resolution dated September 14, 1982. The cost for each district is shown on page 33 for this office.

## NOTICE TO CANDIDATES REGARDING USE OF QUOTATIONS AND NAMES IN STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

San Diego Municipal Code Section 27.0620 provides instructions about the Statement of Candidate's Qualifications.

Subsection (c) provides that the statement may include quotations. A quotation from an individual included in the statement must be authorized in writing by the individual. A quotation from an organization included in the statement must be authorized in writing by the organization. The consent of an organization shall be signed by an officer or other duly authorized representative of the organization. If a quotation is from a publication, a copy of the publication may be provided instead of a letter. Such authorization must be filed at the same time as the statement of qualifications, or the quotation will not be permitted in the statement.

Subsection (d) provides that the statement may include the names of family members and that any other names included in the statement must be authorized in writing by the individual or organization whose name is included in the statement, and that such authorization shall be filed at the same time that the statement is filed.

The City Clerk's Office interprets this section to mean that the use of another individual's name in the statement, if not that of a family member, must be accompanied by a letter of authorization. The use of an organization's name, if included as an endorsement, must also be accompanied by a letter. Organizational names included in the statement as biographical information – such as the business names of former or current employers, colleges and universities attended, organizational memberships, affiliations or awards, and similar references—will not be subject to the authorization requirement.

Candidates are further reminded that the statement is a description of the candidate's qualifications. References to other candidates, officeholders and opponents are prohibited by Section 27.0621 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

The City Attorney has reviewed this interpretation and finds it to be a reasonable interpretation of these code sections.

### NOTE

**The required documentation must be filed at the same time as the Candidate Statement.**



# PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD SET FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION**

State law provides for a “public review period” of all Candidate Statement of Qualifications, and other materials before printing the Voter Information Pamphlet.

The California Elections Code further defines this review period, with a distinct period for each document filed with the Registrar of Voters.

During this period, any voter who believes any portion of these materials to be false, misleading, or inconsistent with state law may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all the material to be amended or deleted.

Any court challenges must be resolved 67 days (March 27, 2026) before Election Day in order to prevent any delays in printing the ballot and impacting the administration of the election.

#### **The public review periods are as follows:**

##### **Ballot Occupational Designations for Local Candidates\***

March 7 - 16, 2026 Candidates filed by March 6

March 12 - 21, 2026 Candidates filed by March 11 (during the 5-day extension)

##### **Candidate Statement of Qualifications for Local Offices\***

March 7 - 16, 2026 Candidates filed by March 6

March 12 - 21, 2026 Candidates filed by March 11 (during the 5-day extension)

#### **The following offices should contact the Secretary of State for deadlines:**

**Statewide Offices**

**Congress**

**State Senate**

**State Assembly**

#### **NOTE**

**The dates for any of the incorporated/charter cities may be different  
(Please contact City Clerk for details).**

**All documents will be available for public review at the Registrar of Voters office  
during regular business hours.**

# WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Candidates who wish to be a write-in candidate and have their names counted in an election shall fulfill the requirements of Part 3 of the Elections Code, commencing at Section 8600. Write-in candidates must meet all qualifications for the office they seek. The names of the qualified write-in candidates are not printed on the ballot.

<b>FILING PERIOD</b>	<p><b>April 6—May 19, 2026</b></p> <p>The statement and nomination papers shall be available on the 57th day prior to the election and shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters not later than the 14th day prior to the election. (E.C. § 8601)</p> <p><b>Financial Disclosure:</b> Please refer to Financial and Campaign Disclosure Information starting on page 59 for reporting requirements.</p>
<b>FILING REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p>Anyone seeking to be a write-in candidate for any office appearing on the ballot must file:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement of write-in candidacy which contains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate's name,</li> <li>• Candidate's residential address,</li> <li>• A declaration stating that they are a write-in candidate,</li> <li>• The title of the office which they seek,</li> <li>• The date of the election,</li> <li>• Candidate's 10-year political party preference, if running for a voter-nominated office.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, candidates for San Diego Unified School District must also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date and place of birth,</li> <li>• Occupation,</li> <li>• Past residences for a period of four years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. A signed Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance (E.C. § 200)</li> <li>3. The requisite number of signatures on the nomination papers for that office, and a circulator's affidavit. Signers and circulators must meet the same qualifications as for regular nomination papers. (E.C. § 8602, 8603)</li> </ol>
<b>HOW ELECTED</b>	<p><b>EXCEPTION: County Offices</b>, please see next page.</p> <p>In order to be elected to any nonpartisan office, the write-in candidate must receive over 50% of the votes cast for that office. If no candidate receives over 50%, the top two candidates will run off in the General Election. Candidates for San Diego Unified, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and San Diego Community College Districts cannot be elected in the Primary Election. The top two candidates must face each other in the General Election.</p> <p>Write-in candidates for voter-nominated office may only appear on the Primary Election ballot. A write-in candidate from the primary election is eligible to have their name on the ballot in the general election only if that candidate is one of the top-two vote-getters at the Primary Election. (E.C. § 8605)</p>
<b>FILING FEE</b>	<p>No fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate . . . (E.C. § 8604)</p> <p><b>EXCEPTION:</b> Candidates for San Diego Unified School District must pay the required filing fee and/or submit signatures in lieu of filing fee. (San Diego Municipal Code § 27.0321, 27.0322)</p>
<b>ELECTION RESULTS</b>	<p>Write-in election results are not determined until the canvass is completed. California election law allows a prescribed number of days for the conduct of the official canvass. During the official canvass, write-in ballots must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate and whether a voter has overvoted. Write-in votes are counted and certified in an election only if qualified candidates have filed the required nomination documents with the elections official.</p>

# WRITE-IN TIMELINE

## FOR COUNTY OFFICES

During the November 2018 Gubernatorial General Election, Measure D was adopted by a majority of voters, amending the County Charter. The amendment requires all county offices, as specified, to be elected under a "Top-Two" format. In addition, the amendment established specific requirements regarding write-in candidates, which the Registrar of Voters is required to implement. To meet this obligation, the Registrar of Voters has adopted, and will enforce, the following rules for individuals seeking to become a write-in candidate for **county offices**:

A. Should three or more candidates file for a county office by the 88th day before the primary election and qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office by the 68th day prior to the primary election, the write-in filing period would follow California Elections Code. That is, the write-in filing period would begin on the 57th day before the primary election and end on the 14th day before the primary election.

These dates are as follows:

**April 6, 2026 Write-In Period Begins**

**May 19, 2026 Write-In Period Deadline**

B. Should two or fewer candidates file for a county office by the 88th day before the primary election and the incumbent is one of these two candidates, the write-in filing period would begin on the 87th day before the primary election and end on the 68th day before the primary election. If a candidate or candidates qualify as a write-in during this period, resulting in three or more candidates, the write-in filing period will be extended to the 14th day before the primary election.

These dates are as follows:

**March 7, 2026 Write-In Period Begins**

**March 26, 2026 Write-In Period Deadline**

**May 19, 2026 Write-In Period Extended Deadline (if necessary)**

C. Should two or fewer candidates file for a county office by the 88th day before the primary election and the incumbent does not file for reelection, the write-in filing period would begin on the 82nd day before the primary election and end on the 68th day before the primary election. If a candidate or candidates qualify as a write-in during this period, resulting in three or more candidates, the write-in filing period will be extended to the 14th day before the primary election.

