

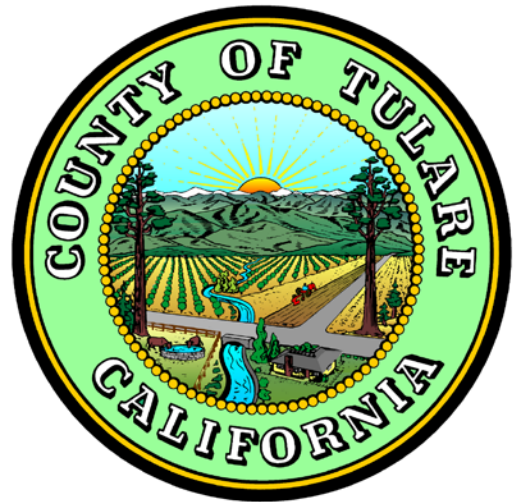
# CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

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GENERAL ELECTION**



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- Elections Code (EC)
- Government Code (GC)

The term E-Dates stands for Election Day. E-Dates have been used throughout this guide to indicate important dates and deadlines. These dates are the number of days prior to or after an Election Date. Example: E-89 means E minus 89 days and would be 89 days prior to an election and E+31 days means E plus 31 days and would be 31 days after an election. This type of date is often used in the Elections Code in order to avoid any variance from one (1) election to the next.

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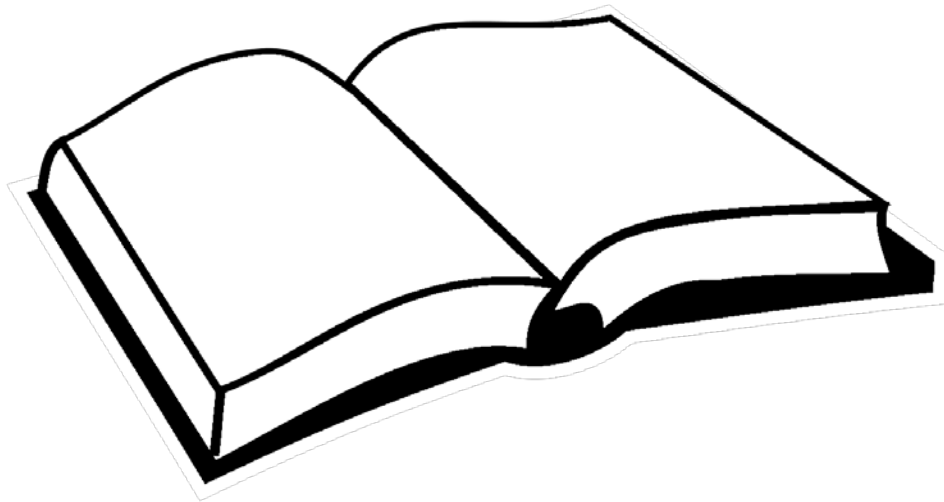
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# GENERAL INFORMATION



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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| 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>Sacramento, CA 95811  | Technical Assistance: (866) 275-3772<br>Fax: (916) 322-0886<br><a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a>                    |
| <b>CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>   |  |
| P.O. Box 944255<br>Sacramento, CA 94244-2550   | Phone: (916) 210-6276<br>Toll Free: (800) 952-5225<br><a href="https://oag.ca.gov">https://oag.ca.gov</a>                              |
| <b>FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (FEC)</b>   |  |
| 999 "E" Street NW<br>Washington, DC 20463  | Phone: (800) 424-9530<br><a href="http://www.fec.gov">www.fec.gov</a>  |
| <b>SECRETARY OF STATE (SOS)</b>  |  |
| <b>ELECTIONS DIVISION</b><br>1500 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, Fifth Floor<br>Sacramento, CA 95814     | Phone: (916) 657-2166<br>Fax: (916) 653-3214<br><a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/election">www.sos.ca.gov/election</a>                   |
| <b>POLITICAL REFORM DIVISION</b><br>1500 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, Room 495<br>Sacramento, CA 95814 | Phone: (916) 653-6224<br>Fax: (916) 653-5045<br><a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying">www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying</a> |
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| <b>TULARE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>   |  |
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| <b>UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)</b>  |  |
| 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300<br>Silver Spring, MD 20910                                      | Phone: (301) 563-3919<br>Toll Free: (866) 747-1471<br>Fax: (301) 734-3108<br><a href="http://www.eac.gov">www.eac.gov</a>              |

# 2020 GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

(EC 15, 3021, 8106, 13112, 13313, 15101 and GC 6700, 6701)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>June 8 – August 7</b><br>(E-148 – E-88)       | <b>Independent Candidates – Nomination Papers – Office for which there is a filing fee.</b>   |
| <b>July 15</b><br>(E-111)                        | <b>Candidate Statements in the State Voter Information Guide Deadline.</b>  |
| <b>July 13 – August 7</b><br>(E-113 – E-88 )     | <b>Declaration of Candidacy &amp; Nomination Petition Filing Period</b><br>Candidates (including incumbents seeking re-election to the same office) must file nomination documents with the County Registrar of Voters office during this period.   |
| <b>August 7 at 5:00 p.m.</b><br>(E-88)           | <b>Close of Candidate Nomination Period</b><br>Last day to file Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers. FPPC Statements of Economic Interest Form 700 are due.  |
| <b>August 10 – August 12</b><br>(E-85 – E-83)    | <b>Extension of Candidate Nomination Period</b><br>Extends the filing period for candidates other than the incumbent <b>IF</b> the incumbent does not file (not applicable for Federal offices, Central Committee seats or when incumbent is ineligible to file due to term limits).  |
| <b>August 7 – August 17</b><br>(E-88 – E-78)     | <b>10-Day Public Inspection Period of Candidate Statements</b><br>Any person may obtain a copy of the candidate's statement from the Registrar of Voters office for use. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction or the County Elections Official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction must be filed no later than the end of this period (extended offices: August 12-22, 2020). |
| <b>August 13 at 11:00 a.m.</b><br>(E-82)         | <b>Random Alphabet Drawing</b><br>Conducted by the Secretary of State to determine candidate name order as it will appear on the ballot. The county will conduct a local random drawing to determine candidate name order for State Senate and Assembly offices.  |
| <b>September 7 – October 20</b><br>(E-57 – E-14) | <b>Filing Period for Write-In Candidacy</b>   |
| <b>October 5 – October 20</b><br>(E-29 – E-7)    | <b>Regular Vote by Mail Ballot</b><br>Period for Elections Official to receive Vote by Mail ballot requests from voters.  |
| <b>October 19</b><br>(E-15)                      | <b>15-Day Close</b><br>Last day for voters to register to vote. Registration cards must be received in the Registrar of Voters Office or postmarked by this date.   |
| <b>October 20</b><br>(E-14)                      | County Elections Official may begin processing Vote by Mail ballots for counting. No results will be released until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.  |
| <b>October 27</b><br>(E-7)                       | <b>Deadline to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot</b><br>Last day for County Elections Official to receive a voter's application for a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed.   |
| <b>October 28 – November 3</b><br>(E-6 – E-day)  | <b>Late Condition Vote by Mail Period</b><br>If voter is unable to go to the polls to vote, they may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the voted Vote by Mail ballot. Request must be in writing, signed by the voter and the representative must be named in the request.   |

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day.*

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT FEE REQUIREMENT

## FEDERAL & STATE OFFICES

| OFFICE                                   | INCUMBENT       | TERM<br>(Years) | CANDIDATE<br>STATEMENT<br>FEE | Registered<br>Voters |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| U.S. President/Vice President            | Donald J. Trump | 4               | N/A                           | 182,621              |
| U.S. Representative Congress District 21 | T.J. Cox        | 2               | \$475                         | 7,679                |
| U.S. Representative Congress District 22 | Devin Nunes     | 2               | \$5,500                       | 138,174              |
| U.S. Representative Congress District 23 | Kevin McCarthy  | 2               | \$2,500                       | 36,768               |
| Assembly District 23                     | Jim Patterson   | 2               | \$375                         | 3,504                |
| Assembly District 26                     | Devon Mathis    | 2               | \$6,800                       | 179,117              |

**Note:** State Assembly candidates may file and pay for a candidate statement only if they indicated on the form 501 that they will accept voluntary spending limits as detailed in Government Code 85601 (Proposition 34).

## COUNTY OFFICES

| OFFICE                          | INCUMBENT      | TERM<br>(Years) | CANDIDATE<br>STATEMENT<br>FEE | Registered<br>Voters |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Board of Supervisors District 1 | Kuyler Crocker | 4               | \$2,000                       | 37,754               |

## LIST OF LOCAL OFFICES

### CITY COUNCIL

| CITY         | VACANCIES                 | INCUMBENT                    | CANDIDATE<br>STATEMENT |           | Registered<br>voters |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
|              |                           |                              | AMOUNT                 | WHO PAYS  |                      |
| Dinuba       | Council Member Ward 1     | Emilio Morales               | \$550                  | Candidate | 1,544                |
|              | Council Member Ward 5     | Linda Launer                 | \$550                  | 200 Words | 1,230                |
| Exeter       | Council Member District A | David Hails (Short-Term)     | \$700                  | Candidate | 922                  |
|              | Council Member District B | Barbara Sally                | \$700                  | 200 Words | 871                  |
|              | Council Member District E | Jeremy Petty                 | \$800                  |           | 1,057                |
| Farmersville | Council Member            | Gregorio Gomez               | \$1,000                | Candidate | 3,344                |
|              | Council Member            | Rosa Vasquez                 |                        | 200 Words |                      |
| Lindsay      | Council Member            | Pamela Kimball               | \$1,000                | Candidate | 3,472                |
|              | Council Member            | Laura Cortes                 |                        | 200 Words |                      |
|              | Council Member            | Brian Watson                 |                        |           |                      |
| Porterville  | Council Member District 3 | Martha Flores                | \$1,000                | Candidate | 3,961                |
|              | Council Member District 4 | Adrian Reyes                 | \$1,200                | 200 Words | 5,664                |
|              | Council Member District 5 | Virginia Gurrola             | \$1,000                |           | 3,347                |
| Tulare       | Council Member Area 1     | Jose Sigala                  | \$800                  | Candidate | 4,295                |
|              | Council Member Area 3     | Carlton Jones                | \$800                  | 200 Words | 4,942                |
|              | Council Member Area 5     | James Greg Nunley            | \$1,600                |           | 8,275                |
| Visalia      | Council Member District 1 | Phillip Cox                  | \$1,500                | Candidate | 15,893               |
|              | Council Member District 2 | Robert Link                  | \$1,500                | 200 Words | 14,026               |
| Woodlake     | Council Member            | Jose Martinez                | \$600                  | Candidate | 2,374                |
|              | Council Member            | Rodolfo Mendoza              |                        | 200 Words |                      |
|              | Council Member            | Emmanuel Llamas (Short-Term) |                        |           |                      |
|              | Council Member            | Joseph Valero (Short-Term)   |                        |           |                      |

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

| BOARD         | VACANCIES      | INCUMBENT           | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|               |                |                     | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Tulare County | Trustee Area 2 | Deborah Holguin     | \$1,650             | Candidate              | 20,647            |
|               | Trustee Area 3 | Thomas Link         | \$2,000             | 200 Words              | 31,984            |
|               | Trustee Area 5 | Joe Enea            | \$2,000             |                        | 32,108            |
|               | Trustee Area 6 | Chris Reed          | \$1,800             |                        | 24,812            |
| Kings County  | Trustee Area 2 | Mary Gonzales-Gomez | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 34                |
| Fresno County | Trustee Area 5 | Allen Clyde         | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 156               |

## COLLEGE

| COLLEGE                 | VACANCIES           | INCUMBENT        | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |           | Registered Voters |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                         |                     |                  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS  |                   |
| College of the Sequoias | Board Member Area 3 | Raymond Macareno | \$1,800             | Candidate | 24,648            |
|                         | Board Member Area 4 | Lori Cardoza     | \$1,200             | 400 Words | 19,404            |
| Kern Community College  | Board Member Area 4 |                  | \$550               | Candidate | 2,107             |
|                         | Board Member Area 6 |                  | \$650               | 200 Words | 1,109             |

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

| SCHOOL DISTRICT   | VACANCIES                                    | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered Voters |
|-------------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                   |  |  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Allensworth       | Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member | Nancy Nunez (Short-Term)<br>Goana Toscano(Short-Term)<br>Kayode Kadara | \$450               | Candidate<br>400 Words | 121               |
| Alta Vista        | Board Member Area 1                          | Maria "Lupe" Perez   | \$450               | Candidate              | 152               |
|                   | Board Member Area 2                          | Hellena "Larue" Miley  | \$450               | 200 Words              | 183               |
|                   | Board Member Area 4                          | Maria Prado  | \$450               |                        | 120               |
| Buena Vista       | Board Member                                 | Dave Martin  | \$450               | Candidate<br>400 Words | 166               |
| Burton            | Board Member Area 2                          | Obdulia Guzman-Alvarado  | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,261             |
|                   | Board Member Area 5                          | Vikki Cervantes  | \$550               |                        | 1,759             |
| Columbine         | Board Member                                 | Dante Silva  | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 67                |
| Ducor             | Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member | Patricia Hughes<br>Gabina Becerra (Short-Term)<br>Vacant               | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 415               |
| Earlimart         | Board Member<br>Board Member                 | Ruby Garcia<br>Abigail Solis   | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,958             |
| Hope              | Board Member                                 | Bob Nuckols  | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 353               |
| Hot Springs       | Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member | Jeanette Bischoff<br>Tiffany Thornton<br>Jim Smith (Short-Term)        | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 187               |
| Kingsburg Charter | Board Member Area 2                          | Connie Lunde   | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 250               |

