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NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

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Candidate Guide Overview

The County of Sacramento 2026 Candidate's Guide for the General Election is intended to provide general information for candidates and committees and does not have the force or effect of law, regulation or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the Voter Registration and Elections office of the County of Sacramento is not rendering legal advice. Therefore, the guide is not a substitute for legal counsel for the individual, organization or candidate using it.

The Voter Registration and Elections office strongly recommends that any prospective candidate obtain legal advice to assist in complying with applicable California laws, including the California Elections Code and California Government Code.

This guide is intended to help you understand your responsibilities and resources. We recommend that you review this guide for valuable information on how to complete the required forms.

In addition to this Candidate Guide our website contains useful information which includes an election calendar along with information on how to request a voter file.

You may also contact the Campaign Services Division to answer any questions that you may have by calling (916) 875-6276 or by email at voters-campaignservices@saccounty.gov.

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Website: elections.saccounty.gov

Who to Contact for Running for Public Office

Different agencies provide guidance depending on the level of office

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

For campaign finance and ethics advice.

Phone (Advice): (866) 275-3772

Email: Advice@fppc.ca.gov.

Website: fppc.ca.gov

NetFile Campaign Disclosure System

Website: netfile.com/Filer

Email: filerhelp@netfile.net

Federal Elections Commission (FEC)

For U.S. President, Senate or House of Representatives.

Phone: (800) 424-9530

Website: fec.gov

California Secretary of State

For State offices (Governor, Legislature)

Phone: (916) 653-6814

Website: sos.ca.gov

City Clerk Contact Information

Citrus Heights

Address: 6360 Fountain Square Dr, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Phone: (916) 725-2448

Website: www.citrusheights.net/130/City-Clerk

Elk Grove

Address: 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

Phone: (916) 478-2286

Website: elkgrove.gov/city-government/city-clerk

Folsom

Address: 50 Natoma St, Folsom, CA 95630

Phone: (916) 461-6035

Website: www.folsom.ca.us/government/city-clerk-s-office

Galt

Address: 380 Civic Dr, Galt, CA 95632

Phone: (209) 366-7130

Website: <https://www.cityofgalt.org/cityclerk>

Isleton

Address: 101 2nd St, Isleton, CA 95641

Phone: (916) 777-7770

Website: www.cityofisleton.com/deputy-city-clerk-hr

Rancho Cordova

Address: 2729 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Phone: (916) 851-8700

Website: www.cityofranhocordova.org/departments/city-clerk

Sacramento

Address: 915 I St, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (916) 808-7200

Website: cityofsacramento.gov/clerk

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New and Important Information

Candidate Filing Appointments

We recommend that all candidates schedule an appointment to complete the filing process.

You can make an appointment by:

- Visiting our website at: elections.saccounty.gov.
- Call our office at (916) 875-6276.

New: Confidential Voter Status (AB 1392)

Under **Assembly Bill 1392**, (2025-2026) your **residence address, phone number, and email address** listed on your voter registration record will be **kept confidential during the candidate filing process**.

- If you opt in you will be **required to provide a mailing address other than your residential address**
- If you **are not elected**, confidentiality ends after the winner of the contest takes office.
- If you **are elected**, your information will **remain confidential** unless you choose to opt out or until your term ends.
- The candidate's voter record will not appear online on the [myvoterportal](https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov) lookup tool and you will not be able to track your ballot using the where's my ballot application.

NEW: Online Candidate Statements (Nonpartisan Offices Only)

Candidates running for nonpartisan offices can now choose **only one** of the following options for their Candidate Statement of Qualifications:

- Post the **statement online**, or
- **Include the statement in the County Voter Information Guide (CVIG)**.

If you choose to post your statement online:

- It **will not appear** in the printed or mailed CVIG.
- The CVIG will contain instructions directing voters that additional candidate statements are available online at: myvoterportal.saccounty.gov.

NEW: 24-hour Candidate Statement Review

After submitting your **Candidate Statement of Qualifications**, you will receive an email requesting confirmation that the draft matches the original submission.

At this stage:

- **No changes** can be made to the content, formatting, grammar, or spelling.
- If **no response** is received by the deadline, we will proceed with the statement **as submitted**.

Candidate Statements – Multicounty Districts

If you are running in a **multicounty district**, you may submit an **electronic copy** of your Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form from your **county of residence** and submit it to each additional county that is shared with the district.

Within 72 hours of submitting the electronic form, you must send the following by overnight mail to each county:

- A **printed (hard copy)** of your candidate statement.
- Any **required forms**.
- **Payment** of the Candidate Statement Fee.

Authorized under *Elections Code* § 13307.7, (Assembly Bill 773, effective Oct 10, 2023)

New and Important Information

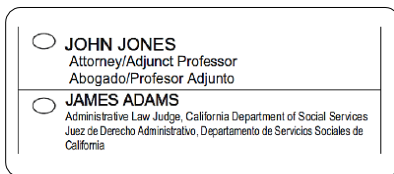
Endorsements on Candidate Statements

If your Candidate Statement includes endorsements, you must submit a **signed letter of support** from each individual or organization named. Letters from organizations should be on letterhead. A form will be provided to you in your nomination packet for endorsement purposes.

- For **organizations**, the letter must be signed by an **authorized representative**.
- All endorsement letters must be submitted **at the same time** as your Candidate Statement.
- **Email submissions will not be accepted.** Endorsements must be delivered in person.

Candidate Name Formatting on Ballots

- All candidate names will appear in the **same font style and size**.
- If a name is too long to fit, the font size may be slightly adjusted to keep the formatting consistent.
- For **multilingual ballots**, if space is limited, the font size may be reduced, but **not smaller than 8-point** font to ensure all names are the same size. *Elections Code § 13202(b)(c)*



Preferred Transliteration of Candidate Names

Candidates with a **Chinese character-based name** may complete a **Character-Based Name Form** to request a specific version of their name to appear on the ballot.

- **Chinese Characters Only:** If approved, the candidate may use their name written in Chinese characters instead of a phonetic English spelling.
- **Eligibility Requirements:** To qualify, the candidate must either provide official documentation of the name (such as a birth certificate) or prove they have been publicly known by that Chinese name for at least two years. *Elections Code § 13211.7*

Board of Supervisors Contribution Limits

The Board of Supervisors contribution limits for the Primary and General Election for 2026 are:

- \$1,600.00 from an individual in an election year.
- \$3,100.00 from an organization in an election year.
- \$51,000.00 is the aggregate contribution limit for off elections.
- \$500.00 is the off-year contribution limit from both individuals and organizations.

Sacramento County Code 2.115.320

State Contribution Limits (AB 571)

For the 2025–2026 election cycle, the default limit is **\$5,900 per contributor, per election**.

These limits are updated every two years for inflation and are listed in FPPC Regulation 18545(a)(2).

These limits do not apply to candidates for:

- Board of Supervisors
- School Districts
- Special Districts

For more information visit: www.fppc.ca.gov or call (866) 275-3772

Filing for Two Offices at the Same Election

Incompatibility of Offices

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

What Makes Two Offices Incompatible?

Under *Government Code § 1099*, two public offices are incompatible if:

- **One office has authority over the other**, such as the power to:
 - Audit
 - Overrule
 - Remove members
 - Dismiss employees
 - Supervise the other office

Court Definition

“One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both.”

Examples of Incompatible Offices

The California Attorney General’s Office has issued opinions on identifying combinations of offices that are considered incompatible, including:

- City councilmember and school district board member (where jurisdictions overlap).
- County fire protection district fire chief and county board of supervisors of the same county.
- High school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district trustee (within the same boundaries).
- Water district director and city councilmember.
- Water district director and school district trustee (with overlapping territory).
- Deputy sheriff and county board of supervisors.

If you are unsure whether two offices are incompatible, consult the **California Attorney General’s Office** online at oag.ca.gov.

