# CANDIDATE HANDBOOK and RESOURCE GUIDE



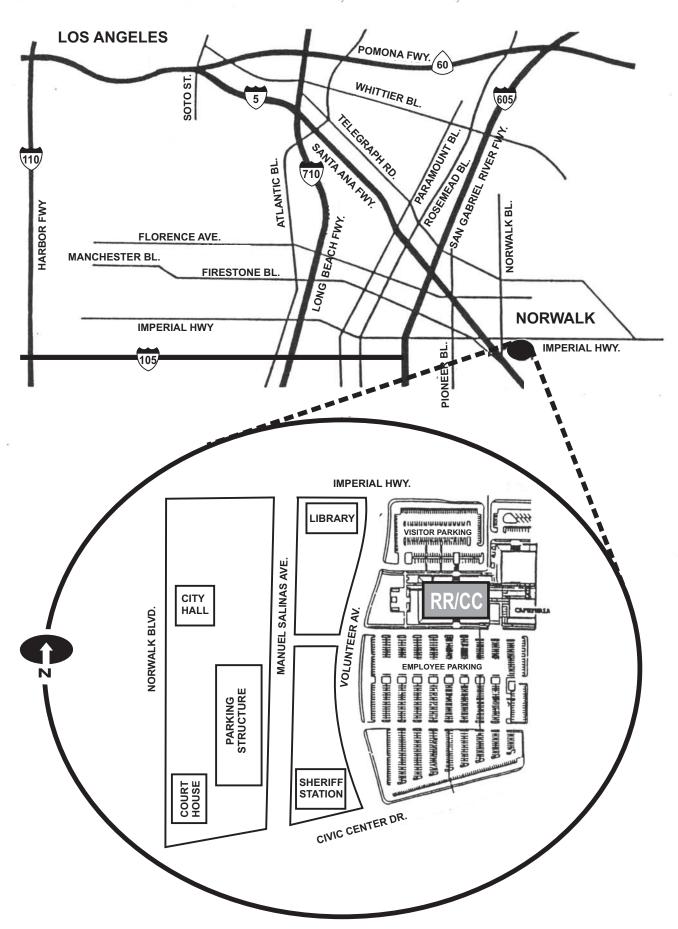
# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 3, 2020



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SUBJECT: CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE

March 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for offices in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The handbook provides a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

We hope that you will find the current handbook format to be both informative and useful. Please review the information provided in this handbook carefully. Section 1 includes general candidate filing information and Section 2 includes election and campaign information. Online access to this handbook is available on our website, <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Daily listings of candidates filing for elective offices will also be posted to the website for public access.

Our office staff is committed to providing the best possible service to you, your campaign staff and the voters of Los Angeles County. If you have questions or comments regarding items you would like to suggest for future candidate handbooks, please write a letter, send an e-mail to DLogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov or call me at (562) 462-2716.

For additional information regarding the election, consult our website or call 1-800-815-2666 option 4.

### **NOTICE**

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist you in filing documents relating to the election. It includes a calendar of events and summary of provisions and filing requirements. It is not intended to provide legal advice and is for general guidance only.

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

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

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# CHAPTER 1

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION **MARCH 3, 2020**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All documents are to be filed with and duties performed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk unless otherwise specified.

DATES		EVENTS
(2019) SEP. 5 (Th) E-180		ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP Last day for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustments due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interests, or other factors as applicable. (Based on E.C. § 22000)
<b>SEP. 10 (Tu)</b> E-175		ALL PARTIES – COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES Last day to compute the number of committee members to be elected. (based on SOS Memorandum 15161)
<b>SEP. 12 (Th)</b> E-173	<b>Nov. 6 (W)</b> E-118	SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS During this period, petition forms may be obtained and filed back to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)

DATES		EVENTS
<b>SEP. 27 (F)</b> E-158	DEC.6 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M.	NOMINATION PERIOD FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES  During this period, candidates must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The declaration of candidacy shall be executed in the elections official's office.  (E. C. §§ 8020, 8100, 8105, and 10407)

E-154 Last day to register affiliation with a particular political party in order to qualify that party
political party in order to qualify that party participate in the <b>March 3, 2020</b> Presiden Primary Election nomination process.  (E. C. §§ 2187(c)(1) and 5100(b))

<b>OCT. 5 (Sa)</b> E-150	<b>DEC. 26 (Th)</b> E-68	ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES – DEMOCRATIC PARTY
		The Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons affiliated with this party whom the Secretary intends to place on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. Following this announcement, the Secretary may add candidates, but the Secretary may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list.  (E. C. §§ 6041-6043)

OCT. 7 (M)	GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION
E-148	Not later than this date, the Governor shall issue the
	Presidential Primary Election proclamation.
	(E. C. § 12000)

DATES	EVENTS
<b>OCT. 21* (M)</b> E-134*	STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTIES  Before this date, the total number of registered voters in Los Angeles County as of October 1, 2019, shall be certified to the Secretary of State. (E. C. §§ 2187)
	ADOPTION OF PARTY RULE FOR DECLINE TO STATE VOTERS
	Last day for political party to adopt rule to permit decline to state voters to participate in party's primary nominating election. (E. C. § 13102(c))
	PARTY QUALIFICATION
	Last day for Secretary of State to determine if new party has qualified either by sufficient registration or by filing of petition. (E. C. § 5100)
	METHOD OF QUALIFICATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTIES
	<b>By Registered Voters –</b> The number of new party registrations must be equal to at least 2% of the entire vote of the State at the last preceding gubernatorial election.  TOTAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED – 254,251
	By Petition – New party must have petitions signed by voters equal to at least 10% of the entire vote of the State at the last preceding gubernatorial election. TOTAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED – 1,271,254

OCT. 24 (Th) E-131	STATEWIDE MEASURES – QUALIFICATION FOR BALLOT
	Last day for initiative or legislative measures to qualify for the Presidential Primary Election ballot. (E. C. §§ 9016 and 9040)

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES	<b>EVENTS</b>

#### OCT. 28 (M) NOV. 6 (W) E-127 E-118

### DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE

First and last day for candidates for judicial office to file a declaration of intention. The filing fee must be paid or signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions must be filed at the time the declaration of intention is filed.

(E. C. §§ 8023 and 8105(b))

### **NOV. 1 (F)** E-123

### ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (School Districts)

Last day for governing boards to adopt resolution calling a governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and the county elections official.

(Ed. Code § 5322)

#### **DISQUALIFIED PARTIES**

Last day for the Secretary of State, with the advice and consent of the Attorney General, to determine which parties, if any, are disqualified from participating in the Presidential Primary Election. (E. C. §§ 5102 and 5200)

### **NOV. 4 (M)** E-120

### FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (School Districts)

Not later than this date, the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver the formal notice of a governing board member election. (Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325(b))

DATES		EVENTS
NOV. 4 (M) E-120		BOARD RESOLUTION FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Local nonpartisan offices)  Not later than this date, the jurisdiction's governing body shall by resolution determine the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements; and, if cost is to be paid by candidate, whether advance payment is required.  (E. C. § 13307(a)(d))
NOV 6 (M)		SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITION DEADLINE
<b>NOV. 6 (W)</b> E-118		Last day for candidates to file signature in lieu petitions. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within <b>10 calendar days</b> of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)
<b>NOV. 7 (Th)</b> E-117	E-112*	EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD (JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY)
	5:00 P.M.	If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a declaration of intention to succeed to the same office by <b>November 6</b> , qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention for that office no later than the first day for filing nomination papers. (E. C. § 8023(b))

#### **NOV. 12\* (Tu) DE**0 E-112\* E-8

#### **DEC. 6 (F)** E-88 **5:00 P.M.**

#### **NOMINATION PERIOD**

During this period, candidates must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The declaration of candidacy shall be executed in the elections official's office. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination requirement on the inlieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required.

(E. C. §§ 8020, 8061, 8062, 8100, 8105, 8106 and 10407)

**NOTE**: Fax submission is **NOT** acceptable.

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

During this period, candidates for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement for inclusion with the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file a statement with each county.

(E.C. § 13307)

**NOTE**: Candidate statements are **ONLY** included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will **NOT** be included in the Vote By Mail material.

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES	<b>EVENTS</b>
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<b>NOV. 12* (Tu) DEC.6 (F)</b> E-112* E-88	CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE	
	5:00 P.M.	CANDIDATES
0.001	During this period, candidates for congressional and	
		state legislative office may submit a statement for
		inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State

buring this period, candidates for congressional and state legislative office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. The statement shall not exceed **250 words**. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file the statement with each county.

(Govt. Code §§ 85601(c) and 88001(i), and E.C. § 13307.5)

**NOTE:** Candidate statements are **ONLY** included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will **NOT** be included in the Vote By Mail material.

### **NOV. 12\* (Tu) DEC. 11 (W)** E-112\* E-83

### TRANSMISSION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE

During this period, nomination documents shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for each candidate for United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, Member of the State Assembly, and other applicable offices.

(E. C. §§ 8070 and 8082)

### **NOV. 16 (Sa)** E-108

#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITION CHECKED

Last day to determine sufficiency of signatures in lieu of filing fees submitted by all candidates. If determined that the petition is deficient, the candidates may, before the close of nomination period ending **December 6**, **2019 (E-88)**, pay a pro rata fee.

(E. C. § 8106(b)(3))

#### NOV. 19 (Tu)

E-105

### NEWLY QUALIFIED PARTIES – PROCEDURES FOR ACTIVITIES

Last day for officers of a newly qualified political party to file a notice with the Secretary of State stating the statutory provisions which shall be applicable to party operations.

(E. C. § 5005)

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES	EVENTS
<b>DEC. 5 (Th)</b> E-89	DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS - PUBLICATION
	Recommended last day to publish date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure.  (E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502)

#### **DEC. 6 (F)** E-88

#### 5:00 P. M.

#### **NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE**

Last day for all candidates to file nomination documents.

(E. C. §§ 8020 and 10407)

NOTE: Fax submission is NOT acceptable.

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Last day that any candidate for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement for inclusion within the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

(E. C. § 13307)

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Last day candidates for congressional and state legislative office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State Legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file the statement with each county. The statement shall not exceed **250** words

(Govt. Code §§ 85601(c) and 88001, and E.C. § 13307.5)

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons affiliated with all parties whom the secretary intends to place on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. Following this announcement, the secretary may add candidates, but the secretary may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list.

(E. C. §§ 6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724, 6852 and 6041-6043.)

DATES	EVENTS
DEC. 6 (F) E-88 5:00 P. M.	CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS  Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk requesting consolidation (including placement of a measure on the ballot) with the Presidential Primary Election.  (E. C. §§ 10400 - 10403)
	CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL
DEC. 6 (F) E-88 5:00 P. M.	No candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. (E. C. § 8800)
	<b>NOTE:</b> Candidates for municipal office or school district governing board member office are permitted to withdraw up to and including the deadline to file a declaration of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10224,10510 and 10603)
	STATEMENT OF TAX RATE DATA - LAST DAY
	TO SUBMIT Last day for a local jurisdiction to file a bond issue statement with the county elections official. (E. C. § 9401)
	COUNTY MEASURES - FISCAL IMPACT
	STATEMENT Last day for the Board of Supervisors to place a county measure on the Presidential Primary Election ballot and direct the County Auditor to determine its fiscal impact and prepare a statement.  (E. C. § 9160)

DATES		EVENTS
<b>DEC. 7** (Sa)</b> E-87**	DEC.11 (W) E-83 5:00 P. M.	NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION IF ELIGIBLE INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE  If nomination documents for any eligible incumbent are not filed by December 6, 5:00 p.m., the nomination period for such office shall be extended until December 11, 5:00 p.m. for persons other than the incumbent.
		NOTE: Extension period does not apply when:
		the incumbent for judicial office does not file a declaration of intention for the office
		there is no incumbent eligible to be elected or the incumbent has served the maximum number of terms as permitted by the California Constitution or Los Angeles County Charter
		3) the office in question is for county central committee, central committee or county council
		(E.C. §§ 8022, 8024, 8204 and 10407(b))

<b>DEC. 7** (Sa)</b> E-87**	<b>DEC. 16 (M)</b> E-78	PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, CANDIDATE NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS  During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period, any person
		may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material in a candidate statement to be amended or deleted.  (E. C. § 13313)
		For candidate names and ballot designations, a writ may be filed pursuant to E. C. § 13314.
		<b>NOTE:</b> If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to <b>December 12</b> through <b>December 23</b> .**

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 7 (Saturday) office will be open. December 8 (Sunday) office will be closed.