These dates are as follows:

**March 12, 2026 Write-In Period Begins**

**March 26, 2026 Write-In Period Deadline**

**May 19, 2026 Write-In Period Extended Deadline (if necessary)**

### **Authority - San Diego County Charter Section 401.3**

When there are more than two candidates that qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary are the candidates in the general election, and the one who receives the higher number of votes in the general election is elected. In the event there are two or fewer candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election for one elective office, including write-in candidates, the office shall be voted upon at the general election and not the primary election. Write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the primary election. However, no write-in candidates are permitted to participate in the general election except in circumstances where there are two or fewer total candidates who qualify to participate in the primary election and one or both qualified candidates is a write-in candidate. When one or two write-in candidates qualify to participate in a primary election with two or fewer total candidates, the names of the write-in candidates who qualified to participate in the primary election shall be printed on the general election ballot in the same manner as non-write-in candidates who qualify for the general election. The County shall establish rules governing qualification and filing dates for write-in candidates including, but not limited to, ensuring the deadline to qualify as a write-in candidate precedes the printing of ballots and does not otherwise interfere with the county's administration of the election.

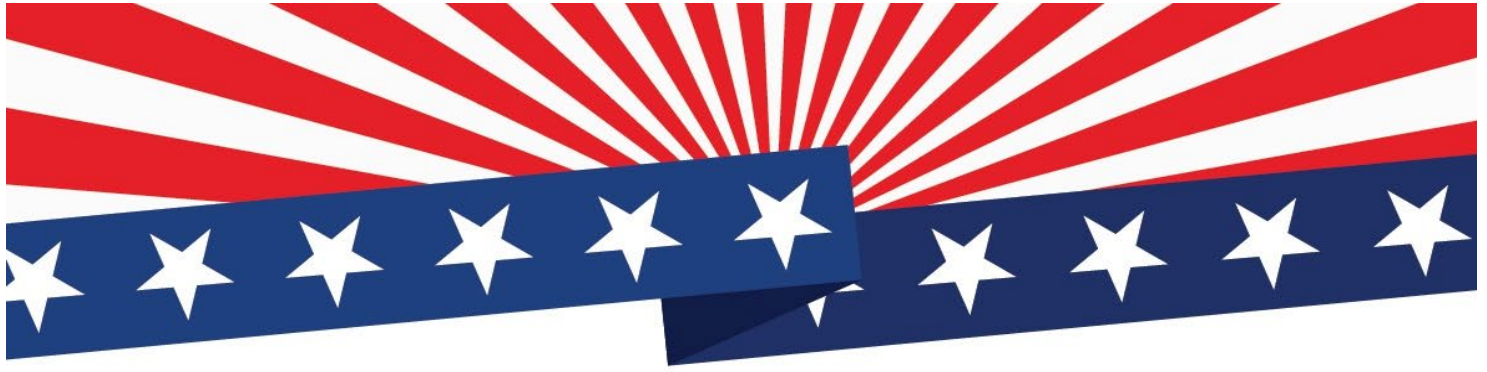
(San Diego County Charter Section 401.3)

# CHAPTER 4

## Financial Disclosure



CANDIDATE/TREASURER WEBINAR  
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FPPC FAST FACTS ON GETTING STARTED



# Candidate/Treasurer Webinar



Presented by the  
**Fair Political Practices Commission**

The California Fair Practices Commission and the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters invite you to attend a free webinar for Candidates & Treasurers.

FPPC presenters will explain candidate, political treasurer, and committee duties as defined by the Political Reform Act. The training will cover topics including initial campaign forms and filing schedules, contribution and expenditure rules, reporting obligations, advertising disclaimers, and post-election activities.

## **Date & Time**

**Tuesday**  
**March 10, 2026**  
**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

## **RSVP Contact** **FPPC**

[seminars@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:seminars@fppc.ca.gov)

**Please access the FPPC's  
Website to register for the webinar!**

[www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)



# CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE

Filing Schedule for Candidates and Controlled Committees for Local Office

DEADLINE	PERIOD COVERED BY STATEMENT	FORM	NOTES
February 2, 2026 Semi-Annual	*Thru – 12/31/25	460 or 470	<b>460:</b> All committees must file Form 460. <b>470:</b> If a candidate raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025, file Form 470 (see below). The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.
Within 24 Hours Contribution Reports	3/4/2026– 6/2/2026	497	File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to another candidate or measure being voted upon June 2, 2026, ballot. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the contribution. File by personal delivery, email, guaranteed overnight service or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.
April 23, 2026 1st Pre-Election	1/1/26 – 4/18/26	460 or 470	Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
May 21, 2026 2nd Pre-Election	4/19/26 – 5/16/26	460	All committees must file this statement. File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online, if available.
July 31, 2026 Semi-Annual	5/17/26 – 6/30/26	460	All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.

## 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 pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **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 2020 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before April 23, 2026. If, later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **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 forms are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional material 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.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - 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
  - 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days



# FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

## THIS SECTION 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. This section is not comprehensive and does not detail all filing requirements and obligations. For comprehensive information, refer to your legal advisor, consult a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) manual, or contact the FPPC at (866) 275-3772, if you prefer, you can email them for advice at [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov).

The following information is meant to help candidates, officeholders, and political committees comply with federal, state, and local political finance laws. **Read it carefully and use the resources prescribed before you begin any financial activity that might be considered political in nature.**

Failure to file appropriate statements and reports in compliance with the election laws described below can result in substantial criminal, civil, and administrative penalties. Failure to file within the prescribed deadlines can lead to late filing penalties for each day the statement is late.

<p><b>ALL CANDIDATES</b></p>	<p>The Federal Election Campaign Act (2 U.S.C. Section 441b) prohibits contributions from foreign nationals, national banks, or national corporations in connection with any local, state, or federal election for political office.</p> <p>The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of the Government Code) was adopted by voter initiative in 1974 and has been periodically amended by state legislation and through ballot initiatives. The Act, in part, provides that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipts and expenditures in election campaigns should be fully and truthfully disclosed in order that the voters may be fully informed and improper practices may be inhibited (Gov. Code § 81002 (a))</li> <li>• Assets and income of public officials which may be materially affected by their official actions should be disclosed and in appropriate circumstances the officials should be disqualified from acting in order that conflicts of interest may be avoided. (Gov. Code § 81002 (c))</li> </ul> <p>The Political Reform Act is administered by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) which provides the Registrar of Voters with information manuals, instruction sheets, and disclosure forms that must be used in order for candidates, officeholders, and committees to comply with the Act.</p> <p><b>The Registrar of Voters provides these items in financial information packets available to all candidates, officeholders, and committees that might have filing obligations with the Registrar of Voters. Please obtain and refer to those packets for information and guidelines regarding financial disclosure requirements of the Act.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Some disclosure requirements must be met prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, and prior to use of any of the candidate's personal funds in support of their campaign. Please examine materials provided carefully so that compliance with the law is made.</p>
<p><b>LOCAL REQUIREMENTS</b></p>	<p>Local jurisdictions may adopt local ordinances that impose requirements on officeholders, candidates, and committees active only in their jurisdictions. Local jurisdictions may also impose contribution limitations in elections within their jurisdictions. These requirements and limitations are in addition to state requirements. A local campaign ordinance, however, never preempts state law.</p> <p>All city, county and state officeholders, candidates and committees must report contributions and expenditures on the FPPC's forms and comply with disclosure requirements/filing deadlines set forth in the Political Reform Act.</p> <p>Adjusted 2025 County Contribution Limit = \$1,100 per county primary &amp; general election. County Offices Only (Board of Supervisors, Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk, District Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer/Tax Collector and County Board of Education). For the County Election Campaign Finance &amp; Control Ordinance, please go to <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a>.</p> <p>San Diego County Registrar of Voters is pleased to announce an online filing feature for the campaign financial disclosure website. This feature provides the capability for a filer to complete and submit campaign finance disclosure forms online. This free online service is available to any local elected official, candidate, or committee required to file campaign disclosure documents with the County. Online filing becomes mandatory once the \$10,000 threshold is met; please go to <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> for more information.</p>

## FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION (Continued)

<b>FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p>Provisions of the Political Reform Act (described under “ALL CANDIDATES”) <b>DO NOT</b> apply to elections for federal office, including seats in the U.S. Senator or House of Representatives. Candidates for federal office and committees that participate in federal campaigns are subject to <b>federal disclosure requirements</b>.</p> <p>Assistance for federal candidates and committees may be obtained from the Federal Election Commission at the address and telephone number shown below.</p>
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### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AND WEBSITES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAN DIEGO COUNTY Registrar of Voters</b></p> <p>5600 Overland Ave., Suite 100 San Diego CA 92123  Phone: (858) 505-7260 (Financial Disclosure)  Fax: (858) 505-6876  <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Committees and Candidates</li> <li>• Forms and Manuals</li> <li>• Filing Schedules</li> <li>• Review and Copy Filed Reports</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)</b></p> <p>1102 Q Street, Suite 3050  Sacramento CA 95811  Phone: (866) 275-3772 (Toll Free)  Fax: (916) 322-0886  <a href="http://fppc.ca.gov">fppc.ca.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaign Disclosure</li> <li>• State Contribution Limits</li> <li>• Conflict of Interest Disclosure</li> <li>• Lobbying Disclosure</li> <li>• Conflict of Interests Disqualification</li> <li>• Proper Use of Campaign Funds</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">To Report a Violation  (Anonymous calls are accepted)  (866) 275-3772 (Toll Free)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECRETARY OF STATE Political Reform Division</b></p> <p>1500 11th Street, Room 495  Sacramento CA 95814  Phone: (916) 653-6224  <a href="http://sos.ca.gov">sos.ca.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Identification Numbers</li> <li>• Termination of Committees</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION</b></p> <p>1050 First Street, NE  Washington, DC 20463  Phone: (800) 424-9530  <a href="http://fec.gov">fec.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Campaign Disclosure</li> <li>• Contributions from National Banks, National Corporations and Foreign Nationals</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD</b></p> <p>(800) 338-0505  <a href="http://ftb.ca.gov">ftb.ca.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Tax Status</li> <li>• Tax Deductible Contributions</li> <li>• Charitable Non-Profit Groups</li> <li>• Any Other Tax-Related Questions</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE</b></p> <p>(800) 829-1040  <a href="http://irs.gov">irs.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Taxpayer I.D. Numbers</li> <li>• Any Other Tax Related Questions</li> </ul>



## FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION (Continued)

<b>Campaign Statement Filing Requirements</b>	<p>The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires all candidates for state and local elective office, all state and local elected officeholders, proponents of state ballot measures who control a ballot measure committee, and committees supporting or opposing state and local candidates, all measures, and petition circulation drives to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.</p> <p>Candidates who anticipate receiving less than \$2,000 during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the costs of the filing fee and/or Statement of Qualifications if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing a Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate-Short Form). If there are any contributions or expenditures, a Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement), must be filed and records of contributions and expenditures must be maintained. No further campaign statements need be filed for this election unless the \$2,000 threshold is reached. (Gov. Code Sec. 84206)</p> <p>If, after filing a Form 470, the candidate's or officeholder's total contributions or total expenditures for the calendar year reach \$2,000, a Form 470 Supplemental must be filed and notification must be provided to the other candidates for the same office.</p> <p>Additionally, a Form 410 (Statement of Organization), needs to be filed and a Form 460 (Recipient Committee Statement Long Form), must be filed for the appropriate reporting periods.</p>
<b>Termination of Filing Requirements</b>	<p>Candidates, officeholders and committees DO NOT automatically terminate their filing requirements when activity ceases or when an officeholder vacates the office. An individual who qualifies as a candidate maintains that status until any potential campaign activity which may be required to be disclosed ceases.</p> <p>After the election, a candidate's future filing obligations usually are determined by whether he or she won or lost. A primarily formed committee will often choose to close (terminate) its committee. However, the law does not require any local candidate or committee to terminate.</p> <p>A defeated candidate who filed the campaign statement short form, Form 470, has no further reporting obligations after the election as long as less than \$2,000 was raised or spent during the calendar year.</p> <p>Defeated candidates with committees who wish to use the money remaining in the campaign bank account for a future election to the same office, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File a new Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement), and</li> <li>• Amend the Form 410 (Statement of Organization).</li> </ul> <p>To use the funds for a future election for a different office, the candidate must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File a new Form 501</li> <li>• Open a new campaign bank account, and</li> <li>• File a new Form 410 for the future election.</li> </ul> <p>In either event, this must be done no later than 90 days from the closing date for the postelection filing period or within 90 days from the date of leaving office (defeated incumbents), whichever occurs last, or the funds will become "surplus" campaign funds and will be subject to restrictions.</p> <p>Please refer to the appropriate Fair Political Practices Commission manual for reporting requirements for successful candidates, defeated candidates, primarily formed committees, and the guidelines for terminating a campaign committee.</p>
<b>Campaign Expenditures From a Candidate's Personal Funds</b>	<p>All money intended for use in the campaign, including personal funds, must be deposited in a campaign account. All campaign expenditures for the specific office must be made from the specified bank account. The funds in the account may not be used in connection with any other office sought.</p>
<b>Statements are Public Record</b>	<p>All statements filed are a matter of public record. Redacted statements may be viewed online at <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a>. Un-redacted statements may be inspected at the Registrar of Voters office by anyone, and copies can be purchased at ten cents (.10) per page.</p>
<b>Audits</b>	<p>Chapter 10 of the Political Reform Act provides the guidelines for an ongoing program of mandatory audits. The program encompasses campaign statements filed by all candidates for elective office, from statewide office to special local jurisdictions. The majority of the audits are conducted by a special unit of the Franchise Tax Board.</p>

# FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION (Continued)

<b>Late Fees/ Fines/ Penalties</b>	<p>Filing after a deadline may lead to late filing penalties of \$10 for each day the statement is late. Committees that fail to file are subject to administrative penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation. With the exception of the 2nd pre-election statement (which must be hand delivered or guaranteed overnight delivery), statements must be hand delivered or postmarked as first-class mail by the due date. Certified mail is recommended but not a requirement. (Gov. Code Sec. 81007 &amp; 91013)</p> <p>Violations of the campaign disclosure law may result in criminal prosecution by the State Attorney General, County District Attorney or civil action by the Fair Political Practices Commission, the District Attorney, or a private citizen. (Gov. Code Section 91001 et seq.)</p> <p>It is the responsibility of candidates and/or committees to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner. As a courtesy, the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters mails reminder notices to candidates who, based on nomination documents, appear to have a campaign disclosure filing requirement.</p> <p>If a candidate and/or committee with a campaign disclosure filing obligation fails to file in a timely manner, the non-receipt of a reminder notice MAY NOT be utilized (or rationalized) as the reason for late or non-filing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FILING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE AND/OR COMMITTEE!</b></p>
<b>Late Contribution and/or Late Independent Expenditure Reports</b>	<p>Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a late contribution (including a loan) of \$1,000 or more or makes a late independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more between March 4, 2026 and June 2, 2026 shall report it WITHIN 24 HOURS by personal delivery, fax, email, guaranteed overnight service or online, if available. (Gov. Code Sec. 84203 (b))</p>
<b>Campaign Funds</b>	<p>All contributions must be segregated and shall not be commingled with personal funds of the recipient or any other person. (Gov. Code Sec. 84307)</p>
<b>Contributions/ Expenditures</b>	<p>No monetary contribution of \$100 or more shall be made or received in cash. No expenditure of \$100 or more shall be made in cash. (Gov. Code Sec. 84300 (a), (b))</p>
<b>“Candidate”</b>	<p>“Candidate” means an individual who is listed on the ballot or who has qualified to have write-in votes on his or her behalf counted by election officials, for nomination or for election to any elective office, or who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure or gives his or her consent for any other person to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office, whether or not the specific elective office for which he or she will seek nomination or election is known at the time the contribution is received or the expenditure is made and whether or not he or she has announced his or her candidacy or filed a declaration of candidacy at such time. An individual who becomes a candidate shall retain his or her status as a candidate until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Section 84214. (Gov. Code Sec. 82007)</p>
<b>“Committee”</b>	<p>“Committee” means any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.</li> <li>b) Makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year; or</li> <li>c) Makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees.</li> </ul> <p>The term “contribution” includes monetary payments, loans and non-monetary goods or services. A person or combination of persons that becomes a committee shall retain its status as a committee until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Section 84214. (Gov. Code Sec. 82013)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A committee receiving \$2,000 or more must file a Form 410 (Statement of Organization) within ten days of receipt.</b></p>
<b>“Controlled Committee”</b>	<p>“Controlled Committee” means a committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measure proponent or that acts jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. (Gov. Code Sec. 82016)</p>

## FINANCIAL AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION (Continued)

<b>FORM 410</b>	<b><u>Statement of Organization/Termination.</u></b> For use in organizing a committee, amending a Form 410, or termination of a committee.
<b>FORM 460</b>	<b><u>Recipient Committee Campaign Statement – Long Form.</u></b> For use by recipient committees which receive a cumulative contribution of \$100 or more from a single source and/or officeholder not eligible to file a Form 470 or who is filing jointly with one or more controlled committees. A controlled committee is one which is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or which acts jointly with a candidate or controlled committee in connection with the making of expenditures.
<b>FORM 470</b>	<b><u>Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form.</u></b> For use if less than \$2,000 has been raised or spent by or on behalf of the candidate, and he/she anticipates raising or spending less than \$2,000 for his/her candidacy for the entire calendar year.
<b>FORM 470 SUPPLEMENT</b>	<b><u>Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Supplement.</u></b> For use only if the candidate filed a Form 470 stating they would raise or spend less than \$2,000 and then later exceeds the limit.
<b>FORM 496</b>	<b><u>24 Hour Independent Expenditure Report.</u></b> For use by committees that make an “independent” expenditure during the 90 days immediately preceding the election. The (aggregated) expenditure must expressly advocate the election, nomination, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a clearly identified measure. Furthermore, this expenditure cannot be made to or at the behest of the affected candidate or committee. If it is, the expenditure is then an “In-Kind Contribution.”
<b>FORM 497</b>	<b><u>Late Contribution Report.</u></b> For use by candidates or committees that receive within the 90 days before an election or on the date of the election, a contribution (including loans or any combination of monetary and non-monetary contributions) that totals \$1,000 or more from a single source.
<b>FORM 501</b>	<b><u>Candidate Intention Statement.</u></b> For use by candidates prior to solicitation or receipt of any contributions, or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election, with the exception of filing fees and/or a candidate’s statement of qualifications.
<b>FORM 700</b>	<b><u>Statement of Economic Interests.</u></b> For use to publicly disclose personal assets and income. Candidates must file this form with their nomination papers. Once elected <b><u>ALL</u></b> “office holders” must file this report annually.

All the forms above may be downloaded from the Fair Political Practices Commission at: [fpcc.ca.gov](http://fpcc.ca.gov)

## COMMON FILING REQUIREMENTS

Candidates and committee treasurers are encouraged to become familiar with all of the disclosure requirements and FPPC forms. However, many local candidates and committees raise and spend money only in connection with a particular election and then terminate their filing obligations. These candidates and committees are likely to file only a few of the FPPC’s many campaign forms.

A list of these forms is provided below:

<b>Candidates who spend <u>LESS than \$2,000</u></b>	<b>Candidates who spend <u>\$2,000 or MORE</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Form 501</b> – Candidate Intention Statement</li> <li>• <b>Form 470</b> – Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement- Short Form</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Form 501</b> – Candidate Intention Statement</li> <li>• <b>Form 410</b> – Statement of Organization (also used for “Termination”)</li> <li>• <b>Form 460</b> – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement</li> <li>• <b>Form 497</b> – Late Contribution Report (used for “24-hour reporting” requirement)</li> </ul>
<b>Primarily Formed Committees for Local Candidates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Form 410</b> – Statement of Organization (also used for “Termination”)</li> <li>• <b>Form 460</b> – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement</li> <li>• <b>Form 496</b> – Late Independent Expenditure Report</li> <li>• <b>Form 497</b> – Late Contribution Report</li> </ul>	

# WHERE TO FILE CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

\* This chart applies to Local candidates **ONLY**; not Federal, State or Cities offices.

FORM NUMBER	WHEN TO FILE	ORIGINAL FILED HERE	COPIES FILED HERE
501	Before any money is raised or spent	San Diego County Registrar of Voters	N/A
410	Within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions	Secretary of State's Office Political Reform Division 1500 11th Street, Room 495 Sacramento, CA 95814	San Diego County Registrar of Voters
AMENDED 410	Within 10 days of whenever changes on the original 410 need to be made		
460	According to the schedule on page 61	San Diego County Registrar of Voters	N/A
470	On or before the due date for the First Pre-Election Report; April 23, 2026		
470 SUPPLEMENT	Within 48 hours of receiving a contribution or making an expenditure of \$2,000  (This form is required only if the candidate filed a Form 470 stating they would raise or spend less than \$2,000 and then later exceeds the limit)		Secretary of State's Office <u>and</u> each opponent for same office
496	Within 24 hours of a \$1,000 independent expenditure being made during the 90 days immediately preceding the election		N/A
497	In the 90 days before an election or on the date of the election this form must be filed as follows:  • Within 24 hours of receiving or making contribution of \$1,000 or more <b>OR</b> • Within 48 hours of receiving a late nonmonetary or in-kind contribution This is required when contributions cumulatively total \$1,000 or more from a single source		
700	Candidates – Must file no later than March 6, 2026		
700	Statewide offices, State Senate, State Assembly, Board of Equalization, Superior Court Judges, County Treasurer/Tax Collector, and County Supervisors, see next page for Form 700 filing requirements.		