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

| SCHOOL DISTRICT        | VACANCIES   | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT         |                        | Registered Voters       |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                        |   |  | AMOUNT                      | WHO PAYS               |                         |
| Kings River            | Board Member Area 3<br>Board Member Area 5                        | Jeffrey Jost<br>Larry Bierman                        | \$450<br>\$450              | Candidate<br>200 Words | 107<br>132              |
| Kit Carson             | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 4                        | Joe Oliveira<br>Vacant                               | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 26<br>117               |
| Liberty                | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Jonathon Thorpe<br>Vickie Lopez-Estrada              | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,092                   |
| Linns Valley-Poso Flat | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Yolanda Pewitt<br>Jennifer Lavers                    | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 104                     |
| Monson-Sultana         | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 4                        | Robert Cepeda<br>Jeff Belknap                        | \$450<br>\$450              | Candidate<br>200 Words | 94<br>155               |
| Oak Valley             | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Douglas Mederos<br>John Mendonca                     | \$450                       | Candidate<br>400 Words | 486                     |
| Outside Creek          | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Ivan Gutierrez-Rivas<br>Filomena Santos              | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 343                     |
| Palo Verde             | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 5                        | Gloria Hauff<br>Mark Trigueiro                       | \$450                       | Candidate<br>400 Words | 176<br>132              |
| Pixley                 | Board Member Area 3<br>Board Member Area 4<br>Board Member Area 5 | Joel Ramos<br>Emilia De Villa<br>Vacant (Short-Term) | \$450<br>\$450<br>\$450     | Candidate<br>200 Words | 242<br>271<br>140       |
| Pleasant View          | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Michael Smith<br>Davy Gobel                          | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 700                     |
| Richgrove              | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Hipolito "Paul" Cervantes<br>Yaneli Carrillo         | \$450                       | District<br>200 Words  | 537                     |
| Rockford               | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | David Koontz<br>Jackie Witzel (Short-Term)           | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 437                     |
| Saucelito              | Board Member  | Jeffrey Noble  | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 62                      |
| Sequoia                | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Frances "Nicole" Ray<br>James McNulty                | \$550                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,227                   |
| Springville            | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Dianne Shew<br>Chris Ferrell                         | \$650                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 2,726                   |
| Stone Corral           | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Deborah Roberts<br>Thomas Redemer                    | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 207                     |
| Strathmore             | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 3                        | Kevin Holtermann<br>Adelaida Sanchez                 | \$450<br>\$450              | Candidate<br>200 Words | 340<br>281              |
| Sundale                | Board Member Area 2<br>Board Member Area 4                        | Ralph Walton<br>Johanna Weerheim                     | \$450<br>\$450              | Candidate<br>200 Words | 276<br>198              |
| Sunnyside              | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 5                        | John "Andy" Manning<br>Humberto Quezada              | \$450<br>\$450              | Candidate<br>200 Words | 133<br>221              |
| Terra Bella            | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Mariana Lopez<br>Alfredo Beltran Sr                  | \$600                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,720                   |
| Three Rivers           | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Jason Hawes<br>Mark Frick                            | \$600                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,560                   |
| Tipton                 | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Shelley Heeger<br>Fernando Manuel Cunha              | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 844                     |
| Traver                 | Board Member  | Erlinda Esquibel                                     | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 313                     |
| Tulare City            | Board Member Area 2<br>Board Member Area 3<br>Board Member Area 5 | Daniel Enriquez<br>Melissa Janes<br>Teresa Garcia    | \$1,100<br>\$1,000<br>\$950 | Candidate<br>200 Words | 7,447<br>5,748<br>3,552 |
| Waukena                | Board Member<br>Board Member                                      | Joseph Machado<br>Mike Lewis                         | \$450                       | Candidate<br>200 Words | 280                     |

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

| SCHOOL DISTRICT | VACANCIES                                    | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered Voters |
|-----------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                 |  |  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Woodville       | Board Member<br>Board Member<br>Board Member | Amanda Medina<br>Fabiola Guerrero<br>Diana Ocegueda-Martinez | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 485               |

## UNIFIED SCHOOL

| SCHOOL DISTRICT | VACANCIES                    | INCUMBENT                        | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                 |                              |                                  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Alpaugh         | Board Member<br>Board Member | Bill Mitchell<br>Kristy Mitchell | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 242               |
| Cutler-Orosi    | Board Member Area 1          | Marisol Rubalcaba                | \$550               | Candidate              | 1,281             |
|                 | Board Member Area 1          | Sarah Herrera                    | \$550               | 200 Words              | 1,281             |
|                 | Board Member Area 3          | Delia Martinez                   | \$550               |                        | 1,290             |
|                 | Board Member Area 4          | Lloyd McClard                    | \$450               |                        | 643               |
| Dinuba          | Board Member Area 1          | Sandra Kizirian                  | \$650               | Candidate              | 1,769             |
|                 | Board Member Area 4          | Mary Villarreal                  | \$650               | 200 Words              | 1,747             |
| Exeter          | Board Member Area 1          | Dewayne Faulkner                 | \$1,000             | Candidate              | 1,381             |
|                 | Board Member Area 3          | Mark Hellwig                     | \$1,000             | 400 Words              | 1,024             |
|                 | Board Member Area 7          | Eugene Lytle                     | \$1,000             |                        | 1,228             |
| Farmersville    | Board Member<br>Board Member | John Vasquez<br>Alice Lopez      | \$750               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 3,574             |
| Kings Canyon    | Board Member Area 6          | Craig Cooper                     | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 156               |
| Lindsay         | Board Member Area 3          | Robert Hurtado                   | \$450               | Candidate              | 1,051             |
|                 | Board Member Area 4          | Perla Soria                      | \$450               | 200 Words              | 1,136             |
| Porterville     | Board Member Area 1          | Juan Figueroa Jr.                | \$600               | Candidate              | 4,115             |
|                 | Board Member Area 2          | Tomas Velasquez                  | \$650               | 200 Words              | 3,738             |
|                 | Board Member Area 6          | Donna Berry                      | \$650               |                        | 6,257             |
| Visalia         | Board Member Area 5          | Niessen Foster                   | \$1,200             | Candidate              | 10,472            |
|                 | Board Member Area 6          | Lucia Vazquez                    | \$1,000             | 200 Words              | 6,331             |
|                 | Board Member Area 7          | William Fulmer Jr.               | \$1,200             |                        | 11,255            |
| Woodlake        | Board Member Area C          | Anthony Perez                    | \$450               | Candidate              | 709               |
|                 | Board Member Area E          | Joseph Hallmeyer                 | \$450               | 200 Words              | 717               |
|                 | Board Member Area F          | Edmund Pena                      | \$450               |                        | 928               |
|                 | Board Member Area G          | Kent Owen                        | \$550               |                        | 1,214             |

| <b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>     |  |                                   |                            |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> | <b>VACANCIES</b>                           | <b>INCUMBENT</b>                  | <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b> |                        | <b>Registered voters</b> |
|                        |  |                                   | <b>AMOUNT</b>              | <b>WHO PAYS</b>        |                          |
| Delano Joint Union     | Board Member<br>Board Member               | Jesus Cardenas<br>Arnold Morrison | \$650                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 2,683                    |
| Hanford Joint Union    | Board Member Area 5                        | Karl Anderson                     | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 36                       |
| Kingsburg Joint Union  | Board Member Area 4                        | Rick Jackson                      | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 865                      |
| Tulare Joint Union     | Board Member Area 1<br>Board Member Area 4 | Cathy Mederos<br>Frank Fernandes  | \$1,500<br>\$1,500         | Candidate<br>400 Words | 5,598<br>6,095           |

| <b>COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT</b> |  |   |                            |                        |                          |
|------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT</b>                    | <b>VACANCIES</b>                             | <b>INCUMBENT</b>  | <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b> |                        | <b>Registered voters</b> |
|                                    |  |   | <b>AMOUNT</b>              | <b>WHO PAYS</b>        |                          |
| Allensworth                        | Director<br>Director<br>Director<br>Director | Vacant<br>Pastor Herrera Moreno<br>Sherry Hunter<br>Vacant (Short Term) | \$450                      | District<br>200 Words  | 104                      |
| Alpaugh                            | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Roger Strickland<br>Davon Gregory<br>Benjamin Anderson                  | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 242                      |
| Alpine Village/<br>Sequoia Crest   | Director<br>Director                         | Pearl Rivers<br>John Kinder   | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 33                       |
| Ducor                              | Director<br>Director                         | Raymond Daniel<br>James Parsons   | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 142                      |
| Goshen                             | Director<br>Director                         | Helen Gonzalez<br>Stephen Palermo                                       | \$500                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,341                    |
| London                             | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Aaron Morgan<br>Dorothy Keltner<br>Tony Brito Jr.                       | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 321                      |
| Patterson Tract                    | Director<br>Director                         | Sylvia Santiago<br>Danny Holguin  | \$450                      | District<br>200 Words  | 165                      |
| Ponderosa                          | Director<br>Director                         | Dale Doty<br>Tammi Stewart  | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 32                       |
| Poplar                             | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Sara Arellano<br>Gloria De La Torre<br>Sandra Garcia                    | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 404                      |
| Richgrove                          | Director<br>Director                         | Orlando Gudino<br>Irene Flores  | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 488                      |
| Sultana                            | Director<br>Director                         | Michael Prado Jr.<br>Shawn Reagan                                       | \$450                      | District<br>200 Words  | 189                      |
| Teviston                           | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Frank Galaviz<br>Elida Ruelas<br>Vacant (Short-Term)                    | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 66                       |
| Three Rivers                       | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Kenneth Elias<br>Jacqueline Fletcher<br>Robert Groeber                  | \$500                      | District<br>200 Words  | 1,284                    |
| Tipton                             | Director<br>Director                         | Douglas Cardoza<br>Carol Vaught   | \$450                      | Candidate<br>200 Words | 593                      |

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

| DISTRICT       | VACANCIES            | INCUMBENT                            | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                |                      |                                      | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Tract 92       | Director<br>Director | Wayne Stafford<br>Vacant             | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 117               |
| Yettem-Seville | Director<br>Director | Gregorio Frias<br>Christopher Kemper | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 158               |

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

| DISTRICT    | VACANCIES                    | INCUMBENT                      | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|             |                              |                                | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Orange Cove | Commissioner                 | Lee Bailey                     | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 130               |
| Strathmore  | Commissioner                 | Adelaida Sanchez               | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 403               |
| Woodlake    | Commissioner<br>Commissioner | Shane Headrick<br>Ruben Garcia | \$650               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 2,486             |

## HOSPITAL DISTRICT

| DISTRICT                        | VACANCIES                        | INCUMBENT                                       | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                                 |                                  |   | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Alta Healthcare                 | Director Zone 2                  | Kathy Grant                                     | \$650               | District<br>200 Words  | 2,335             |
|                                 | Director Zone 5                  | Margie Davidian                                 | \$650               |                        | 2,428             |
| Exeter Ambulance                | Director Division 1              | Anthony Miller                                  | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,681             |
|                                 | Director Division 3              | Vacant (Short-Term)                             | \$500               |                        | 1,102             |
|                                 | Director Division 4              | Diana Mendez                                    | \$500               |                        | 1,517             |
|                                 | Director Division 5              | Vacant  | \$550               |                        | 1,541             |
| Kaweah Delta Healthcare         | Director Zone 1                  | Herbert Hawkins                                 | \$1,050             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 14,490            |
|                                 | Director Zone 3                  | Garth Gipson                                    | \$1,400             |                        | 19,976            |
|                                 | Director Zone 5                  | Nevin House                                     | \$1,050             |                        | 14,177            |
| Kingsburg Tri-County Healthcare | Director<br>Director             | Lejf Knutson<br>Lori Ewert-Sanders              | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 757               |
| Lindsay                         | Director<br>Director<br>Director | Greg McQueen<br>Richard Hernandez<br>Ivet Soria | \$750               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 6,091             |
| North Kern/South Tulare         | Director<br>Director             | Lorene Hill<br>Jaime Mendoza                    | \$650               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 2,925             |
| Sierra View                     | Director Zone 1                  | Daniel Smith                                    | \$750               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,873             |
|                                 | Director Zone 2                  | Gaurang Pandya                                  | \$1,500             |                        | 6,179             |
|                                 | Director Zone 4                  | Rakesh Jindall                                  | \$1,500             |                        | 7,328             |
| Tulare Local Healthcare         | Director Area 2                  | Michael Jamaica                                 | \$1,400             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 4,917             |
|                                 | Director Area 4                  | Kevin Northcraft                                | \$1,500             |                        | 7,334             |

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT

| DISTRICT           | VACANCIES                                    | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|--------------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                    |  |  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Alpaugh            | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Ranveig Magden<br>Harley Cotter<br>Luis Vasquez IV                                   | \$400               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 128               |
| Alta               | Director Division 3                          | Jerry Halford  | \$550               | Candidate              | 2,457             |
|                    | Director Division 4                          | Vacant   | \$650               | 200 Words              | 3,181             |
|                    | Director Division 7                          | John Kalender  | \$650               |                        | 3,651             |
| Delano/Earlimart   | Director Division 4                          | Mark Kovacevich  | \$450               | Candidate              | 35                |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | Peter Hronis   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 25                |
| Ducor              | Director<br>Director<br>Director<br>Director | Vacant (Short-Term)<br>Henry Owen<br>John Rangel Jr.<br>Joel Hopson                  | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 85                |
| Exeter             | Director Division 2                          | Robert Ward Jr.  | \$450               | Candidate              | 68                |
|                    | Director Division 3                          | Joseph Ferrara   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 526               |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | Keith Cosart   | \$450               |                        | 559               |
| Hills Valley       | Director<br>Director                         | Loren Booth<br>Stanley Archer  |                     | Candidate<br>200 Words | 4                 |
| Ivanhoe            | Director<br>Director<br>Director<br>Director | Robert Felts Jr.<br>Terrance Peltzer<br>Douglas Phillips<br>William Spruitenburg Jr. | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 316               |
| Lindmore           | Director Division 3                          | Edward Milanesio   | \$450               | Candidate              | 188               |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | John Arnold  | \$450               | 200 Words              | 245               |
| Lindsay/Strathmore | Director Division 3                          | Michael George   | \$450               | Candidate              | 196               |
|                    | Director Division 4                          | Starr Warson   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 276               |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | Clifford Loeffler  | \$450               |                        | 485               |
| Lower Tule River   | Director Division 3                          | Thomas Barcellos   | \$450               | Candidate              | 151               |
|                    | Director Division 4                          | Gary Fernandes   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 129               |
| Orange Cove        | Director Division 4                          | Arlen Miller   | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 394               |
| Pixley             | Director Division 3                          | Randall Parreira   | \$450               | Candidate              | 39                |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | Frank Junio  | \$450               | 200 Words              | 63                |
| Porterville        | Director Division 1                          | Timothy Witzel   | \$450               | Candidate              | 284               |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | Edwin Chambers   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 960               |
| Saucelito          | Director Division 1                          | Lucille Demetriff  | \$450               | Candidate              | 29                |
|                    | Director Division 2                          | Mark Merritt   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 174               |
|                    | Director Division 3                          | Eric Merritt   |                     |                        | 24                |
| Stone Corral       | Director<br>Director<br>Director             | Teresa Dir<br>David Roberts<br>Thomas Runyon   | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 56                |
| Terra Bella        | Director Division 2                          | Geoffrey Galloway  | \$450               | Candidate              | 238               |
|                    | Director Division 4                          | Glen Fowler  | \$450               | 200 Words              | 149               |
| Tulare             | Director Division 3                          | Scott Rogers   | \$450               | Candidate              | 229               |
|                    | Director Division 4                          | Richard Borges Jr.   | \$450               | 200 Words              | 675               |
|                    | Director Division 5                          | David Bixler   | \$450               |                        | 497               |