DATES		EVENTS
<b>DEC. 7** (Sa)</b> E-87**	DEC. 20 (F) E-74 5:00 P.M.	NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION IN CASE OF SOLE CANDIDATE DEATH If only one person has declared candidacy for a voter-nominated office at the Presidential Primary Election and that candidate dies after December 6 (E-88) but prior to December 11 (E-83), any person qualified under E. C. 8001 may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2019.  (E. C. § 8025)
<b>DEC. 11 (W)</b> E-83		CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to certify all nomination documents filed on December 6 and transmit to the Secretary of State any documents required to be filed with the Secretary of State.  NOTE: Nomination documents filed during the extension period shall be certified to the Secretary of State by December 16. (E. C. §§ 8082 and 8100)
<b>DEC. 11 (W)</b> E-83		PARTY ENDORSMENT LIST The chair of any qualified political party may provide a written copy of the list of candidates endorsed or nominated by the party. Such a list shall be provided not later than 83 days prior to the election where the candidate for a voter-nominated office will appear on the ballot.  (E. C. § 13302(b))
		AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE  – DEADLINE  Last day for a jurisdiction to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot.  (E. C. § 9605)

**MEASURES – LETTER DESIGNATION** 

Last day jurisdictions may request in writing specific letter designations for their measure(s).

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 7 (Saturday) office will be open. December 14 (Saturday) and December 8 & 15 (Sundays) office will be closed.

DATES	EVENTS
DEC. 12 (Th) E-82 11:00 A.M.	RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112)
	RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  A public drawing shall be held to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot for state legislative districts that encompass more than one county by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.  (E. C. § 13111(i))
DEC. 13 (F) E-81 5:00 P.M.	ARGUMENTS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day to submit direct arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Direct arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E. C. § 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502)
	<b>EXCEPTION</b> : Provisions regarding word limit do not apply to measures for school district reorganization. (Ed. § 35758)
DEC. 13 (F) E-81 5:00 P.M.	IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT  Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure.
DEC. 14 (Sa)** DEC. 23 (M) F-80** E-71	(E. C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500)  PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS

#### E-80\*\* E-/1

### MEASURE MATERIALS

During this period, the elections official shall make buring this period, the elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of the ballot measure text, direct arguments, impartial analysis or bond tax rate statement for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted.

(E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 14 & 21 (Saturdays) and December 15 & 22 (Sundays) office will be closed.

DATES	EVENTS
<b>DEC. 16 (M)</b> E-78	PETITION TO CONDUCT WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN (JUDICIAL OFFICES)
	Last day to file petitions containing signatures of <b>600</b> registered voters at most in the county to place office on the Presidential Primary Election ballot when only the incumbent has filed for the office. (E C. § 8203)
DEC. 21 (Sa)** E-73** 5:00 P.M.	COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – NUMBER TO BE ELECTED (AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES)  Last day to determine whether the number of American Independent, Democratic and Republican County Central Committee candidates who have filed for each Assembly District exceeds the number to be elected. If not, the designation of the office or the candidates shall not be included on the ballot, and the Board of Supervisors shall declare elected the candidates who have been nominated.

<b>DEC. 21</b>	(Sa)**
E-73**	
5:00 P.M	l.

### CENTRAL COMMITTEE - NUMBER TO BE ELECTED (PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY)

(E. C. §§ 7228, 7423 and 7673)

Last day to determine whether the number of Central Committee candidates who have filed for each district exceeds the number to be elected. If not, the designation of the office or the candidates shall not be included on the ballot, and the Board of Supervisors shall declare elected the candidates who have been nominated.

(E. C. § 7772.1)

# NOTICE TO CANDIDATES (Excluding County Central Committee, Central Committee and County Council)

On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for partisan and voternominated office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations and party affiliations of all other persons who have filed for the same office. (E. C. § 8121)

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 21 (Saturday) office will be closed.

DATES		EVENTS	
DEC. 23 (M) E-71 5:00 P.M.		REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for authors of direct arguments for and against any county, district or school measure to submit rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504)	
(2019) DEC. 24 (Tu) E-70	(2020) JAN. 2 (Th) E-61	PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – REBUTTALS  During this period, the county elections official sha make available for public examination a copy of the rebuttal arguments for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to an candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)	
(2019) DEC. 26 (Th) E-68		CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES  Last day for the Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates. (E. C. § 8120 and 6180)  DEATH OF CANDIDATE  Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (E. C. § 8809)  NOTE: This provision does not apply under the conditions set forth in Elections Code §§ 8026 and 8027.	
(2020) JAN. 2* (Th) E-61*	JAN. 3 (F) E-60 5:00 P.M.	TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD  First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period.	

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

period.

DATES		EVENTS
<b>JAN. 3 (F)</b> E-60		SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS  First day to process applications for special Vote By Mail ballots. Any application received prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. The application must state that the voter cannot vote during the normal Vote By Mail period due to military service or other contingencies that preclude normal delivery.  (E. C. §§ 300 and 3103)
<b>JAN. 3 (F)</b> E-60		REGISTRATION FILE UPDATE Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration shall begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of the file to the Secretary of State by January 13, 2020 (E-50). (E. C. §§ 2187(a) and (c)(2)
<b>JAN. 6 (M)</b> E-57	FEB. 18 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M.	STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD  A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed during this period a statement of write-in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election.  (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)
<b>JAN. 13 (M)</b> E-50		REGISTRATION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE  Last day to transmit to the Secretary of State the total county registration as of January 3, 2020 (E-60).  (E. C. § 2187(a) and (c)(2))
<b>JAN. 18 (Sa)</b> E-45		MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. (E. C. § 3114)

DATES		EVENTS
<b>JAN. 23 (Th)</b> E-40	<b>FEB. 11 (Tu)</b> E-21	STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Between these dates, a voter information guide shall be mailed to all voters. (E. C. § 9094)
<b>JAN. 23 (Th)</b> E-40	<b>FEB. 22 (Sa)</b> E-10	MAILING OF OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS  An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter for his or her political party or a nonpartisan sample ballot for a voter not affiliated with a qualified party. Booklets shall also be sent to the chairpersons of county central committees.  (E. C. §§ 13300 – 13303)
<b>FEB. 3 (M)</b> E-29		EARLY TABULATION (SNAP TALLIES) Last day to be notified by the Secretary of State that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require early tabulation and announcement.  (E. C. § 14440)  VOTE CENTER STAFF – APPOINTMENT Last day to appoint staff and designate vote centers. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to all staff.  (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 and 12319)
		MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS First day the elections official delivers Vote By Mail ballots in compliance with E.C. 3001. (E. C. §§ 3010 and 3206)
<b>FEB. 3 (M)</b> E-29	<b>FEB. 25 (Tu)</b> E-7	VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY  Applications may be filed between these dates (both dates inclusive). Applications received by the 29th day prior to the election will be kept and processed during this period

processed during this period. (E. C. §§ 3001 and 3003)

DATES		EVENTS
<b>FEB. 7 (F)</b> E-25		STREET INDEX TO CENTRAL COMMITTEES Last day to furnish, without charge, a copy of the street index to the state central committee and/or county central committees, upon written request. A supplemental street index is available to committees no later than February 25 <sup>th</sup> .  (E. C. § 2185)
<b>FEB. 14 (F)</b> E-18		CERTIFIED LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES Secretary of State to prepare and send to county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates who have filed/qualified by February 11. (E. C. §§ 6241, 6441, 6621 and 6822)
FEB. 18* (Tu) E-14*		CLOSE OF REGISTRATION Last day to transfer or register to vote in the Presidential Primary Election. (E. C. § 2102)
FEB. 18 (Tu) E-14	MAR. 3 (Tu) 8:00 P.M ELECTION DAY	NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE  A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of vote centers on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen.  (E.C. §§ 331, 332, 3500 and 3501)
FEB. 18 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M.		PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 10 <sup>th</sup> business day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the vote centers close.  (E. C. § 15101(b))
		WRITE-IN CANDIDATE STATEMENT DEADLINE Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write- in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)
		BILINGUAL VOTE CENTER STAFF  Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual staff. (E. C. § 12303(d))

<sup>(</sup>E. C. § 12303(d))
\*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES		EVENTS
<b>FEB. 22 (Sa)</b> E-10		TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION  On or before this date, a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. (E. C. § 12109)
		VOTE CENTERS – FIRST DAY
		Vote Centers open beginning 10 days prior to election day. A Vote Center election may be conducted pursuant to E. C. § 4007.
FEB. 25 (Tu) E-7		REPORT OF REGISTRATION  Last day to transmit to the Secretary of State the total county registration as of February 18, 2020.  (E. C. § 2187(c)(3))
		COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF
FEB. 25 (Tu) E-7 5:00 P.M.		STATE  Last day to deposit copy of computer vote counting program with Secretary of State.  (E. C. § 15001)
<b>FEB. 26 (W)</b> E-6	MAR. 3 (Tu) ELECTION DAY	EMERGENCY VOTE BY MAIL Between these dates, any voter may apply for a Vote By Mail ballot if conditions require his or her absence on election day. The voter may designate an authorized representative to pick-up and return the ballot. (E. C. § 3021)

DATES	EVENTS
MAR. 3 (Tu) 8:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY	ELECTION DAY  Vote Centers open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m. (E. C. §§ 1000, 1201, 14212 and 14401)
	VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED
	Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter to the elections official's office or at any Vote Center in the county. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017(a) and 3020)
	Any vote by mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than three days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2.  (E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)
MAR. 5 (Th) E+2	OFFICIAL CANVASS The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. § 15301)
<b>APR. 2 (Th)</b> E+30	COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS A certified statement of election results must be completed within 30 days of the election. (E. C. § 15372)
	<b>NOTE:</b> On <b>March 27, 2020</b> the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On <b>March 31, 2020</b> the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to
	declare the election officially concluded.

# CHAPTER 2

FILING PROCEDURES



### GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

All candidates (except candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and Superior Court Judge) must be registered voters at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which he or she is filing. (E.C. § 201)

State law requires that all nomination documents contain the candidate's name and the elective office title to which he or she is seeking nomination or election; and be signed by the elections official at the time of issuance. Verbal and written instructions regarding procedures to be followed in completing the nomination process are given to candidates or authorized agents when the forms are issued.