## NOTE

Unsigned forms are incomplete and not considered filed until they are signed.

# WHERE TO FILE CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS - FORM 700

## THIS PAGE APPLIES ONLY TO STATEWIDE OFFICES, STATE SENATE, STATE ASSEMBLY, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES, COUNTY TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR, AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

### TRANSITION TO FPPC E-FILEING SYSTEM (AB 1170 IMPLEMENTATION)

Effective January 1, 2025, public officials for whom the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) is the filing officer (“Commission Filers”) must file their Form 700s electronically via the FPPC Portal. Government Code Section 87500, subdivision (a), lists the local and state officials who are subject to this requirement.

FORM NUMBER	WHEN TO FILE	ORIGINAL FILED HERE	COPIES FILED HERE
700	Candidates – Must file no later than March 6, 2026	Fair Political Practices Commission <a href="https://form700.fppc.ca.gov">form700.fppc.ca.gov</a>	N/A

### Navigating the FPPC Portal:

The FPPC Portal is located on the FPPC’s website at the following link: [form700.fppc.ca.gov](https://form700.fppc.ca.gov). Commission Filers who have not received or do not have access to their login credentials may contact the Form 700 Unit for assistance at [Form700@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:Form700@fppc.ca.gov).

**Additional Information:** FPPC offers various educational materials, including FAQs, to assist in making this a smooth transition. Educational materials related to the Form 700 can be found on the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) page on the FPPC website [fppc.com](https://fppc.com)

### More Questions?

Please contact the FPPC Form 700 Unit at [Form700@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:Form700@fppc.ca.gov) or by phone (866) 275-3772.

### NOTE

Filing procedures are different for Federal, Statewide, State Senate, and State Assembly candidates.

- For filing requirements, candidates for “state” offices are encouraged to contact the Secretary of State’s Office and the Fair Political Practices Commission: [sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov) or [fppc.ca.gov](https://fppc.ca.gov)
- For filing requirements, candidates for Federal offices should contact the Federal Elections Commission: [fec.gov](https://fec.gov)



# CHAPTER 5

## Campaign Information

VOTING BY MAIL

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS, MASS MAILINGS AND SIMULATED BALLOT

REQUIREMENTS SERVICES TO CANDIDATES

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COUNTY SIGN INFORMATION

CITIES SIGN CONTACTS

## VOTING BY MAIL

### REGISTERED VOTERS WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL.

Per Assembly Bill 37 (2021), every registered voter in the County of San Diego will receive a ballot in the mail for the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election.

#### Will there be Vote Centers on Election Day?

**Yes.** A complete list of Vote Center and Ballot Drop Box locations will be available in your Voter Information Pamphlet and at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com).

### SCHEDULE

<b>May 4, 2026</b>	Vote-by-Mail ballots are available by mail or in person from the Registrar of Voters.
<b>June 2, 2026</b>	Voted ballots must be <b><u>received</u></b> at the Registrar of Voters office, a Ballot Drop Box location or Vote Centers in San Diego County no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, or postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than the Friday after Election Day.

**For further information on voting by mail, please call (858) 565-5800.**

You will also be able to track your mail ballot every step of the way! You will know when it is mailed, received, and counted by the Registrar of Voters. All you need to do is sign up for **Where's My Ballot** at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com).

## POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS

<b>POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p>Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.</p> <p>As used in this section "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office. (E.C. § 20008)</p>
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## MASS MAILING OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS DUTIES</b>	A copy of Section 84305 of the Government Code (see next page) shall be provided by the Registrar to each candidate or his or her agent at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy . . . (E.C. § 16)
<b>PUBLIC EXPENSE</b>	No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. (Gov. Code § 89001)
<b>DEFINITION</b>	"Mass mailing" means over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry. (Gov. Code § 82041.5)

## SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

### (Elections Code § 20009)

Every simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

#### **"NOTICE TO VOTERS "(Required by Law)**

"This is not an official ballot or an official county voter information guide prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.

"This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name and address of person or organization responsible for preparation thereof)."

This section shall not be construed as requiring this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

(b) A simulated ballot or simulated county voter information pamphlet referred to in subdivision (a) shall not bear an official seal or the insignia of a public entity, and that seal or insignia shall not appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.

(c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by a registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition of cases of this nature.



## CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 84305

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

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 unless the name, street address, and city of the committee is shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) "Mass electronic mailing" means sending more than two hundred substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month.

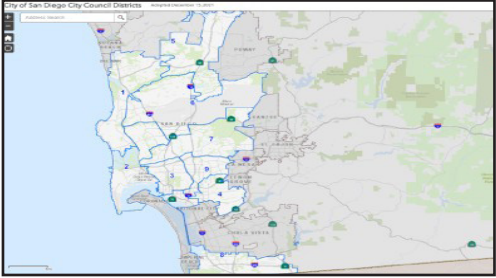
(2) "Sender" means the candidate, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84217, inclusive.

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

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

## SERVICES TO CANDIDATES

Listed below is a brief description of some of the services and materials available from the Registrar of Voters office. Many of the items are to be used for specified purposes only, including political campaigns.

<p><b>VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION</b></p>	<p>Voter registration data and record layouts are furnished with each request. The format for all data is in tab delimited text file only. It is the requester's responsibility to import/export, sort, and format this information for compatibility with their database.</p> <p><b>The purchaser will be required to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete an application</li> <li>Provide a valid copy of a photo identification card. (E.C. 2188)</li> <li>Pay in advance.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact us at (858) 505-7260 or <a href="mailto:candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov">candidatefiling@sdcounty.ca.gov</a> for additional instructions, details, the application form, and pricing information.</p>
<p><b>DISTRICT MAPS</b></p>	<p>Maps of political districts may be viewed with an appointment in the Maps and Vote Centers section of the Registrar of Voters. They may be reviewed during regular business hours. To view samples of the maps, visit <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a>. The following maps are available for purchase in print, on CD, or as a digital PDF.</p> <p><b>1. Customer Ready Maps</b> - Large format 36"x48" preprinted color maps are available for purchase for the following political districts:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Countywide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congressional Districts</li> <li>State Assembly Districts</li> <li>State Senate Districts</li> <li>County Supervisorial Districts</li> <li>County Board of Education</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>City of San Diego Citywide:</b></p> <p>City Council Districts</p> </div> </div>  <p><b>2. Custom Maps</b> - Upon request, the Maps and Vote Centers staff can create custom maps for specific political districts with higher detail, precinct maps, local districts not listed in item 1, or other special requests. The price would be determined on a time and material basis.</p> <p>To purchase maps or get more information on maps, visit our website <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> or call (858) 505-7389.</p>
<p><b>DIGITAL GIS DATA</b></p>	<p><b>GIS Shapefiles:</b> Voter Home Precincts, Election Precincts and Voting Locations. This data is provided upon request through SanGIS at: <a href="http://sangis.org">sangis.org</a> or call (858) 874-7000.</p> <p>For other digital data inquiries, call (858) 505-7370 or (858) 505-7369.</p>



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MARISA K. BARRIE, PE**  
DIRECTOR

5510 OVERLAND AVENUE, SUITE 410, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123-1237  
(858) 694-2212

**KATHRYN A. STEWART, PE**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

November 25, 2025

Dear Candidate:

**ELECTION INFORMATION SIGN INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS**

The records of the Registrar of Voters indicate that you have filed for election to a public office in the County of San Diego. During your campaign, should you desire to utilize election information signs as one of your means of communication to the electorate, it is necessary that you be aware of the conditions under which such signs may be placed within or adjacent to County unincorporated area road right-of-ways. Attached for your information is a copy of "Guidelines for Installing Election Information Signs within County of San Diego Road Right-of-Way" and "Election Information Sign Installation Requirements."

