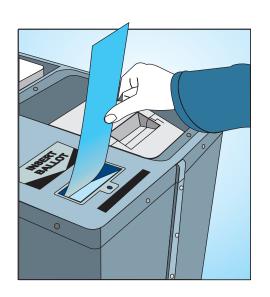
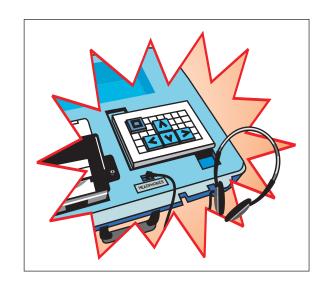
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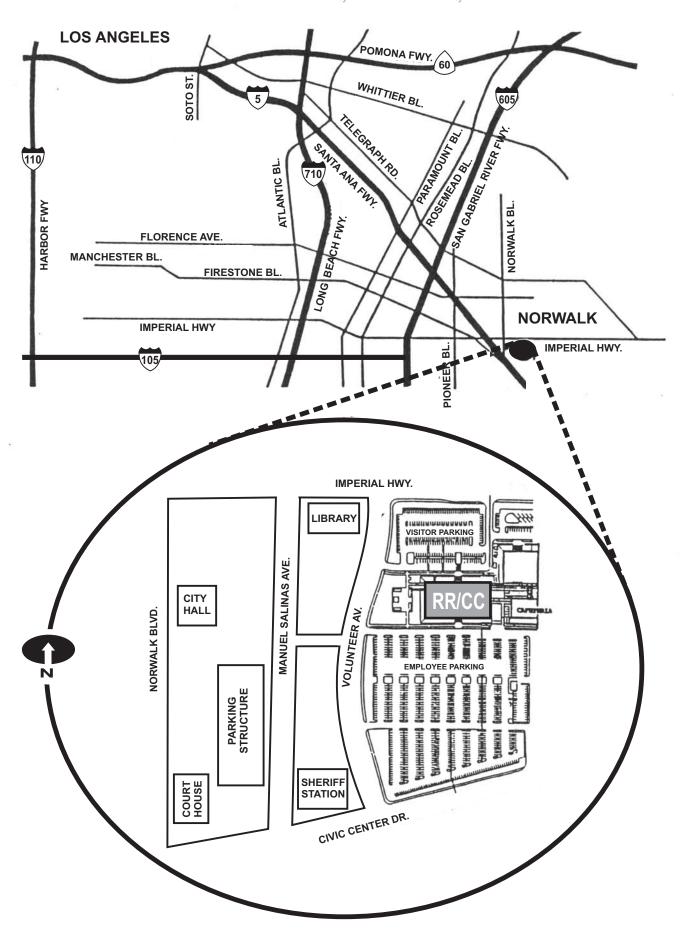


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NOTICE

This Candidate Handbook & 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 & 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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Section

Candidate Handbook

Chapter 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 39^{TH} STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 15, 2007

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

DATES		EVENTS
MAR. 20 (Tu) E-56		GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION On this date the Governor issued the proclamation calling the special election. (E. C. §§ 10700 & 10703 & Govt. Code § 1773)
MAR. 20 (Tu) E-56	MAR. 21 (W) E-55	PETITION FORMS FOR SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE Petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements on nomination documents if signers are affiliated with same political party as candidate. The petitions must be filed no later than April 2, 2007. (E. C. §§ 8061 & 8106)
MAR. 20 (Tu) E-56	APR. 2 (M) E-43	NOMINATION PERIOD (INCLUDING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES) First and last day to circulate and leave nomination documents for examination and certification. (E. C. §§ 8020, 8028, 8040, 8041,8062 & 10704) CANDIDATE STATEMENTS During this period candidates for state legislative office agreeing to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures may submit a statement for inclusion in the sample ballot. The statement (shall not exceed 250 words) and the estimated fee must be submitted by this date. (Govt. Code § 85601)

DATES		EVENTS
MAR. 20 (Tu) E-56	MAY 1 (Tu) 5 P.M. E-14	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES DECLARATION PERIOD A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed a declaration of candidacy during this period stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 & 8601)
MAR. 21 (W) E-55		SIGNATURES IN LIEU PETITIONS - DEADLINE Last day for candidates to file signature in lieu petitions. Candidates will be notified within 10 calendar days of filing the petition of any deficiency. Candidate may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, submit a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 & 8106)
APR. 3 (Tu) E-42	APR. 12 (Th) 5 P.M. E-33	PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS/CANDIDATES' NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS During this period candidate statements, candidates' names and ballot designations shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any 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 to be amended or deleted. (E. C. § 13313) 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 then the last day of the review period.
APR. 3 (Tu) E-42		RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine order of candidates' names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112)