School District and Community College District Candidacy

A candidate for school and college districts must be registered voters in the district (and trustee area, if any) at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. No one shall file nomination papers for more than one school or college district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. *Elections Code § 10603*

Exception:

If a proposal to form a **unified school district** appears on the same ballot as the election of governing board members, a candidate may file for both:

- Their current board position and
- A position on the proposed unified district board. *Elections Code § 10603*

Candidate Election Calendar

July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026 (E-113 to E-88)

Nomination Period

During this period candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy and all other nomination paperwork by 5:00 p.m. A person shall not file nomination paperwork for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. *Elections Code §§ 10407, 10510*

A candidate may prepare a Candidate Statement on the appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name and occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall be filed in the Voter Registration and Elections office at the time the candidate's nomination paperwork is filed. *Elections Code § 13307*

July 28, 2026 (E-98)

Deadline to Request a Change in Ballot Designation

Last day any candidate may request any ballot designation changes from the one used in the Primary. This must be done in writing by 5:00 p.m. *Elections Code § 13107(h)*

July 31, 2026 (E-95)

Campaign Reports-Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

The last day to file Semi-Annual campaign reports. *Government Code § 84200*

August 7, 2026 (E-88)

Candidate Withdrawal Deadline

No candidate who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy may withdraw as a candidate, after 5 p.m. on this date. *Elections Code §§ 10224, 10510, 10603(b)*

August 8, 2026 – August 12, 2026 (E-87 to E-83)

Nomination Extension Period

If an incumbent does not file nomination papers by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2026, (E-88) there will be a 5-calendar day extension period during which any qualified person other than the incumbent may file. This extension does not apply if there is no eligible incumbent, or if an incumbent has served the maximum number of terms as permitted by the California Constitution. *Elections Code §§ 10225, 10407(b), 10604*

August 10, 2026 (E-85)

Candidate Statement Withdrawal Deadline

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their Candidate Statement. This must be done in writing by 5:00 p.m. This deadline does not apply to offices in nomination extension. *Elections Code § 13307(3)*

August 8, 2026 – August 17, 2026 (E-87 to E-78)

Public Examination Period of Candidate Statements

This is a 10-calendar day review period for Candidate Statements submitted during the nomination extension period. During this time, any individual may file a Writ of Mandate or injunction to amend or delete any part of the Candidate Statement. All Writs of Mandate must be filed by 5:00 p.m. no later than August 17, 2026. *Elections Code § 13313*

August 12, 2026 (E-83)

Write-In Campaign Against Unopposed Incumbent Judges

This is the last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed superior court judicial candidate who has filed nomination paperwork in the Primary Election. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. *Elections Code § 8203(b)*

August 13, 2026 (E-82)

Randomized Alphabet Drawing

The Secretary of State and Counties will conduct a Randomized Alphabet Drawing at 11:00 a.m. to determine the order of candidates on the ballot. *Elections Code §§ 13111(i), 13112*

August 13, 2026 – August 22, 2026 (E-82 to E-73)

Public Examination Period – Extended Nomination Period

This is a 10-day calendar review period for Candidate Statements submitted during the nomination extension period. During this time, any individual may file a Writ of Mandate or injunction to amend or delete any part of the Candidate Statement. All Writ of Mandates must be filed by 5:00 p.m. no later than **Friday, August 21, 2026**. *Elections Code § 13313*

August 27, 2026 (E-68)

Ballot Designation Challenge Deadline

Challenging a ballot designation must be done by filing a Writ of Mandate with the Superior Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on this date.

September 7, 2026

County Holiday-The Voter Registration and Elections office will be closed.

Sacramento County Code § 2.78.710

September 7, 2026 – October 20, 2026 (E-57 to E-14)

Write-In Candidate Filing Period

A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed a Statement of Write-In Candidacy, and submitted nomination signatures, if applicable by 5:00 p.m.

Write-in candidates cannot run for voter-nominated offices in the general election.

Elections Code §§ 8600, 8601, 8606

September 24, 2026 (E-40)

Campaign Reports - Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

The last day to file 1st Pre-election campaign reports. *Government Code § 84200.5*

September 24, 2026 – October 13, 2026 (E-40 to E-21)

County Voter Information Guide Mailings

The County Voter Information Guides must be mailed no later than 21 days before the election to all voters who were registered at least 29 days before the election. Voters who have opted to receive the guide electronically will not receive a printed copy. *Elections Code § 13303*

October 5, 2026 (E-29)

Vote by Mail Voting

Ballots are mailed to all registered voters. *Elections Code § 4005(a)(8)(A)*

October 5, 2026 (E-29)

Process Vote by Mail Ballots

The Voter Registration and Elections office begins processing returned Vote by Mail ballots.
Elections Code § 15101

October 5, 2026 (E-29)

Ballot Drop Box Locations open

All official Ballot Drop Box locations open this day and remain open through Election Day.
Elections Code § 4005(a)(8)(A)

October 12, 2026

County Holiday-The Voter Registration and Elections office will be closed.

Sacramento County Code § 2.78.710

October 19, 2026 (E-15)

Deadline to Register to Vote

This is the last day to register online or by mail to vote in the November 2026 election. You can still register to vote or update your registration at our office or any Vote Center location in the County through Election Day. *Elections Code §§ 2102, 2170, 2171*

October 22, 2026 (E-12)

Campaign Reports-Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

This is the last day to file the 2nd Pre-election campaign reports. *Government Code § 84200.5*

October 24, 2026 (E-10)

Vote Centers

Some Vote Centers open on this date. *Elections Code § 4005(a)(4)(A)*

October 31, 2026 (E-03)

Vote Centers Increase

All Vote Center locations open through Election Day. *Elections Code § 4005(a)(3)(A)*

November 3, 2026

Election Day

All Vote Centers Open: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. All ballots mailed must be postmarked on or before this date to be counted. *Elections Code §§ 1000, 4005(a)(3)(A)2*

November 11, 2026

County Holiday-The Voter Registration and Elections office will be closed.

Sacramento County Code § 2.78.710

November 26, 2026 – November 27, 2026

County Holiday-The Voter Registration and Elections office will be closed.

Sacramento County Code § 2.78.710

December 3, 2026 (E+30)

Completion of Official Canvass – Deadline to Certify Election Results. *Elections Code § 15372*

February 1, 2027

Campaign Reports-Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

This is the last day to file Semi-Annual Campaign Reports. *Government Code § 84200*

Positions Up For Election

(This information is subject to change)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Los Rios Community College District, Area 1*
Los Rios Community College District, Area 2
Los Rios Community College District, Area 6
San Joaquin Delta Community College District, Area 4*
Sierra Joint Community College District, Area 1*

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arcohe Union School District (3 Full Term Seats)
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 1
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 2
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 4
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District, Area 3
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 2
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 4
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 5
Elverta Joint Elementary School District* (3 Full Term Seats)
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 1
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 3
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 5
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 1*
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 2
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 5
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 1*
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 2
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 4
Natomas Unified School District, Area 1
Natomas Unified School District, Area 4
River Delta Unified School District, Area 2
River Delta Unified School District, Area 3*
River Delta Unified School District, Area 5*
Robla School District (3 Full Term Seats)
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 1
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 2
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 6
San Juan Unified School District, Area 3
San Juan Unified School District, Area 5
San Juan Unified School District, Area 6
San Juan Unified School District, Area 7

CITIES

City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 2
City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 4
City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 5
City of Elk Grove, Mayor
City of Elk Grove, Councilmember, District 2
City of Elk Grove, Councilmember, District 4
City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 1
City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 3

Positions Up For Election

(This information is subject to change)

CITIES

City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 5
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 1
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 3
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 5
City of Isleton, Councilmember (3 Full Term Seats)
City of Isleton, Councilmember (1 Short Term Seat)
City of Isleton, City Clerk (Short Term Seat)
City of Isleton, Treasurer (Short Term Seat)
City of Rancho Cordova, Councilmember, District 2
City of Rancho Cordova, Councilmember, District 5

COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICTS

Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 2
Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 3 (Short Term Seat)
Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 5
Rancho Murieta Community Services District (3 Full Term Seats)
Rancho Murieta Community Services District (1 Short Term Seat)
San Juan Water District, Division 1*
San Juan Water District, Division 3
San Juan Water District, Division 5