You may apply for a temporary encroachment permit, which as of this writing has a non-refundable \$210.00 fee, at the Land Development Permits Counter located at 5510 Overland Avenue, San Diego, California, 92123, or call (858) 694-2055 for information. Attached for your convenience is an encroachment permit application and associated environmental review questionnaire. A sketch showing the number of election signs and approximate location of each sign shall be submitted with the completed application.

All signs placed within the County's right-of-way contrary to the provisions of the encroachment permit or remaining after Election Day will be removed by the County under the authority of Section 1460 of the California Streets and Highway Code. At the time a permit is applied for, the permittee shall agree to pay for the County's cost of removal of any such signs.

Your cooperation in complying with the guidelines and maintaining safe and litter-free roadways is appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Land Development Permits Counter at (858) 694-2055.

Sincerely,

MURALI PASUMARTHI  
Deputy Director

Attachments

# GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLING ELECTION INFORMATION SIGNS WITHIN COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

## **PURPOSE:**

These guidelines inform the public of the process of how to legally install Election Information Signs within County of San Diego road right-of-ways in a safe manner for all roadway users (motorists, bicyclists, equestrians, and pedestrians).

## **DEFINITIONS:**

***“Election Information Signs,”*** hereinafter referred to as “Election Signs” or “signs,” shall be defined as informational signs containing any ideological, political, or other non-commercial message that are constructed and placed up to three (3) months in a County road right-of-way per requirements defined in an Encroachment Permit and in conformance with the County’s Zoning Ordinance.

***“County of San Diego road right-of-way,”*** hereinafter referred to as “County road right-of-way,” is defined as land the County of San Diego owns or has rights to for the improvement, maintenance, and operation of County maintained roads in the unincorporated portion of the County (i.e. outside the incorporated city areas of San Diego County). The following website may be used to determine if a road is County of San Diego maintained: <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw/roads/maintroad.html>.

**Note that signs to be placed on roads in an incorporated city may require a permit from the respective city, and it is the sign installer’s responsibility to verify this with the respective city. Also, temporary signs on state highways require a permit from Caltrans (<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>). Signs installed on private property in the unincorporated areas of the County require permission of the private property owner and shall comply with the County’s Zoning Ordinance.**

## **GUIDELINES:**

Election Signs may be permitted within County road right-of-ways subject to the following procedures:

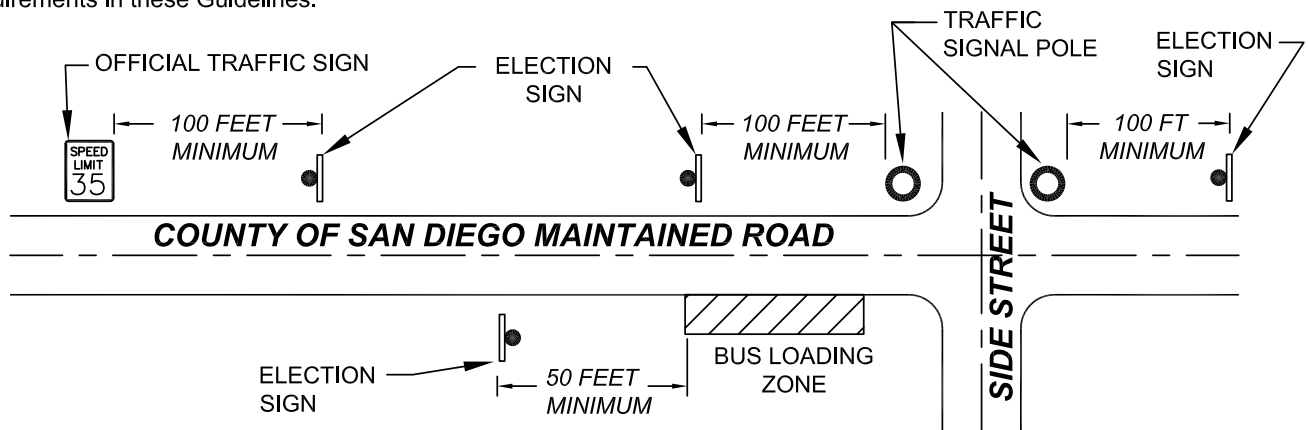
In order to prevent a danger to all roadway users due to confusion and distraction, which may be caused by the posting of Election Signs in certain locations where they compete with traffic safety signs or interfere with visibility, it shall be necessary for Election Sign installers to obtain a revocable Encroachment Permit from the Director of Public Works. The following requirements shall be placed in the Encroachment Permit and adhered to by the permittee:

- a) Election Signs may be placed up to three (3) months in the County road right-of-way and in conformance with the County’s Zoning Ordinance.
- b) Election Signs shall only be placed on wood posts or wood stakes having a cross-section equal to or less than 4 inches by 4 inches that are placed in soil. As required by California Government Codes 4216 through 4216.9, permittee shall contact DigAlert by calling 811 at least two (2) full working days prior to installing stakes or posts to insure no utility conflicts. Placement of signs shall conform to the attached “Election Information Sign Installation Requirements.”
- c) Each Election Sign shall (on the back) identify the Encroachment Permit number.
- d) Nothing in the permit shall be taken to imply County permission to place signs on the property of others.
- e) Election Signs shall not interfere with the sight distance of roadway users and shall not block the visibility of traffic control devices such as signs, signals, and flashers.
- f) Election Signs shall not interfere with the lawful and reasonable use of the County road right-of-way by roadway users (equestrians, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists) and utilities.
- g) The permittee is required to remove their signs at or before the permit expiration date, and shall authorize the County to remove, without notification, signs not so removed by permittee. The County shall charge for sign removal and the permittee shall, in signing his/her permit, agree to pay for County cost of removal of his/her signs.