DATES		EVENTS
APR. 5 (Th) E-40		COPIES OF VOTER INDEX Date voter index available to candidates and committees at a cost of fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand names. (E. C. § 2184)
APR. 5 (Th) E-40	APR. 24 (Tu) E-21	MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS A sample ballot booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the district during this period. (E. C. § 13303)
APR. 6 (F) E-39		CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to certify and transmit nomination documents to Secretary of State. (E. C. § 10704)
APR. 9 (M) E-36		CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES Last day for the Secretary of State to send the certified list of candidates to the county elections official.
APR. 16 (M) E-29		PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES – APPOINTMENT Last day to appoint precinct officers and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each precinct officer appointed. (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 & 12319)
APR. 20 (F) E-25	MAY 8 (Tu) E-7	ABSENT VOTERS – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY Applications may be filed between these dates (both dates inclusive). Applications received prior to the 25th day preceding the election will be kept and processed during this period. (E. C. §§ 3001 & 10704)

DATES	EVENTS
APR. 30 (M) E-15	REGISTRATION CLOSES Last day to register or transfer to vote in the election. (E. C. § 2107)
MAY 1 (Tu) 5 P.M. E-14	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES DECLARATION DEADLINE Last day for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 & 8601)
	BILINGUAL PRECINCT OFFICER LIST Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual precinct officers. (E. C. § 12303)
MAY 7* (M) E-8*	TALLY CENTER LOCATION PUBLICATION Not later than this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. (E. C. § 12109)
MAY 8 (Tu) 5 P. M. E-7	POLLING PLACES PUBLICATION Not later than this date, a list of polling places for each precinct shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. (E. C. § 12105 & Govt. Code § 6061)
	CANVASS ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS The canvass may commence on the 7 th day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the polls close. (E. C. § 15101)
	COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to send copy of computer vote counting program and Certificate of Logic and Accuracy Test to Secretary of State. (E. C. § 15001)

^{*}Date adjusted due to weekend and/or Holiday

DATES		EVENTS
MAY 9 (W) E-6	MAY 15 (Tu) ELECTION DAY	EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTING Between these dates any voter may apply for an absentee ballot if conditions require his or her absence from the precinct on election day. The voter may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the ballot. (E. C. §§ 3021 & 3110)
MAY 15 (Tu) 8 P.M. ELECTION DAY		ELECTION DAY Polls open 7 A.M. and close 8 P. M. (E. C. §§ 10703 & 14212)
		NOTE: If at the hour of closing, there are any other qualified voters in the polling place or in line at the door, who have not been able to vote since appearing, the polls shall be kept open a sufficient amount of time to enable them to vote. (E. C. § 14401)
		ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED-8 P.M. Last day for absent voter ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. A designated family member may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017 & 3020)
MAY 16 (W) E+1	MAY 18 (F) E+3	OFFICIAL CANVASS During this period the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will conduct the official canvass operations.
MAY 18 (F) E+3		COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS The official canvass must be completed within 28 days of the election. The legal deadline for elections officials to certify the election result is June 12, 2007. (E. C. §§ 15301 & 15372)

If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the special primary election he or she shall be declared elected and the special general election shall not be held.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the special primary election, the name of the candidate of each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast for all candidates of that party shall be placed on the special election ballot as the candidate of that party. (E.C. § 10706)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

39TH STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY

JULY 10, 2007 - SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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DATEO		FUENTO
DATES		EVENTS
MAY 14, (M) 5 P.M. E-57		WRITE-IN CANDIDATES DECLARATION DEADLINE During this period a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 & 8601)
MAY 14 (M) E-57	JUNE 26 (Tu) E-14	STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS During this period, all write-in candidates must file their Statement of Write-In Candidacy and nomination papers with county elections official. (E. C. § 8601)
MAY 24 (Th) E-47		CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES Secretary of State sends the Certified List of Candidates to the county election official. (E. C. § 8601)
MAY 31 (Th) E-40	JUNE 19 (Tu) E-21	MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS A sample ballot booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the district during this period. (E. C. § 13303)
JUNE 11 (M) E-29	JULY 3 (Tu) E-7	ABSENT VOTERS – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY Applications may be filed between these dates (both dates inclusive). Applications received prior to the 29th day preceding the election will be kept and processed during this period. (E. C. §§ 3001 & 3003)

DATES	EVENTS
JUNE 11 (M) E-29	PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES APPOINTMENT Last day to appoint precinct officers and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each precinct officer appointed. (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 & 12319)
JUNE 25 (M) E-15	REGISTRATION CLOSES Last day to register or transfer to vote in the election. (E. C. § 2107)
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JULY 3 (Tu) E-7	POLLING PLACES PUBLICATION Not later than this date, a list of polling places for each precinct shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. (E. C. § 12105 & Govt. Code § 6061) COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to send copy of computer vote counting program and Certificate of Logic and Accuracy Test to Secretary of State. (E. C. § 15001)
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DATES		EVENTS
JULY 5* (Th) E-5*	JULY 10 (Tu) ELECTION DAY	EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTING Between these dates any voter may apply for an absentee ballot if conditions require his or her absence from the precinct on election day. The voter may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the ballot. (E. C. §§ 3021 & 3110)
JULY 10 (Tu) 8 P.M.		ELECTION DAY Polls open 7 A.M. and close 8 P.M. (E. C. §§ 10703 & 14212)
		NOTE: If at the hour of closing, there are any other qualified voters in the polling place or in line at the door, who have not been able to vote since appearing, the polls shall be kept open a sufficient amount of time to enable them to vote.
		ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED – 8 P.M. Last day for absent voter ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. A designated family member may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017 & 3020)
JULY 11 (Th) E+1	JULY 20 (F) E+10	OFFICIAL CANVASS During this period the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will conduct the official canvass operations.
JULY 20 (F) E+10		COMPLETION OFFICIAL CANVASS The official canvass must be completed with 28 days of the election. The legal deadline for elections officials to certify the election result is August 7, 2007. (E. C. §§ 15301 & 15372)