Only official documents issued by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office may be used. The forms are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTENTION FILING PERIOD**

OCT. 28 (M) through NOV. 6 (W), 5:00 P.M.	E - 127 – 118	DECLARATION OF INTENTION FILING PERIOD FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
NOV. 7 (Th) through NOV. 12* (Tu), 5:00 P.M	E - 117 – 112*	DECLARATION OF INTENTION EXTENSION FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

#### **NOMINATION FILING PERIOD**

SEPT. 27 (F) Through DEC. 6 (F), 5:00 P.M.	E – 158 – 88	NOMINATION PERIOD FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES
NOV. 12* (Tu) through DEC. 6 (F), 5:00 P.M.	E – 112* – 88	NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES
DEC. 7** (Sa) through DEC. 11 (W), 5:00 P.M.	E - 87** - 83	NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD (If Eligible Incumbent Does Not File)
JAN. 6 (M) through FEB. 18 (Tu), 5:00 P.M.	E - 57 – 14	FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

**NOTE:** Nomination extension period does not apply: 1) when incumbent for Superior Court Judge does not file a Declaration of Intention 2) when there is no incumbent eligible to be elected or the incumbent has served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution or Los Angeles County Charter 3) when it concerns County Central Committee, Central Committee or County Council Offices. (E.C. §§ 8022, 8024 and 8204)

**CANDIDATE CANNOT WITHDRAW** – No candidate that has filed a declaration of candidacy may withdraw as a candidate (E.C. § 8800). Candidates for school districts or general districts are permitted to withdraw up to, and including the deadline date to file a declaration of candidacy for that office pursuant to E.C. §§ 10510 and 10603. Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing utilizing official Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk forms, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603). The deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy is **December 6, 2019 (E-88) no later than 5:00 p.m.** 

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to holiday.

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 7 (Saturday) office will be open. December 8 (Sunday) office will be closed.

#### NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

The **ballot name** may be designated as follows:

- First, middle and last names
- Initials only and last name
- A nickname may be included but must be in parentheses () or quotation marks ""
- A short version of the first name, such as "Bill" for William, "Dick" for Richard or "Kathy" for Kathleen

NO TITLES OR DEGREES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BALLOT NAME. (E.C. § 13106)

WITHIN ONE YEAR OF ANY ELECTION, A CHANGE IN LEGAL NAME SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS THE CHANGE WAS MADE BY MARRIAGE OR BY DECREE OF COURT. (E.C. § 13104)

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be transliterated in those languages that do not use Roman Characters as instructed by the Department of Justice. These languages include Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Thai. If applicable, candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (88 days prior to the election). Candidates may review the transliteration of names and submit changes to the elections official no later than the last day of the review period, which is normally 60 days prior to the election but subject to change. To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832. Refer to Multilingual Voting Services Chapter for additional information.

CHARACTER-BASED OF CANDIDATE NAMES – Candidates may request that their names be in a Character-Based format (Elections Code 13211.7) by (1) placing a check in the box marked for requesting a character-based name format on the Declaration of Candidacy and (2) completing the Character-Based Name Form. This applies only to character-based languages, including but not limited to Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, Japanese, and Korean. If a candidate has a character-based name by birth, that can be verified by a birth certificate or other valid identification, the candidate may use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration. A candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate to the local elections official that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, may use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

**NOTE:** On **December 12, 2019,** the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.

### **BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS**

**SELECTING YOUR BALLOT DESIGNATION** – The **ballot designation** describes the current profession, vocation, occupation or incumbency status of the candidate that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name.

### Ballot designations:

- Can be no more than three words
- Must appear on the Declaration of Candidacy
- Becomes public record once the information is filed on the Declaration of Candidacy;
   ballot designations cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents

The listing of a designation on the ballot is OPTIONAL. Only one of the following categories is allowed:

1) **Elective Office Title:** Words describing an elective office title may be used **IF** the candidate holds the office at the time nomination documents are filed and the office was filled by a vote of the people.

**Example A:** Governing Board Member

**Example B:** Board member, XYZ School District

- 2) **Incumbent:** The word **Incumbent** may be used **IF** the candidate is seeking reelection to the same office and was elected to that office by a vote of the people or was appointed as a nominated candidate in lieu of an election.
- 3) Appointed Incumbent: The words Appointed Incumbent <u>must</u> be used IF the candidate was appointed to the office (other than a judicial office) and is seeking election to that office. The word Appointed may also be used with the office title.

**Example A:** Appointed Incumbent

**Example B:** Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

**Exception:** Candidates appointed to office in lieu of an election **do not** have to

use the word appointed.

### BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (continued)

4) **Principal Occupation:** No more than **three words** to either describe the current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents. Geographical names are considered one word.

**Example A:** High School Teacher

**Example B:** Attorney/Educator/Rancher

**Example C:** CEO/Councilmember

- 5) **Community Volunteer:** A Community Volunteer shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation subject to the following conditions:
  - A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her a) principal profession, vocation or occupation.
  - b) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation.
  - A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, c) vocation or occupation.
- 6) No Occupation Desired: If no ballot designation is requested, write the word "NONE" and place your initials in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy form.

FORMAT OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – Ballot designations selected which exceed space allotted on the ballot (approximately 60 characters) are printed in a smaller typeface pursuant to § 13107(i) of the California Elections Code.

In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in 8-point roman uppercase and lowercase type except that, if the designation selected is so long that it would conflict with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211, the elections official shall use a type size for the designation for each candidate for that office sufficiently smaller to meet these requirements. Restrictions: The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State's ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013.

**BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** – A Ballot Designation Worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation is required to be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation will appear on the ballot. (E. C. § 13107.3)

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION - If the designation is in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, the candidate will be notified by certified mail with a return receipt addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's ballot designation worksheet. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot. (E. C. § 13107(f))

### BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (continued)

**UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS** – Pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(e), the elections official shall not accept a ballot designation if:

- a. It would mislead the voter.
- b. It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
- c. It abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word(s) that it modifies.
- d. It includes a word or prefix, such as "former" or "ex-," which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word "retired."
- e. It includes the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- f. It uses a word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- g. It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

### GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST):

- a. Is it true?
- b. Is it accurate?
- c. Does it mislead?
- d. Is it generic? (This means "IBM" is unacceptable, "Computer Company" is acceptable.)
- e. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against.)
- f. Is it how this person makes a living?

Candidates may review their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, in this office during working hours from Saturday, December 7\*\*, 2019, through Monday, December 16, 2019 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays).

If you have any questions regarding the nomination procedures, please call the Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317.

<sup>\*\*</sup>December 7 (Saturday) office will be open. December 14 (Saturday) and December 8 and 15 (Sundays) office will be closed.

# CANDIDATE FILING FEE AND NUMBER OF NOMINATION SIGNATURES REQUIRED

(Elections Code Sections 8061, 8105, and 8106)

State law requires that a filing fee be paid by the candidate for one of the offices listed below or on the next page at the time nomination documents are **issued**. All filing fees received are non-refundable. **Filing fees may be paid in cash or by cashier's, certified or personal check**. Checks are to be made payable to the **Secretary of State** for the following offices:

### **VOTER NOMINATED OFFICES**

OFFICE	FILING FEE*	% ANNUAL SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY	SIGN	NATION ATURES UIRED MAX
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	\$1,740.00	1%	\$174,000.00	40	60
STATE SENATOR	\$1,104.59	1%	\$110,459.00	40	60
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	\$1,104.59	1%	\$110,459.00	40	60

<sup>\*</sup>Signatures may be submitted in lieu of the filing fee.

# CANDIDATE FILING FEE AND NUMBER OF NOMINATION SIGNATURES REQUIRED (continued)

### **PARTY NOMINATED OFFICES**

OFFICE	FILING FEE	% ANNUAL SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY	SIGNA	NATION TURES JIRED MAX
COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (DEM, REP)	NONE		NONE	20	40
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (P and F)	NONE		NONE	VAF	RIES
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER (GRN)	NONE		NONE	VAF	RIES

### **NONPARTISAN OFFICES**

Checks for the following nonpartisan offices are to be made payable to the **Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**.

OFFICE	FILING FEE*	% ANNUAL SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY	SIGNA	NATION ATURES UIRED MAX
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE	\$2,138.33	1%	\$213,833.00	20	40
COUNTY SUPERVISOR	\$2,138.33	1%	\$213,833.00	20	40
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$3,558.49	1%	\$ 355,849.00	20	40

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**NOTE:** The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk **will not** conduct American Independent Party and Libertarian Party Committee elections on March 3, 2020.

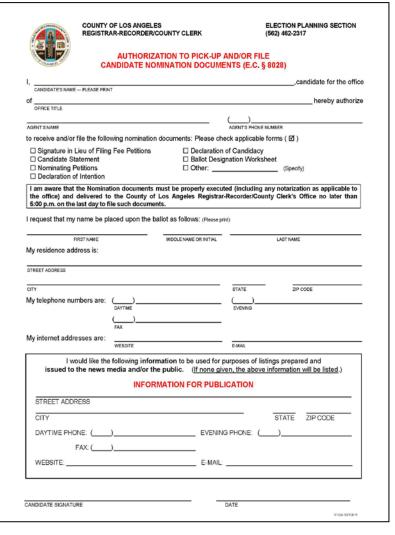
# **CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS**

# AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Candidates who will have their Candidate Nomination Documents picked up and/or filed **via an Agent** must complete the AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS form.

Below is a generic **sample** of the Authorization Form.

- 1. Print candidate's (your) name.
- 2. Print the elective office title.
- 3. Print the agent's name and phone number.
- 4. Check the box for each applicable form.
- Complete the middle section of the form as you would like your name to appear on the ballot, along with the other information requested.
- 6. Complete INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION box.
- Sign and date the form before giving it to your Agent.

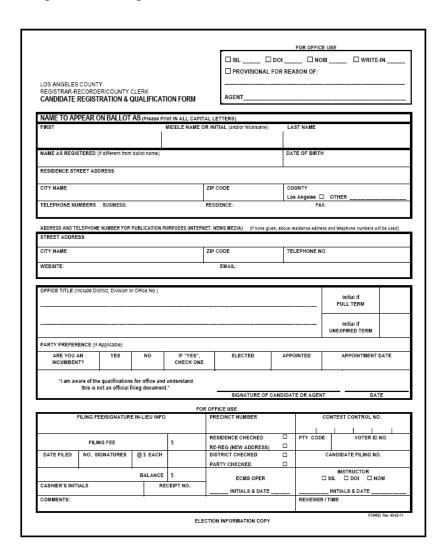


You are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know "**HOW DO I GET STARTED?**" There are seven (7) steps to the candidate nomination process:

### STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)

Candidates or authorized agents are required to fill out a Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form providing the following information:

- 1. Name as you wish it to appear on ballot.
- 2. Full name as registered to vote.
- Residence address.
- 4. Telephone/fax numbers.
- 5. E-mail and/or web site address.
- Address and telephone number for publication/ media/internet.
- 7. Elective office title for which you are applying.
- 8. Signature and date.



The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available online at <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Information on the form is used in preparing nomination documents. It is important that the information is accurate. This information will be printed on listings distributed to the news media and the general public. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS ARE VERIFIED AT THE TIME OF FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS.

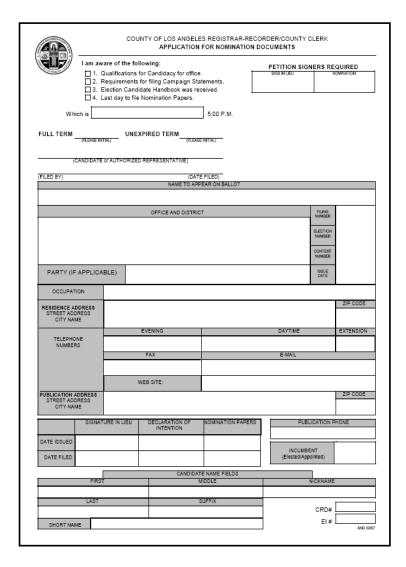
### STEP 2 – ISSUING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

An **Application for Nomination Documents** is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form.

This application must be signed by the candidate or an authorized agent acknowledging awareness of:

- 1. Qualifications for office.
- 2. Campaign statement filing requirements.
- 3. Receipt of candidate handbooks.
- 4. Last day to file nomination papers.

Candidate or Agent must verify that the candidate information, including the name to appear on ballot, office title, addresses, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail and web site are printed correctly on all forms.