## MEMORIAL DISTRICT

| DISTRICT            | VACANCIES  | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                     |  |  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Dinuba              | Director 3 Veteran<br>Director 4 Non-Veteran<br>Director 5 Non-Veteran                       | Reynaldo Herevia<br>Joe Rivera Sr.<br>Ruth Padilla                               | \$1,200             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 11,957            |
| Exeter              | Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Non-Veteran             | Johnny Carr<br>Leamon Smith<br>Stanley Dillon<br>Daniel Crookham<br>(Short-Term) | \$1,000             | District<br>200 Words  | 9,931             |
| Ivanhoe             | Director Non-Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran             | Vacant (Short-Term)<br>Jose Duarte<br>Colin Green<br>Ray Phillipson              | \$750               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 5,093             |
| Lindsay-Strathmore  | Director 1 Non-Veteran<br>Director 3 Veteran<br>Director 4 Non-Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran | Vacant (Short-Term)<br>Jesus Villa<br>William Harris<br>Michael Stout            | \$800               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 7,382             |
| Orosi               | Director 4 Veteran<br>Director 5 Non-Veteran   | Jacob Huerta<br>Jose Quevedo   | \$600               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 4,379             |
| Porterville         | Director 3 Non-Veteran<br>Director 4 Veteran<br>Director 5 Non-Veteran                       | Don Dowling<br>Allen Pundt<br>Michael Rooke                                      | \$2,050             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 27,085            |
| Sequoia             | Director 2 Veteran<br>Director 4 Non-Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran                           | Vacant<br>Frances Ray<br>Robert Rutherford                                       | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 859               |
| South Tulare County | Director 4 Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran   | Floyd Field<br>Jose Villalobos   | \$650               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 5,015             |
| Springville         | Director 1 Veteran<br>Director 2 Veteran<br>Director 3 Non-Veteran                           | Gregory King<br>Ronald Relyea<br>Gregory Stoffel                                 | \$600               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 3,002             |
| Terra Bella         | Director 1 Non-Veteran<br>Director 4 Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran                           | Jose Delgado<br>Juan Lopez<br>James Tatum  | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 2,426             |
| Three Rivers        | Director 4 Non-Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran   | Peter Lippire<br>Richard Fletcher  | \$500               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,560             |
| Tulare              | Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran                                     | Phil Vandergrift<br>James Pidgeon<br>Genouevo Sustaita                           | \$2,300             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 30,617            |
| Visalia             | Director Veteran<br>Director Veteran<br>Director Non-Veteran                                 | Gregory Dias<br>Dennis Sirkin<br>Aaron Richey                                    | \$4,800             | Candidate<br>200 Words | 69,285            |
| Woodlake            | Director 3 Non-Veteran<br>Director 4 Non-Veteran<br>Director 5 Veteran                       | James Theis<br>Virgil Murehead<br>Bobby Whited                                   | \$600               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 4,022             |

## PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

| DISTRICT     | VACANCIES   | INCUMBENT  | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|--------------|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|              |   |  | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Cutler       | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 2<br>Director Seat 4 | Armando Porras<br>Leonard Encinas<br>Javier Hernandez  | \$500               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,039             |
| Earlimart    | Director Seat 3                                       | Frank Cisneros   | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,519             |
| Ivanhoe      | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 3                    | Cathleen Perez<br>Victor Box                           | \$500               | District<br>200 Words  | 1,276             |
| Orosi        | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 2<br>Director Seat 4 | Anthony Rubalcaba<br>Maria Gonzalez<br>Johnny Sandoval | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,703             |
| Pixley       | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 4<br>Director Seat 5 | David Terrel Jr.<br>Robert Chandler<br>Roger Ward      | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 739               |
| Porter Vista | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 3                    | Richard Corbit<br>Ramiro Tapia                         | \$550               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 1,855             |
| Springville  | Director Seat 3<br>Director Seat 4<br>Director Seat 5 | Cheryl Hinton<br>Carol Brumett<br>Dennis Martin Sr.    | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 386               |
| Strathmore   | Director Seat 2<br>Director Seat 3                    | Eric Rigsby<br>Allaney Briggs                          | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 483               |
| Woodville    | Director Seat 1<br>Director Seat 5                    | Armando Lopez<br>Barbara Clark                         | \$450               | District<br>200 Words  | 307               |

## SANITARY DISTRICT

| DISTRICT   | VACANCIES            | INCUMBENT                         | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|            |                      |                                   | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Lemon Cove | Director<br>Director | Michael Lampman<br>William Pensar | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 38                |

## WATER DISTRICT

| DISTRICT         | VACANCIES | INCUMBENT     | CANDIDATE STATEMENT |                        | Registered voters |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                  |           |               | AMOUNT              | WHO PAYS               |                   |
| Deer Creek Storm | Director  | Jack Mitchell | \$450               | Candidate<br>200 Words | 374               |





## MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS

| FEDERAL                          | COUNTIES                                   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Congress District 21             | Fresno, Kern, Kings & Tulare               |
| Congress District 22             | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| Congress District 23             | Kern, Los Angeles & Tulare                 |
| STATE ASSEMBLY                   | COUNTIES                                   |
| District 23                      | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| District 26                      | Inyo, Kern & Tulare                        |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION               | COUNTIES                                   |
| Tulare County Board of Education | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| Fresno County Board of Education | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| Kings County Board of Education  | Kings & Tulare                             |
| COLLEGE                          | COUNTIES                                   |
| College of Sequoias              | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| Kern Community College           | Kern, Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino, & Tulare |
| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL                | COUNTIES                                   |
| Kingsburg Elementary Charter     | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| Kit Carson Union                 | Kings & Tulare                             |
| Linns Valley – Poso Flat         | Kern & Tulare                              |
| Monson-Sultana Joint Union       | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| Traver Joint Union School        | Kings & Tulare                             |
| Waukena Joint Union              | Kings & Tulare                             |
| HIGH SCHOOL                      | COUNTIES                                   |
| Delano Joint Union               | Kern & Tulare                              |
| Hanford Joint Union              | Kings & Tulare                             |
| Kingsburg Joint Union            | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| Tulare Joint Union               | Kings & Tulare                             |
| UNIFIED SCHOOL                   | COUNTIES                                   |
| Corcoran Joint Unified           | Kings & Tulare                             |
| Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified       | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| Kings Canyon Unified             | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| CONSERVATION                     | COUNTIES                                   |
| Kings River                      | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| HOSPITAL                         | COUNTIES                                   |
| Kingsburg Tri-County             | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| North Kern-South Tulare          | Kern & Tulare                              |
| IRRIGATION                       | COUNTIES                                   |
| Alta                             | Fresno, Kings & Tulare                     |
| Hills Valley                     | Fresno & Tulare                            |
| Orange Cove                      | Fresno & Tulare                            |

# **Candidate Filing Requirements**









## City Council

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| \$  | FILING FEES   | None   |
|    | NOMINATION SIGNATURES                                   | 20-30 signatures to be gathered between July 13 and August 7, 2020 (or August 12, 2020 if extension applies).  |
| 700   | STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with City Clerk's Office and the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.  |
| 501   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).   |
| 410   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.  |
| 460   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.  |
| 470   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.   |
|    | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.   |
|   | CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us   |
| ✓   | QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE                   | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201)  |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>1</sup> (California GC 53227 & 53227.2). |






<sup>1</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## County Board of Education/School Districts

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|    | FILING FEES                                 | None   |
|    | NOMINATION SIGNATURES                       | None   |
| <b>700</b>  | STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST              | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the District Office and the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.  |
| <b>501</b>  | FPPC FILING                                 | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).   |
| <b>410</b>  | FPPC FILING                                 | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.  |
| <b>460</b>  | FPPC FILING                                 | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.  |
| <b>470</b>  | FPPC FILING                                 | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.   |
|    | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY                    | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.   |
|   | CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS       | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us                                       |
|  | QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE       | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201, HSC 13841)   |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD | No person shall file nomination papers for more than one "school" district office, including a County Board of Education office, at the same election. [EC 10603(c)].<br>Also, an "employee" of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. Education Code 35107(b)(1)) |






## Community Services and Conservation Districts

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| \$  | FILING FEES   | None   |
|    | NOMINATION SIGNATURES                                 | None   |
| <b>700</b>  | STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST                        | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.  |
| <b>501</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).   |
| <b>410</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.  |
| <b>460</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.  |
| <b>470</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.   |
|    | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY                              | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.   |
|   | CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS                 | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us   |
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|  | RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRICT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2). A member of the Board of Directors shall not be the General Manager, the District Treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. [Government Code 61040(e)]. This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage. |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE      | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].   |




| Fire District   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| \$  | FILING FEES   | None   |
|    | NOMINATION SIGNATURES                                   | None   |
| 700   | STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.  |
| 501   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).   |
| 410   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.  |
| 460   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.  |
| 470   | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.   |
|    | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.   |
|   | CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us   |
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|  | RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2). A member of the Board of Directors shall not be the General Manager, the District Treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. [Government Code 61040(e)].. <sup>2</sup> |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE        | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].   |

<sup>2</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## Hospital District







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|---|---|---|
| \$  | FILING FEES   | None  |
|    | NOMINATION SIGNATURES                                   | None  |
| <b>700</b>  | STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.   |
| <b>501</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).  |
| <b>410</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.   |
| <b>460</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.   |
| <b>470</b>  | FPPC FILING   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.  |
|    | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.  |
|   | CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us  |
| ✓   | QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE                   | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201).  |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE | Candidates for a hospital board who possess ownership interest in, are directors, policymaking management employees, medical staff officers, or are on the board of directors for any "other hospital serving the same area" as that served by the district hospital in the district in which the office is sought.<br>Any Candidate who elects to run for the office of member of the board of director of a district, and who owns stock in, or who works for any health care facility that does not serve the same area served by the district in which the office is sought, shall disclose on the ballot his or her occupation and place of employment. (H&SC 32110) |
|  | RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE        | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].  |

## Irrigation District

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|    | <b>FILING FEES</b>   | <b>None</b>   |
|    | <b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>                                   | <b>None</b>   |
| <b>700</b>  | <b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</b>                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.   |
| <b>501</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).  |
| <b>410</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.   |
| <b>460</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.   |
| <b>470</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.  |
|    | <b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.  |
|   | <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us  |
|  | <b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>                   | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. Shall be a voter and a landowner in the district and a resident of the division that he or she represents at the time of his or her nomination or appointment and through his or her term. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (Water Code 21100). Exceptions: Pixley and Hills Valley districts only require landownership in the district, not residency in the district. (Water Code 21100.2 & 21100.4).  |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b> | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2). A member of the Board of Directors shall not be the General Manager, the District Treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. [Government Code 61040(e)]. <sup>3</sup> |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>        | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].  |








<sup>3</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## Memorial District

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|    | <b>FILING FEES</b>   | <b>None</b>   |
|    | <b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>                                   | <b>None</b>   |
| <b>700</b>  | <b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</b>                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.   |
| <b>501</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).  |
| <b>410</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.   |
| <b>460</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.   |
| <b>470</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.  |
|    | <b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.  |
|   | <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us  |
|  | <b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>                   | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201).  |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b> | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2). A member of the Board of Directors shall not be the General Manager, the District Treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. [Government Code 61040(e)]. <sup>4</sup> |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>        | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].  |








<sup>4</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## Public Utility District

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|---|--|---|
|    | <b>FILING FEES</b>   | <b>None</b>   |
|    | <b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>                                   | <b>None</b>   |
| <b>700</b>  | <b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</b>                          | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.   |
| <b>501</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).  |
| <b>410</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.   |
| <b>460</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.   |
| <b>470</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.  |
|    | <b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>                                | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.  |
|   | <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>                   | <b>Optional.</b> This is a <b>200</b> word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the County Voter Information Guide. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at the time of filing. You <b>MUST</b> submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us  |
|  | <b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>                   | Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201).  |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b> | An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2). A member of the Board of Directors shall not be the General Manager, the District Treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. [Government Code 61040(e)]. <sup>5</sup> |
|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>        | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].  |

<sup>5</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## Sanitation and Water Districts

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|---|--|---|
|    | <b>FILING FEES</b>   | <b>None</b>   |
|    | <b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>                                 | <b>None</b>   |
| <b>700</b>  | <b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</b>                        | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Office by August 7, 2020.   |
| <b>501</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees).  |
| <b>410</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.   |
| <b>460</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.   |
| <b>470</b>  | <b>FPPC FILING</b>   | <b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$2,000 in a calendar year.  |
|    | <b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>                              | <b>Required.</b> Must be filed between July 13 and August 7 with the Registrar of Voters Office. You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot; and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot.  |
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|  | <b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>      | A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. [EC 10510(B)].  |

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# QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR OFFICE

(EC 13, 20, 201, 349, 8001, 8003, 8304 and GC 52337)

## **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – LEGALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE**

The California Elections Code 13 requires:

- A person shall not be considered a legally qualified candidate for an office, for party nomination for a partisan office, or for nomination to participate in the general election for a voter-nominated office, under the laws of this state unless that person has filed a declaration of candidacy or statement of write-in candidacy with the proper official for the particular election or primary, or is entitled to have his or her name placed on a general election ballot by reason of having been nominated at a primary election, or having been selected to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot as provided in Section 8807, or having been selected as an independent candidate pursuant to Section 8304.
- Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any qualified voter of this state from casting a ballot for a person by writing the name of that person on the ballot, or from having that ballot counted or tabulated, nor shall this section be construed as preventing or prohibiting a person from standing or campaigning for an elective office by means of a “write-in” campaign. However, nothing in this section shall be construed as an exception to the requirements of Section 15341 or to permit a person to be a write-in candidate contrary to Sections 8600 and 8606.
- It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this section, to enable the Federal Communications Commission to determine who is a “legally qualified candidate” in this state for the purposes of administering Section 315 of Title 47 of the United States Code.