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Chapter 2

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS
AND ELIGIBILITY

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

39TH STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – MAY 15, 2007

OFFICE & QUALIFICATIONS	TERM OF OFFICE	NOMINATING SIGNATURES MIN. MAX	FILING SALARY FEE
Member of the 39 TH State Assembly District Must Be a U.S. citizen. (Art. IV, §. 2(c), St. Const.) Must be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office at the time that	(Unexpired term) ending December 1, 2008. (Art IV, § 3 (a), St. Const.)	40 60 (E.C. § 8062) Signers must be registered voters and affiliated with the same political party as the candidate.	\$113,098 \$1,130,98
nomination papers are issued. (E. C. § 201)			

PARTY AFFILIATION – Candidate must have been affiliated with the political party shown on affidavit of registration, at least three (3) months prior to filing nomination documents, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to register to vote in the State. The candidate must not have been affiliated with any other qualified party within 3 months immediately prior to filing. (See § 8001 (b) for exceptions); must not have served three (3) terms in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990. (E. C. § 8001)

PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT – Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine order of candidates' names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. §§ 13111 & 13112)

Chapter 3

SIGNATURES IN LIEU
OF FILING FEE PETITIONS

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(E. C. Sec. 8106)

39th STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Official Filing documents are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays at the:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 2nd Floor, Room 2013

SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE - A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of paying the filing fee in order to run for office. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee must be submitted at the time the candidate applies for Nomination Documents.

If the requisite number has been met, no additional signatures are needed. If the required number has not been met, the candidate has the option of submitting additional signatures or paying the prorata amount of the filing fee to cover the invalid signatures. Signatures are verified within days after submission and the candidate is notified of the number of invalid signatures. If time permits additional signatures may be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file nomination documents. It is recommended that each candidate pay a filing fee to insure qualification.

Signature in lieu of filing fee petitions must be filed no later than the applicable filing deadline.

Certain Signatures in Lieu may be used as Nominating Signatures when filing Nomination Documents. Valid signatures in lieu of the filing fee are counted towards the number of signatures on a Nomination Paper provided the signatures are registrants of the same party as the candidate. Although valid signatures on signature in lieu petitions may be applied to the 40 – 60 nominating petition signatures requirement, the signature in lieu petition forms cannot be submitted for purposes of filing nominating petitions. Nominating petition forms will be available commencing March 20, 2007.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES

	NUMBER OF	PRORATED DOLLAR
	SIGNATURES REQUIRED	VALUE OF EACH
FILING FEE	IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE**	SIGNATURE**
\$1,130.98	1,500	\$0.754000

^{**} Any registered voter who is a resident of the district may sign an in-lieu of filing fee petition for any candidate for whom he/she is eligible to vote. Signatures in-lieu of filing fee are counted toward the number of signatures required on nomination paper, provided that the signers are of the same political affiliation as the candidate.

MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES***

Minor party candidates can either:

- 1) Obtain 1,500 signatures of voters eligible to vote at election or
- 2) Obtain 10% of the registered voters affiliated with the same political party as the candidate or 150 signatures, whichever is less (as indicated below).

	NUMBER OF	PRORATED DOLLAR
	SIGNATURES	VALUE OF EACH
MINOR PARTY	REQUIRED**	SIGNATURE**
American Independent	150	\$ 7.540000
Green	54	\$20.950000
Libertarian	50	\$22.620000
Peace and Freedom	83	\$13.660000

NOTE: The Natural Law party is no longer a qualified party.

^{***} Minor Party: A qualified party whose registered voters constituted less than 5% of the registered votes in the State at the last statewide election. (E. C. Sec. 8106)

Chapter 4

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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39TH STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

All candidates must be registered voters at 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. Oral 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 may be used. The forms are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM CANDIDATE - NOMINATION DOCUMENTSWILL NOT BE ISSUED TO OR ACCEPTED FROM AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON.
The authorization must be signed by the candidate.