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Courtland Fire Protection District (1 Full Term Seat)
Courtland Fire Protection District (1 Short Term Seat)
Delta Fire Protection District (1 Full Term Seat)
Herald Fire Protection District (2 Full Term Seats)
Pacific Fruitridge Fire Protection District (3 Full Term Seats)
River Delta Fire District (1 Full Term Seat)
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 1*
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 3
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 7
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 9
Walnut Grove Fire Protection District (1 Full Term Seat)
Walnut Grove Fire Protection District (2 Short Term Seats)
Wilton Fire Protection District (2 Full Term Seats)

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

American River Flood Control District, Division 1
American River Flood Control District, Division 2
American River Flood Control District, Division 3

MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 3
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 4
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 6
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 7

Positions Up For Election

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RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District (2 Full Term Seats)
Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District (2 Short Term Seats)
Arden Manor Recreation and Park District (3 Full Term Seats)
Arden Manor Recreation and Park District (1 Short Term Seat)
Arden Park Recreation and Park District (3 Full Term Seats)
Arden Park Recreation and Park District (1 Short Term Seat)
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 1
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 2
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 5
Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (2 Full Term Seats)
Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District (2 Full Term Seats)
North Highlands Recreation and Park District (2 Full Term Seats)
Orangevale Recreation and Park District (2 Full Term Seats)
Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation and Park District (3 Full Term Seats)
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 1
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 3
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 4
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 5 (Short Term Seat)

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Florin Resource Conservation District (3 Full Term Seats)

WATER DISTRICTS

Carmichael Water District, Division 3
Carmichael Water District, Division 5
Citrus Heights Water District, Division 2
Citrus Heights Water District, Division 3*
El Dorado Irrigation District, Division 4*
El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Protection District* (3 Full Term Seats)
El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Protection District* (1 Short Term Seat)
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 1
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 2
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 3
Florin County Water District (2 Full Term Seats)
Florin County Water District (2 Short Term Seats)
Galt Irrigation District, Division 1
Galt Irrigation District, Division 2
Galt Irrigation District, Division 4
Galt Irrigation District, Division 5 (Short Term Seat)
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District (2 Full Term Seats)
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 1 (Short Term Seat)
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 3
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 4
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 5

GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Delta Region Geologic Hazard Abatement District (3 Full Term Seats)
Delta Region Geologic Hazard Abatement District (1 Short Term Seat)

Shared Districts

Sacramento County Elections will mail a courtesy County Voter Information Guide to qualified candidates who have filed a candidate statement and who reside outside of the county. The following contests are shared with multiple counties.

Table 1- Shared Districts

Office	Counties Shared with
Congressional District 3	El Dorado, Nevada, and Placer
Congressional District 4	Colusa, Lake, Placer, Napa, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba
Congressional District 6	Placer and Yolo
Congressional District 7	El Dorado and San Joaquin
Congressional District 8	Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo
State Senate District 6	Placer
State Assembly District 9	Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin and Stanislaus
State Assembly District 11	Contra Costa, Solano
Los Rios Community College District Area 1	Placer
San Joaquin Delta Community College Area 4	San Joaquin and Solano
Sierra Joint Community College District Area 1	Placer
Elverta Joint Elementary School District	Placer
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Area 1	San Joaquin
Galt Joint Union High School District Area 1	San Joaquin
River Delta Unified School District Area 3	Solano
River Delta Unified School District Area 5	Yolo
San Juan Water District Division 1	Placer
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Area 1	Placer
Citrus Heights Water District Division 3	Placer
El Dorado Irrigation District Division 4	El Dorado
El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Protection District	El Dorado

Summary of Qualifications

Below is the list of qualifications to run for the following districts:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter of the trustee area within the district.
- Not an employee of a school district or community college district's governing board.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter in the district or trustee area.
- Not an employee of a school district or community college district's governing board.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

- Be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district.

DELTA REGION GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT

- Be a landowner in the district.

FIRE DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district.

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter of the division for at least 1 year.
- **25 to 40 Nomination Signatures.**

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter in the district or division.

MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

- Be a registered voter of the ward within the district.
- **10 to 20 Nomination Signatures.**

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district.
- Be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the district and either; own real estate property in the district or alternately have served for two years or more as an associate director.
- Be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the district.
- **5 Nomination signatures from resident landowners.**

WATER DISTRICTS

- Be a registered voter in the district or division.

Nomination Documents

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that they meet all deadlines. It is highly recommended that candidates file the necessary documents as early as possible in order to avoid any last-minute rush and confusion, or any misunderstandings.

Confidential Voters

If you are registered as a confidential voter in the County of Sacramento, please keep in mind that signing petitions won't affect your status.

Letter of Authorization

A candidate may designate a specific person to obtain and/or file nomination papers and/or a Declaration of Candidacy form on behalf of the candidate. A letter of authorization form can be found on our website.

Availability

Nomination papers may be obtained from the County elections official between July 13, 2026 through August 7, 2026. *Elections Code § 10510*

Nomination Forms

All forms required for nomination and election shall be furnished only by the county elections official. *Elections Code § 10510*

Nomination Extension Period

If an incumbent of an elective office fails to file their nomination papers by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2026, any person other than the incumbent shall have until 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2026, to file nomination papers for the office.

This extension does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. *Elections Code § 10407(b)*

Schools and Special Districts do not have a nomination signature requirement unless you are running for one of the offices below.

- Sacramento Municipal Utility District: Signers shall be registered voters in the ward in which the candidate is to be voted on.
- American River Flood Control District: Signers shall be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.
- Florin Resource and Conservation District: Signers shall be landowners in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.

Nomination Signatures

No voter shall sign more nomination petitions for candidates than there are offices to be filled. Signers must complete all the fields on the petition form in their own handwriting.

Filing the Petition

Nomination signature petitions shall be filed with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside.

Nomination Documents

No More Signers than Required

No candidate shall secure more than the maximum number of signatures required for that office.

Petition Circulator(s)

Circulators of petitions must be 18 years of age or older. *Elections Code § 102*

Exception: Circulators for Sacramento Municipal Utility District shall be residents of the ward in which they seek signatures. *Public Utilities Code § 11850(b)*

Duplicating the Petition

The elections official shall furnish each candidate with the petition forms. Please be aware that our office will only accept documents containing original signatures.

Affidavit of Circulator

The Affidavit of Circulator on each petition must be completed in the circulator's own hand, even if the petition is circulated by the candidate. *Elections Code § 104*

Ballot Designations

What Is a Ballot Designation?

A ballot designation is a short phrase that appears under your name on the ballot. It describes your current profession, vocation, or occupation, or elected office. The purpose of the Ballot Designation Worksheet is for the candidate to give information to substantiate their Ballot Designation.

Laws Governing Ballot Designations

There are specific laws and regulations that govern whether or not a ballot designation is acceptable or unacceptable for printing on the ballot. *Elections Code §§13107, 13107.3, 13107.5 and California Administrative Code §§ 20710-20719*

It is not the responsibility of the Voter Registration and Elections staff to investigate if the facts indicated by the candidate are valid. The candidate shall have the burden of establishing that the proposed ballot designation that is submitted is accurate and complies with all provisions.

Elections Code §13107

A Ballot Designation Is Optional.

- If you choose not to provide one, you do not need to submit a Ballot Designation Worksheet.
- If you don't submit a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation will appear under your name. *Elections Code 13107.3(c)*
- The candidate may use a ballot designation consisting of their principal professions, vocations or occupations, which the candidate was principally engaged in during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of the candidate's nomination papers.

When Is a Worksheet Required?

- If you do request a designation, you must complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet justifying your proposed ballot designation.
- The worksheet provides justification for your designation and is used if your designation is challenged.
- This entire form must be completed, or it will not be accepted, and you will not be allowed a ballot designation. **Do not leave any response spaces blank!**
- If information requested is not applicable, please write “N/A” in the space provided, otherwise the information MUST be provided.

Acceptable Ballot Designations

You may use:

- Your current elected office (e.g., *City Clerk, Board Member, Los Rios Community College District*).
- The word “Incumbent” if you currently hold the office and are running for re-election.
- The phrase “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to the office and are running for the same one.
- A profession, vocation, or occupation (e.g., *Attorney, Accountant, Small Business Owner*).
- The term “*Community Volunteer*” if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, government agency, or educational institution. You must describe your volunteer role, the organization, and how much time you spend volunteering. **You may not use “Community Volunteer” along with another designation. Elections Code § 13107.5**
- Educator (the use of "educator" will require proof of credentials for K-12 through higher education).
- School Teacher (the use of "teacher" will require proof of credentials).