## **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR PARTISAN OFFICES**

The California Elections Code 8001 requires:

- No declaration of candidacy for a partisan office or for membership on a County Central Committee shall be filed, by a candidate unless (1) at the time of presentation of the declaration and continuously for not less than three months immediately prior to that time, or for as long as he has been eligible to register to vote in the state, the candidate is shown by his affidavit of registration to be affiliated with the political party of the nomination of which he seeks; and (2) the candidate has not been registered as affiliated with a qualified political party other than that political party of the nomination of which he seeks, within 12 months prior to the filing of the declaration.

**Note:** California Constitution, Article 2, Section 6 (a) provides that all judicial, school, county and city offices shall be nonpartisan. A nonpartisan office is one for which no political party may nominate a candidate.

## **PROHIBITION AGAINST FILING FOR MULTIPLE OFFICES**

The California Elections Code 8003 requires:

- A candidate whose name has been on the ballot as a candidate of a party at the direct primary and who has been defeated for that party nomination is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate. He/she is also ineligible to be a candidate named by a party central committee to fill a vacancy on the ballot for a General Election.
- No person may file nomination papers for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one (1) office at the same election.

**Exception:** A person may be a candidate for a party County Central Committee position and for another public office at the same election. (Central Committee member has been determined by the Secretary of State’s office to NOT be an “office” within the meaning of Section 8003).

## **NON-PARTISAN OFFICES**

A public officer who is appointed or elected to another public office and enters upon the duties of the second office, automatically vacates the first office **if the two (2) are incompatible**.

Offices are incompatible, in the absence of statutes suggesting a contrary result, if there is any significant clash of duties between the offices, if the dual office holding would be improper for reasons of public policy, or if either officer exercises a supervisory, or removal power over the other. 58 Ops. California Attorney General 323, 324-325 (1975).

The Registrar of Voters Office is not allowed to give legal advice or interpret which offices are “incompatible”. If you intend to file nomination papers for a second elected office, you should consult your own legal counsel or contact the Attorney General’s office at (916) 210-6276 or visit their website, <https://oag.ca.gov>. The State of California Attorney General’s Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six (6) examples of incompatible offices:

- The offices of City Councilman and School District Board member where the City and the School District have territory in common;
- Fire Chief of a County Fire Protection District and member of the Board of Supervisors of the same county;
- High School District Trustee and Trustee of an Elementary School District which is completely within the geographic boundaries of the High School District;
- Water District Director and a City Council Member;
- Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common;
- Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

## **PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR SOME OFFICES**

For offices specified in these pages, no person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate unless that person has filed all appropriate papers accompanied by documentation, including, but not necessarily limited to, **certificates, declarations under penalty of perjury, diplomas, or official correspondence**, sufficient to establish, in the determination of the official with whom the declaration or statement is filed, that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE**

An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he/she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary.

## **FAMILY MEMBER OF CANDIDATE SERVING AS A POLLWORKER**

Neither a candidate nor members of a candidate’s immediate family are eligible to serve as poll worker/precinct officers at any polling place, which has ballots on which the candidate’s name appears.

# **NOMINATION PETITION**

*(EC 100, 102, 104, 106, 2151, 8061, 8062, 8065, 8066, 8068, 8069, 8081)*

It is suggested that prospective candidates obtain the necessary forms from the Elections Official as soon as possible on or after the first day to circulate and file, and that the papers be filed as soon as completed so that any irregularities may be corrected before the last filing date. If the papers are found "Not Sufficient," no additions or corrections can be made after 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file.

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINATION PAPER SIGNERS**

Each signer must be currently registered in the candidate's district (and party if a partisan office) and at the correct address.

Note for Partisan Offices: Voters who have declined to state an affiliation to a political party (Non-Partisan or No Party Preference voters) may NOT sign nomination petitions for partisan office candidates despite the fact that they may be able to vote for them and sign their Petition in Lieu forms in the case where the party formally authorizes No Party Preference voters to vote the ballot of that political party (Secretary of State CCROV Memo #01067 dated 04/13/2001a0).

Each signer must sign their own name and residence address (post office boxes and ditto marks are not accepted). A person who is unable to personally affix the required information may request another person to print the voter's name and place of residence in the appropriate spaces of the petition, but the voter shall personally affix his or her mark or signature which shall be witnessed by one (1) person by subscribing his or her name thereon.

Each signer of a nomination paper can sign only as many nomination papers as there are places to be filled for that office.

No more signatures shall be secured for any candidate than the maximum nor less than the minimum required for the office. See "Filing Fees & Signatures Required" to see the number of nomination signatures required for each office.

## **CIRCULATORS OF NOMINATION PAPERS**

1. Candidates may circulate signatures him/herself or may appoint circulators to gather signatures on Nomination Papers.
2. The circulator shall be 18 years of age or older to circulate petitions.
3. Only one (1) person may circulate a petition section. Whoever circulates the petition must complete the affidavit of circulator certifying all signatures were made in their presence.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Once filed, nomination petitions can be viewed, but not photocopied.

# **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

*(EC 13, 8020, 13104, 13106, 13107, 13111, 13112, 13118)*

A sufficient Declaration of Candidacy must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on the close of the Nomination Period for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

## **CANDIDATE MUST SIGN THE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

The Candidate must sign the Declaration of Candidacy in two (2) places:

- The Affidavit of Nominee.
- The Oath of Allegiance. The Oath must be signed before a Deputy Elections Official, a Notary, the City Clerk (for city offices), the District Secretary (in cases of an office in a special district such as memorial or irrigation districts), or the Superintendent of Schools (in cases of candidates for school board).

## **CANDIDATE MUST PRINT HIS OR HER NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**

No title or degree can be used on the same line as the candidate's name.

The candidate's name will be printed on the ballot exactly as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy. Nicknames of candidates are permitted on the ballot provided the candidate has declared his or her candidacy or has accepted the nomination under that name. Nicknames should not indicate or allude to an occupation or a title, but should be limited to derivatives of the candidate's name.

If a candidate changes his or her name within one (1) year of any election, the new name shall not appear upon the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction.

If there are two (2) candidates with the same or similar name who have filed for the same office, the candidates may, at the time of filing their nomination papers, or within five (5) days after the time for filing nomination papers has expired, file with the County Elections Official a statement asking that a "number" be assigned and placed next to their name on the ballot as a distinguishing mark. If both candidates request to have a number assigned, the numbers will be assigned according to the time the candidates filed their completed nomination papers.

## **CANDIDATE MAY INDICATE A BALLOT DESIGNATION**

At the option of the candidate, a designation may appear under the candidate's name on the ballot. Designations are subject to the limitations of EC 13107 and the California Code of Regulations 20710 et. seq. See section on Ballot Designations.

## **CANDIDATE MUST INDICATE IF HE OR SHE WILL FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

A candidate must indicate if he/she chooses to file a statement of qualifications, known as a Candidate Statement. Candidate Statements are printed and mailed to the voters in the County Voter Information Guide. See Candidate Statement portion of this Guide.

## **RANDOM ALPHA SEQUENCE OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT**

After the close of the extended nomination period, the Secretary of State will conduct the randomized alphabet drawing. This process is a random drawing of the letters of the alphabet, which will be used to determine the primary placement of candidate names on the ballot for all offices. This order remains the same throughout the district.

For State Assembly or State Senate offices where the district includes more than one (1) county, the County Elections Official in each county, instead of the Secretary of State, shall conduct a separate drawing of the letters of the alphabet called a county randomized alphabet which will apply to these offices only.

### **ROTATION OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON BALLOT**

- **STATEWIDE, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES:** Candidates for statewide office shall rotate by Assembly Districts. Rotated names will appear in the random alpha order in the lowest numbered Assembly District in which the name 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.
- **COUNTY-WIDE OFFICES THAT ONLY APPEAR IN TULARE COUNTY:** Candidates for county-wide offices (e.g. District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner, etc.) shall rotate by County Supervisorial District. Rotated names will appear in the random alpha order in the lowest numbered Supervisorial District in which the office appears; thereafter, for each succeeding Supervisorial District, the name appearing first in the last preceding Supervisorial District shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.
- **ALL OTHER OFFICES DO NOT ROTATE:** The order of candidate's names for all other offices will not change.

## **EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD**

An extension of the Nomination Period applies if the incumbent does not file by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period (88 days before the election). Incumbents cannot file during the extension, but any other qualified candidate may file.

The extension of the nomination period does not apply to the following:

- Vacant seats
- Seats in which the incumbent cannot file due to term limits
- Presidential Candidates
- County Central Committees

# BALLOT DESIGNATIONS

(EC 13107 & Cal Regulation 20711 et. seq.)

The candidate may request a ballot designation appear under his or her name on the ballot, but are not required to and may leave the space for such designation blank. In order to notify the Elections Official of the candidate's intention if no occupation is desired on the ballot under his or her name, the word "none" must be written on the application in the appropriate space. "None" will not appear on the ballot, the candidate must initial the appropriate box on the Declaration of Candidacy.

A candidate who wishes to have a ballot designation appear under his or her name on the ballot may choose **ONLY ONE (1)** of the following:

| Office Title  |  |
|---|--|
| Words designating the office may be used if the candidate at the time of filing nomination papers holds an elective office (federal, state, county, city or district) to which he/she was elected by a vote of the people.  | <b><u>Examples:</u></b><br>Representative in Congress, 19th District<br>Member of the Board of Supervisors   |
| Incumbent   |  |
| The word "Incumbent" may be used if the candidate is a candidate for the <u>same office</u> which he/she holds at the time of filing nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people, or appointed as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election. Note: Judicial candidates may use the word "Incumbent" whether they were elected or appointed to the position.   | <b><u>Example:</u></b><br>Incumbent  |
| Appointed Incumbent   |  |
| The words "Appointed Incumbent" may be used if the candidate holds an office by appointment, and is filing as a candidate for election to the <u>same office</u> . An appointed officeholder may also use the word "Appointed" and the title of the office if the candidate is filing for election to the <u>same office</u> or to <u>some other office</u> .   | <b><u>Examples:</u></b><br>Appointed Incumbent<br>Appointed Governing Board Member<br>Appointed City Council member  |
| Principal Occupation, Vocation, or Profession in 3 Words or Less  |  |
| <p>The candidate may use a generic form of their principal profession, vocation, or occupation in <u>no more than three (3) words</u>. Note: California geographical names will be considered one word.</p> <p>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 please refer to Elections Code 13107(b)(2).</p> <p>See following for <b>RESTRICTIONS ON OCCUPATION DESIGNATIONS.</b></p> | <p><b><u>Examples of acceptable designations:</u></b><br/>farmer, school teacher, small business owner, legislator</p> <p><b><u>Examples of acceptable designations denoting a vocation:</u></b><br/>housewife, homemaker, parent, mother, father</p> <p><b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br/>Sunkist Farmer, Divisadero School Teacher, Owner of McDonald's</p> |
| <p><b><u>NO MISLEADING DESIGNATIONS:</u></b><br/>The designation must not mislead the voter. No acronyms.</p>   | <b><u>Example:</u></b> You cannot use "teacher" if you only volunteer teaching Sunday School at church and are not a credentialed teacher.   |
| <p><b><u>NO STATUSES:</u></b><br/>The designation must be the candidate's principal occupation or vocation and cannot be a status.</p>  | <b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>activist, taxpayer, patriot, concerned citizen, husband, wife, or veteran  |

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| <b><u>NO EVALUATIONS:</u></b><br>The designation must not suggest an evaluation of a candidate.   | <b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, popular, or eminent  |
| <b><u>NO ABBREVIATION OF THE WORD “RETIRED”:</u></b><br>No abbreviations of the word “retired” may be used and “retired” may not be placed following any word or words it modifies.                         | <b><u>Example of acceptable designation:</u></b><br>Retired Police Officer<br><b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>Ret. Police Officer<br>Police Officer, Retired |
| <b><u>NO PREFIXES:</u></b><br>No prefix which indicates prior status may be used, except for the word “retired” (see above).  | <b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>Former Surgeon<br>Ex-School Principal  |
| <b><u>NO POLITICAL PARTY:</u></b><br>The name of a political party may not be used, whether or not it has been qualified for the ballot. Note: Central Committee candidates are the exception to this rule. | <b><u>Examples of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>Republican Legislator<br>Democratic Congressman  |
| <b><u>NO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES:</u></b><br>No references related to any activity which is prohibited by law may be used.  | <b><u>Example of unacceptable designations:</u></b><br>Drug Dealer   |
| <b><u>NO RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR ETHNIC GROUP:</u></b><br>No words may be used that refer to a racial, religious or ethnic group.   | <b><u>Example of acceptable designation:</u></b><br>Priest<br><b><u>Example of unacceptable designation:</u></b><br>Catholic Priest  |

### **NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATION**

If an Election Official finds an occupational designation to be in violation of the above restrictions, the candidate will be notified by certified mail with a return receipt requested.