FILING FEE REQUIRED - State law requires that a filing fee be paid by the candidate at the time the nomination documents are issued. Filing fees may be paid in cash, or by certified cashier's check or personal check. Checks are to be made **payable to the Secretary of State.** All filing fees received by the Secretary of State and County Elections Official **are non-refundable.**

CANDIDATE CANNOT WITHDRAW - There is no provision for withdrawal of candidacy once nomination documents are filed. (E. C. Sec. 8800)

ELECTION RESULTS - Because California State law allows a specified period after the election for the completion of the official canvass, results released on election night are considered semi-official. Absentee ballots which are returned to this office and at polling places on election day are not counted on election night. This is also true of provisional ballots which are cast at polling places. These ballots are processed during the official canvass to allow sufficient time for eligibility and/or signature verification. As a result, close races may not be determined until after the canvass is completed. Certified election results are released at the completion of the official canvass. **Refer** to the Calendar of Events in Chapter 1 of this information booklet for the date that the election results are scheduled to be certified.

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 Chinese, Japanese and Korean. If applicable, candidates must complete a Transliteration Form and file it with their nomination documents by the specified deadline (42 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 33 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 in Chapter 9 of this Handbook for additional information.

NOTE: On April 3, 2007 the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of Candidates' 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 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 DESIGNATIONS (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 as 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) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her 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.
 - c) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, 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(f) of the California Elections Code. **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, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

REJECTION OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – If the designation appears to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the California Elections Code, this office will provide you with a "Ballot Designation Worksheet." This worksheet is intended to assist in the prompt evaluation of requested ballot designations. This office may also request that a candidate submit additional documentation to support the proposed ballot designation.

If a candidate ballot designation is in violation of any of these restrictions, the candidate will be notified by certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy. If an alternative designation is not provided within the time allowed, no designation will appear on the ballot.

(E.C. § 13107(c))

BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (continued)

UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS – Pursuant to Elections Code §13107(b), the election 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 uses a word or prefix, such as "former" or "ex-," which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word "retired."
- 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 out, "computer company" is okay.)
- 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, at this office during working hours: Monday through Friday from April 3, 2007,** through April 12, 2007 (Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays).

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

^{**}April 7, 2007 (Saturday) office will be closed and April 8, 2007 (Sunday) Office will be closed.

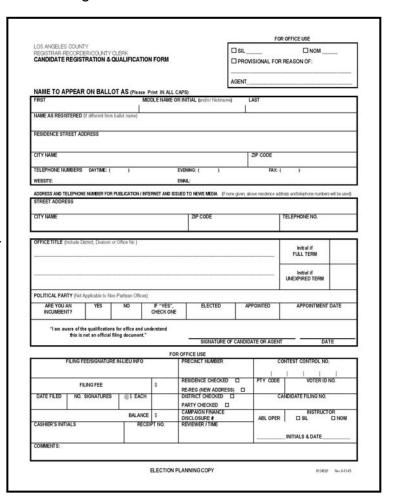
CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

You are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know "**HOW DO I GET STARTED?**" There are five (5) easy 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:

- Print your name as you wish it to appear on ballot.
- 2. Print full name as registered to vote.
- 3. Print your Residence address.
- 4. Print your Phone/Fax numbers.
- 5. Print E-mail and/or Web site address.
- 6. Print address and telephone number for publication/media/internet.
- 7. Print elective office title for which you are applying.
- 8. Candidate or Agent must sign and date the form.



The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available on-line at www.lavote.net. Information on the form is used in preparing the 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 THIS TIME.

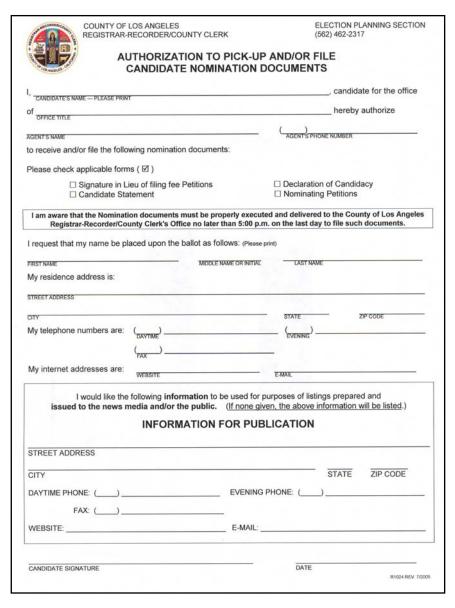
CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (continued)

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 with, how you would like your name to appear on the ballot, along with the other information requested.
- 6. Complete the INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION box.
- Sign and date the form before giving it to your Agent.



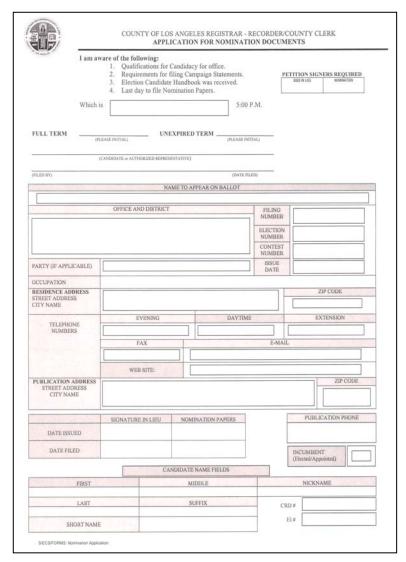
STEP 2 - ISSUING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

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. Last day to file nomination papers.
- 4. Receipt of candidate handbook.