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The use of “*Advocate*” will require documentation and approved on a case by case basis. It must accurately reflect a candidate’s current principal profession, vocation, or occupation, no more than three words and specify the manner by which the candidate earns their livelihood or spends the substantial majority of their time.

Rules for “Incumbent” and “Appointed Incumbent”

You cannot use “Incumbent” if:

- You were elected in an at-large election, and the district has changed to a district-based election. *Elections Code § 13107(2)*

If you **are appointed**, you must use:

- “Appointed Incumbent” or “Appointed [Title of Office]”
- Example: *Appointed Governing Board Member, Bell Unified School District*
Elections Code § 13107(4)

These terms must stand alone and cannot be combined with other designations.

Unacceptable Designations

You cannot use:

- Evaluative words (e.g., Expert Mechanic, Outstanding Educator).
- Prior Status Terms (e.g., Former Pilot, Ex-Teacher) Retired is allowed.
- Abbreviations like “ret.” for retired.
- Political party names.
- Religious, racial, or ethnic identifiers (e.g., Catholic Priest).
- Any designation that is misleading or illegal. *Elections Code § 13107(e)*

What Is a “Status” and Why Can’t You Use It?

A status is a general condition or social identity that doesn’t describe how you earn a living or spend most of your time. These are not allowed because they don’t reflect a profession, vocation, or occupation.

Unacceptable Status Examples:

- Concerned Citizen
- Taxpayer
- Philanthropist
- Veteran
- Neighborhood Community Leader
- Husband or Wife

California Code of Regulations Title 2 Div.7 Chap.7

Ballot Designations

Using the Word “Retired”

The Word *Retired* is limited for use only by individuals who have permanently given up their chosen profession, vocation, or occupation.

You may use “*Retired*” only if:

- You worked in the profession for 5+ years,
- You are eligible for or receiving retirement benefits,
- You are at least 55 years old,
- You voluntarily left your last professional, vocational or occupational position,
- Your retirement benefits are a main source of income.

If you’re a retired elected official, you must have:

- Voluntarily retired (not recalled, defeated, or resigned to run for another office).
- No more recent profession that would override the retired status.
California Code of Regulations Title 2 Div.7 Chap.7

Reviewing the Ballot Designation

- Local candidates: The Voter Registration and Elections office staff will review your designation for basic compliance (e.g., word count, use of “Incumbent”).
- You must complete the entire form. If any part is left blank, the form will not be accepted.
- If information requested is not applicable, write “N/A” in the space provided.
- If you do not submit a completed worksheet, you will not be allowed to have a ballot designation.
- We recommend that candidates provide alternate ballot designations if your proposed ballot designation is not approved.
- If your designation is **not** approved, you will receive an email and a certified letter informing you that your ballot designation has not been approved and that our office will use the “First or Second Alternate Ballot Designation” that was provided on your worksheet.

Ballot Designation Checklist

Ask yourself:

- Is it factually accurate?
- Is it neutral and non-misleading?
- Is it generic (not promotional)?
- Is it your current profession, vocation, or occupation?
- Do the dates of employment match your proposed designation?

Candidates Advancing From the Primary Election

The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both Primary and General Elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days prior to the General Election, requests in writing a different designation. The written request must be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.

Elections Code § 13107(7)(h)

Ballot Designations

Changing Your Ballot Designation after the Nomination Deadline

Once the nomination filing deadline has passed, you cannot change your ballot designation unless:

- The elections official specifically requests a change because your designation is unacceptable, or
- A court orders a change following a Writ of Mandate challenge. *Elections Code 13107(g)*

Challenging a Ballot Designation

If someone believes a candidate's ballot designation is misleading, inaccurate, or violates the law, they may file a Writ of Mandate with the Superior Court. A Writ of Mandate is a legal request asking the court to review and potentially reject the ballot designation.

Deadline to File

- The Writ of Mandate must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Ballot Designations in Spanish

All ballot designations that are unspecified or generic will default to the masculine form and we will not refer to the Gender Field of the Ballot Designation Worksheet for translation purposes unless it specifies a gender such as Businessman or Businesswoman.

Character Based Names (Optional)

What Is a Character-Based Name?

A character-based name is a name written in a language that uses characters instead of the alphabet, such as **Chinese, Japanese or Korean**.

Language-Specific Note (Sacramento County)

- In Sacramento County, character-based names apply only to **Chinese**. Other languages like **Spanish and Vietnamese** are supported for general election materials, but **not for name translations**.

Overview

Candidates in jurisdictions that provide translated ballot materials may request a **character-based translation** of their name instead of a **phonetic transliteration**, if certain conditions are met.

Eligibility Requirements

A candidate may use a character-based name on the ballot **instead of a phonetic transliteration** if:

- The candidate has a **character-based name by birth**, verified by **birth certificate** or other valid ID, or
- The candidate **identifies with a character-based name** and can demonstrate that they have been known **publicly by that name over the past two years** by providing documentation

Consistency Across Jurisdictions

If a candidate's name appears in **multiple jurisdictions**, and those jurisdictions provide translated ballot materials, they must all use the **same**:

- phonetic transliteration, **or**
- character-based translation. *Elections Code § 13211.7*

Required Documentation

Candidates requesting a character-based name must:

- Complete a **Character-Based Name Form**, and
- Submit **supporting documentation** to verify eligibility. (birth certificate, ID, or public use evidence)

Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)

Purpose

This code encourages honest, fair, and respectful campaigning. It's meant to help candidates focus on important issues instead of using false or misleading tactics.

What Is It?

- A **voluntary form** offered to all candidates during the nomination period.
- By signing it, candidates **pledge to campaign ethically**, avoiding
 - personal attacks
 - discrimination
 - dishonest or unethical behavior

Key Principles in the Code

If a candidate signs the code, they agree to:

1. **Campaign openly and honestly**, focusing on issues.
2. **Avoid personal attacks**, slander, or defamation.
3. **Reject discrimination** based on race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or other protected traits.
4. **Not use dishonest tactics** that could interfere with fair elections.
5. **Not pressure employees** for campaign help or donations.
6. **Publicly reject support** from individuals or groups using unethical methods.

Voluntary Participation

- You are not required to sign or submit this form.
- **Not signing does not affect your eligibility** to run for office.
- **No one can force** a candidate to sign the code.

Filing the Form

- You can file the form **with your nomination papers**, or **any time before Election Day**.

Public Record

- Once filed, the form becomes a public record.
- It will be available for public viewing at the elections office until 30 days after the election.

Elections Code § 20442

Candidate Statement Of Qualifications

What Is a Candidate Statement?

A Candidate Statement of Qualifications is an optional statement that candidates for nonpartisan offices and certain party-nominated offices may submit at their own expense.

- The Statement helps voters learn more about a candidate's background, experience, and qualifications.
- The statement is either:
 - Printed in the County Voter Information Guide (CVIG), or
 - Posted online at myvoterportal.saccounty.gov (for nonpartisan offices only).
- The Candidate Statement of Qualifications fillable form is available on our website at: elections.saccounty.gov.

Cover Sheet Required

All candidates, whether or not they submit a candidate statement, must complete and file a Candidate Statement of Qualifications Cover Sheet.

Printed Candidate Statements

This option is available to all candidates.

- Printed statements appear in the County Voter Information Guide, which is mailed to all registered voters eligible to vote for that candidate.

Online Candidate Statements - NEW For Nonpartisan Offices ONLY

Candidates running for **nonpartisan offices** have the option to either purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications for viewing online only or to purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications for printing in the County Voter Information Guide. Candidates may only choose one option.

Online statements are not printed in the County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) however, the guide will contain a statement that will alert voters that additional statements are available on myvoterportal.saccounty.gov.

Shared-County Districts

If you are running in a district that spans multiple counties, you may:

- Submit an electronic copy of the Candidate Statement Form from your residence county to each participating county.
- Within 72 hours, you must send by overnight mail to each county:
 - A hard copy of the statement,
 - Any required forms, and Payment

Elections Code § 13307.7, as amended by AB 773, Effective October 10, 2023.