The candidate must come to the Registrar of Voters Office and provide an alternative designation within three (3) days from the date of receipt of the notice. If he/she fails to provide an alternative designation within this time, the candidate’s name will appear on the ballot without a designation.

### **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**

A Ballot Designation Worksheet is required to be filed whenever a ballot designation is indicated on the Declaration of Candidacy. The Ballot Designation Worksheet is due at the same time that the candidate files the Declaration of Candidacy. The worksheet may include information such as proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate’s preference in case the original is unacceptable, a statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation(s) especially if somewhat vague or potentially misleading, and in general, proof or justification of the designation the candidate has selected.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

(EC 9, 13111, 13112, 13303, 13306, 13307, 13309, 13311, 13313)

A statement by the candidate describing his or her education and qualifications is optional and can be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. The candidate statement and full deposit must be submitted at the same time and must be received by the Registrar of Voters' office when the candidate's nomination papers are returned for filing, no later than the end of the Nomination Filing Period.

The candidate's statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for the office he/she is seeking. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than **200 words** of the candidate's education and qualifications. You **MUST** submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us

## **FORMAT**

All statements must be submitted on, or attached to the form provided by the Elections Official. Election Code requires Candidate Statements have UNIFORMITY IN APPEARANCE. In addition, there are page layout and spacing restrictions, which require candidate statements to adhere to the following rules. **Any Candidate Statement, which does not conform to the rules below will be reformatted by the Elections Official:**

- **Statements must be typed in UPPER & LOWER CASE. Capitalization is only allowed at the beginning of a sentence or for proper nouns.**
- **No BOLD, UNDERLINES, or *ITALICS* may be used.**
- **Statements must be in a SINGLE PARAGRAPH.**
- **NO BULLETS, STARS, ASTERISKS or QUOTATION MARKS are allowed.**
- **TABLES or LISTS of items or phrases should NOT be vertical or indented, but must be strung together in paragraph format.**

## **CONTENT**

Statement shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Moreover, no statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements, nor any obscene or profane language, statements or insinuations.

Statements shall be written in the first person (i.e. "I am running..." **not** "She is running..." or "Jane Doe is running...") and shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.

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

Each statement shall be accompanied by a declaration executed under penalty of perjury declaring that the information contained therein is true and correct.

## **ORDER OF STATEMENTS IN COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE**

Statements for the same office will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide in randomized alphabet drawn order, rotation does not apply to the order.

## **TRANSLATIONS INTO OTHER LANGUAGES**

The statements will automatically be printed in languages required by the federal Voting Rights Act. In Tulare County, the County Elections Official will arrange for all statements to be translated, printed and mailed in Spanish as well as English. Translations will be provided by the Election Official, not the candidate.

## **MAILING COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES**

The Registrar of Voters Office shall send to each registered voter a County Voter Information Guide with the candidate statement of each candidate. County Voter Information Guides will be mailed not less than 21 days before the election to each voter who is registered at least 29 days prior to the election. Please take note, voters in mailed ballot precincts are sent an official ballot as soon as they are available, starting at 29 days before the election. Additionally, the Registrar of Voters Office is not legally required to mail County Voter Information Guides or candidate statements to voters who register less than 54 days before the election.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENT FILING INFORMATION**

The Candidate Statement shall be filed with the County Elections Official of the county of residence at the time the nomination papers are filed. If the statement is for an election in which nomination papers are not required to be filed, then the statements must be filed no later than the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election. You **MUST** submit your statement in Word format electronically by August 7th to the following email address: [electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:electionsmaterials@co.tulare.ca.us).

## **PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD**

Once filed the Candidate Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline for nomination papers for such office for the election (typically at 5:00 p.m. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election).

Candidate Statements shall be on public display and, as such, subject to examination and challenge by any voter of the jurisdiction for a period of 10 calendar days following the close of filing for each such office.

## **CHANGING OR WITHDRAWING A CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

A Candidate Statement may be withdrawn, but shall not be changed, at any time up to 5:00 p.m. the next working day following the filing deadline for nomination papers for such office. Once withdrawn, a new statement may not be filed.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FEES**

An estimation of the total prorated cost of printing (includes English and Spanish languages), handling and mailing the ¼ page Candidate Statements will include costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Costs may vary depending upon the number of candidates who file a statement for the same office, number of ballot types in the district, number of pages in the various county voter information guides and number of registered voters who will be receiving the various county voter information guides. These variables may cause actual costs to vary significantly from estimated costs.

This estimated cost is due upon filing the statement. Cost of the statement will double if the Candidate Statement extends beyond the allotted ¼ page space. Make checks payable to: Tulare County Registrar of Voters.

If a candidate declares they are unable to pay in advance the estimated cost for submitting a Candidate Statement, the candidate shall submit an Affidavit of Financial Worth (form available from the Registrar of Voters Office) and a copy of their last federal income tax report (or a signed release form) to be used by the district in determining whether or not he/she is eligible to submit a Candidate Statement without payment of the fee in advance.

If the actual cost is less than the deposit you will receive a refund. If the actual cost is more than the deposit, you will receive an invoice for the difference and are required to pay the balance upon receipt of the invoice. In the case of shared county districts, it is the responsibility of the candidate to contact each county involved and establish their costs and formatting restrictions. The Tulare County Registrar of Voters does not accept Candidate Statements or statement fees on behalf of other counties.

### **HOW TO COUNT WORDS**

Listed below are the guidelines for counting the number of words submitted on any document whose content is limited by statute, such as Candidate Statements. This section does not apply to counting words for ballot designations.

| Category  | Example                          | Word Count                    |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acronyms and Abbreviations: Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression will be counted as one word.    | CSUF, C.S.U.F., Nov., etc.       | One                           |
| Dates: Dates will be counted as one word.   | 01/01/2018 or January 1, 2018    | One                           |
| E-Mail  | Av1@co.tulare.ca.us              | One                           |
| Geographical Name   | Tulare County or City of Visalia | One                           |
| Hyphenated Words – Published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years  | Mother-in-law                    | One                           |
| Hyphenated Words – <u>Not</u> published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years, considered separate words. | Taxpayer-advocate                | One for each word = Two (2)   |
| Internet Address  | www.tularecoelections.org        | One                           |
| Numbers using digits: Any number consisting of a digit(s) will be considered as one word.                       | 1,10,100, etc.                   | One                           |
| Numbers spelled out: Any number that is spelled will be considered as a separate word.                          | One Hundred Thousand             | One for each word = Three (3) |
| Numerical Computations: Digit(s) used with \$, ¢, %, #, etc.  | 50%, ½, 2.3, etc.                | One                           |
| Telephone Numbers   | 559-624-7300                     | One                           |
| Titles  | Friends for Measure A            | One for each word = Four (4)  |
| Punctuation: Punctuation is not counted.  |                                  |                               |

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT EXAMPLE

| Candidate's Statement of Qualifications   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Candidate Name</b>   | Jane Doe                                      | <b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b><br>Word Count: _____<br>Line Count: _____<br>Paragraphs: _____ |
| <b>Office Title</b>   | Smart School District, Governing Board Member |   |
| <b>Election Date</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Age</b> (optional)   |   |   |
| <b>Occupation</b> (optional)  | Businesswoman                                 |   |
| <p>Maximum Word Count permitted: <u>200</u> words</p> <p>Estimated Cost of Statement: \$ <u>1,000</u> to be paid by the CANDIDATE DISTRICT (circle one)</p> <p><b>Education and Qualifications:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>I am running for the governing board of the Smart School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Smart High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district.</p> <p>I own and operate my own business, so I am well 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 have been active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also served as a volunteer at the Community Recycling Center as time allows. I am looking forward to serving you on the Smart School District Governing Board.</p> <p>Thank <u>your</u> for your vote.</p> </div> |   |   |

Occupation may be more descriptive than ballot designation. If optional fields are left blank, nothing will be printed.

All statements should be typed, in upper and lower case lettering, block paragraph style.

Correct any typos prior to filing and initial.

Official issuing form will complete portion indicating word limit, cost and who is to pay.

Statements not written in conformance with the instructions will be reformatted to fit in the space available in the guide.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**  
**Smart School District**

**Jane Doe | Businesswoman**

I am running for the Governing Board of the Smart School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Smart High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district. I own and operate my own business, so I am well 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. I have active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also served as a volunteer at the Community Recycling Center as time allows. I am looking forward to serving you on the Smart School District Governing Board. Thank you for your vote.

Your Candidate Statement will appear in the Voter Information Guide on an 8 ½ x 11 size page with as many as 3 other statements in this basic format.

## **WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

The last day a candidate may withdraw his candidacy for a particular office is always the last day of the nomination period for that office (either the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election or the last day of the extension, if applicable). Once the nomination period is over, requests for withdrawal of candidacy are not accepted and the candidate's name will appear on the ballot (or in cases where there are insufficient nominees, the candidate's name will be submitted for appointment in lieu of election).

To withdraw, a candidate must submit a written and signed request to withdraw his or her candidacy to the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline.

If a candidate decides that they want to run for a different office, they must submit a request to withdraw their candidacy and then complete the regular paperwork to file for the new office.

If nomination signatures were gathered for the first office and then the candidate withdraws, the signatures will not apply towards a different office. Nomination signatures are gathered for a specific office and cannot be transferred to a different office. The candidate may have the voter sign the nomination petition for the new office.

# **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

*(EC 8601, 8603, 8604, 15341, 15342 and CA Admin Title II, Division VII20100-20105)*

## **FILING AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

Every person who declares to be a write-in candidate shall file:

- (1) Declaration of Candidacy for Write-In Candidates provided by the Elections Official.
- (2) The required number of signatures on the Nomination Papers.

The Declaration of Candidacy for Write-In Candidates and nomination papers shall be available on the 57th day prior to the election and shall be filed with the Elections Official no later than 14 days before the election.

Signers of nomination papers for write-in candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. If the candidate is seeking a party nomination for an office, the signers shall also be affiliated with the party whose nomination is sought.

No name written upon a ballot by the voter shall be counted for an office or nomination unless the candidate whose name has been written on the ballot has complied with the above requirements. There is no filing fee for a write-in candidate.

Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act only Write-In Candidates that are in the top two (2) vote getters will move on to the General Election.

## **TALLYING OF WRITE-IN VOTES**

Write-in votes will only be partially processed on election night. There will, however, be **no reporting of write-in vote results on election evening**. Because write-in votes must be hand tallied, the counting of write-in votes is handled as part of the official canvass.

## **REPORTING VOTES FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ON ELECTION NIGHT**

Final results for “qualified” write-in candidates will not be reported on election night. Instead, the election night report will show a total count of votes cast for ALL write-in candidates (whether qualified or not). The votes for qualified write-in candidates are hand-tallied and reported in the Official After Canvass Report (usually days after the election).

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The California Administrative Code, Title II, Division VII, Sections 20100-20105, specifies the requirements for the counting of write-in votes (e.g. misspelled or incomplete name, etc.). Rather than enumerating the requirements herein, a copy of the provisions will be provided, upon request, to qualified write-in candidates and other interested parties.

The name of a write-in candidate shall be written by hand upon a ballot. The use of pressure-sensitive stickers or methods other than handwriting to indicate the name of the write-in candidate is not valid, and a name indicated by any such method shall not be counted.

In order to vote for a write-in candidate when voting on a Touchscreen unit, the voter presses the oval next to the write-in line, an image of a keyboard appears on the screen and the voter types in the name of the write-in candidate.

# **CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FPFC)**



# **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE CONTACT INFORMATION**

The FPPC website provides detailed and up-to-date information to help you navigate the highly complex campaign disclosure rules and requirements. The “Campaign Rules, Forms & Manuals” link provides access to many detailed and easy to read resources such as election specific filing deadlines, fast facts, frequently asked questions and all of the necessary forms and manuals. The newest addition to the resources offered is free webinars. We highly recommend all new candidates and their campaign Treasurers take advantage of the free tools and information provided by FPPC.

## **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)**

1102 Q Street, Suite 3000

Sacramento, CA 95814

Technical Assistance: (866) ASK-FPPC (275-3772)

Fax: (916) 322-0886

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

## **Secretary of State Political Reform Commission**

1500 - 11th Street, Room 495

Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 653-6224

Fax: (916) 653-5045

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

## **Federal Elections Commission (FEC)**

Telephone: (800) 424-9530

## **Tulare County Registrar of Voters**

5951 South Mooney Blvd

Visalia, CA 93277

Telephone: (559) 624-7300

Fax: (559) 737-4498

[www.tularecoelections.org](http://www.tularecoelections.org)

# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

## FILING SCHEDULE

### STATE CANDIDATES and CONTROLLED COMMITTEES

**November 3, 2020**

| DEADLINE                | TYPE OF STATEMENT            | PERIOD   | FORM       | NOTES  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| July 31, 2020           | Semi-Annual                  | *- 06/30/20  | 460 or 470 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each candidate listed on the ballot must file 460 or 470 (see below).</li> </ul>  |
| Within 10 Business Days | \$5,000 Report               | Ongoing – file any time other than 90-day Election Cycle | 497        | Only e-filers file this report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source.</li> <li>No paper copy is required.</li> <li>File within 10 business days of receipt of contribution.</li> </ul>  |
| Within 24 Hours         | Election Cycle Reports       | 08/05/20 – 11/03/20                                      | 497        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being voted on the November 3, 2020 ballot, or made to a political party committee.</li> <li>The recipient of non-monetary contribution of \$1000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the non-monetary contribution is received.</li> <li>E-file only – no paper copy is required.</li> </ul> |
| September 24, 2020      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pre-Election | 07/01/20 – 09/19/20                                      | 460 or 470 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>  |
| October 22, 2020        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election | 09/20/20 – 10/17/20                                      | 460        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file this statement.</li> <li>Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.</li> </ul>  |
| February 1, 2021        | Semi-Annual                  | 10/18/20 – 12/31/20                                      | 460        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file this statement.</li> </ul>   |

#### Additional Reports:

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

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

### Additional Notes:

- **\*Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour/10-day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Reports (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Only candidate controlled committees that are not e-filers file paper copies with the Elections Official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Form 501:** All state candidates must file Form 501 before soliciting or receiving any contributions or before making expenditures from personal funds. A candidate may, until the deadline for filing nomination papers set forth in Section 8020 of the Elections Code, amend Form 501 to change his/her statement of acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits provides he or she has not exceeded the limits.
- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper statements.
- **Form 470:** 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 September 24, 2020. If, later during the calendar year, the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, a campaign committee must be opened and a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Paper Filings:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Forms 496 and 497:** All reports filed online only.
- Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
  - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
- **Multiple Committees:** All committees controlled by a state candidate listed on the November ballot must file statements on the pre-election filing deadlines, in addition to the committee formed for this election. For example, a candidate for Senate listed on the November 3, 2020 ballot who maintains an Assembly officeholder committee must file pre-election statements for both committees even if the Assembly committee has not received or made payments.
- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limits chart](#) on the FPPC website.