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.

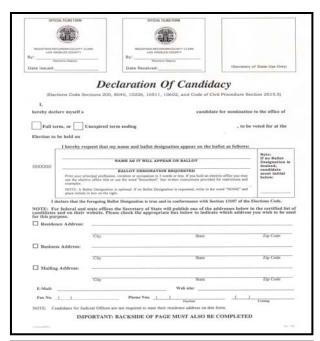


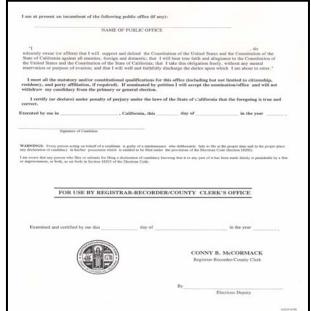
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STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)

A Declaration of Candidacy Form is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification form. This declaration form must be signed by the candidate acknowledging name and designation (occupation) requested to be printed on the ballot. Candidate must verify that the addresses, telephone/fax numbers/e-mail are correct for publication and provide the following required information:

- 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. Fill in day time, evening and telephone numbers (Fax numbers, e-mail and web site address information is optional).
- 4. If you are an incumbent, 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 IT IS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (continued)

Nomination Paper Form is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification form. A prospective candidate must submit nomination papers containing 40 – 60 signatures.

SIGNER QUALIFICATIONS

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

Must be affiliated with the same political party as shown in the Nomination Paper.

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

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

- a) Married women must sign own name, not husband's.
- b) P.O. Box numbers or mailing addresses are not acceptable.

CIRCULATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a registered voter and resident of the election area in which the candidate is to be voted on, i.e., District or Division.

Exception: Any registered voter of the State who is a candidate for any office may obtain signatures and sign his/her own nominating petitions regardless of whether the candidate resides in the jurisdiction.

If district includes more than one county, the circulator can only circulate the petition in the county in which he or she resides.

Only one circulator is allowed to circulate a petition section.

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

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



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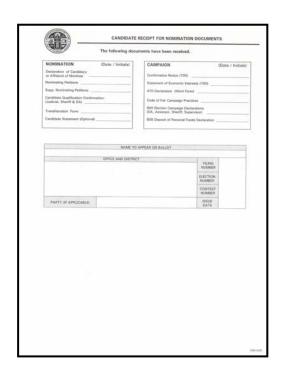
STEP 4 – Filing Nomination Documents

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. All candidates are urged to file documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush.



DOCUMENTS	APPLIES TO	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Nomination Papers	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Candidate Statement Form	Optional for all local non-partisan candidates. Available only for state legislative candidates agreeing to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Transliteration Form	All Candidates	Multilingual Voting Service (562) 462-2730 (562) 462-2832
Candidate Campaign Statement Forms	All Candidates	Campaign Financial Disclosure Section (562) 462-2339

STEP 5 – Receive a Candidate Receipt for Nomination Documents



Chapter 5

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

California law permits state legislative candidates to file a candidate statement to be printed and mailed to voters in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. Candidates who voluntarily choose to limit their campaign expenditures in accordance with **Proposition 34** by filing a **Fair Political Practices Commission** "FPPC" Form 501 (refer to Chapter 8) may submit a candidate statement. Filing of a candidate statement is not mandatory but is permitted if the candidate desires to file and pay the appropriate fee.

ESTIMATED CANDIDATE STATEMENT COST

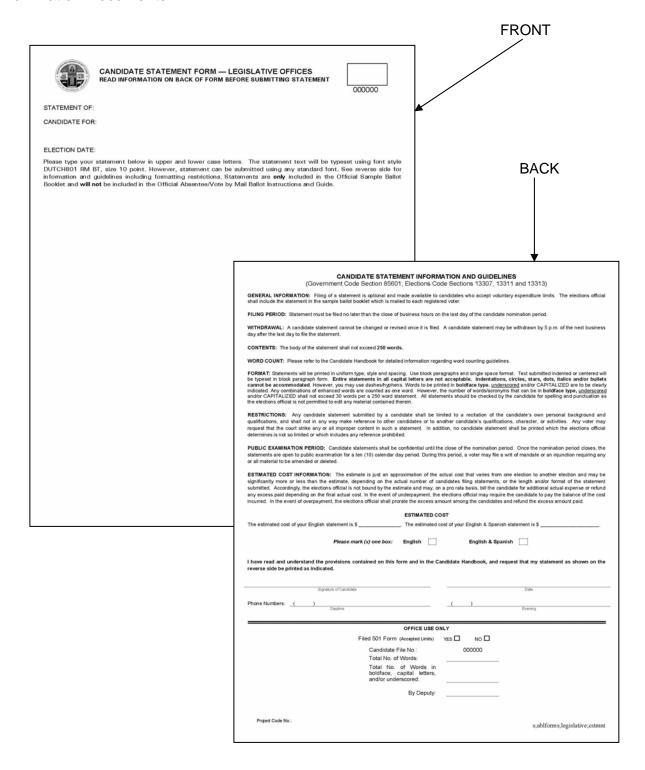
APPROXIMATE REGISTRATION	ENGLISH	ENGLISH & SPANISH	WORD LIMIT	WHO PAYS?
112,452	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00	250	Candidate in Advance