Important:

If you want your statement to appear in **another county's voter information guide**, it is your responsibility to:

- Contact that county's elections office,
- Coordinate payment,
- Meet their candidate statement guidelines

Candidate Statement Rules and Legal Considerations

24-Hour Confirmation

Candidates who submit a statement will receive an email to verify that the **print version matches the original submission**.

- **Candidates will have 24 hours to respond.**
- **No changes** to content, formatting, grammar, or spelling can be made at this stage.
- If no response is received by the stated deadline, the statement will be published **as submitted**.

When to File:

- If you choose to submit a Candidate Statement, it must be filed at the same time as your Declaration of Candidacy and other nomination documents. *Elections Code § 13307(2)*

Where to File:

- Candidate statements (whether for print or online) must be filed in person at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office.
- Candidates running for city offices must file all documents with the City Clerk of that city.

Where to Pay:

- All candidate statement fees must be paid at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office.
- Payment is due at the time you file your statement.
- Please make checks or money orders payable to the County of Sacramento.

Confidentiality Before the Deadline

Candidate statements are confidential until the filing deadline has passed.

Notwithstanding the *California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1 of the Government Code)*, the statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. *Elections Code § 13311*

Public Examination Period

After the filing deadline:

- Statements become **public record** and may be viewed or copied.
- There is a 10-calendar day public examination period before statements are printed in the County Voter Information Guide.
- During this time, the Elections Official or any voter in the jurisdiction may file a Writ of Mandate or injunction to amend or remove content. *Elections Code § 13313*
- The elections official shall be named as respondent and the candidate who authored the material in question shall be named as the real party in interest.

Challenge of Contents

Any candidate in an election who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Elections Code § 18351

False or Misleading Statements

Candidates who knowingly include false material facts in their statement with the intent to mislead voters may be fined up to \$1,000.

Candidate Statement Rules and Legal Considerations

Order of Appearance

Candidate statements in the County Voter Information Guide are printed in the order determined by the County Randomized Alphabet Drawing. *Elections Code § 13112*

Unlike the ballot, statements do not rotate and remain in the same order throughout the guide.

Statements for Specific Offices

- **U.S. House of Representatives:**
The top two Candidates from the Primary Election may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the County Voter Information Guide for each county in their district.
- **State Senate and State Assembly:**
The top two Candidates from the Primary Election may submit a 250-word statement only if they agree to voluntary campaign spending limits.

Indigent Candidates

Candidates who cannot afford the filing fee (indigent):

- Must meet California guidelines regarding poverty level.
- Complete a **Statement of Financial Worth** Form (available at the elections office by request).
- This form is **public record**, meaning anyone can review it.

If it is determined that the candidate is **not indigent**:

- The candidate will be notified and have three days to either:
 - Withdraw the candidate's statement or,
 - Pay the required costs.
- If the candidate does not pay, the Voter Registration and Elections Office is not obligated to print and mail the statement.

If the candidate is found to be **indigent**:

- The election office will **print and mail the statement** without advance payment.

However, the candidate **will be billed after the election**. *Elections Code § 13309*

Candidate Statement Costs

Candidate Statement Costs for Top Two Contests

Table 2- Top Two Candidate Statement Costs

Top Two Candidate Statement Costs	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Congressional District 3	\$12,800.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
Congressional District 4	\$1,600.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
Congressional District 6	\$12,300.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
Congressional District 7	\$15,200.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
Congressional District 8	\$450.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Senate District 6	\$17,350.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Senate District 8	\$23,700.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Assembly District 6	\$13,150.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Assembly District 7	\$13,600.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Assembly District 9	\$1,950.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Assembly District 10	\$13,250.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs
State Assembly District 11	\$400.00	250 Words and 6 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs for Runoff Local Contests – Below are the Candidate statement costs for local contests where neither candidate received the majority of votes in the June 2026 Primary Election. The costs will be added after the June Primary Election has been certified.

Table 3- Candidate Statement Costs for Runoff Contests

Runoff Contest	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count

NEW-Nonpartisan Offices Only- Online Candidate Statement Costs

Pursuant to *Elections Code § 13307(c)*, candidates for nonpartisan offices may choose to publish their candidate statement **online only**, rather than printed in the County Voter Information Guide that is mailed to all registered voters. Candidates **must select one of these two options if you wish to purchase space for publishing a candidate statement.**

Table 4-Online Candidate Statement Cost-Nonpartisan Offices only

Online Candidate Statement	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Local Nonpartisan offices only	\$300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs-Schools

Table 5- Candidate Statement Costs for Schools

Schools	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Los Rios Community College District Area 1	\$6,100.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Los Rios Community College District Area 2	\$7,100.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Los Rios Community College District Area 6	\$6,650.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Joaquin Delta Community College District, Area 4	\$800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sierra Joint Community College District, Area 3	\$1,200.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Arcohe Union School District	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 1	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 2	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Center Joint Unified School District, Area 4	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District, Area 3	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 2	\$1,750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 4	\$1,750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 5	\$1,850.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Elverta Joint Elementary School District	\$400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 1	\$1,150.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 3	\$1,050.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Area 5	\$900.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 1	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 2	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Area 5	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 1	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 2	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Joint Union High School District, Area 4	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Natomas Unified School District, Area 1	\$800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Natomas Unified School District, Area 4	\$700.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
River Delta Unified School District, Area 2	\$400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
River Delta Unified School District, Area 3	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
River Delta Unified School District, Area 5	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Robla School District	\$750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 1	\$1,750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 2	\$1,700.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 6	\$1,800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Unified School District, Area 3	\$1,800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Unified School District, Area 5	\$1,750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Unified School District, Area 6	\$1,900.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Unified School District, Area 7	\$1,600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs-Cities and Special Districts

Candidate Statement Cost-Cities

Table 6-Candidate Statement Costs for Cities

Cities	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 2	\$850.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 4	\$750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Citrus Heights, Councilmember, District 5	\$700.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Elk Grove, Mayor	\$5,450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Elk Grove, Councilmember, District 2	\$1,850.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Elk Grove, Councilmember, District 4	\$1,500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 1	\$800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 3	\$1,000.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Folsom, Councilmember, District 5	\$750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 1	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 3	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Galt, Councilmember, District 5	\$450.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Isleton, Councilmember	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Isleton, City Clerk	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Isleton, Treasurer	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Rancho Cordova, Councilmember, District 2	\$650.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
City of Rancho Cordova, Councilmember, District 5	\$700.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Cost-Community Service Districts

Table 7-Candidate Statement Costs for Community Services Districts

Community Service Districts	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 2	\$1,500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 3	\$1,600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Cosumnes Community Services District, Division 5	\$1,600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Rancho Murieta Community Services District	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Water District, Division 1	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Water District, Division 3	\$1,050.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
San Juan Water District, Division 5	\$1,350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs-Fire Districts

Table 8-Candidate Statement Costs for Fire Districts

Fire Districts	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Courtland Fire Protection District	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Delta Fire Protection District	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Herald Fire Protection District	\$400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Pacific Fruitridge Fire Protection District	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
River Delta Fire District	\$400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 1	\$2,250.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 3	\$2,500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 7	\$2,300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 9	\$2,250.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Walnut Grove Fire Protection District	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Wilton Fire Protection District	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs

Candidate Statement Flood Control Districts

Table 9- Candidate Statement Costs for Flood Control Districts

Flood Control District	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
American River Flood Control District, Division 1	\$1,150.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
American River Flood Control District, Division 2	\$1,650.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
American River Flood Control District, Division 3	\$1,400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Municipal Utility Districts

Table 10-Candidate Statement Costs for Municipal Utility Districts

Municipal Utility District	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 3	\$6,050.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 4	\$7,100.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 6	\$4,850.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 7	\$5,550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Recreation and Park Districts