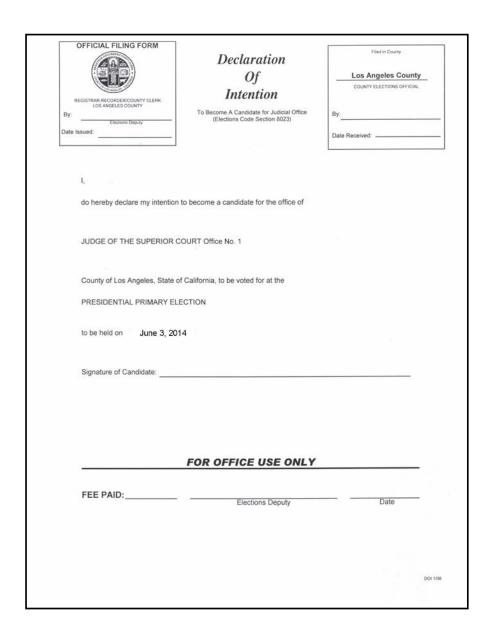


THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET AND NOMINATION PETITION FORMS, IF APPLICABLE, ARE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

### STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF INTENTION

**A Declaration of Intention** must be filed by all candidates for the office of Superior Court Judge. Nomination documents will not be issued to candidates for this office unless a Declaration of Intention has been filed.

State law requires that a filing fee be paid by the candidate at the time a Declaration of Intention is filed. All filing fees received are non-refundable.

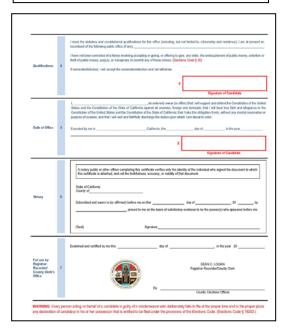


## **STEP 4 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)**

**The Declaration of Candidacy Form** is a two-sided form used to declare your candidacy, provide your ballot designation, and take the loyalty oath. This form contains the candidate's name as it will appear on the ballot, based on data from the CRQ. Once filed, these forms are public information. A prospective candidate must execute the Declaration of Candidacy and file it with the county elections official.

- Fill in your name and designation (occupation) to appear on ballot. Refer to Name to Appear on the Ballot and Ballot Designation Provisions in this Chapter.
- 2. Fill in your residence, business and mailing addresses.
- 3. Provide daytime and evening telephone numbers (fax numbers, e-mail and web site address information is optional).
- 4. If you are an incumbent, you are to list the name of public office you presently hold.
- 5. Print name in space provided in "Oath of Office".
- 6. Fill in place of execution and date.
- Sign name under penalty of perjury that information is true and correct.



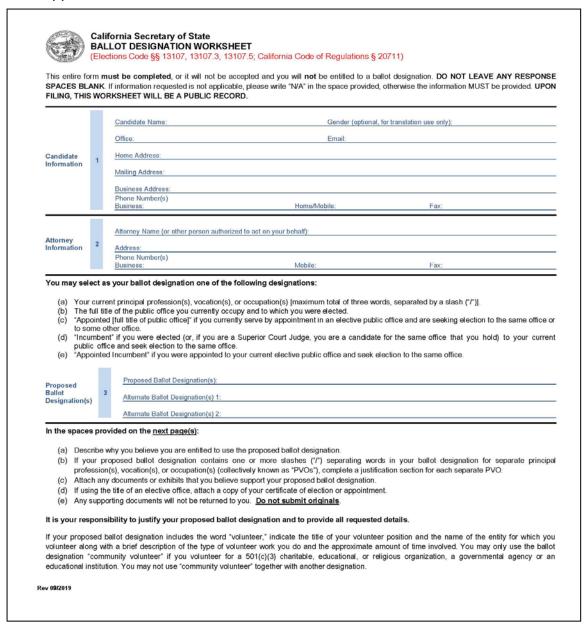


**NOTE:** THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED IF NOT SIGNED BEFORE THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL. (E.C. 8000, 8028 and 8040)

### CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (continued)

### STEP 5 - BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

If a candidate submits a ballot designation, the "Ballot Designation Worksheet" shall be filed with the elections official at the time the candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy Form. If candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.



#### STEP 6 - NOMINATION PAPER

A prospective candidate must submit nomination papers containing the requisite number of signatures (see List of Offices To Be Filled document for the requisite number of signatures).

### SIGNER QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a registered voter and resident of election area at the time of signing.

**EACH SIGNER must print** and **sign** own **name** and include **residence address**.

**Exception:** A signer who is unable to affix his/her own name and/or address on the petition personally may be assisted by another person. The voter must however, affix his/her own mark/signature on the petition personally. Two witnesses to signature (or mark) are required and such witnesses must also sign their names.

- a) Married women must sign name as registered to vote.
- b) P.O. Box numbers or mailing addresses are not acceptable.

### **CIRCULATOR QUALIFICATIONS**

As of January 1, 2014, must be 18 years of age or older.

**NOTE:** Circulators are not required to be a registered voter or to be affiliated with the same party as the candidate.

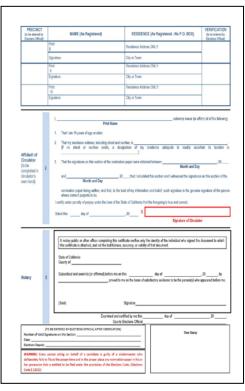
Any candidate for any office may obtain signatures and sign his/her own nominating petitions.

Only one circulator is allowed to circulate a petition section.

Circulator completes "Affidavit of Circulator" in own handwriting. DO NOT TYPE. The Circulator must:

- a) Fill in appropriate information in blank spaces.
- b) Fill in dates signatures were obtained.
- c) Fill in execution date and place of signing.
- d) Sign name.

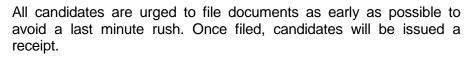




# CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (continued)

### **STEP 7 – FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

Listed below are mandatory and optional documents to be filed for candidacy. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines are met.





DOCUMENTS	APPLIES TO	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Declaration of Intention	Judicial Office Candidates Only	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Nomination Papers	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Ballot Designation Worksheet	All Candidates	Election Information Section (800) 815-2666 Option 4
Candidate Statement Form	Optional for all eligible candidates. Available to state legislative candidates who have agreed to limit their campaign expenditures voluntarily.	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Transliteration Form	All Candidates	Translation Services Unit (562) 462-2730 (562) 462-2832
Candidate Campaign Statement Forms	Forms are available for federal candidates at the Federal Elections Commission in Washington, DC	Campaign Finance Section (562) 462-2339
Character Based of Candidate Names	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317

# CHAPTER 3

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



# **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

California law permits specified candidates to file a candidate statement to be printed and mailed to voters in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. A local agency may opt to pay for the cost of the statement.

# STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

- 1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate's age and occupation.
- 2. Statements may not include references to other candidates. See information below and the Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statements in this chapter for restrictions.
- 3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed, unless there are issues with Elections Code compliance or Court ordered changes.
- 4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the Official Sample Ballot booklet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee is required to print the Spanish statement. In compliance with California Law, only English and Spanish candidate statements are included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet for candidates who wish to have one printed, at candidate's or local agency's expense. (Translations may be provided in other languages in accordance with federal law. See "Translations" later in this chapter for further information.)
- 5. No reference to candidate's political party preference nor any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.

NOTE: The Official Vote By Mail Voting Instructions and Guide does not include candidate statements.

**ESTIMATED COST** – The form on which the statement is submitted is issued with the nomination documents and contains word limitations and estimated cost.

If a candidate statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc., the printed candidate statement may extend to two (2) pages. If a candidate statement is printed in another language, the translated candidate statement may extend to two (2) or more pages. In these cases, the actual cost for statement may double or triple and additional cost may be billed to you after the election. Please note, costs are calculated by page regardless of how much or how little text there is on each page. Costs are **NOT** calculated according to word count.

The estimated cost is determined prior to all information being available; therefore, it is an approximation of the actual cost that varies from election to election and may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

**LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES** (County Supervisor, District Attorney, Superior Court Judge and any other eligible candidate) – Local agencies determine the maximum amount of words allowed **(200 or 400)**, the responsibility for payment (either the candidate or agency), and whether it is to be paid in advance.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE – California law permits congressional candidates and state legislative candidates to file a candidate statement to be printed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State Legislative candidates who wish to file a statement must voluntarily choose to limit their campaign expenditures in accordance with Proposition 34 by filing a Fair Political Practices Commission "FPPC" Form 501. Filing of a candidate statement is not mandatory but is permitted if the candidate pays the appropriate fee. The word limit for a statement is 250 words. (E.C. 13307.5 and Govt. Code 85601)

**NOTE:** For shared districts, candidate must file a statement with each county.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM** – This is an example of the Candidate Statement Form used by candidates in submitting their statement to be printed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. The Candidate Statement Form is included with the packet each candidate receives when filing nomination documents.

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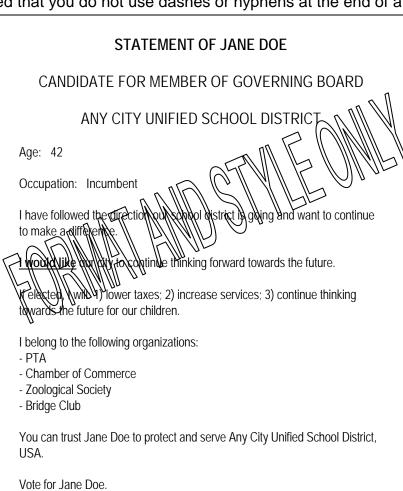
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### **BACK**

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#### FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

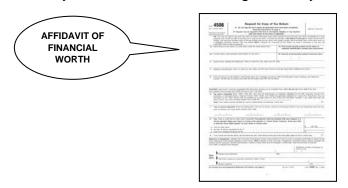
- 1. Statements must be neatly typed. Statement will be typed in the Official Sample Ballot booklet using Times New Roman font in 11 point size. However, a candidate statement can be submitted using any standard font. Please note, if using any standard font other than Times New Roman in 11 point size, the printed candidate statement may extend to two (2) or more pages once formatted. A sample of the format and style is pictured below.
- 2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted as indented or centered will be typed in block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. However, you may use dashes/hyphens (-). Enhanced words that are printed in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. The pronoun "I" is not counted as an enhanced word. Refer to page 40 for the Word Counting Guidelines.
- 3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line.



### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (continued)

**TRANSLATIONS** – Translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with Federal Voting Rights Act provisions and Department of Justice specifications. These booklets are sent only to voters who have requested translated material. Additional booklets are provided at polling places on Election Day. For more information regarding translation of candidate statements, please refer to Chapter 4 "Multilingual Voting Services" in the Resource Guide portion of this book.

**INDIGENT CANDIDATES** – If a candidate alleges to be indigent and is unable to pay the advance fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit an Affidavit of Financial Worth to the local agency to be used in determining the candidate's indigence eligibility. The affidavit shall be submitted by the candidate with their candidate statement by the specified deadline. The candidate shall certify under penalty of perjury the truth and correctness of the content of the affidavit. A determination shall be made whether or not the candidate is indigent and the local agency will notify the candidate of its findings. If a determination is made that the candidate is indigent, the local agency shall print and mail the statement without payment of the advanced fee. The candidate will be billed the actual pro rata share of the cost following the election. If a determination is made that the candidate is **not** indigent, the candidate shall withdraw the statement or pay the requisite fee within three days of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays.



**PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD** – Candidate statements are confidential until after the close of the nomination period. (E.C. § 13311) Once the filing period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a **ten (10) calendar day period**. If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the statements are open to public examination for **another ten (10) calendar day period**. A fee may be charged to any person wishing to obtain a copy of the material. During both periods, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the content/data to be amended or deleted.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR CITY OFFICES – City candidates should contact the City Clerk for information on viewing candidate statement content.

# NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S <u>OWN</u> QUALIFICATIONS This applies to all candidates.

The California Elections Code and case law prohibit **CANDIDATES** from making any reference to another candidate or to another candidate's qualification, character or

activities. If the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** discovers improper content in a candidate statement, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will notify the candidate and give the individual an opportunity to correct the improper language in the candidate statement. If the candidate refuses to correct the improper language, the **COUNTY** 

**ELECTIONS OFFICIAL**, as well as any other voter, may bring legal action against the

candidate to correct the statement. The prevailing party may also be entitled to obtain

attorney's fees for bringing the action.

The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will not accept language in a candidate statement that in any way makes reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13308. The **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will remove the improper language from the statement and not allow it to be printed. The candidate will be notified of the improper language and its removal from the statement.

All prospective candidates may want to refer to California Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311, 13313, and 13314, as well as the California Court of Appeal ruling in *Dean v. Superior Court*, (1998 4<sup>th</sup> Dist.) 62 Cal. App.4<sup>th</sup> 638. However, this list is not exhaustive and candidates are solely responsible for preparation and submittal of candidate's statements that are in conformance with the law. A copy of the above described Elections Code Sections and the *Dean* decision are available from our office at no cost.

### WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES

(Elections Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office for counting words on candidate statements, ballot measure text, arguments, rebuttals and other ballot enclosures. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 400 word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

- 1. **PUNCTUATION MARKS** are not counted. Symbols such as "&" (and), and "#" (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.
- 2. **THE WORDS** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.
- 3. **PROPER NOUNS**, such as geographical names, and names of persons or things, as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** "Gus Enwright" = 1 word

"City of Los Angeles" = 1 word

"Dalai Lama" = 1 word

4. **ABBREVIATIONS** such as acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** UCLA, PTA, USMC, LAPD, U.S.M.C.

5. **HYPHENATED WORDS** that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the U.S. at any time within the last 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** Attorney-at-law

6. **DATES...** are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987 3/18 7/21/89

7. **NUMERIC COMBINATIONS** are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14

8. **MONETARY AMOUNTS** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** \$1,000.00

**MONETARY AMOUNTS** consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.

**EXAMPLE:** \$4 million

9. **TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBERS** are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** 1-800-815-2666 1-562-462-2317

10. INTERNET WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES are counted as one (1) word.

**EXAMPLE:** http://www.co.la.ca.us www.lavote.net http://www.lacounty.lnfo

# CHAPTER 4

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES



# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(Election Code § 8600 - 8606)

A person who has not followed the usual procedure for placing his or her name on the ballot for the election may still be elected to office as a Write-in Candidate.

**NOTE:** If running in a **partisan primary** election, the candidate must file the party nomination he/she is seeking. The signer must be a registered voter and resident of the election area in which the write-in candidate is to be voted on and of the same political party. For the general election, no party affiliation is required of the signers of nomination papers.

A Write-in Candidate is not required to pay a filing fee.

FILING DEADLINE				
JAN. 6 (Mon) Through FEB. 18 (Tu) 5:00 P.M.	E - 57 - 14	FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY		

Write-In Candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE **14**<sup>th</sup> DAY prior to the election.

All candidates are urged to file the following documents as early as possible.

**CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FORMS** – If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, you may contact the Campaign Finance Section at (562) 462-2339.

### **ELECTION RESULTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Write-in election results are not determined until the canvass is completed. California election law allows a prescribed number of days for the conduct of the official canvass. During the official canvass, write-in ballots must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate and whether a voter has overvoted. All aspects of the canvass shall be open to the public. Write-in votes are counted and certified in an election only if qualified candidates have filed the required nomination documents with the elections official.

### WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

**OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT –** Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. When judicial, political party committee, school, and UDEL contests are involved, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled and eligible candidates are appointed in lieu of the election. California law, however, provides that for such offices a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted must have been filed with the elections official to require the office(s) be placed on the ballot by means of a petition drive. (Does not apply to political party committee contests.)

(E.C. §§ 7228, 7423, 7673, 8203 and 10515; Ed. Code § 5326)

**NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON BALLOT –** If the candidate's name does not appear on the official ballot, the candidate is not entitled to a candidate statement in the official sample ballot. (E.C. § 302)

**TO BE ELECTED** – In order to be nominated to any partisan office at the primary election, the write-in candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that party's nomination, and must also receive votes equal to at least **1%** of all votes cast for that office at the last preceding general election when the office was filled.

In order for a candidate, including a write-in candidate, to have his/her name placed on the ballot for a voter-nominated, judicial or county office at the general election, the candidate must be one of the top two candidates who received the most votes in the primary election.

In order for a candidate, including a write-in candidate, to win election to a judicial or county office (superior court judge, district attorney, assessor, sheriff and county supervisor) at the primary election, the candidate must receive a majority of the ballots cast for candidates for that office.

Candidates, including write-in candidates for member of the Democratic and Republican Party's county central committee shall not be declared elected unless the candidate receives votes equal to the number of signatures required on nomination papers.

Candidates, including write-in candidates, for member of the Peace and Freedom Party's central committee shall not be declared elected unless the candidate receives a number of votes equal to or greater than 2% of the number of party members voting in the district, or 20 votes, whichever is less.

Candidates, including write-in candidates for member of the Green Party's county council who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number to be elected shall be declared elected.

(E.C. §§ 8140, 8141, 8141.5, 8144, 8605, 15451, 15460, 15470, 15480 and 15490)

# SECTION 2



# CHAPTER 1

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**





# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

# REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC)

# **OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday (Except for Holidays)

### OFFICE ADDRESS

12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650 FAX: (562) 864-4064

# **MAILING ADDRESS**

P O Box 1024 Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf)	(562) 462-2259
ELECTION INFORMATION	option 4
CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCEDURES	, ,
CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE	(562) 462-2339
VOTER REGISTRATIONRequests for voter registration forms or register to vote online at www.lavote.net.	1-800-815-2666 option 2

Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Note: The registration deadline for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Primary Election is



# REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC) Continued

OFFICIAL SAMPLE/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INQUIRIES	1-800-815-2666 option 2
FAX NUMBERS	(562) 462-2354 (562) 868-0861
OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT TRANSLATION To receive an Official Sample Ballot booklet translated into Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai or Vietnamese.	1-800-481-8683
VOTE CENTER STAFF  To become a vote center staff or report problems at a vote center location during the voting period (E-10 to Election Day).	1-800-815-2666 option 7
VOTE CENTER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION To offer a building to be a vote center. Election Operation Center	(562) 347-2447
HOURLY VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION	(562) 462-2726
SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS INFORMATIONAvailable Wednesday, March 4, 2020.	1-800-815-2666 option 4
VOTER FRAUD HOT LINE  To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities.	1-800-815-2666 option 5

# **INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE**

The RR/CC website (<u>www.lavote.net</u>) has the following information for voters, candidates, media and community activists:



- Voter Registration Information
- Vote By Mail Information
- Vote Center Location Look-up
- "My Districts" Look-up
- Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form
- List of Candidates Who Have Filed (posted and updated daily during the filing period)
- Candidate Handbooks for Upcoming Elections
- Campaign Finance Disclosure (including county offices and measures)
- Multilingual Voter Services
- Services for Voters with Specific Needs
- Election Results
- RR/CC Strategic Plan
- RR/CC Twitter Postings



## **COUNTIES WITH SHARED DISTRICTS**

The following is a list of Registrar of Voters offices that share districts with Los **Angeles County.** 

### ORANGE COUNTY

1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg C Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 567-7600 Fax: (714) 567-7556

# VENTURA COUNTY

800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200 Ventura, CA 93009 (805) 654-2664 Fax: (805) 648-9200

# TULARE COUNTY

5951 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7300 Fax: (559) 737-4498

### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY KERN COUNTY

777 E. Rialto Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 387-8300 (800) 881-8683 Fax: (909) 387-2022

1115 Truxtun Ave., 1st Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-3590 (800) 452-8683 Fax: (661) 868-3768

## CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

### POLITICAL REFORM DIVISION

1500 11th Street, Room 495 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-6224 Fax: (916) 653-5045

# **ELECTIONS DIVISION**

1500 11th Street. 5th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 657-2166 Fax: (916) 653-3214

TDD: 1-800-833-8683 Web: www.sos.ca.gov

# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION\* (FPPC)

Advice / Assistance

1102 Q Street, Suite 3000 Sacramento, CA 95811

(916) 322-5660 Fax: (916) 322-0886 Web: www.fppc.ca.gov

(866) 275-3772

Enforcement Division (To report violations)......complaint@fppc.ca.gov

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION \*\* (FEC)

999 E St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463 (800) 424-9530 TDD (202) 219-3336 Web: www.fec.gov

# U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)

1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 563-3919 (866) 747-1471

Fax: (301) 734-3108 Web: www.eac.gov

### CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1300 I St., #125 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 445-9555

Or

300 S. Spring St., Suite 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 269-6000

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Hall of Justice Building 211 W. Temple St., Suite 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-3512

<sup>\*</sup>Non-Federal Candidates

<sup>\*\*</sup>Federal Candidates

### TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATIONS

**NOTE**: The RR/CC's office is NOT an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations. Reports of violations are referred as listed below:

VIOLATION OF:	REFERRED TO:
The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of 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	Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (866) 275-3772
Election procedures	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California Secretary of State, Elections Division (916) 657-2166
Unlawful use of public funds, violation of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Open meeting laws (Brown Act)	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Local ordinances	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
False or misleading campaign materials	There is no agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.

During the vote center voting period and Election Day, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the polls that need attention, please contact our office at 1-800-815-2666 option 7.

# CHAPTER 2

FINANCIAL REPORTING



# CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

All candidates/committees are <u>required</u> by the Political Reform Act to file a campaign statement by the first filing deadline listed below **regardless of activity**. All statements filed should reflect the cover period after the closing date of the last statement or January 1 if no previous statement has been submitted. **Monetary penalties may be assessed for late filing of campaign statements. Failure to file required statements will be referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.** 

# FILING DEADLINES

#### **2020 FILING REQUIREMENTS**

WITHIN 24 HOURS between DEC. 4 (Wed) and MAR. 3 (Tues)

# LATE CONTRIBUTION and/or LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS

Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a late contribution (including a loan) that total in the aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more <u>or</u> makes an independent expenditure of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more after December 4, 2019 and on election day March 3, 2020, <u>must file a Contribution Report Form 497 within 24 hours.</u> The recipient of a non-monetary or in-kind contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. **E-FILE ONLY – NO PAPER COPY FOR STATE CANDIDATES** 

(Gov. Code §§ 84203 and 84204)

JAN. 23, 2020

(Statements for this deadline cover the period January 1 – January 18, 2020)

#### FIRST CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election should file a Form 460.

Candidates who do not raise over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) should file a Form 470.

All statements must be received by personal delivery or first class mail.

(Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200.7)

FEB. 20, 2020

(Statements for this deadline cover the period January 19 – February 15, 2020)

**JULY 31, 2020** 

# **SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a Form 460.

All statements *must* be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. (Gov. Code § 84200.7)

# SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election file a Form 460.

All statements must be received by personal delivery or first class mail. (Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200)

#### **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS**

# FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Candidates must file no later than 5:00 pm, December 6, 2019.

(Gov. Code § 87302.3(a))

#### **FORM 501 - CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT**

Candidates who **intend** to receive contributions from others for their campaign must file a Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501. (Gov. Code § 85200)

# <u>FORM 470</u> - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SHORT FORM)

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in contributions and spend less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the cost of a candidate statement if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing this form by **January 23, 2020**. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the two thousand dollars (\$2,000) threshold is reached. (**Gov. Code § 84206**)

# <u>FORM 470S</u> - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SUPPLEMENT)

Candidates who have filed a Form 470 Short Form and **thereafter** receive contributions or make expenditures totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more are <u>required</u> to file this form with whom original campaign statements are filed and with each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent **within 48 hours** of receiving or expending the two thousand dollars (\$2,000). **(Gov. Code § 84206)** 

### **FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

Recipient committees, including any group, individual, or candidate, that receive two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the Secretary of State and our office, within 10 days of receiving the contributions. They must also include a \$50 payment made to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, the annual fee must be paid no later than January 15 of each year until the committee terminates.