NOTES

- 1. ALL <u>CHECKS</u> FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE <u>REGISTRAR- RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</u>.
- 2. THE "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDE" <u>DOES NOT</u> INCLUDE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ARE PRINTED IN OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOTS WHICH ARE SENT TO VOTERS IN A SEPARTE MAILING.
- 3. <u>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS</u> MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P. M. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM (continued)

This is an example of the Candidate Statement Form which is used by the candidate 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 filling Nomination Documents.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (continued)

FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

- Statements must be neatly typed. Statement will be typeset in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet using Dutch801 Rm BT font in 10 point size. However, Candidate Statement can be submitted using any standard font. 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 indented or centered will be typeset 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. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line. Words to be printed in **boldface type**, <u>underscored</u> and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. Any combinations of enhanced words are counted as one word. However, the number of words/acronyms that can be in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed 30 words for a 250 word statement.
- 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.

STATEMENT OF JOHN DOE PEACE AND FREEDOM CANDIDATE FOR

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 39TH DISTRICT (Unexpired term ending December 1, 2008)

FORMAT/CONTENT: This is an example of an acceptable <u>format</u> to be used in a candidate's statement of qualifications. The guidelines for the <u>content</u> of the statement are in a separate section of the Information Booklet.

ENHANCED WORDS: It is acceptable for some words or phrases to be bold, underlined, CAPITALIZED. Hyphens/dashes are allowed. The beginning to each paragraph may also be highlighted as shown his example.

PARAGRAPHS: The candidate statement is printed in "block" paragraphs, which means each paragraph will stand on the left and the right margin will be justified. A double spare will solve between paragraphs, as shown in this example.

r elected the will tall of the common cold.

I belong to the following organizations:

- PTA
- Chamber of Commerce
- Zoological Society
- Bridge Club

We can trust John Doe to protect and serve Any City, USA. Vote for John Doe for Member of the State Assembly, 39th District.

STATE LAW PROVIDES 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. Statement may not include reference to other candidates. See enclosed **Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statements** (page 28) for restrictions.
- 3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed.
- 4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the sample ballots 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 own expense.
- 5. No reference to candidate's political party affiliation nor any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD

Candidate statements are confidential until the after close of the nomination period. Once the filing period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a **ten (10) calendar day period.** A fee may be charged to any person wishing to obtain 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/data to be amended or deleted. If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. (E.C. § 13311)

ESTIMATED COST

The form on which a statement is submitted is issued with the nomination documents and contains word limitations and estimated cost.

If a statement is formatted to include numerous paragraph breaks and/or individual listings of accomplishments, endorsements, etc. the printed statement may extend to two (2) pages. In these cases, the actual cost for the statement may double and additional cost may be billed to you after the election. Refer page 29 for the Word Counting Guidelines.

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.

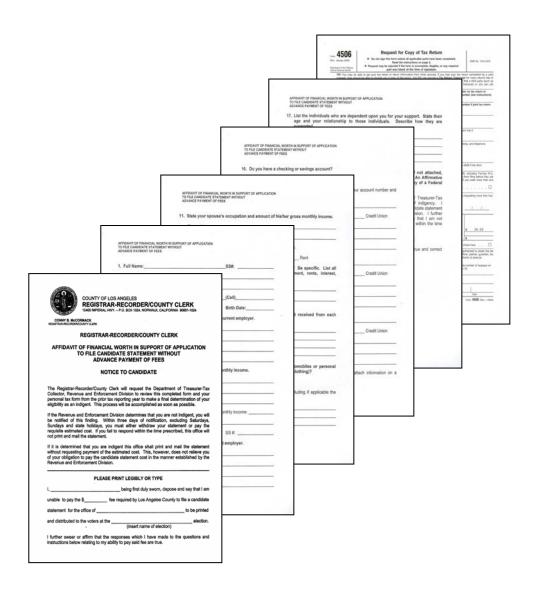
MINORITY LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS

Minority language translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with National 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 the respective polling places on Election Day.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (continued)

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 advance 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.

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NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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

For judicial candidates, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will not accept language in a candidate statement that in any way makes reference to other candidates for judicial office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13308. For these candidates, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will remove the improper language from the statement and not allow it to be printed. The judicial candidate will be notified of the improper language and it's 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 4th Dist) 62 Cal. App. 4th 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 Election Code sections and the *Dean* decision are available from our office at no cost.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – 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. The guidelines do **not** apply to ballot designations for candidates. If the text exceeds the specified **250** 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 WORD;** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.
- 3. **GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES** such as countries, states, counties, cities, towns, or jurisdictions are counted as one (1) word.