Table 11-Candidate Statement Costs for Recreation and Park Districts

Recreation and Park Districts	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District	\$800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Arden Manor Recreation and Park District	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Arden Park Recreation and Park District	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 1	\$900.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 2	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Division 5	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District	\$1,400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District	\$1,000.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
North Highlands Recreation and Park District	\$1,300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Orangevale Recreation and Park District	\$1,300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation and Park District	\$900.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 1	\$750.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 3	\$850.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 4	\$1,050.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Division 5	\$1,100.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Resource Conservation District

Table 12-Candidate Statement Costs for Resource Conservation Districts

Resource Conservation District	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Florin Resource Conservation District	\$9,600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Geological Hazard Abatement District

Table 13-Candidate Statement Costs for Geologic Hazard Abatement District

Geological Hazard Abatement District	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Delta Region Geologic Hazard Abatement District	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Costs

Candidate Statement Water and Irrigation Districts

Table 14-Candidate Statement Costs for Water and Irrigation Districts

Water and Irrigation Districts	Costs	Word and Paragraph Count
Carmichael Water District, Division 3	\$500.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Carmichael Water District, Division 5	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Citrus Heights Water District, Division 2	\$950.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Citrus Heights Water District, Division 3	\$900.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
El Dorado Hills County Water/Fire Protection District	\$300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
El Dorado Irrigation District, Division 4	\$300.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 1	\$600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 2	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Fair Oaks Water District, Division 3	\$600.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Florin County Water District	\$550.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Irrigation District, Division 1	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Irrigation District, Division 2	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Irrigation District, Division 4	\$350.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Galt Irrigation District, Division 5	\$400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District	\$800.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 1	\$1,200.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 3	\$1,100.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 4	\$1,250.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Division 5	\$1,400.00	200 Words and 5 Paragraphs

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Before submitting your candidate statement, please check for:

- Spelling.
- Punctuation.
- Grammar.

Our office does not correct errors. The content of the statement is the candidate's responsibility.

Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form:

- You must complete this form before filing.
- On the form, you will:
 - Indicate whether or not you are submitting a candidate statement.
 - Provide the printed text of your statement (if you choose to submit one).

Note: We recommend you use the Candidate Statement of Qualifications form as a template for your statement.

Restrictions

The candidate statement shall not include:

- The political party affiliation of the candidate, membership or activity in partisan political organizations for nonpartisan offices.
- Candidate photographs are not permitted.

Candidate statements should be about the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and should not in any way refer to other candidates or their qualifications, character or activities.

Moreover, no statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements or any obscene or profane language. *Elections §§ Code 13307,13308*

Maximum Words and Paragraphs

Your candidate statement should not exceed the maximum number of words and paragraphs as specified on the previous page. If your statement exceeds the maximum number of words, the elections official will remove words starting at the end of the statement until the word count is correct.

If your statement exceeds the maximum number of paragraphs, the elections official will combine paragraphs starting at the end of the statement until the paragraph count is correct.

Permission

If you use someone else's name in your statement, you must file with your statement, an original letter from them stating they are giving you permission to use their name in this manner. Letters must be signed and dated.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (Continued)

Endorsements:

If your statement includes endorsements:

- Submit a signed and dated letter from **each** person or organization.
- Letters must be filed with your Candidate Statement Form.
- Without written permission, endorsements will not be accepted.

Examples:

- *"I am endorsed by County Supervisor John Doe and Senator Jane Smith."*
 - Letters required from both individuals.
- *"I am endorsed by the Sacramento County Nurses Association."*
 - Letter required from the organization.

Note: Our office will not accept emails as written authorization.

Withdrawing a Statement:

- No changes allowed after filing.
- Withdrawal deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026.
 - If the filing period is extended, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2026.
 - Submit a signed, written request.
 - No replacements allowed. *Elections Code § 13307(3)*
- If unopposed, you may choose to withdraw your statement, but you are not required to do so.

Typed Format Required

- All candidate statements must be typed.
- Statements will be printed exactly as submitted.
- If your statement does not meet formatting requirements, it will be reformatted by the elections office to ensure consistency.

Occupation Field

- The Occupation field on the Candidate Statement Form is optional.
- Must be your occupation.
- It is not limited by the rules for ballot designations.
- Maximum: 50 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

Statement Content

The candidate statement may contain the name, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description, not to exceed the number of maximum words and paragraphs for that office, of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate.

Requirements:

- Must be written in the first person
 - *Example: "My name is John Smith and I have lived in Sacramento for 40 years. I am a successful business owner and community volunteer."*
- Must stay within the word and paragraph limits for your office.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (Continued)

Formatting Rules

Your statement must be:

- Typewritten.
- In standard paragraph style.

Do NOT Use:

- Bullets, stars, or asterisks.
- Bold, italics, or underlining.
- ALL CAPITAL LETTERS (except acronyms or abbreviations).
- Tables.
- Lists (a number of connected items or names written or printed consecutively, typically one below the other).
- Indentation or special formatting.

Any candidate statement that is not in conformance with the guidelines will need to be retyped by the candidate or their authorized representative.

The California Elections Code intends for uniformity and appearance of the candidate statements. By preparing your candidate statement in accordance with the above guidelines, each candidate statement will be uniformly printed and allowed the same amount of space in the County Voter Information Guide. The elections official bears no responsibility for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reformatted due to not conforming to the requirements, guidelines or word and paragraph limit as stated in this guide.

Candidate Statement – Word Count Guidelines

These rules are used by the elections office to count words in candidate statements and other documents with word limits. *Elections Code § 9*

Word Count

- **Proper Nouns.**
Example: “John Smith” = 1 word.
- **Geographic Names.**
Names of places or districts are counted as one word.
Examples:
 - “County of Sacramento” = 1 word.
 - “Twin Rivers Unified School District” = 1 word.
- **Abbreviations & Acronyms**
Example: “PTA” = 1 word.
- **Hyphenated Words**
 - If found in a standard dictionary: 1 word.
Example: “Re-election” = 1 word.
 - If **not** in a dictionary: **Each part counts separately.**
Example: “Re-elect” = 2 words.
- **Dates**
All date formats count as 1 word.
Examples:
 - “01/01/2026” = 1 word.
 - “January 1, 2026” = 1 word.
- **Numbers**
 - Digits (e.g., 100): **1 word.**
 - Spelled out numbers: **Each word counts.**
Examples:
 - “One” = 1 word.
 - “One hundred” = 2 words.
 - “100” = 1 word.
- **Phone Numbers**
Example: “(916) 555-5555” = 1 word.
- **Email & Website Addresses**
Examples:
 - “jsmith@email.com” = 1 word.
 - “www.votejsmith.com” = 1 word.

What Does NOT Count

- Punctuation (e.g., commas, periods, parentheses) is not counted as a word.

Candidate Statement Checklist

Use this checklist to help make sure your candidate statement meets all requirements and can be printed in the County Voter Information Guide or posted online:

Candidate Statement Checklist

1. Is your statement typed on the form provided by the elections office?
2. Is your statement written in the first person?
3. Does your statement contain equal to or less the maximum number of words and paragraphs that are permitted?
4. Is your statement free of unusual spacing?
5. Is your statement free of any formatting requiring indentation?
6. Is your statement free of bullets, stars, asterisks, bolding, italics, underlining, tables, and/or lists?
7. Is your statement free of references, direct or implied, to any other candidate or officeholder, including their qualifications, character, or activities?
8. Nonpartisan Offices Only-Is your statement free from any references that include your party affiliation, membership or activity in partisan political organizations?
9. Is your statement free of any false information or information that may be deemed slanderous or libelous?
10. Is your statement limited to your own personal background, education, qualifications, and platform upon which you will run?
11. If your statement contains endorsements, do you have documentation to present from the individual(s) or specific organization(s) endorsing you?
12. If your statement references another person's name, do you have documentation to present from the individual(s) stating they gave you permission to use their name in this manner?

If you answered "No" to any of the questions above, your candidate statement may contain content that is prohibited by California Elections Code or election official's policy.

Candidate Statement Example

Candidate Statements are an opportunity for you to let the voters read a brief description of your education and qualifications. It must be written as first person and should be strictly about your qualifications. Candidate Statements should not, in any way, refer to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.

Name [CANDIDATE NAME]

My occupation is: [Occupation]

My qualifications are:

I am seeking election to serve as your [office title]. I have dedicated my professional career to public service and community engagement, and I am committed to ensuring that this office operates with fairness, transparency, and accessibility for all residents.