(Gov. Code § 84101.5)

# **FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF TERMINATION**

Candidates and their committees are required to file semi-annual statements every six months <u>until</u> all campaign activity ceases, all campaign money is spent, and Form 410 (see part 5) is filed. (Gov. Code § 84214)

# **FORM 460 - RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent, or will raise or spend two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more during a calendar year in connection with the election AND/OR if two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate, is required to file this form.

(Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)

### **FORM 800 – ELECTION CAMPAIGN DECLARATIONS**

Election Campaign Declarations – This form must be filed **only** by candidates for a countywide or Board of Supervisors' office with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than **December 6, 2019.** 

(LACC §§ 2.190.050-2.190.060)

#### FORM 808 - DEPOSIT OF PERSONAL FUNDS DECLARATION

Deposit of Personal Funds Declaration – This form must be filed in conjunction with Form 800 if either Category 2, 3 or 4 of the Contribution of Personal Funds Declaration is checked. (LACC § 2.190.060)

#### WHERE TO FILE

All state candidates and committees must file the <u>original</u> campaign statements with:

# **Secretary of State**

Political Reform Division Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1467 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95812-1467 Fax: (916) 653-5045

Only state candidate controlled committees that are not E-Filers file paper copies with:

# Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Campaign Finance Section 12400 East Imperial Highway, Room 2003 Norwalk, CA 90650 Phone: (562) 462-2339 Fax: (562) 651-2548

Candidates for **Federal Offices must** file with:

### **Federal Election Commission**

999 E Street, NW Washington D.C. 20463 (800) 424-9530

Detailed instructions for complying with the Political Reform Act are in each candidate's **Campaign Finance Packet**.

#### REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

# Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for Candidates and Committees

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY....

The Political Reform Act imposes certain duties and obligations on candidates, officeholders, committee treasurers and others participating in the political process. For example:

- Detailed records must be maintained for all financial activity, and contributions received for political purposes must not be commingled with personal funds.
- Campaign statements must be filed at specified times disclosing contributions received, expenditures made, and other financial information. In some cases, candidates can avoid filing long form campaign statements by submitting a "Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470)."
- Campaign statements must be hand delivered or postmarked as first-class mail by the legal filing deadline date established by law. NOTE: The **second pre-election statement must** be filed in person or guaranteed overnight delivery. Mail which is not received by the filing officer shall be presumed not to have been sent unless the filer possesses a postal receipt establishing the date of the deposit, and the name and address of the addressee.
- The Political Reform Act provides a formula for assessing late fines of original campaign statements filed in our office. The fine is \$10 per day, starting the day after the filing deadline, until the statement is filed; however, no liability may exceed the cumulative amount of reported contributions, expenditures, of the Form 460 or \$100, whichever is greater.

Failure to submit a required statement is a misdemeanor. Persons who fail to submit required statements are referred to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

#### **UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

Defeated candidates must file campaign disclosure reports until the campaign committee has been terminated by filing Form 410 (see part 5).

It is recommended that campaign disclosure statements be mailed by certified mail or by purchasing a certificate of mailing. This will eliminate any question regarding receipt of your statement.

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

# Chapter 3

**C**AMPAIGNING



# **GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

PART 1 - **LEGISLATIVE INTENT**Chapter 976, 1977 Legislation.

PART 2 - MASS MAILINGS

Government Code §§ 82041.5, 84305 and 89001.

PART 3 - **TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW** Elections Code §§ 20000 – 20010.

PART 4 - PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS

Elections Code § 18301.

PART 5 - DISTRIBUTION OF VOTE CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION

Elections Code § 18302.

PART 6 - **ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/POSSESSION OF** 

FIREARMS AT VOTE CENTER LOCATION

Elections Code §§ 18370, 18371, 18540, 18541, 18544, 18545 and 18546.

PART 7 - SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Elections Code §§ 20202 and 20203.

PART 8 - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING - POLITICAL SIGNS

Business and Professions Code § 5405.3.

- PART 9 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE POLITICAL MAILINGS
- PART 10 INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS
  DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS
- PART 11 FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES

#### PART 1

#### LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Pursuant to Chapter 976, 1977 Statutes, the Legislature finds and declares:

- (a) That a need exists for adequate identification of the source of campaign Appeals directed at the voters in order to assist them in making rational decisions at the polls.
- (b) That by requiring such identification of campaign literature, the public is better able to evaluate the source of campaign material, may be more adequately informed, and can better distinguish between truth and falsity.
- That by requiring identification, anonymous attacks, which cannot (c) adequately be responded to in the heat of a campaign, will be discouraged.
- (d) That by requiring identification, a candidate who believes he or she has been libeled may more readily seek redress in a civil action for damages.
- (e) That limiting identification requirements to pejorative campaign material is inadequate because subtle attacks on candidates or measures can be framed which appear to be supportive but, in fact, are pejorative.
- That a distinction needs to be made between campaign materials of small (f) size that usually carry little more than a "Vote for " message, such as is often the case with buttons, matchbooks, pens, and the like, on the one hand, and campaign materials which carry more complex messages, on the other. In the case of the former, because of their characteristically small size and limited content, it would be an undue burden to require that identification as to source be included.

### PART 2

#### MASS MAILINGS

#### Definition.

"Mass mailing" means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry. Gov. Code § 82041.5

### Manner of sending mass mailings.

Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall (a) 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 such mailing in no less than 6-point type. 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.

#### GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (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.

  Gov. Code § 84305

### Newsletter or mass mailing.

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. Gov. Code § 89001

#### PART 3

#### TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

# Legislature's findings.

The Legislature hereby finds the following to be true:

- (1) The major political parties have become an integral part of the American governmental system requiring regulation as to their structure, governing bodies, and functions by state government in the public interest.
- (2) The Legislature has found it necessary and appropriate in the regulation of political parties to create and provide for the convening of state conventions, state central committees, and county central committees for parties qualified by law to participate in the direct primary election, by statute.
- (3) Over the several years preceding the adoption of this section organizations of electors using as a part of their names the name of a political party qualified to participate in the direct primary election have endorsed candidates for nomination of that party for partisan office in the direct primary election and have publicized and promulgated such endorsements in a manner which has resulted in considerable public doubt and confusion as to whether such endorsements are those of a private group of citizens or of an official governing body of a political party.
- (4) The voting public is entitled to protection by law from deception in political campaigns in the same manner and for the same reasons that it is entitled to protection from deception by advertisers of commercial products.

E. C. § 20001

### Restraining order or injunction.

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

E. C. § 20006

# Representation requirements.

No candidate or committee in his or her behalf shall represent in connection with an election campaign, either orally or in campaign material, that the candidate has the support of a committee or organization which includes as part of its name the name or any variation upon the name of a qualified political party with which the candidate is not affiliated, together with the words "county committee," "central committee," "county," or any other term that might tend to mislead the voters into believing that the candidate has the support of the party's county central committee or state central committee, when that is not the case.

This section shall not be construed to prevent a candidate or committee from representing that the candidate has the support of a committee or group of voters affiliated with another political party, which committee or group is identified by the name of that party, where the name of the committee or group also includes the name of the candidate.

Any member of a county central committee or state central committee may commence an action in the superior court to enjoin misrepresentation by a candidate or committee in his or her behalf, in the manner prohibited by this section, to the effect that the candidate has the support of the state or county central committee involved.

E. C. § 20007

# Political advertisement requirements.

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.

E. C. § 20008

#### Simulated ballot requirements.

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

"NOTICE TO VOTERS" (Required by Law)
"This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State."
"This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof)."

#### GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

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.

- (b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) 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 delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof.

  E. C. § 20009

# No pictures of candidates in campaign material.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) no person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may, with actual malice, produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains (1) a picture or photograph of a person or persons into which the image of a candidate for public office is superimposed or (2) a picture or photograph of a candidate for public office into which the image of another person or persons is superimposed. "Campaign material" includes, but is not limited to, any printed matter, advertisement in a newspaper or other periodical, television commercial, or computer image. For purposes of this section, "actual malice" means the knowledge that the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation, or a reckless disregard of whether or not the image of a person has been superimposed on a picture or photograph to create a false representation.
- (b) A person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization may produce, distribute, publish, or broadcast campaign material that contains a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) only if each picture or photograph in the campaign material includes the following statement in the same point size type as the largest point size type used elsewhere in the campaign material: "This picture is not an accurate representation of fact." The statement shall be immediately adjacent to each picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a).

- (c) (1) Any registered voter may seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction prohibiting the publication, distribution, or broadcasting of any campaign material in violation of this section. Upon filing a petition under this section, the plaintiff may obtain a temporary restraining order in accordance with Section 527 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
  - (2) A candidate for public office whose likeness appears in a picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a) may bring a civil action against any person, firm, association, corporation, campaign committee, or organization that produced, distributed, published, or broadcast the picture or photograph prohibited by subdivision (a). The court may award damages in an amount equal to the cost of producing, distributing, publishing, or broadcasting the campaign material that violated this section, in addition to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- (d) (1) This act shall not apply to a holder of a license granted pursuant to the Federal Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.) in the performance of the functions for which the license is granted.
  - (2) This act shall not apply to the publisher or an employee of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis for any material published in that newspaper, magazine, or other periodical. For purposes of this subdivision, a "newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that is published on a regular basis" shall not include any newspaper, magazine, or other periodical that has as its primary purpose the publication of campaign advertising or communication, as defined by Section 304.

#### PART 4

#### PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS

In addition to any other penalty, any person who prints or otherwise duplicates, or causes to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by Section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

E. C. § 18301

#### PART 5

#### DISTRIBUTION OF VOTE CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's vote center location other than a vote center location listed for that voter in an official vote center list that constituted the latest official vote center list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to such mailing or distribution.

E. C. § 18302

#### PART 6

# ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/ POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT VOTE CENTER LOCATION

# Legislature's findings.

The Legislature finds and declares that no person, other than the voter and the election official, should have access to, or possession of, the ballot except as permitted by the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

### Electioneering within 100 feet of a vote center location.

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a vote center location or an elections official's office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a vote center location or an elections official's office" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. E. C. § 18370

# **Electioneering during Vote By Mail voting.**

- (a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a Vote By Mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time he or she knows the Vote By Mail voter is voting.
- (b) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by Section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

E. C. § 18371

# Compelling another in voting.

- (a) Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the penal code for 16 months or two or three years.
- (b) Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of penal code in for 16 months or two or three years.

E. C. § 18540

# Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.

- (a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a vote center location, do any of the following:
  - (1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
  - (2) Place a sign relating to voters qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
  - (3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a vote center location.
- (b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in <u>a</u> county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.
- (c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

  E. C. § 18541

# Fine for person in possession of firearm or unauthorized uniformed personnel.

(a) Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by

### GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

# (b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the vote center location to cast his or her vote.
- (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his or her public employment or who is at the vote center location to cast his or her vote.
- (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official.
- (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held.

  E. C. § 18544

# Fine for hiring of person in possession of firearm or uniformed personnel.

Any person who hires or arranges for any other person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a vote center location without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the vote center location is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held.

E. C. § 18545

#### Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (a) "Elections official" means the county elections official, registrar of voters, or city clerk.
- (b) "Immediate vicinity" means the area within a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which the voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

  E. C. § 18546

#### PART 7

#### **SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**

#### Authorization to use candidate or committee name.

It is unlawful for any person who solicits funds for the purpose of supporting or promoting any candidates or committees to include in any part of its name the name of that candidate or committee unless that person shall have previously obtained the authorization of the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to use the candidate's or committee's name in the name of that person.

Authorization by a candidate or committee shall not be construed as rendering the person soliciting funds a controlled committee as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code.