- **Penalties:** Late statements are subject to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

## FILING SCHEDULE

### LOCAL CANDIDATES and CONTROLLED COMMITTEES

**November 3, 2020**

| DEADLINE           | TYPE OF STATEMENT            | PERIOD              | FORM       | NOTES   |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|
| July 31, 2020      | Semi-Annual                  | *- 06/30/20         | 460 or 470 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>460: All committees must file Form 460.</li> </ul>   |
| Within 24 Hours    | Contribution Reports         | 08/05/20 – 11/03/20 | 497        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with another candidate or measure being voted upon November 3, 2020.</li> <li>The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</li> <li>File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.</li> </ul> |
| September 24, 2020 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pre-Election | 07/01/20 – 09/19/20 | 460 or 470 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).</li> </ul>   |
| October 22, 2020   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election | 09/20/20 – 10/17/20 | 460        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 460.</li> <li>File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service or online, if available.</li> </ul>  |
| February 1, 2021   | Semi-Annual                  | 10/18/20 – 12/31/20 | 460        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2020.</li> </ul>  |

#### Additional Notes:

- \*Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- Local Ordinance:** Always check on 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) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance. (See Local Ordinance Guidelines on Page 47.)
- 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 the Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.

- **Form 470:** 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 must file Form 470 on or before September 24, 2020. If, later during the calendar year, the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - **462:** This form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
  - **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.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

#### **LOCAL ORDINANCE REQUIRING ELECTRONIC FILING**

In October 2019, the County of Tulare adopted Ordinance No. 3572 requiring all campaign disclosure documents to be filed electronically. The County of Tulare Registrar of Voters office has adopted the use of eCampaign to meet this electronic filing requirement. eCampaign is available for filing forms directly at [southtechhosting.com/TulareCounty/eCampaign/](http://southtechhosting.com/TulareCounty/eCampaign/) or through a link on the Registrar of Voters website. Forms filed using eCampaign are available for public viewing directly at [southtechhosting.com/TulareCounty/CampaignDocsWebRetrieval/Default.aspx](http://southtechhosting.com/TulareCounty/CampaignDocsWebRetrieval/Default.aspx) or through a link on the Registrar of Voters website.

There is no fee associated with creating an eCampaign account, filing campaign disclosure documents in the system, or viewing campaign disclosure documents in the system. In order to create an eCampaign account, please submit an email to [AV1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:AV1@co.tulare.ca.us) requesting an account and include your name, email address, contact phone number, and mailing address. If you have a treasurer or other officers on your committee, other than yourself, and would like access to be granted to them, please include their name and email address in your request. Please allow one business day for your account request to be processed and your Login ID to be emailed to you.

# ON-LINE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR STATE CANDIDATES

(GC 85309, 85500)

**Candidates for elective state office and state ballot measure committees** that are required to file electronically with the Secretary of State must file a report disclosing receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more from a single source received during the 90-day period before an election. These reports must be filed within 24 hours of receipt of the contribution. No paper copy is required to be filed except during the late contribution reporting period.

**Committees that are required to file electronically with the Secretary of State** must file a report disclosing each independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to support or oppose a state candidate during the 90-day period before an election. These reports must be filed within 24 hours of making the independent expenditure. No paper copy is required to be filed, except during the late independent expenditure report period.

All candidates for state legislative office who raise or spend \$50,000 or more must file their contribution and expenditure reports electronically and on paper. Log-on instructions and approved electronic filing vendors are posted on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

Candidates may download all the latest campaign forms from the Fair Political Practices Commission's website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), or the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/campaign-disclosure-and-requirements/campaign-forms-and-instructions](http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/campaign-disclosure-and-requirements/campaign-forms-and-instructions). Candidates may also call the Political Reform Division at (916) 653-6224. Please contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at (916) 322-5660 for all applicable contribution and spending limits as well as the latest online filing requirements.

# **FINES & WAIVERS**

## **STRICT POLICY FOR LATE FPPC DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

For over twenty years, the Political Reform Act has required timely disclosure of the financing of political campaigns and state lobbying.

Unfortunately, over the years there has been a large number of campaign statements filed after legally required deadlines. These late filings deny voters and the general public of important information that should be current and readily available.

Disclosure statements filed late are subject to fines. In the past, however, a substantial number of late fines have been waived.

Effective immediately, the Registrar of Voters will only consider waiver requests based upon specified “good cause” reasons for late filing. (A complete listing of “good cause” reasons and related documentation are listed on the next page).

Acceptable “good cause” reasons involve situations beyond a filer’s control, for example, incapacitating physical illness and natural disasters. The new rules for fine waiver requests are very specific and limited.

Examples of reasons for waiver request that are **NOT** “good cause” reasons and not acceptable:

- not being aware of law or its requirements
- not receiving notice of filing requirements
- not being available to sign forms
- not sending filing to proper official
- not knowing where to get forms
- not having complete information by filing deadline
- not picking up mail
- secretarial error

In addition, it is important to note that the Political Reform Act does not provide any exemptions for late fines if a filer fails to comply with written notification from a filing officer. Specifically, the Act mandates that late fines be imposed if after the filing officer has sent specific written notice of the filing requirement the campaign statements are not filed within 12 days before an election.

Finally, it is important to remember that the great majority of people who file campaign and lobbying statements comply with the law. Many individuals devote long and hard hours to ensuring that disclosure statements are complete, accurate and filed on time. Consequently, it is a simple matter of fairness to implement a more rigorous policy for waiving fines imposed on those filers who are not diligent.

# **“GOOD CAUSE” REASONS FOR WAIVING LATE FILING FEES**

## **FPPC Campaign Disclosure Statements (Forms 460, 497, etc.)**

The Registrar of Voters will consider a request to waive the payment of a late filing fee if the request is based on “good cause”.

### **WAIVER REQUEST**

A request of waiver must be submitted on a Request for Waiver of Liability Form. The waiver request must be signed by the person(s) required to file the particular statement or report upon which the late filing fee was assessed. There are two categories of “good cause” for waiving late filing fees. These causes must relate to the person required to file the report or statement.

### **FIRST CATEGORY OF GOOD CAUSE**

1. **INCAPACITATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS:** Adequate documentation consists of a doctor’s, psychologist’s, therapist’s or chiropractor’s statement giving the nature of the incapacitation, the date(s) thereof, and the individual’s name.
2. **HOSPITALIZATION:** Adequate documentation consists of a copy of the hospital bill or doctor’s statement showing the patient’s name and the date(s) of the hospitalization.
3. **ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT:** If medical attention is provided and results in the late filing, a copy of the hospital bill, emergency room service, or doctor’s statement, showing the patient’s name and date(s) and time(s) of medical attention, is adequate documentation. If the accident involvement results in delay or vehicle disablement which caused the late filing, adequate documentation consists of a police report showing the individual’s name, the date and time of the accident, and if applicable, whether or not the vehicle was disabled.
4. **DEATH:** Adequate documentation, a copy of the death certificate or obituary notice.

### **SECOND CATEGORY OF GOOD CAUSE**

The second category is defined as other unique, unintentional factors beyond the filer’s control not stemming from a negligent act or non-action. The factors are:

1. **THE LOSS OR UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDS:** Due to a fire, flood, theft or similar reason. Adequate documentation shall consist of a police, fire or insurance report containing the date of the occurrence and the extent of the loss/damage.
2. **OTHER UNIQUE REASONS:** These include compelling reasons beyond the filer’s control.

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. **FPPC FORMS, MANUALS, FILING SCHEDULES AND WEBINARS**

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

2. **BE INFORMED**

Study FPPC Information Manual 2 for local candidates. Local candidates should also ask their Election Official about any local campaign restrictions.

3. **FREE FPPC HELPLINE**

Toll free Helpline number is 1-866-275-3772, can answer specific questions and provide advice on campaign disclosure rules.

4. **BEFORE RAISING OR SPENDING ANY MONEY**

File Form 501, Candidate Intention Statement. A separate Form 501 is required for each election, including re-election to the same office.

5. **IF LESS THAN \$2,000 WILL BE RAISED/SPENT**

File FPPC Short Form 470 prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> pre-election filing deadline. No additional forms will be required unless you later exceed the \$2,000 threshold.

6. **IF MORE THAN \$2,000 WILL BE RAISED/SPENT**

Open a separate bank account for campaign purposes. File FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State and a copy with your local filing officer. The Secretary of State will issue a committee number.

7. **KEEP COMMITTEE INFORMATION UP TO DATE**

File an FPPC Form 410 Amendment if changes are made to treasurer, committee name, addresses, etc.

8. **ANNUAL \$50 FEE**

There is a \$50 annual Secretary of State open FPPC committee fee. The fee is required to be paid to the Secretary of State within 15 days of filing the initial FPPC Form 410 and thereafter, before January 15 of each year until the committee terminates. There is a penalty of \$150 if the annual fee is not paid timely. For questions contact the Secretary of State's office at 1-916-653-6224.

9. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Know the due dates for campaign statements and file on time. All open committees must file periodic disclosure statements that are subject to late fees and fines if deadlines are not met.

10. **KEEP GOOD RECORDS**

Maintain details of contributions and expenditures of \$25 or more. Refer to recordkeeping guidelines in FPPC Information Manual 2. Note: it is a good idea to keep copies of all contributor checks received.

11. **\$100 OR MORE IN CASH?**

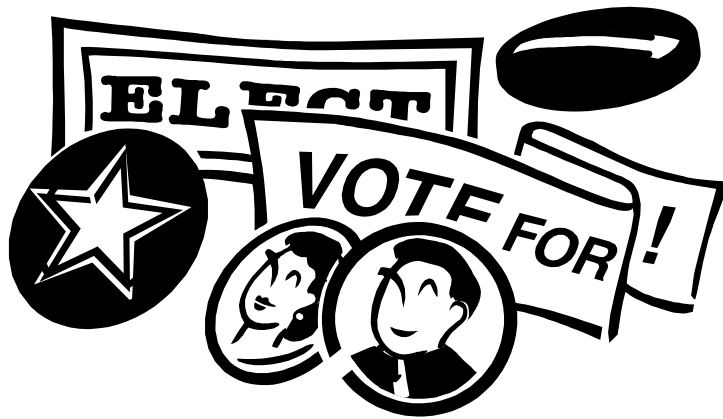
Never accept or spend \$100 or more in cash.

12. **DON'T SPEND PERSONAL FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES**  
All personal funds used for campaign purposes must first be deposited in the campaign bank account, except for those used for a Candidate Statement published in the Voter Information Guide and/or for a filing fee. You have a choice of depositing your personal funds into your campaign bank account as either a contribution or a loan to your committee.
13. **PURCHASES**  
If any campaign goods/services are purchased, disclose sub-vendors and the amounts paid.
14. **ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTORS**  
For contributions of \$100 or more including loans and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, address, occupation and employer.
15. **REPORT LATE CONTRIBUTIONS**  
If \$1,000 or more is received from one (1) contributor during the last 90 days before the election, disclose receipt within 24 hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds. Each late contribution report FPPC Form 497 must have a unique report number to be used by the filer.
16. **MULTIPLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ONE (1) SOURCE**  
Keep track of each check received. Report the aggregate amount.
17. **IF AN AGENT/CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT BUYS GOODS OR SERVICES FOR THE CAMPAIGN**  
Itemize expenditures of \$500 or more made by the agent/consultant. Make sure to keep receipts of all purchases.
18. **SURPLUS FUNDS**  
Surplus funds are subject to restrictions as outline in the Political Reform Act. Surplus campaign funds are campaign funds that are under the control of a former candidate/elected officer as 90 days following either the date of leaving elective office or the end of the postelection reporting period following the defeat of the candidate for elective office, whichever occurred last. For example, leftover funds from the November 4, 2014 election becomes surplus on March 31, 2015, 90 days after the December 31, 2014 post-election reporting period.
19. **USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY FINES**  
The expenditure of campaign funds of any amount to pay a fine, penalty, judgment, or settlement relating to an expenditure of campaign funds that resulted in a personal benefit (more than \$200) to the candidate/officer is prohibited if it is determined that the expenditure was not reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose.
20. **USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY SPOUSE FOR SERVICES**  
The Political Reform Act prohibits a spouse/domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office from receiving compensation in exchange for any services rendered from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer/candidate.