I bring experience in [X years of professional or public-sector experience], including roles in [placeholder description of relevant field, e.g., administration, public policy, community services, or program management]. Through this work, I have gained practical knowledge of organizational operations, budgeting, compliance, and service delivery, as well as a strong understanding of how local agencies can better support the public.

My educational background includes [degree type, e.g., Bachelor's/Master's/Doctorate] in [field of study] from [institution], along with additional training in [placeholder certifications, subject areas, or continuing education relevant to the office]. These experiences have prepared me to perform the responsibilities of this office with professionalism and integrity.

I am committed to representing the community with honesty, diligence, and respect. I would be honored to earn your support and the opportunity to serve in this role.

Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

Form 700 is a public document that discloses certain personal financial interests. It helps ensure transparency and prevent conflicts of interest for public officials and candidates.

Every candidate is required to file a **Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)**. A statement is not required if the candidate filed a statement for the same jurisdiction within 60 days before filing a Declaration of Candidacy.

Where to File?

- Sacramento Municipal Utility District candidates: File electronically at form700.fppc.ca.gov
- Schools and Special District candidates: File in person at the elections office.

What Needs to Be Disclosed?

You must report the following for the **12 months before** the nomination deadline:

- Investments.
- Real estate interests.
- Sources of income (including your spouse or partner's income, if applicable).
- Gifts.
- Travel Payments.

When to File

The Form 700 **can be filed along with** your Declaration of Candidacy but no later than the final filing date of the Declaration of Candidacy, August 7, 2026.

Nothing to Report?

- Check the "**No reportable interests**" box on **Part 4 of the Cover Page**.
- Submit only the **signed Cover Page**.

Need Help?

For questions about how to complete Form 700, contact the **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)**:

Address: 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811

Phone: (866) 275-3772

Email:

- Form700@fppc.ca.gov
- advice@fppc.ca.gov

Website: fppc.ca.gov

Write-In Candidacy Information

Filing Period

You can file as a Write-In candidate between September 7, 2026, and October 20, 2026. During this time, the **Statement of Write-In Candidacy** form and **Nomination Papers** will be available from the **Voter Registration and Elections Office**.

No Write-In Candidates for Voter Nominated Offices

Write-In candidates are **not allowed** in the **general election** for **voter-nominated offices**.

Elections Code § 8606

How to Qualify as a Write-In Candidate

To have your write-in votes counted, you must file a **Statement of Write-In Candidacy** that includes:

- Your **full name**.
- Your **residence address**.
- A **declaration** that you are a write-in candidate.
- The **office title** you are running for.
- The **political party** you're seeking nomination from (if running in a partisan primary).
- The **date of the election**.
- A certification of the candidate's **complete voter registration and party affiliation/preference history for the preceding 10 years**, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to vote in the state if less than 10 years, if running for a voter-nominated office.
- For any of the offices described in *Section 13.5*, a **statement that the candidate meets the statutory and constitutional requirements for that office** as described in that section.
- The **required number of signatures** on the nomination papers. *Elections Code § 8600*

Nomination Signatures

- You **may need** to collect signatures, depending on the office.
- All signers must be **registered voters** in the district or area of the election.
- Each signer must complete the petition **in their own handwriting**.
- Check the **Summary of Qualifications** for your specific office to determine how many nomination signatures are required.

Filing Fees

- **No filing fee** is required for Write-In candidates.

Candidate Statement

- Write-In candidates **cannot submit** a candidate statement.

Ballot Designation

- Write-In candidates **cannot submit** a Ballot Designation Worksheet because their name **will not appear on ballot**.

Counting Write-In Votes

Write-in votes are counted according to the *California Administrative Code, Title 2, Division 7, Article 7, §§ 20100 to 20105*.

Campaign Report Requirements

Who Must File

Under California's Political Reform Act, the following individuals and groups must file campaign finance reports:

- All candidates for state and local office.
- All current elected officials.
- Committees supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures.
- Proponents of state ballot measures.

These reports must disclose contributions received and expenditures made.

The law is found in *Government Code § 81000 et seq.* Questions? Contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

Candidate & Committee Responsibilities

- All candidates (except those running for federal office) must file Campaign Reports.
- Federal candidates must follow federal rules and file with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).
- It is the candidate's and committee's responsibility to know the rules and file accurately and on time.

Where to File

The place to file depends on:

- The **office you're running for**.
- The **jurisdiction** where your committee is active.

When to File

Refer to the FPPC Filing Schedule for the November 3, 2026 election [Download the schedule \(PDF\)](#)

Electronic Filing in Sacramento County

If you are a local candidate or committee in Sacramento County and you receive or spend more than \$1,000 in a calendar year, you must file electronically.

- Sacramento County uses NetFile, a free, web-based system.
- You can create and submit your campaign reports online.
- Visit: elections.saccounty.gov → [Candidate and Campaigns](#) → [Campaign Finance Information](#)

For technical questions, State and Local candidates should contact FPPC and Federal candidates should contact the FEC.

Need help setting up your NetFile account? Contact the County of Sacramento Elections Office.

Campaign Finance Forms

Form 410 – Statement of Organization

This form is used to register a campaign committee when you raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. This applies to:

- Candidates.
- Officeholders.
- Groups or organizations.
- Multipurpose organizations (like nonprofits or PACs).

When to File

- Initial Filing: Within 10 days of receiving or spending \$2,000.
- You may file early by checking the “Not Yet Qualified” box.
- Amendments: File within 10 days of any changes (e.g., treasurer, address, committee name).
- 24-Hour Rule: If you qualify within 16 days of an election, you must file within 24 hours.

Where to File

- State Committees: File with the Secretary of State.
- Local Committees: File with the Secretary of State and file a copy with your County Elections Office.

Committee Name Requirements

Your committee name must include:

- Candidate’s name.
- The office sought.
- The election year.

Example: *Smith for Truckee School District 2026*

Committee ID Number

Once filed, the Secretary of State will assign your committee an ID number, which will be posted at cal-access.sos.ca.gov.

Form 460 – Campaign Finance Report for Recipient Committee

Form 460 is used to report all contributions received and expenses made by a campaign committee once it has raised or spent \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

This form provides transparency by:

- Listing the committee’s name and purpose.
- Disclosing who gave money to the campaign.
- Showing how the money was spent.

When to File

Form 460 must be filed according to the **FPPC filing schedule**, which includes:

- Pre-election reports.
- Semi-annual reports.
- Quarterly reports.
- Termination reports (when closing a committee).
- Amendments (if you need to correct a previous filing).

Where to File

- Local candidates: File only with the County Elections Office.
- Do not file Form 460 with the Secretary of State unless you're a state-level candidate.

Campaign Finance Forms

Form 470 – Candidate Campaign Report (Short Form)

Form 470 is a simple campaign finance form for candidates who:

- Do not have a campaign committee.
- Do not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year.

This form lets voters know that your campaign activity is minimal and that you're not actively fundraising or spending.

Who Should File

You should file Form 470 if:

- You are a candidate or officeholder.
- You do not have a controlled committee.
- You do not expect to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

When to File

- File no later than the deadline for the first required campaign disclosure report (usually when you file your Declaration of Candidacy).
- If you later raise or spend \$2,000 or more, you must:
 - File a Form 470 Supplement within 48 hours
 - Then file Form 410 and Form 460 going forward

Where to File

- File the original Form 470 with your County Elections Office.
- Do not file with the Secretary of State unless you're running for a state-level office.

Form 496 – 24-hour Independent Expenditure Report

Form 496 is used to report independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure during the final 90 days before an election.

An independent expenditure is a payment for a communication (like a mailer, ad, or billboard) that:

- Clearly supports or opposes a candidate or measure.
- Is not coordinated with the candidate or campaign.

Who Must File

You must file Form 496 if:

- You are a committee or individual making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more.
- The spending occurs within 90 days of an election or on Election Day.

When to File

- File within 24 hours of making the expenditure(s).