E. C. § 20202

# Notice of "not authorized by candidate" to be included in fundraising communication

Any person who solicits or receives contributions on behalf of any candidate or committee for the purported and exclusive use of that committee or the candidate's election campaign and who is not authorized by the candidate or committee or the candidate's or committee's designated agent to do so, shall include a notice in any fundraising communication, whether through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, printed literature, direct mailing, or any other type of general public advertising, or through telephone or individual oral fundraising appeal, clearly and conspicuously stating that the person is not authorized by the candidate or committee and that the candidate or committee is not responsible for the actions of that person.

E. C. § 20203

#### PART 8

# OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – POLITICAL SIGNS (INCLUDING PLACARDS AND POSTERS)

# **Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.**

Nothing in this chapter, including, but not limited to, § 5405, shall prohibit the placing of temporary political signs, unless a federal agency determines that such placement would violate federal regulations. However, no such sign shall be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

- (a) Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- (b) Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- (c) Is no larger than 32 square feet.

# GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Has had a statement of responsibility filed with the department certifying a (d) person who will be responsible for removing the temporary political sign and who will reimburse the department for any cost incurred to remove it. B. & P. Code § 5405.3

The State agency responsible for administering outdoor advertising laws including those for political signs is:

#### STATE OFFICE

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC OPERATIONS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM P.O. BOX 942874, MS-36 **SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001** TDD 1-800-735-2929 PHONE (916) 654-6473 FAX (916) 651-9359

#### DISTRICT OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM** 100 S. MAIN STREET, MS-9 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 PHONE (213) 897-6123 FAX (213) 897-7197

A Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to the appropriate Department of Transportation district office according to the county location of the temporary political sign(s). The forms may be obtained by contacting a department listed above or from the:

> REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE SECTION ROOM 2003** 12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY **NORWALK. CALIFORNIA 90650** Telephone (562) 462-2339

### **Placement of Signs in Unincorporated Areas**

The Outdoor Advertising Act prohibits placement of any temporary political signs on interstate highways, public or primary highways, and streets in unincorporated areas of the state, including Los Angeles County. This includes telephone poles, street signs, utility poles, street medians, sidewalks, bus stop benches and bus shelters located on the above highways and streets. (Please see B & P Code § 5215 and § 5220 for definitions of various highways.) The County Code provisions also prohibit the placement of temporary political signs on private property in the unincorporated areas without the consent of the owner or occupant.

Note: In some instances, city ordinances also regulate the placement and removal of temporary political signs. Please check with the city clerk or police department of a city before placing such signs within its boundaries.

# PART 9 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE - POLITICAL MAILINGS

The U.S. Postal Service can provide assistance for mailing requirements to political candidates and committees. Business Mail Entry Units will explain addressing, sorting, fees and postage. Additionally, they will also review a mailing piece to ensure mailability.

To avoid delays and other delivery problems in your campaign mailings, call the U.S. Postal Service:

ZIP CODE AREAS SERVED	LOCATION OF OFFICE	OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER
900XX 902XX - 908XX	LOS ANGELES CITY	(323) 586-2605
910XX – 935XX	SIERRA COASTAL DIST.	(661) 775-6663
917XX – 918XX 926XX – 928	SANTA ANA DIST.	(714) 662-6447

#### **PART 10**

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

#### **VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

# Before you do anything else, contact your local elections official.

The local elections official can assist you in your Vote By Mail voter drive. He or she can provide information to ensure that your application format is correct, as well as other important details. Failure to make early contact with the elections official could result in delays or problems which might interfere with your intended goal of enabling people to Vote By Mail.

If you need assistance or have any further questions concerning use of the Vote By Mail voter application form, please call the Vote By Mail Voting Section at 1-800-815-2666 option 2.

# Non-conforming vote by mail application.

Any individual, group, or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a vote by mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

E. C. § 18402

# **Important Vote By Mail ballot application information**

Some of the important points you need to be aware of in your effort to distribute applications for Vote By Mail ballots include:

- (1) In order to ensure accuracy, the voter should fill out all the information on the application himself or herself. The law does, however, permit the following information to be preprinted on the application form prior to distribution to the voter:
  - (a) The voter's name and residence address as they appear on the voter's affidavit of registration.
  - (b) The name and date of the election for which the Vote By Mail ballot is being requested.
  - (c) The deadline date by which the application must be received by the elections official.
- (2) There is a separate section of the form for the voter to indicate a "mailing address" if he or she receives mail at an address other than his or her residence address. This section of the form may only be completed by the voter (mailing address information may not be printed by the person, group or organization distributing the applications).
- (3) The voter must personally affix his or her signature.
- (4) The mailing address to which a Vote By Mail ballot is requested to be sent may not be the address of any political party, political campaign headquarters, or a candidate's residence. This provision, of course, does not apply to the candidate or the candidate's immediate family members or housemates who requests that a Vote By Mail ballot be mailed to the candidate's residence address.
- (5) Any application containing preprinted information shall contain the following statement (verbatim):

You have the legal right to mail or deliver this application directly to the local elections official of the county where you reside.

This statement must be conspicuously printed on the application form.

- (6) The name, address and telephone number of any organization, individual or group which authorizes the distribution of applications shall be printed on the application.
- (7) Any individual, organization or group that distributes applications for Vote By Mail voter ballots and receives completed application forms back from voters shall deliver the forms to the appropriate elections official within 72 hours of receiving the completed forms. Note that Elections Code § 18576 makes it a misdemeanor to delay the proper return of a Vote By Mail voter application.

#### GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (8) Any application for a Vote By Mail voter's ballot which is sent by a group or organization to a voter shall be sent by non-forwardable mail.
- (9) Any individual, group or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a Vote By Mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

  E. C. § 18402
- (10) Voters who use the Vote By Mail ballot applications provided by individuals, groups and organizations must attest to the truth and correctness of the contents of the application and sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (11) The Vote By Mail ballot application must contain information about California's permanent Vote By Mail voter provision. E. C. § 3006

# **Vote By Mail Ballot Application Format**

All individuals, groups and organizations distributing Vote By Mail ballot applications must use the standard format approved by the Secretary of State.

E. C. § 3007

#### APPLICATION FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

To request a Vote By Mail ballot, complete the information on this form. This Application Form must be received by the Elections official no later than seven days prior to an election. 1. PRINT NAME: 2. DATE OF BIRTH: First Name Middle Name or Initial Last Name 3. RESIDENCE ADDRESS (please print): Number and Street - as registered (P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc. not acceptable) (Designate N.S.E.W. if used) Zip Code City County 4. TELEPHONE NUMBER: ( (Optional) Daytime Evening 5. MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE. (PLEASE PRINT) NOTE: ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING THIS FORM MAY NOT PREPRINT MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION. Number and Street/P.O. Box (Designate N.S.E.W. if used) City U.S. State or Foreign Country Zip Code 6. THIS APPLICATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PROPER SIGNATURE OF THE I have not applied for, nor do I intend to apply for, a Vote By Mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the name, residence address and information I have provided on this application are true and correct. SIGNATURE Date

WARNING: Perjury is punishable by imprisonment in state prison for two, three or four years. (Section 126 of the California

#### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**NOTICE** – You have the legal right to mail this form to:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Vote By Mail Section P. O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450

Or deliver to:

12400 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room 3002 8am – 5pm (800) 815-2666 option # 2

Returning this application to anyone else may cause a delay that could interfere with your right or ability to vote

Any Voter wishing to become a Permanent Vote By Mail voter may call our office at: (800) 815-2666 option # 2 for further information or visit our website at lavote.net.

The format used on this application MUST be used by ALL individuals, organizations, and groups that distribute Vote By Mail ballot applications. Failure to conform to this format may result in criminal prosecution. Election Code Sections 3007 & 18402

Under Federal law, election materials are available in other languages in Los Angeles County 1-800-481-VOTE.

#### 7. THIS FORM IS PROVIDED BY:

Penal Code)

IMPORTANT: ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING THIS FORM MUST ENTER THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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**NOTE:** The Postal Service will not process Vote By Mail voter applications prepared by a committee which contains a postage pre-paid permit if it is addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office even though the committee uses their own permit number.

If the applications are addressed directly from a computer file of registered voters, please include the voter identification number (9 digits) with the names and street addresses of the voters.

If bar coding or OCR font of the voter identification number is used, submit samples to this office for testing.

### PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

# Voting more than once.

It is a crime to vote more than once in any election.

E. C. § 18560

# Interfering with the Vote By Mail voting process.

It is a misdemeanor to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the elections official of a completed application for a Vote By Mail ballot. E. C. § 18576

A third party may not (without the voter's authorization) retain a completed application for a Vote By Mail ballot for more than 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) or beyond the deadline for applying, whichever is earlier.

E. C. § 18576

No one can deny a voter the right to return his or her application for a Vote By Mail ballot to the elections official.

E. C. § 18576

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.

E. C. §§ 18577 and 18578

It is a misdemeanor to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he or she is voting a Vote By Mail ballot. E. C. § 18371

Vote By Mail ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in a prison term.

Penal Code § 126

### Other penalties.

It is a crime to interfere with anyone's right to vote.

E. C. § 18502

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 their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone to not vote.

E. C. §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524

It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system.

E. C. §§ 18564 and 18565

#### **PART 11**

# FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES

Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions or expenditures in connection with any U.S. election (federal, state, or local), either directly or through another person. This prohibition applies to foreign-owned corporations and associations, as well as to foreign governments, political parties and certain individuals and partnerships. Additionally, U.S. candidates for federal, state and local offices are prohibited from accepting contributions from these sources.

The ban on political contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals was first enacted in 1966 as part of the amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), an "internal security" statute. The goal of the FARA was to minimize foreign intervention in U.S. elections by establishing a series of limitations on foreign nationals. These included registration requirements for the agents of foreign principals and general prohibition on political contributions by foreign nationals. In 1974, the prohibition was incorporated into the Federal Campaign Act which gave the Federal Election Commission (FEC) jurisdiction over its enforcement and interpretation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please call the FEC in Washington, D.C. at 800 424-9530 or (202) 694-1120.





# Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

DEAN C. LOGAN Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

# Fee Schedule As of 11/2016

Item	Fee
Boundary Maps - District Congressional, Senate, Assembly & Supervisorial	\$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$1.17 Handling Fee Per Request.
Certified Copy - Affidavit Or Transcript	\$1.50 For Copy Of Own Registration. \$6.75 Per Copy For All Others. (Public And Authorized)
Campaign Statement Copies	\$0.10 Per Page. \$5.00 retrieval fee per request.
Certification Of Election Documents (Except Affidavits Of Registration)	\$1.75 Per Certified Copy.
Precinct Map on Plotter Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Map on Standard Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Maps on CD or GIS Shape File Precinct Maps on DVD Precinct/District Maps on 35 mm Microfilm	\$11.00 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost) \$4.67 \$16.00 \$18.00 \$246.00
Shipping and Handling Fee for CD or DVD	\$6.00
Precincting G I S Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/ color)	\$30.00 Each
Precincting G I S Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/o color)	\$13.00 Each
Customized District Map With Acetate Overlay Map That Allows Distinction From Original Background Map.	\$48.00 Each
Polling Place Maps	\$17.00 Small (11" X 17") Each Page. \$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies In Size.
Photocopies (Miscellaneous)	\$0.46 Per Copy.

# Fee Schedule (Continued) As of 11/2016

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Returned Checks	\$33.00 Each
Search - Records or Files	\$5.00 for each record or file searched.
Statement Of Votes Cast (SVC)	\$0.37 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
Telefaxing	\$0.04 Per Page Plus \$1.17 Handling Fee.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File Los Angeles County Voter Files	\$146.00 Per File.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File (Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files)	(Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files) \$54.00 Per File \$39.00 For Each Additional File
*Index To Voter (Street Index)	Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names.  General Public for Political Purposes Only: \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Voted Index	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Precinct Rosters (Combined Index-Roster)	\$5.50 Per Roster Or \$0.22 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
*Absent Voter Report	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Applicant Is Required To Execute Contract With The	Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

# CHAPTER 4

# MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES



# **MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese-speaking voters. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to *transliterate* the names of



candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters. (*Transliteration* is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.) At that time, these languages included Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, and Thai.

#### TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

A language is considered to be covered by the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and thus mandatory for translation of election materials if 1) more than 5% of the citizens of voting age are members of said language and are limited English proficient (LEP) or 2) more than 10,000 of the citizens of voting age are members of said language and are limited English proficient.

Although the VRA has established a 5% threshold for languages to be covered, Los Angeles County has set a 3% standard as established by the State Elections Code (§14201) to provide language materials in every election. If the number of eligible voters for a specific language is higher or equal to the 3% criteria, that language qualifies for translation. Languages that fall under the 3% criteria do not qualify for translation. This criteria not only identifies the election district/city areas throughout the county with a cost-effective method of meeting the VRA requirements, but also helps minimize printing/translation costs for election jurisdictions. The eight languages that are required by mandate in Los Angeles County are Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese. Additionally Los Angeles County will continue to support Hindi, Japanese, Russian, and Thai.

#### IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE COST

The County will automatically provide *translated sample ballot booklets* to voters who request it two weeks before the election and after they received the English sample ballot booklet. However, as noted in the *Candidate Statements* (see Chapter 4) there is a cost for a Spanish translated candidate statement which appears in the <u>English</u> sample ballot booklet. This translation is optional and the candidate needs to make a request for this service and pay for it when he/she files candidate statements with the county elections official.

#### TRANSLATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidates are encouraged to keep the translation process in mind when developing their statements, and use unmistakable and straightforward vocabulary. The use of jargon, colloquialisms, slang, or other expressions is strongly discouraged, as these are difficult to translate appropriately into other languages and their meaning may often be misinterpreted or lost.

It is not the policy of this Department to accept translated statements from candidates. This is to ensure that translated materials are culturally and linguistically appropriate. Certified subject matter experts and linguists, who have extensive experience translating election materials, translate these statements and other documents.

#### TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

For certain languages, this department will transliterate your name. Candidate names will be transliterated to Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Thai. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their own transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the translated sample ballot print deadline. Various community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to ensure uniform name recognition within the community. Once transliterations are considered final, no further changes or submission of transliteration requests will be accepted after the review period. **There will be no exceptions.** 

All candidates will be required to file a transliteration form (see next page) together with their nomination documents. Transliteration forms must be submitted no later than the last day to file nomination documents.

#### TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

Candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official only during the established review period. Timeframe: **E-62 through E-60** (subject to change). To review your transliterated name and obtain the schedule for the established review period, you may call (562) 462-2730.

#### **MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES**

We provide services to voters who require assistance in Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai, and Vietnamese.

# MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES (Continued)

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ♦ ML Assistance Hotline (1-800) 481-8683
- Mailing of translated election materials to voters before every election, upon request
- ♦ ML assistance at targeted vote center locations

Translated copies of the "ML Voter Services" information sheet are available at the RR/CC Election Information counter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013. For further assistance please contact the Ballot Management Section at (562) 462-2832.





Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

# TRANSLITERATION FORM

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Male	Female		
I am aware of the deadline to changes to transliterations du expiration of the deadline. I fu	ring the review perio	od and that transliteration	
Candidate's Signatu	re	Date	Candidate Filing #:

LAvote.net

12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650

# CHAPTER 5

**ELECTION RESULTS** 



# ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

#### **TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

**Can a candidate view all parts of the ballot counting process?** Yes, the ballot counting process is open to public observation. If you wish to observe the process, you may go to the lobby, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Norwalk headquarters, to check in and be provided with an observer's badge. Tours are available.

#### How/where are results available on election night?

- **Website**: Results are available on the Internet at www.lavote.net
- **In person**: You are welcome to come to the Tally Center which is open for public observation. Please call (562) 462-2665 to make a reservation.
- **Norwalk Headquarters**: Hard copy bulletins are printed and distributed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor near the Microcomputer Tally System (MTS) room.

**Are election night results final?** No. California State law allows a specified period after the election for the completion of the official canvass. Results released on election night are semi-official.

#### POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

Supplemental counts of outstanding ballots will be scheduled to begin approximately 3 days after the election. These counts are conducted to get the majority of Vote By Mail and provisional ballots tallied during the canvass process.

Outstanding ballots include:

- Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations on election day
- Write-in ballots
- Provisional ballots voted at the vote center locations

Semi-official election results are updated following a supplemental count. If a race is very close, the outcome may not be known until the canvass is complete.

#### CANVASS/CERTIFICATION

Canvass is the process of reconciling election day data and the supplemental counting of Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the vote center locations, including provisionally cast and write-in ballots. The numbers of voted ballots reported by vote center staff and Vote By Mail ballots are matched to the computer tally. California law permits 30 days to complete the official canvass and certify the final results of the election. The law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy. Part of the canvass process is a legally required manual recount of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballot in 1% of all of the voting precincts in an election. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Candidates and members of the general public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from randomly selected voting precincts. After election night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting is posted in our Norwalk office.

#### STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

The Semifinal Official Canvass Statement of Votes Cast (SVC) which reports election results by individual voting precincts is available the Thursday after the election at the elections office. For most elections, this report is also posted on the department's website. Once the election is certified, the final Statement of Votes Cast is made available at our office and on the website.

#### **ELECTION CONTEST**

An election contest may involve a recount, but it is not the same as a requested recount. It is a court action and can be filed for a variety of reasons and at different times. For complete information, refer to Elections Code Division 16, Election Contests.

#### DOCUMENT RETENTION

Certain precinct supplies and all voted ballots must be preserved for 22 months when a federal office is on the ballot and 6 months for most all other elections. If no legal action is pending at the end of this period, the documents may be destroyed or recycled. Unused ballots may be destroyed or recycled after the election.

#### **REQUESTING A RECOUNT**

A recount is conducted by the elections official for the purpose of verifying the number of votes counted for any office or measure in an election. California Elections Code Division 15, Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

# Who May Request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request.

(E.C. § 15620)

# **Timing of Recount Request**

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results.

(E.C. § 15620)

# **Format of Request**

The request must:

•	be submitted in writing.	(E.C. § 15620)
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- specify the contest to be recounted. (E.C. § 15620)
- state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed. (E.C. § 15620)

The request may specify:

•	the order in which precincts shall be counted.	(E.C. § 15622)
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- the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both). (E.C. § 15627)
- in which county/counties the recount is sought for statewide contests. (E.C. § 15621)
- any other relevant material to be examined. (E.C. § 15630)

# REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

# Place of Filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide.
   (E.C. § 15620)
- With the county elections official of any or all of the affected counties if the election is conducted in more than one county.
   (E.C. § 15620)
- With the Secretary of State if the contest is voted upon statewide. (E.C. § 15621)
- With the City Clerk if it is a city election (or if the city has not consolidated with the county).
   (E.C. § 15620)

#### **Notice of Recount**

A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- The Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.
   (E.C. § 15628)

#### **Process of Recount**

The recount is open to the public.

(E.C. § 15629)

- A recount shall start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for not less than six hours each day until completed.
   (E.C. § 15626)
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the elections official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official.
   (E.C. § 15625)

# REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

#### **Result of Recount**

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted. (E.C. § 15632)
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a
  measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed
  and the election results re-certified.

  (E.C. § 15632)
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the
  office of the elections official. (E.C. § 15633)

# **Cost and Payment**

- The elections official shall determine the amount of deposit necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day.
   (E.C. § 15624)
- The voter filing the request for recount must deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day.
   (E.C. § 15624)
- If upon completion of the recount the results are reversed, the deposit shall be returned.
   (E.C. § 15624)

# REQUESTING A RECOUNT (Continued)

COST BREAKDOWN						
FOR MANUAL RECOUNT*						
No. of Boards	Cost per Day					
1	\$4,163.00					
2	\$4,563.00					
3	\$5,557.15					
4	\$5,957.15					
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6	\$9,460.35					
7	\$10,454.50					
8	\$10,854.50					
9	\$13,957.69					
10	\$14,357.69					
11	\$15,351.84					
12	\$15,751.84					
26	\$33,947.09					
50	\$63,331.19					
75	\$93,709.44					

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to change. Cost will include labor, equipment, material and personnel. If computer recount is requested costs vary.

#### **1% MANUAL TALLY**

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be recounted manually to verify the computer count. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process. *The 1% Manual Tally is open to the public.* (E.C. § 15360)

# CHAPTER 6

FAQ'S



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Q. How may I apply for office?

**A.** You may visit the Election Information Section located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 2013 or by calling 1-800-815-2666 option 4 for information on the offices up for election, qualifications, filing dates, and to determine if you are eligible to run for office. You may also visit the Department's website at www.lavote.net.

#### Q. May I have someone pick up my paperwork?

**A.** Yes. However a letter of authorization signed by the candidate is required. The letter should include the candidate's name, office, residence address, publication address if any, telephone/email number(s); the name of the authorized person(s) that will be responsible for picking up and filing the candidate's nomination documents.

#### Q. What is a Candidate Statement?

A. A brief description of a candidate's education and qualifications to be included in the sample ballot and mailed to voters within an election jurisdiction. A candidate statement is **optional**. A candidate statement form is provided for this purpose along with instructions, provisions, and word limit and counting guidelines. The candidate statement fees and the word limit applicable to the district will be provided.

# Q. What is a Campaign Statement?

**A.** Specific campaign finance disclosure forms are required to report election campaign contribution and expenditure activities.

# Q. What are the office hours to obtain nomination documents, and how long will it take to complete documents?

A. The Election Information Section will be open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. It is recommended that individuals who wish to take out nomination documents arrive at least 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. if possible to avoid delays (heavy lobby, stair well and elevator traffic) especially on the deadline to file nomination documents (December 6, 2019). The time frame to process candidates varies, and depends on how efficiently the staff qualifies the candidate and how accurately the candidate completes required documents.

#### Q. Will I be able to obtain up-to-date filing information?

**A.** Yes. You may obtain a list of the candidates who have been issued and have filed nomination documents from the Election Information Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Room 2013 or via our website at www.lavote.net.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Can a candidate change his/her mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?
- **A.** Depending on the office, a candidate may not withdraw once his/her declaration of candidacy has been filed.
- Q. Is it possible to correct the wording or spelling on a candidate statement after submission?
- A. No. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents. This means that you will be required to submit a signed written statement to withdraw your original statement then file a new statement during the nomination filing period. If you wish to withdraw your statement and not submit a new statement, you have until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. After this period, your statement cannot be withdrawn.

  (E.C. § 13307(3))

Please review your candidate statement carefully for proper grammar and format before submitting. Any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the election official may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the data/materials to be amended or deleted during the 10-day public examination period. However, if the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. **(E.C. § 13313(b))** 

- Q. Can a credit card be used to pay a candidate statement fee or purchase voter material?
- **A.** No. Cash, money orders, cashier's or personal checks are the only acceptable forms of payment. Checks for candidate statements (unless otherwise specified) are to be made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.
- Q. How soon will a list of qualified candidates be available after the close of the nomination (candidate filing) period?
- **A.** This office will publish a tentative list, as well as a final list of candidates, daily on the internet and on hardcopy reports. Hardcopy reports will be available in the Election Information Section on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Room 2013.
- Q. If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can a candidate statement fee be refunded?
- **A.** Yes, a candidate statement fee can be refunded. Candidates who are nominated by district and elected at large are the exception.

**Note:** Candidates for a voter nominated office, **non-incumbent** candidates for a judicial office, and an **incumbent** candidate for a county office are required to be elected and will appear on the Primary Election ballot regardless if running unopposed or not.

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