Such as: "City of Los Angeles" = 1 word

"City and County of San Francisco" = 1 word

4. **ABBREVIATIONS** each acronym or abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression is counted as one (1) word.

Such as: 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.

Such as: Attorney-at-law

6. **DATES...** consisting of a combination of digits are counted as one (1) word.

Such as: 3/18 7/21/89

DATES... consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as two (2) words.

Such as: July 21, 1983 18 June, 1987

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

Such as: 1973 13 1/2 1971-73 5% 8/3/73 #14

8. MONETARY AMOUNTS

Such as: \$1,000.00 are counted as one (1) word **Such as:** \$4 million are counted as two (2) words

9. NAMES OF PERSONS AND THINGS are counted as individual words.

Such as: Gus Wright (2 words)

L. A. Basketball Team (3 words)

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

Such as: 1-800 815-2666 1-562-462-2317

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

Such as: http://www.co.la.ca.us www.lavote.net http://www.lacounty.info

Chapter 6

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
INFORMATION

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE INFORMATION

(Election Code Sections 8300 & 8550)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FILE IN SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY

A candidate filing as an independent candidate for partisan office must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be a U.S. citizen.
- 2. Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person.
- 3. Be registered with the political party whose nomination he or she is seeking for not less than three months immediately prior to the time the declaration of candidacy is presented to the county elections official or, if eligible to register for less than three months, for as long as he or she has been eligible to register to vote in California.
- 4. Not have been registered as affiliated with any other qualified political party within 3 months immediately prior to the filing of the declaration of candidacy.
- 5. Not have served three (3) terms in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990.
- 6. Pay the requested filing fee or submit signatures in-lieu of filing fee.

FILING DEADLINE

MAR. 20 (Tu) Through APR. 2 (M) 5:00 P.M. E – 56 – 43 FIRST & LAST DAY TO FILE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON NOMINATION PAPERS. – The Nomination Papers must be signed by voters in the district not less in number than 500 or one percent of the entire vote cast in the area, at the preceding general election, whichever is less, nor more than 1,000. For this election, the signature requirement is 406.

PARTY DESIGNATION ON BALLOT – The word "Independent "will be used as the party designation on the candidate's Nomination Documents and on the ballot.

Chapter 7

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(Election Code Sections 8600 & 8601)

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.

You may file the required forms to run for office as a write-in candidate no later than 14 days prior to Election Day.

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

FILING DEADLINE				
MAR. 21 (W) Through MAY 1 (Tu) 5:00 P.M.	E – 55 – 14	FIRST & LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY		

The Write-In candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE 14th DAY prior to the election.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – Refer to the General Information for Nomination of Candidates in Chapter 4 of this handbook.

Write-In Votes Required For Nomina At the Special Primary Election	
Votes last cast for office (November 6, 2006)	40,603
Write-In votes required for nomination	406

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FORMS – If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, contact the Campaign Finance and Disclosure 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 over voted. 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.

Chapter 7 May 15, 2007

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Chapter 1

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS

CAMPAIGN FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE MAY 15, 2007 39TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

All candidates/committees are required by the Political Reform Act to meet the first campaign statement filing deadline regardless of activity. The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement or January 1 if no previous statement has been submitted. Monetary penalties may be assessed for failure to file required statements.

DEADLINE

2007 FILING REQUIREMENTS

APRIL 5, 2007 (Thu) Candidates who have a controlled committee and committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election at this time file a Form 460 to cover the period between **January 1**, and **March 31, 2007**. All other candidates who do not raise over \$1,000 file a Form 470. All reports must be received by personal delivery or first class mail.

(Gov. Code § 84200.7)

MAY 3, 2007 (Thu)

SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

FIRST CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

The reporting requirements mentioned above apply to statements for the period between **April 1** and **April 28, 2007**. All reports must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.

(Gov. Code § 84200.7)

WITHIN 24
HOURS
BETWEEN
APRIL 29
(Sun)
AND
MAY 14 (Mon)

LATE CONTRIBUTION AND/OR LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS

Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a contribution (including a loan) of \$1,000 or more, or makes an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more between April 29 and the election, must be filed by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery service or personal delivery within 24 hours. Regular mail may not be used.

(Gov. Code §§ 84203 & 84204)

JULY 31, 2007 (Tue)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Same requirements as above for the period between April 29, 2007 and June 30, 2007. (Gov. Code § 84200)

NOTE: Candidates and committees who file their **Late Contribution** and **Independent Expenditures** reports electronically are not required to file a paper copy and no copies are required to be filed with the local filing officers.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS

FORM 501

Candidates who **intend** to receive contributions from others for their campaign, must file a Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501 with the **Secretary of State's Office**.