Where to File

- **Local elections:** File with the County Elections Office
- You May file by:
 - Fax
 - Guaranteed overnight delivery
 - Personal delivery
 - Email or electronic submission (if allowed by local rules)
- State elections: File electronically with the Secretary of State.

Campaign Finance Forms

Form 497 – 24-Hour Contribution Report

Form 497 is used to report contributions of \$1,000 or more that are made or received during the 90 days before an election or on Election Day. The goal is to give voters real-time transparency about large campaign contributions.

When to File

- Monetary contributions: File within 24 hours of receiving or making the contribution.
- Non-monetary contributions: File within 48 hours.
- If you receive multiple smaller contributions from the same source that **add up to \$1,000**, you must file once the total hits that threshold.

Where to File

- Local candidates and committees: File with your County Elections Office
- You may file by:
 - Fax
 - Guaranteed overnight delivery
 - Personal delivery
 - Email or electronic submission (if allowed by your local office)
- State candidates and committees: File electronically with the Secretary of State.

Additional Notes

- If you amend a report, include the original report number and explain the reason for the change.

Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement

Form 501 is the first step in starting a campaign. It officially declares your intention to run for office and allows you to begin raising or spending money.

You must file this form:

- Before you raise or spend any money.
- A new Form 501 must be filed for each election, even if you're running for re-election.
- A new Form 501 is not required for the general election or special general election if the candidate filed a Form 501 for the connected primary or special primary election for the same office sought.

Who Must File

You must file Form 501 if:

- You are running for state or local office.
- You plan to raise or spend money on your campaign.

Exception:

- Candidates for county central committee that do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year are not required to file Form 501.

Where to File

- Local candidates: File with your County Elections Office.
- State candidates (including judges): File with the Secretary of State – Political Reform Division.

Ballot Order and Candidate Name Rotation

Randomized Alphabet Drawing

Before each election, the California Secretary of State and County Elections Offices conduct a Randomized Alphabet Drawing. This drawing determines the order in which candidate names appear on the ballot.

- Each letter of the alphabet is randomly drawn to create a new alphabetical order.
- This order is used to arrange candidate names by last name, followed by first and middle names if needed.
- The drawing takes place at 11:00AM, 82 days before the election.

How Rotation Works

Candidate name rotation ensures fairness by giving each candidate a chance to appear at the top of the ballot in different areas. The rules vary depending on the office:

Sacramento County Rotation Rules

Statewide Offices

- Names rotate by Assembly District.
- The rotation number matches the Assembly District number.
- The State Random Alphabet is used.

Congressional Offices

- Names rotate by the Assembly Districts within the Congressional District.
- The number of Assembly Districts determines the rotation pattern.
- The State Random Alphabet is applied.

Board of Equalization

- Rotation is based on the Assembly Districts within the Board of Equalization district.
- Rotation Number is determined by the Assembly Districts.
- The State Random Alphabet is used.

State Senate & Assembly

- No rotation of names.
- If the district includes more than one county, the County Random Alphabet is used.
- If the district is entirely within Sacramento County, the State Random Alphabet is used.

Countywide Offices

- Sacramento County has five Assembly Districts.
- Candidate names rotate by Assembly District.
- Rotation starts at District 1 and continues in numerical order.
- The State Random Alphabet is used.

Local (Non-Countywide) Offices

- No rotation of candidate names.
- The State Random Alphabet is applied.

Election Activities Overview

Ballot Return

After polls close on Election Night, Vote Center staff complete required forms and procedures. They then deliver voted ballots and election supplies to the Ballot Receiving Centers.

Election Results

Unofficial election results for Sacramento County will be posted on our website after polls close on Election Day. Visit our website at: elections.saccounty.gov

In rare cases, the government may extend voting past 8:00PM, which could delay the release of results. If this happens, we will post a notice on our website with more information.

Vote Counting (Tallying)

All ballots are counted at a central location:

Registrar of Voters' Office

7000 65th Street, Suite A

Sacramento, CA 95823

The vote counting process is open to the public.

Election Observers

All election processes are open to public observation.

To schedule a tour or learn more, visit: elections.saccounty.gov

Updated Results (Semiofficial)

After Election Night, updated results will be posted regularly on our website and at the elections office.

To find the update schedule visit our [Elections Results Schedule](#)

Official Results

The final certified statement of election must be completed within 30 days after the election.

Recounts and Challenges

After the official canvass, any voter may request a recount.

How to Request a Recount

File with the Voter Registration and Elections office a written request for a recount of the votes cast.

The request shall specify on behalf of which candidate or position on a measure it is filed.

If the particular election is conducted in more than one county, the request for the recount may be filed with the elections official of, and the recount may be conducted within, any or all of the affected counties. *Elections Code § 15620*

Requests for recounts for statewide offices and propositions are filed with Secretary of State.

Elections Code § 15621

Any voter or campaign committee requesting a recount is required to deposit the costs for recount each day before the counting board commences recount activity. The request may specify the order in which the precincts shall be recounted, and the method of recount. All recount activity shall be conducted publicly.

If the recount reverses the results of the official canvass, all deposits shall be returned. If the results are not reversed, the requester shall be entitled to a return of funds in excess of the actual costs of conducting the recount. The requester may terminate the recount at any time.

Elections Code §§ 15620, 15621, 15624, 15627

Questions? Email: voterinfo@saccounty.gov

Political Sign Guidelines & Election Services

Posting Political Signs

Temporary Political Signs are allowed under California's Outdoor Advertising Act § 5405.3, but they must follow specific rules:

- Purpose: Must support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure in a scheduled election.
- Timing: Can be posted no earlier than 90 days before the election and must be removed within 10 days after the election.
- Size: Cannot exceed 32 square feet.
- Location: Signs cannot be placed:
 - Within the right-of-way of any highway
 - Within 660 feet of a landscaped freeway and visible from it

Before posting signs, a Statement of Responsibility must be filed with Caltrans. This form identifies who is responsible for removing the signs.

[Download the Statement of Responsibility \(PDF\)](#)

Unauthorized signs may be removed by the Department of Transportation, and the party responsible will be billed for removal costs.

Questions? Call (916) 654-6473.

Sacramento County Sign Regulations

According to Sacramento County Zoning Code Section 335-03, political signs must also comply with local rules:

- Prohibited signs include:
 - Portable signs (like A-frames)
 - Banners, pennant flags, and inflatable devices
 - Flashing or rotating signs
 - Any sign that could confuse or distract drivers

For more details, visit the [Sacramento County Sign Regulations page](#) or email the Planning Division at sacplan@saccounty.net.

To report a sign violation, call 311 or (916) 875-4311, or file a report online at 311.saccounty.gov.

Election Services Available for Purchase

The following items are available from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office:

- Voter Files.
- Walking Lists.
- Voting Activity Status Reports.
- Precinct Lists.
- Maps.

Printed Street Indexes are no longer available at Vote Centers. However, you can request Election Day-only Voting Activity Reports electronically at no cost.

How to Request These Services

Voter Data & Lists

To request voter files, walking lists, or activity reports, complete the

[Application to Access Voter Registration Information \(DOCX\)](#)

- Applications must be hand-delivered or mailed.
- Faxed or emailed applications are not accepted.

Maps

To request maps, complete the

 [Map Request Form \(DOCX\)](#)

- Map requests can be submitted by email to: voters-campaignservices@saccounty.gov

Electioneering Rules

Electioneering means trying to influence voters by promoting or opposing a candidate or measure on the ballot. This is not allowed within 100 feet of:

- A Vote Center.
- An Official Ballot Drop Box.
- The Elections Office.

What Counts as Electioneering?

The following are not allowed within the 100-foot zone:

- Asking a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- Signs, posters, or banners showing a candidate's name, image, or campaign logo.
- Materials showing a ballot measure's number, title, or subject.
- Clothing or accessories (like buttons, hats, pens, or shirts) with campaign messages.
- Playing or broadcasting campaign messages out loud.
- Circulating any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall or candidate nominations.
- Blocking access to or lingering near drop boxes while displaying campaign materials.

Reporting a Violation

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 18370 is guilty of a misdemeanor. If you see electioneering happening within the restricted area, report it to:

Sacramento County Elections Office:

Phone: (916) 875-6451, or

Email: voterinfo@saccounty.gov.