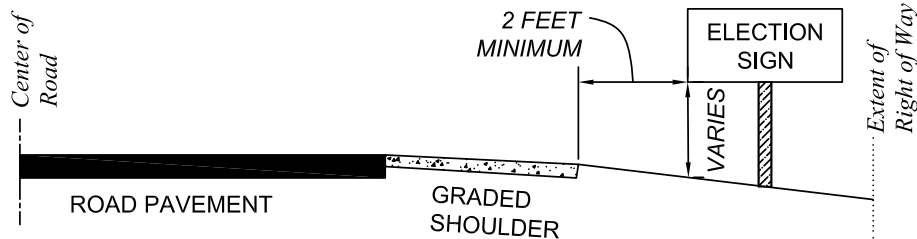
## ELECTION INFORMATION SIGN INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

### Instructions to Permittee:

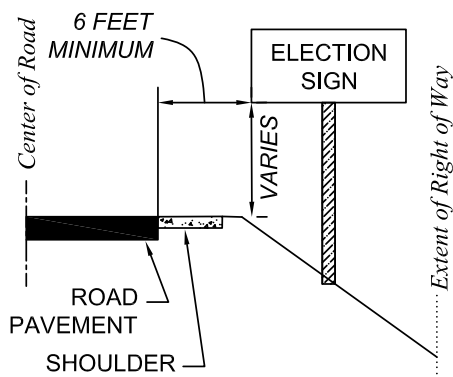
1. Election Information Signs (Election Signs) placed in the County of San Diego's road right-of-way shall be positioned in accordance with the below drawings. Signs shall not interfere with sight distance from intersecting side streets, driveways, alleys, and turn lanes. Signs shall not block the view of official traffic control devices (signs, signals, flashers, etc.).
2. Signs shall only be placed on wood posts or wood stakes having a cross-section equal to or less than 4 inches by 4 inches. Permittee shall contact DigAlert by calling 811 prior to installing stakes or posts to insure no utility conflicts. Signs shall not be fastened to any traffic signal poles, traffic signal cabinets, flasher poles, official traffic sign posts, street light poles, utility boxes and utility poles within the County of San Diego road right-of-way.
3. Number of Election Signs and location of each sign shall conform to information furnished at time of issuance of encroachment permit.
4. These Guidelines were developed to expedite the permitting process by establishing uniform standards for campaign informational signs. These Guidelines are not intended to limit in any way application for approval of a sign meeting any of the requirements for off-premise signs authorized by the Zoning Ordinance whether or not those signs conform to the requirements in these Guidelines.



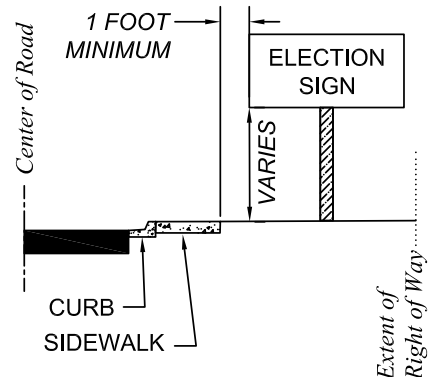
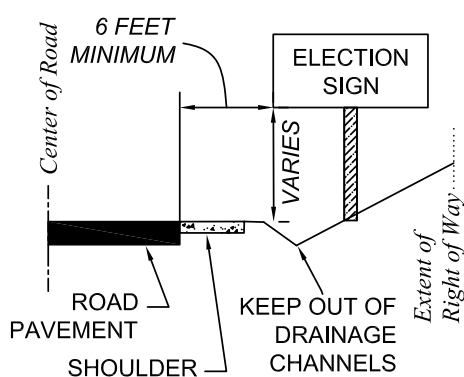
### POSITION WITH RELATION TO DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC



### STANDARD ROADWAY LOCATION FOR ELECTION SIGNS



### MOUNTAIN AND FOOTHILL LOCATIONS



### SIDEWALK LOCATIONS

<b>FOR COUNTY USE ONLY</b>
RECORD ID:
DPW20 _____
RWENCP- _____

# **APPLICATION TO ENCROACH UPON COUNTY HIGHWAY**

GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 1  
TITLE 7 OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE  
**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
5510 OVERLAND AVENUE, SUITE 110  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123  
PHONE (858) 694-2055 • FAX (858) 279-7020  
E-mail [ROWPERMITCOUNTER@SDCOUNTY.CA.GOV](mailto:ROWPERMITCOUNTER@SDCOUNTY.CA.GOV)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS BROTHERS		
YEAR	PAGE	COORD

Permit Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name First*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

Application Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Broadband Project? YES ☐ NO ☐

Is the work part of a larger project or program requiring multiple permits, or currently under review for permit? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes provide: Related Permits \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a utility relocation in connection with a County Capital Improvement Project? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes provide: Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Location of encroachment \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Name and Number and nearest cross street*

☐ Fencing ☐ Political Signs ☐ Scaffolding ☐ Storage ☐ Yard ☐ Other

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

Will encroachment interfere with the public use and maintenance of?

Travelled way ☐ Yes ☐ No Side path or sidewalk ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder or parking lane ☐ Yes ☐ No Drainage structure or watercourse ☐ Yes ☐ No

Justification for Encroachment \_\_\_\_\_

Permit requested: ☐ 1 day ☐ 3 days ☐ 10 days ☐ indefinite ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ days Effective date \_\_\_\_\_ 12.01 a.m.

## **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the granting of this permit, the applicant agrees:

- I hereby agree as a condition of the granting of this permit to provide defense and indemnification in accordance with Section 71.103 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances as follows: Permit Owner agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the County and each of its officers and employees from any liability of responsibility for accident, loss or damage to persons or property arising by reason of the work done by Permit Owner, or Permit Owner's agents, employees or representatives.
- To comply with all applicable laws in the establishment, maintenance, and removal of the encroachment.
- That the Permittee and any other person engaged in any work authorized by this permit shall conform to all due safety precautions for the protection of persons and property.
- To remove or relocate any encroachment placed, changed or renewed under the authority of this permit; prior to its expiration or within 24 hours of notification to remove, if the duration is 10 days or less; or within 5 days of notification to remove, if the permit is of indefinite duration
- After removing or relocation the encroachment, to restore the highway to the equivalent or better condition than it was prior to the date this permit became effective, or prior to the date the encroachment was first placed, whichever is earlier.

"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements made herein are true and correct."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
*Owner*

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



**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**

DOT ODA-0027 (REV 04/2025)

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**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.)

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**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.

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**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>.

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**Maintenance of the Information Authorized By:**

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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## California Department of Transportation

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-36 | SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001  
(916) 654-6473 | TTY 711  
[www.dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda](http://www.dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda)



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

***"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"***



**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail Statement of Responsibility to:**

Department of Transportation  
Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942873, MS-36  
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001  
Email: [ODA@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ODA@dot.ca.gov)

## CITIES SIGN INFORMATION

### Sign Ordinances for Incorporated Cities

Information on sign permits or complaints about illegal signs can be obtained from the numbers listed below.