21. **IDENTIFY CANDIDATE/COMMITTEE ON MAILINGS**  
Include the words “paid for by” and your committee name and campaign address in at least 6-point type on the outside of all mass mailings (more than 200 pieces) and on at least one (1) insert in a color that contrasts with the background. No newsletter or other mass mailing can be sent at public expense.
22. **DISCLOSE ORIGINAL LOAN SOURCES**  
List any loan, even a personal loan to the candidate, all or partly used for the campaign. Also disclose all loan guarantors of \$100 or more.
23. **NO PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS**  
Use campaign funds only for political, legislative, or governmental purposes.
24. **WHERE TO FILE**  
Statewide, Legislative and Judicial offices file with the Secretary of State and a copy with the county of domicile. Local district offices file with the county Registrar of Voters Office and municipal offices file with their city clerks.
25. **TAX ID NUMBER REQUIREMENT**  
The FPPC does not require a tax ID number; however, some banks may require one (1) in order to open a campaign bank account. A tax ID number may be requested through the Internal Revenue Service website at <http://www.irs.gov>.
26. **STATE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**  
The FPPC website provides annual charts for state contribution limits and state voluntary expenditure limits.
27. **GIFTS, MEALS AND TRAVELS**  
There are special reporting rules for candidate controlled committees when reporting expenditures for gifts, meals and travel. Restrictions and detailed information can be found in the FPPC Information Manual 2.
28. **READY TO CLOSE YOUR COMMITTEE?**  
Filing requirements for open committees do not automatically terminate when activity ceases or when an officeholder vacates the office. You must file an FPPC Form 460 Termination Statement showing a zero (0) balance AND an FPPC Form 410 Termination Statement to stop future filing obligations.

*Note: the above is not necessarily applicable to federal offices.*

# **CAMPAIGN LAWS & REGULATIONS**



# **POSTING POLITICAL SIGNS**

(GC 4216)

## **STATE RULES**

§ 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:

- Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- Is placed not sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within ten (10) days after that election.
- Is no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet.
- Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department of Transportation certifying a person who will be responsible for removing sign(s).

A Statement of Responsibility form can be obtained from the Registrar of Voters office and should be returned to: Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Operations, Central California Outdoor Advertising Branch, P.O. Box 942874 MS-36, Sacramento, California, 94274-0001. Their phone number is (916) 651-1254.

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within six hundred and sixty (660) feet of the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "landscaped freeway."

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal.

*Note: Information above obtained from the Department of Transportation letter re: regulation of "Temporary Political Signs" dated November 2005.*

## **COUNTY RULES**

Contact the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (Road Use Investigator) at (559) 624-7000 or 5961 S. Mooney Boulevard in Visalia (across from Mooney Grove in the Government Plaza building).

A posting of any kind on county property is prohibited. County property pertains to any real or personal property owned, public road rights of way, leased or operated by the County and includes County property leased or licensed to third parties (Ordinance 3332, § 2-09-1000 through 2-09-1025 – passed by Resolution 2006-0676 on 08/09/2006).

## **CITY RULES**

Most cities have additional restrictions on the posting of political signs within their city limits. Please contact your city department to obtain information or a complete set of their rules regarding the posting of political signs.

## **GAS COMPANY RECOMMENDATIONS**

When digging holes in order to post signs The Gas Company would like you to be aware that there are dangers of damaging gas and other utility lines. California One Call Law GC 4216 requires that you call Underground Service Alert (USA) - two (2) days prior to digging. After you

have delineated the exact digging location with white spray paint, the utilities will mark any underground lines in the area that may be affected by the proposed excavation. Call 1-800-227-2600 or 811.

### **HANGING CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON TELEPHONE OR UTILITY POLES IS PROHIBITED**

The unauthorized attachment to supply, street light or communication poles or structures of signs, posters, banners, decorations, or any other such equipment foreign to the purposes of overhead electric line construction is a violation of Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 (Rule 34-A1a). Further, candidates and their campaigns who put signs on utility or communication poles are liable for the cost of any repair or injury resulting from such posting (Public Utilities Code §10251).

## **VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION IS OCTOBER 22, 2018 (EC 2106, 2121, 2138, 2139, 2150, 2158)**

Candidates are allowed to distribute and collect voter registration cards. Registration cards can be obtained at any time from the Registrar of Voters Office upon completion of a "Voter Registration Card Statement of Distribution Plans" form. The rules are as follows:

1. A person entitled to vote must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
2. No fee may be charged for registration.
3. Completed voter registration cards received from voters shall be returned to the Election Official **within three (3) days**.
4. On the day of the close of registration for any election, all organizations shall immediately return all completed affidavits of registration in their possession. Unused cards shall be returned upon completion of the distribution plan.
5. If any person assists in completing an affidavit of registration, that person shall sign and date the affidavit below the signature of the voter. Person assisting must also sign and deliver the stub and instructions to the voter.

## **POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS** (EC 20008)

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page, 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.

"Paid Political Advertisement" means and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting/defeating any person who has filed for an elective office.

# **ELECTIONEERING (CAMPAIGNING) NEAR POLLING PLACES**

(EC 18370)

No person on Election Day, shall campaign within 100 feet of a polling place. This includes the following:

1. Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, nomination petition or any other petition.
2. Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
3. Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications.
4. Do any electioneering.

As used in this section "100 feet of a polling place" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. These provisions also apply to campaign signs on or in a truck or car parked within 100 feet of a polling place.

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

## **SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS**

(EC 20009)

Every simulated ballot or Sample Ballot shall bear on each surface or page, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type of 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:

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| <p>NOTICE TO VOTERS<br/>(Required by Law)</p> <p>This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the County<br/>Elections Official or the Secretary of State.</p> <p>This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by <u>      (insert name and address of<br/>the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof)      </u>.</p> |
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Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

No simulated ballot or Sample Ballot shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise.

# **MASS MAILING OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE**

*(EC 16 and GC 82041, 84305)*

The following section of the Government Code does not constitute all of the law pertaining to this subject matter. However, Elections Code 16 requires that you be provided with the full text of this section at the time of filing your declaration of candidacy or petition for local initiative or referendum.

## **GOVERNMENT CODE 82041**

“Mass mailing” means over two hundred (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.

## **GOVERNMENT CODE 84305**

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall 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 which shall be in a color or print which 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 organization’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) 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).

## **EXIT POLL TAKING**

Exit poll taking must be at least 25 feet from the door of the polling place. (Daily Herald Co. v. Munro (1988) 838 F. 2d 380).

# **VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION DISTRIBUTION**

*(EC 3006, 3007, 3008, 18371, 18402, 18502, 18560, 18562-18564, 18576-8)*

Candidates are allowed to distribute Vote by Mail applications to voters and collect them for submission to the Elections Official. The master form is included in this booklet or can be obtained from the county elections official. The individual or group requesting the master is responsible for running their own copies.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**

1. Any individual, group, or organization distributing applications for Vote by Mail ballots must use the uniform format approved by the Secretary of State as provided by the Secretary of State or the Registrar of Voters Office. Failure to follow the uniform format is a crime.
2. Information which may be preprinted. The individual, group or organization distributing the applications may preprint the following information on the application form:
  - The name of the applicant – the name of the voter must be printed as it appears on the affidavit of registration.
  - The address of the applicant – the address of the voter must be printed as it appears on the affidavit of registration.
  - Other Information – The Elections Official may or may not preprint the name and date of the election; the deadline for receipt of the completed application by the Elections Official; the name of the county in which the applicant resides; the name, address and telephone number of the organization providing the form; and the name, address and telephone number of the Elections Official. If the Elections Official does not preprint this information, the individual, group or organization distributing the applications should preprint these items prior to distributing the applications to voters.
  - Voter Affidavit Number and/or Bar Code – If an individual, group or organization distributing forms with the voter's name and residence address is preprinted, the number or bar code equivalent used by the Elections Official to identify a voter, may be required by that official to be preprinted in the box labeled "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."
3. Information which may NOT be preprinted on the application, but must be completed by the applicant.
  - Mailing Address – The address to which the actual Vote by Mail ballot shall be sent, if different than the residence address, may not be preprinted. The voter must complete this information.
  - Signature – The voter must sign the application for a Vote by Mail ballot.
  - No Party Preference – Political Party (for Primary Elections) – The checkmark and the name of the political party (for No Party Preference Voters) shall be personally affixed by the voter.
4. Statement Required. Any application that is preprinted must contain conspicuously printed the following statement – "You have the legal right to mail or deliver this application directly to the local Elections Official of the county in which you reside."

5. Distributor Information. The name, address and telephone number of the individual, group, or organization distributing the application must be printed on the application form.
6. Return of Applications. Any individual, group, or organization that distributes applications for Vote by Mail ballots and receives completed application forms from voters shall return the forms to the appropriate elections official within 72 hours of receiving the completed forms, or by the deadline for return of the Vote by Mail ballot applications, whichever is earlier. It is a crime to delay the proper return of a Vote by Mail ballot application. The Vote by Mail applications are not to be returned to the Secretary of State's office.
7. Applications must be non-forwardable. Any Vote by Mail ballot application that is mailed to a voter by an individual, group or organization shall be non-forwardable.
8. Vote by Mail ballots may not be sent to a Campaign Address. The requested mailing address to which a Vote by Mail ballot is to be sent may not be the address of any political party, political campaign headquarters, or a candidate's residence. Candidates as well as their families and other household members are, of course, exempt from this prohibition and may receive their own Vote by Mail ballots at the candidate's residence address.
9. No Party Preference – Political Party in Primary Elections. The application shall inform the No Party Preference voter that he/she may request a Vote by Mail ballot for a particular political party for a Primary Election, but only if that political party has adopted a party rule, duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizing that vote. The application shall also contain a phone number that the voter may call to find out which parties have adopted such a rule.

#### **PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES REGARDING THE VOTE BY MAIL VOTING PROCESS**

1. It is a crime to interfere with anyone's lawful right to vote.
2. It is a crime to pay, or offer to pay, a person any amount of money or to give them anything of value in exchange for their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone not to vote.
3. It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system.
4. It is a crime to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the Elections Official of a completed application for a Vote by Mail ballot.
5. Unless authorized by the voter, it is a crime for a third party to retain a completed application for a Vote by Mail ballot for more than 3 days (excluding weekends and holidays) or beyond the deadline for applying, whichever is earlier.
6. It is a crime to deny a voter the right to return his or her application for a Vote by Mail ballot to the Elections Official.
7. It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted Vote by Mail ballot or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent Vote by Mail ballot.
8. It is a crime to do any electioneering (work for the election of a candidate or measure), or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he/she is voting a Vote by Mail ballot.
9. Vote by Mail ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in prison term. Penal Code 126.
10. It is a crime, punishable by imprisonment, to vote more than once in any election.

# **CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION**

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) is when an individual completes registers to vote by completing a voter registration card during the period of fourteen (14) days prior to Election Day through and including Election Day. The completed registration card is collected and the voter is given a CVR Provisional Ballot to vote immediately.

Once the County Elections Official processes the voter's registration card, determines the individual's eligibility to register and validates the individual's information, the registration becomes permanent and the CVR provisional ballot will be counted. This process occurs before or during the canvass period.

Conditional voter registrations are treated and processed the same as other registrations; CVR provisional ballots are treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**



# WHERE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN COMPLAINTS

(GC 81000-91015)

1. **WHERE DO I REPORT FALSE OR MISLEADING CAMPAIGN MATERIALS?**  
No agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.
2. **WHERE DO I REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT?**  
Title 9 of the California Government Code at 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 [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) or 916-322-5660.
3. **WHERE DO I REPORT ELECTION FRAUD?**  
Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California Secretary of State at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) or 916-657-2166.
4. **WHERE DO I REPORT UNLAWFUL USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, VIOLATIONS OF THE ELECTIONS CODE, THE PENAL CODE, OR ANY LAWS OTHER THAN THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT?**  
Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California State Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov> or 800-952-5225.
5. **WHERE DO I REPORT PROBLEMS WITH A FEDERAL CAMPAIGN LIKE CONGRESS, U.S. SENATE, OR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?**  
Contact the Federal Election Commission at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) or 866-747-1471.
6. **WHERE DO I REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAWS (BROWN ACT)?**  
Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California State Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov> or 800-952-5225.
7. **WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION ON LOCAL ORDINANCES?**  
Contact your local city attorney or the District Attorney at (559) 636-5494.
8. **WHERE DO I REPORT VANDALISM OR GET REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CAMPAIGN SIGNS?**  
Contact local city attorney or Tulare County District Attorney at (559) 636-5494.

# CANDIDATE FILING

(EC 10510,13307)

1. **IS THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE OPEN DURING THE LUNCH HOUR?**

Yes. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. On Friday we are open 8:00 a.m. to noon except on the last day to file nomination papers (a Friday); we are open until 5:00 p.m.

2. **WHEN IS THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD AND CAN AN INCUMBENT FILE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS DURING AN EXTENSION PERIOD?**

The candidate nomination extension period is the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following the end of the regular nomination period. An incumbent can't file during an extension period as it is only for any other candidate to pick up and file their nomination documents.

3. **HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHO ELSE HAS FILED FOR MY CONTEST?**

This is public information. You can obtain this information by viewing the log at the Registrar of Voters Office, calling or going to our website at [www.tularecoelections.org](http://www.tularecoelections.org). The Candidate List on our website is updated every day between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

4. **WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE AFTER FILING NOMINATION PAPERS?**

In most cases if there are insufficient nominees for a contest (no competition), those candidates that filed will be appointed in lieu of election (they shall qualify and take office and serve as if elected) and the contest will not appear on the ballot. Note: this rule does not necessarily apply to judicial, county or city offices.

5. **WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT BEING A CANDIDATE AFTER FILING NOMINATION PAPERS?**

You may withdraw as a candidate at any time prior to the close of the nomination period. After that date you are not permitted to officially withdraw and your name will appear on the ballot.

6. **I AM REALLY BUSY, IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE THE CANDIDATE FILING PROCESS FASTER?**

Yes. You can make an appointment before coming in to pick up your nomination documents so we can have your nomination papers already printed out and ready when you get here. Typically, for contests that don't require nomination signatures, the process in the Registrar of Voters Office can be done in about 15 minutes.