(Gov. Code § 85200)

FORM 470

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than \$1,000 in contributions and spending less than \$1,000 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 a Form 470, Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Short Form by April 5, 2007. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the \$1,000 threshold is reached.

Candidates who have filed a Form 470 and **thereafter** receive contributions or make expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more **are** required to file a 470 Supplement with 1) Secretary of State 2) the local filing officer and 3) each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent within 48 hours of receiving or expending the one thousand dollars (\$1,000). **(Gov. Code § 84206)**

FORM 410

Recipient committees, including any group, individual or candidate, that receive \$1,000 or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the Secretary of State and the local filing officer a Statement of Organization, Form 410, within 10 days of receiving the contributions.

(Gov. Code § 84101)

FORM 460

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during a calendar year in connection with the election, is required to file the recipient committee campaign statement Form 460. The Form 460 is also required if \$1,000 or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate. (Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)

FORM 497

A Late Contribution is a monetary or non-monetary contribution, including a loan, totaling \$1,000 or more from a single source and is made or received during the 16 days immediately preceding the election in which the recipient candidate is to be voted on.

(Gov. Code § 82036)

NOTE: Candidates and committees who file their **Late Contribution** and **Independent Expenditures** reports electronically are not required to file a paper copy and no copies are required to be filed with the local filing officers.

WHERE TO FILE

The original and one copy with the Secretary of State; and two copies with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Campaign Finance Disclosure Section.

ADDRESSES FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENTS

Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County

Campaign Finance Disclosure Section Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1024 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 2003

Norwalk, CA 90650

Fax: (562) 651-2548

Secretary of State

Political Reform Division

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1467

1500 11th Street

Sacramento, CA 95812-1467

Fax: (916) 653-5054

STATEMENT OF TERMINATION - FORM 410, (see PART 5)

Candidates and their committees are required to file semi-annual statements every six months until all campaign activity ceases and Form 410 (see Part 5) is filed.

(Government Code Section 84214)

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

> FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE SECTION

TELEPHONE (562) 462-2339 ♦ FAX (562) 651-2548

REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for ALL 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, however, candidates can avoid filing campaign statements by submitting a "Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470)."
- The only postmark which can be accepted as evidence of a filing date is one for first class mail. 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 deposit, and the name and address of the addressee.
- Any candidate or committee who files an original statement after an imposed deadline is liable in the amount of \$10 per day after the deadline until the document is filed. The liability is limited to the cumulative amount reported in the last document or \$100, whichever is greater.

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

DEFEATED CANDIDATES

Must file campaign disclosure reports until:

✓ Campaign committee has been terminated 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 2

MULTILINGUAL SERVICES

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

OVERVIEW OF MULTILINGUAL (ML) VOTER SERVICES PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Public Law 102-344 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.) These languages include Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

A language is considered to be covered by the Voting Rights Act (VRA) as mandatory for the County's translated election materials if 1) more than 5% of the citizens of voting age are members of a single language minority and are limited English proficient (LEP) or 2) more than 10, 000 of the citizens of voting age are members of a single language minority and are limited English proficient.

MANDATED LANGUAGES

Although the VRA requires a 5% standard for targeting for multilingual services, Los Angeles County has set a 3% standard to provide minority 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 six minority languages that are required by Federal mandates in Los Angeles County are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese.

IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE

There are no implications to the candidate because 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 page 22 of Section 1) 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.

Chapter: 2 May 15, 2007 OVERVIEW OF MULTILINGUAL (ML) VOTER SERVICES PROGRAM - Cont.

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

This department will transliterate your name in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Candidates will also be permitted to submit their won transliterations for each or all of these languages. A review period will be established to allow candidates to request changes prior to the deadline set to print translated sample ballots. Various minority community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to insure 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 page 7 of Section 2) together with their nomination documents but no later than the last day to file these documents.

TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

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. Timeframe: **E-42 through E-33** (subject to change). To schedule a review of your transliterated name, you may call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- Bilingual Assistance Hotline (1-800) 481-8683.
- Upon request, translated election materials are mailed to voters before every election.
- Bilingual assistance at targeted polling places.

Translated copies of the "ML Voter Services" brochures are available at the RR/CC Election Information counter, 2nd Floor Room 2013 and online at www.lavote.net



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

12400 IMPERIAL HWY. – P.O. BOX 1024, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90651-1024

TRANSLITERATION FORM

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

NEW SERVICE FOR LIMITED-ENGLISH VOTERS:

TRANSLITERATION OF

CANDIDATE NAMES

BACKGROUND:

Public Law 102-344 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese to limited English proficiency 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 propertic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.) These languages include Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

PROCESS:

This department will transliterate your name in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. 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 deadline set to print translated Official Sample Ballot Booklets. Various minority community groups and news media assist this office by reviewing submitted transliterations to insure 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.**

TRANSLITERATION FORM:

All candidates will be required to file this document together with their nomination documents but no later than the last day to file these documents.

Please note that the only required language for transliteration for this election is Korean.

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