CITY	DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CARLSBAD	Sign Complaints/Questions-Code Enforcement	(760) 602-2703
CHULA VISTA	Code Enforcement	(619) 397-6000
CORONADO	Planning & Zoning	(619) 522-7326
DEL MAR	Code Enforcement	(858) 704-3651
EL CAJON	Community Development Planning Division	(619) 441-1742
ENCINITAS	Code Enforcement	(760) 633-2685
ESCONDIDO	Code Enforcement	(760) 839-4650
IMPERIAL BEACH	Code Compliance	(619) 628-1358
LA MESA	Planning Department	(619) 667-1177
LEMON GROVE	Code Compliance	(619) 825-3820
NATIONAL CITY	Code Enforcement	(760) 435-4500
OCEANSIDE	Sign Permits - Planning Division	(760) 435-3520
POWAY	Code Compliance - Complaints	(858) 668-4660
SAN DIEGO	Code Enforcement	(619) 236-5500
SAN MARCOS	Code Enforcement Office	(760) 744-1050
SANTEE	Development Services	(619) 258-4100
SOLANA BEACH	Community Development	(858) 720-2440
VISTA	Code Enforcement	(760) 639-6141
State of California		(916) 654-6473



# CHAPTER 6

## Additional Information

VOTING DAYS

OTHER ELECTION INFORMATION

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## VOTING DAYS

<b>VOTING HOURS</b>	Starting May 23, select Vote Centers open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On May 30, all Vote Centers open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Election Day, when voting hours change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (E.C. § 14212)
<b>LIST OF VOTE CENTERS</b>	Not less than one week before the election, the Registrar of Voters shall post a list of all current Vote Centers in each precinct. (E.C. § 12105.5) This list is posted on <a href="http://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> .
<b>CHANGE OF VOTE CENTERS</b>	If a Vote Center location changes after the Voter Information Pamphlets are mailed to voters, the Registrar of Voters will notify voters via a "Vote Center change postcard".
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	<p>Any member of the public may be an observer. There are strict policies and procedures observers must follow.</p> <p><b>Observers may:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe the proceedings at the Vote Centers, including opening and closing procedures</li> <li>• Inspect the roster of voters and street index at the convenience of polls workers and voters</li> <li>• Observe voting procedures throughout Election Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Observers may NOT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interfere with the voting process or with poll worker operations</li> <li>• Photograph or videotape inside the Vote Center while it is open and voters are present</li> <li>• Touch any voting materials</li> <li>• Sit at the poll worker table</li> <li>• Discuss any ballot or political issue</li> <li>• Be in the area where voters are casting their ballots</li> </ul>
<b>ELECTIONEERING</b>	<p>(a) "Electioneering" means the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a Vote Center, an elections official's office, or a satellite location under Section 3018.</p> <p>(b) Prohibited electioneering information includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A display of a candidate's name, likeness, or logo.</li> <li>2. A display of a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo.</li> <li>3. Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information.</li> <li>4. Dissemination of audible electioneering information. (E.C. § 319.5)</li> </ol> <p>(a) A person shall not, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, within the 100-foot limit specified in subdivision (b), do any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.</li> <li>2. Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot.</li> <li>3. Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of the voter's qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.</li> <li>4. Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.</li> </ol> <p>As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office" means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.</p> <p>Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. (E.C. § 18370)</p>

## OTHER ELECTION INFORMATION

<b>VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS (COUNTY PAMPHLET)</b>	Voter Information Pamphlets are mailed six to two weeks before the election to each voter who registers by the 29th day before the election, which is May 4. Voters who register after May 4 will receive either a Voter Information Pamphlet or a postcard notification.
<b>CALIFORNIA VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE (STATE PAMPHLET)</b>	This pamphlet is mailed to each registered voter household and contains all the state measures, accompanying text (analyses, arguments, rebuttals, etc.) and statements of qualifications for candidates seeking statewide office.
<b>VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	May 18 is the last day to register to vote in the June 2 Primary Election.
<b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD</b>	Voters who miss the registration deadline may register and vote through Election Day. The Registrar of Voters highly encourages individuals to not wait until Election Day to exercise this option as it may cause long lines.
<b>CANDIDATE'S EMPLOYMENT</b>	The Registrar of Voter's policy does not allow candidates or their family members to work as temporary employees for the Registrar of Voters office during their candidacy.
<b>ELECTION NIGHT ACTIVITIES</b>	Shortly after the Vote Centers close at 8 p.m. the first report containing mail ballot voting results is released. As Vote Center ballots are returned to the Registrar of Voters office for tabulation, vote results are updated. Updates occur approximately every 30 minutes until all results are reported. Typically, the first precinct results are reported by 10 p.m. The ballot tabulation process is open for public viewing. All observers must wear badges.
<b>ELECTION RESULTS</b>	Election results are available on <a href="https://sdvote.com">sdvote.com</a> on election night beginning shortly after 8 p.m. until all precincts are reported and the ballots counted. Mail ballots dropped off at the Vote Centers and provisional ballots are counted during the 30 days following the election. Bulletins with these "add-on counts" are available at the front counter of the Registrar of Voters office. The results on the website are updated after each "add-on count."
<b>OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE RETURNS</b>	The Registrar of Voters must conduct the official canvass of the returns within 30 days after the election. When the canvass is completed, a certified statement of the results is submitted to the Secretary of State, the Board of Supervisors, and affected jurisdictions.

# KNOW OF AN ELECTION VIOLATION?

## HERE'S WHO TO CALL

In response to the many inquiries we receive regarding possible election violations or fraud, a list has been compiled regarding who to contact for the various types of violations.

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters is **NOT** an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations. Reports of violations should be referred to the agencies listed below:

- **False or misleading campaign materials:** No agency enforcement; these issues are dealt with in court.
- **Violations of the Political Reform Act** (Title 9 of the California Government Code in Sections 81000 through 91015), i.e., mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests: Contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at [fppc.ca.gov](http://fppc.ca.gov)
- **Election Fraud:** Contact the District Attorney, (619) 531-4051, or the California Secretary of State at [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov), (916) 657-2166.
- **Unlawful Use of Public Funds, violations of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act:** Contact the District Attorney, (619) 531-4051, or the California State Attorney General at [oag.ca.gov](http://oag.ca.gov), (800) 952-5225.
- **Federal Campaigns, Congress, U.S. Senate, President of the United States, etc.:** Contact the Federal Election Commission at [fec.gov](http://fec.gov), (800) 424-9530.
- **Open Meeting Laws (Brown Act):** Contact the District Attorney, (619) 531-4051, or the California State Attorney General at [aog.ca.gov](http://aog.ca.gov), (800) 952-5225.
- **Local Ordinances:** Contact your local city attorney or the District Attorney, (619) 531-4051.
- **Vandalism to campaign signs:** Contact your local police department or the sheriff, as appropriate.
- **Requirements Concerning Campaign Signs:** See the list of contacts in this Guide.

## FEDERAL / STATE / LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

<b>Fair Political Practices Commission</b> 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050 Sacramento, CA 95811-6539 Phone: (866) 275-3772 FAX: (916) 322-0886 <a href="http://fppc.ca.gov">fppc.ca.gov</a>	<b>Secretary of State - Political Reform Division</b> 1500 11th Street, Room 495 Sacramento, CA 95814-5701 Phone: (916) 653-6224 <a href="http://sos.ca.gov">sos.ca.gov</a>
<b>Federal Election Commission</b> 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463-0001 Phone: (800) 424-9530 For the hearing impaired, TTY (202) 219-3336 <a href="http://fec.gov">fec.gov</a>	<b>Attorney General</b> PO Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Phone: (916) 445-9555/ (800) 952-5225 <a href="http://oag.ca.gov">oag.ca.gov</a>
<b>San Diego County - District Attorney's Office Special Operations Division - Public Integrity Unit</b> 330 West Broadway, Ste. 1020 San Diego, CA 92101-3827 Phone: (619) 531-4051 FAX: (619) 685-6689 <a href="http://sdcca.org">sdcca.org</a>	<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation</b> Federal Office Building 10385 Vista Sorrento Pkwy San Diego, CA 92121-2703 Phone: (858) 320-1800 <a href="http://fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/sandiego">fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/sandiego</a>

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