7. **MAY I CHANGE OR CORRECT THE WORDING OR SPELLING ON MY CANDIDATE STATEMENT AFTER IT HAS BEEN FILED?**

No, you may not make any changes to your candidate's statement once it has been filed. Check your candidate statement carefully before filing. No responsibility or liability is assumed by the Elections Official for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. The statement is entirely the candidate's responsibility.

8. **IF I FILE A VOLUNTARY CANDIDATE STATEMENT AND I CHANGE MY MIND, MAY I WITHDRAW THE STATEMENT AND RECEIVE A REFUND?**

Yes, with certain conditions. The Candidate Statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. If you withdraw your statement within this time frame, you will receive a refund. After this time frame, your statement cannot be withdrawn, nor a refund given. Candidate statements are not printed if the contest does not go to the ballot. Additionally, when filing the statement, the candidate can indicate no statement is to be printed if no other candidate files for that contest.

# ELECTION NIGHT

1. **HOW CAN I GET ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS?**

The Registrar of Voters office will be glad to add you or your campaign committee onto our election night e-mail list. The latest election result report is attached to the e-mail and sent out as results are updated throughout the evening. If you prefer, the same results are also updated on our website throughout the evening. Printed reports are also available at our front counter.

2. **CAN I COME TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE ON ELECTION NIGHT TO WATCH THE PROCESS?**

Yes. The election process is open to the public.

3. **WHAT TIME DO YOU RELEASE THE FIRST REPORT ON ELECTION NIGHT?**

The Registrar of Voters will release the first report at about 8:10 p.m. on election night. The first report usually includes all vote by mail and mail precinct ballots received up to the day before the election. The remaining vote by mail and mail precinct ballots received through 8:00 p.m. on election night are processed during the Official Canvass and those results are included in the Official Certified results after Election Day.

4. **WHEN ARE YOU USUALLY DONE COUNTING ON ELECTION NIGHT?**

It is the goal of the Tulare County Registrar of Voters office to have our election night final report released before 11:00 p.m.

5. **IF I HAVE THE MOST VOTES ON ELECTION NIGHT, DO I WIN?**

The final results announced on election night are not the final certified results. On Election Day, there are sometimes thousands of vote by mail and provisional ballots turned in at the polls that require processing before being included in the final certified count. Law allows the Registrar of Voters office up to 30 calendar days to finish counting all the ballots and complete our canvass of the election. Our office attempts to provide periodic updates on our webpage of updated results as well as our progress towards certifying the election. The election results are not final until the Official Certified results are released.

6. **WILL I BE NOTIFIED THAT I HAVE WON?**

No, not by the Registrar of Voters office. After the final official certified results are complete, Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office are sent to the District office, Administrative office or County Department, depending upon the contest. The District or Department will usually take care of the Swearing-in Ceremony, if any, and notification.



# **VOTE BY MAIL PROCESS**

(EC 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3019, 14310, 15101, 15104, 15105, 15108, 18560)

1. **IF A VOTER LOSES THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT THAT WAS SENT TO THEM, CAN THEY GET ANOTHER ONE?**

Yes. Call the Registrar of Voters Office for a replacement ballot.

The Elections Official maintains a record of each request, and provides a list of these requests to the polling place to ensure that each voter casts only one ballot. If you vote twice by Vote by Mail ballot, even if by mistake, neither ballot will be counted.

2. **CAN I GIVE MY VOTED “VOTE BY MAIL” BALLOT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO RETURN FOR ME?**

If you are ill, or have a physical disability, you may designate a representative to return your voted ballot for you. Your representative may return it in person to the Registrar of Voters Office or to a polling place in your county, or may place it in the mail for return to the Elections Official. Contact your County Elections Official for more information.

3. **IF I REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AND STILL VOTE AT MY REGULAR POLLING PLACE?**

Yes. You must bring your non-voted Vote by Mail ballot and give it to the polling place worker before voting a regular ballot. If you are unable to surrender your Vote by Mail ballot, you may still cast a “provisional” ballot at your polling place which will not be counted until the County Elections Official can determine that you have not also voted by Vote by Mail ballot.

4. **HOW ARE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED?**

In general, Vote by Mail ballots are counted the same as regular ballots cast at a polling place. Once it is determined that the signature on the Vote by Mail ballot return envelope matches the signature of the voter on his or her voter registration card, the ballot and the envelope are separated. The processing of Vote by Mail ballot return envelopes, and the counting of Vote by Mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election.

If the Vote by Mail ballot is challenged, and that challenge is upheld, the ballot remains in the envelope, is not counted, and the reason is indicated on the envelope.

The first results you are likely to hear reported on election night usually reflect votes cast by Vote by Mail ballots. These however, are not complete totals and may reflect only those Vote by Mail ballots returned prior to Election Day. Those ballots received prior to Election Day can be “processed” (i.e. verify the signature, etc.) within the ten (10) business days prior to an election. Under no circumstance may a vote count be accessed or released until the polls close on Election Day.

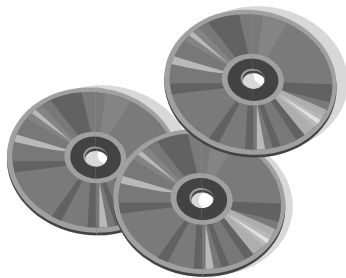
A substantial number of additional Vote by Mail ballots are returned on Election Day either to the polling place or to the Registrar of Voters Office. These ballots, because they require the extra handling of checking the voter’s signature, and ensuring the voter did not also vote at the polling place, are usually the last ballots counted, and are not likely to be reported in the vote totals until after the Election Day.

Vote by Mail ballots, if postmarked or time stamped on or before Election Day and received in the Registrar of Voters Office no later than three (3) days after the Election Day will be counted (pending processing checks).

If the Vote by Mail ballots are not signed by the voter, the Registrar of Voters Office will contact the voter and advise them they have eight (8) days to sign and return their ballot statement or come into the Registrar of Voters Office and sign their Vote by Mail ballot envelope to be counted.

After all of the ballots have been counted and canvass has been completed, the Registrar of Voters can then certify the election. California law requires that an election be certified and submitted to the Governing Body within thirty (30) days of the Election Day.

# **SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES**



# FEES & CHARGES

(Board approved April 2013; effective July 1, 2013)  
All prices subject to taxes where applicable.

| VOTER & ELECTION INFORMATION                        |          |  |                       |
|---|----------|--|-----------------------|
| Description of File                                 | Cost     | Unit                                       | Additional Charges    |
| Electronic Files                                    |          |  |                       |
| <b>Voter File Extract</b> (MVMJ004)                 |          |  |                       |
| Less than 20,000 Registered Voters                  | \$35.00  | Per District                               | CD \$5 each           |
| History (up to 5 elections)                         | \$35.00  | Per Election                               | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| History (all elections)                             | \$175.00 |  |                       |
| -----   | -----    | -----                                      | -----                 |
| More than 20,000 Registered Voters                  | \$70.00  | Per District                               | CD \$5 each           |
| History (up to 5 elections)                         | \$70.00  | Per Election                               | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| History (all elections)                             | \$350.00 |  |                       |
| <b>Statement of Vote</b> (one election per file)    |          |  | CD \$5 each           |
| - <b>TXT File Versions</b> (comes with PDF version) | \$35.00  | Per File                                   | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| - <b>PDF File Version only</b>                      | \$5.00   |  |                       |
| <b>All Other Election Data Extracts</b>             | \$35.00  | Per File                                   | CD \$5 each           |
|   |          |  | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| Printed Data  |          |  |                       |
| <b>Statement of Vote</b> (full book format)         | Varies   | Total cost for copying and binding report. |                       |
| <b>Computer Printed Reports or Lists</b>            |          |  |                       |
| 50 pages or less                                    | \$35.00  | Per Request                                | CD \$5 each           |
| More than 50 pages                                  | \$0.10   | Per Page (over 50)                         | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| <b>Precinct Index</b> (MVMR10)                      | \$0.50   | Per 1,000 Registered Voters                | CD \$5 each           |
|   |          |  | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| <b>Labels</b>                                       |          |  |                       |
| Setup Fee   | \$35.00  | Per File                                   | CD \$5 each           |
| + Label Cost  | \$27.50  | Per 1,000 labels                           | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| <b>VBM &amp; Mail Precinct Information</b>          |          |  |                       |
| AVMJ004 - AVMJ011                                   |          |  |                       |
| Data Received Daily (17 days)                       |          |  | Labels \$12 per 1,000 |
| Setup + Media Charge                                | \$595.00 | Per Election                               | CD \$5 each           |
|   |          |  | E-Mail or FTP \$0     |
| Data Received Individual (limit 4 per election)     |          |  |                       |
| Setup + Media Charge                                | \$35.00  | Per File                                   |                       |

## VOTER & ELECTION INFORMATION

| Description of File  | Cost                                     | Unit                       | Additional Charges               |
|--|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Copy Charges</b>  |  |                            |                                  |
| <b>Political Reform Documents</b>  | \$0.10                                   | Per Page (GC 81008)        | CD, E-Mail & FTP not available   |
| <b>Retrieval Fee-Political Reform Document</b><br>(reports & statements 5 or more years old) | \$5.00                                   | Per Request (GC 81008)     | CD, E-Mail & FTP not available   |
| <b>Affidavit of Registration</b>   | \$1.50                                   | Each (EC 2167)             | CD, E-Mail & FTP not available   |
| <b>Other Documents or Printed Reports</b>  | \$0.10                                   | Per Page                   |                                  |
| <b>Statement of Vote</b>   | \$0.10                                   | Per Page                   |                                  |
| <b>Media Costs</b>   |  |                            |                                  |
| <b>C.D.</b>  | \$5.00                                   | Each                       |                                  |
| <b>Labels</b>  | \$27.50                                  | Per 1,000 labels           | After setup fee                  |
| <b>All Other Election Data Extracts</b>  | \$35.00                                  | Per File                   | CD \$5 each<br>E-Mail or FTP \$0 |
| <b>Maps</b>  |  |                            |                                  |
| <b>Paper Maps - Color or Black &amp; White</b><br>8 ½" x 11" or 8 ½" x 14"<br>11" x 17"      | \$5.00<br>plus tax<br>\$10.00<br>plus tx | Each (existing maps only)  | CD, E-Mail & FTP not available   |
| <b>Electronic Maps</b>   | \$30.00                                  | Each (existing maps only)  | CD \$5 each<br>E-Mail or FTP \$0 |
| <b>Shape Files</b>   | \$35.00                                  | Per District               | CD \$5 each<br>E-Mail or FTP \$0 |
| <b>All other maps and mapping services</b>   |  | \$70 per hour creation fee |                                  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Fees</b>  |  |                            |                                  |
| <b>Returned Check</b>  | \$20.00                                  | 2001-0147<br>GC 6157(b)    |                                  |

# **CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA**

*(EC 2188, 2194)*

The street address, telephone number, driver's license (or identification card) number, precinct number and certain other information about registered voters is confidential under California law. The Registrar of Voters Office is prohibited from publicly disclosing that information to any person except for specified purposes. We can release the information to: any candidate for federal, state, or local office; any committee for or against any initiative, referendum, recall or bond measure for which legal publication is made; any person for **election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes**; and any person for **governmental purposes**, as determined by the Secretary of State.

## **WHAT IS NEEDED TO ORDER CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA?**

Before the Registrar of Voters Office may publicly disclose confidential voter information to a requester, the requester must complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an Application for Voter Registration Information Form, and include the following: a copy of the requester's driver's license, state identification card or other identification approved by the Secretary of State; payment for the cost of the file/data (cash, check or money order), AND provision for shipping and/or delivery, either in payment for shipping costs (providing your FedEx account number is recommended) or instructions as to how to deliver data (for example, how to notify requester when data is available for pickup).

## **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET THE DATA REQUESTED?**

Requests received at the counter for voter and/or election data can usually be made available within about 30 minutes. Requests received through the mail are typically available for next day shipping. These time frames are not guaranteed. Speed of service depends upon staff availability. If your request is urgent, it is recommended you communicate the urgency to staff and follow up all requests with a phone call to (559) 624-7300.

## **PAYMENT**

Payment can be made in the form of cash, check, or money order. We do not accept credit cards or debit cards. Payment must be received by the Registrar of Voters Office BEFORE we will begin processing your request.

## **ORDERING VOTER OR ELECTION DATA THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICATION**

As on the chart above showing what data is available, not all data requires an Application for Voter Registration Information Form. If the data requested does not require an Application, simply put your request in writing, being as specific as possible. Be sure to specify how you prefer the data to be delivered as well as a contact name and number in case of any questions.

## **PURCHASING A PRECINCT INDEX**

The Registrar of Voters Office has a listing of all registered voters by district at the cost of \$0.50 per thousand registered voters (\$0.50 minimum). The listing is sorted by precinct, then by residential address, and name. It also shows political party and telephone number, if provided by the voter. This list is designed for precinct walking or phone banks, but does not have mailing addresses so is not recommended for use in mailing political material.

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM



Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either an 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:

- Encourages a particular vote in a schedule election.
- Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after the election.
- Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (see Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

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

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

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

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

Enclosure

# STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM



### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS

Election Date: \_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_ 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: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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 not 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 of Transportation and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### MAIL STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO:

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



11/10/2017

# NOTES

# 2020 CALENDAR

| January '20 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February '20 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March '20     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|             |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |              |    |    |    |    |    | 1  | 1             | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 5           | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 2            | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9            | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 19          | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16           | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29            | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |
| April '20   |    |    |    |    |    |    | May '20      |    |    |    |    |    |    | June '20      |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 5           | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 19          | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    | 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 28            | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    |    |    |    | 31           |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| July '20    |    |    |    |    |    |    | August '20   |    |    |    |    |    |    | September '20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|             |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |              |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 5           | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 2            | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9            | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 19          | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16           | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |
|             |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30           | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| October '20 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November '20 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December '20  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|             |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 4           | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 11          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 18          | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29           | 30 |    |    |    |    |    | 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |