
CANDIDATE HANDBOOK



General Election
November 3, 2026



CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE November 3, 2026

TABLE OF CONTENTS

NOTE TO CANDIDATES.....	1	CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE.....	39
DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES.....	2-4	Candidate Intention Statement.....	39
OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION	5-12	Statement of Organization.....	39
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.....	13-14	Campaign Disclosure Statements	39
INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES	15	Terminating a Committee	40
NOMINATION PROCEDURE	16	Filing Responsibility	41
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY.....	17	Important Points for Candidates to Note	41
Name on Ballot.....	17	Filing Schedule	42-43
Ballot Designation	17	COUNTY ORDINANCE 913.3.....	44-49
Ballot Designation Restrictions	18	STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.....	50
Oath or Affirmation of Candidate	18	CAMPAIGN PRACTICES	51
Sample of Declaration of Candidacy Form	19-20	Mass Mailing.....	51
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET	21	Slate Mailer Organizations	52
Sample of Ballot Designation Worksheet Form	22-24	Nominations.....	53
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT.....	25	False or Misleading Information to Voters.....	53
Time period for filing.....	25	Simulated Ballots.....	53
Where.....	25	Vote Center Information	53
Contents.....	25	Political Advertising	54
Restrictions	25	Political Signs	54-58
Withdrawal	25	Electioneering on Election Day.....	58
Confidentiality of Statements	25	Electioneering During Vote-by-Mail Voting.....	58
Payment of Candidate's Statement	26	CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION	59
Points to Note When Preparing Your - Statement	26	VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION.....	60
Candidate Statement Style Guidelines	27	CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION	61
Word Count Standards.....	27	VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING	61
Important Note	28	RECORDS ACCESS.....	62
Sample of Candidate Statement Form.....	29-30	Important Notice	62
TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF		Permitted Uses	62
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS	31	Prohibited Uses	63
College Districts	31	VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
School Districts	31-33	(VAAC)	64
Community Services Districts	34	SERVICES TO CANDIDATES	65
Fire Protection District.....	34	Voter Indexes.....	65
Healthcare Districts	34	Mailing Labels.....	65
Irrigation Districts	34	Fee Schedule.....	66
Library Districts	34	Precinct Maps	67
Recreation & Park Districts	34	Vote-by-mail Voter Lists	67
Sanitary District.....	35	VOTE CENTERS.....	68-70
Water Agencies.....	35	CANVASS	71
California Water District	35	FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....	72-73
County Water Districts	35	2026 CALENDAR.....	75
Municipal Water Districts.....	35		
Special Districts Elections Conducted by San Bernardino			
County	36		
CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES	37		
Sample of Code of Fair Campaign Practices Form	38		

NOTE TO CANDIDATES

This Candidate Handbook is intended to provide current and accurate information about the subject matter covered. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters does not render any legal advice and that this handbook is, therefore, not a substitute for legal counsel.

Unless otherwise indicated, the material in this handbook is a summary rather than a verbatim text of the code sections cited.



To Contact the Registrar of Voters

The Registrar of Voters office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. For information or detailed explanations, please call the appropriate number listed below:

General Information	(951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE
Fax	(951) 486-7335
Internet Website	www.voteinfo.net

Questions Regarding:

Vote-by-Mail Voting	(951) 486-7200
Campaign Disclosure	(951) 486-7224
Candidate Filing	(951) 486-7224, (951) 486-7205
Voter Data	(951) 486-7201, (951) 486-7352
Precincts / Maps	(951) 486-7342, (951) 486-7324
Voter Registration	(951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE (8683)
Vote Centers / Election Officers	(951) 486-7341 or 1-877-663-9906 Toll Free
California Relay Service	(Dial 711)

DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES

DATE	DESCRIPTION
July 13 – August 7	Nomination Period (E.C. §§ 10510 et seq., 10603) Between these dates candidates may obtain nomination material and file completed nomination documents with the Registrar of Voters.
August 7	Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy (E.C. §§ 10510, 10603) Unless there is an extension of the nomination period.
August 8 – August 17	Election Material Available (Public Exam Period) (E.C. § 13313) During this period Candidate Statements are available for public inspection. <u>Exception:</u> If there is an extension of the nomination period, the exam period will be from August 13 thru August 22.
August 10	Last Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement (E.C. §§ 13307, 13311) The last day to withdraw the candidate statement unless there is an extension of the nomination period. Request to withdraw candidate statement must be made in writing and submitted by 5:00 p.m. Candidate statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.
August 12	Last Day of Extended Nomination Period (E.C. §§ 10516, 10604) If an incumbent fails to file nomination documents by August 7, 2026, the nomination period will be extended for persons other than the incumbent. This will also extend the period for withdrawing candidacy. Not applicable if the office has no incumbent.
August 12	Last Day to File Petition Requesting the Election be Held in Event of Insufficient Nominees in Schools and Special Districts (E.C. § 10515; Ed.C. § 5326)
August 13	Last Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement in Event of Extension (E.C. §§ 10516, 10604, 13307)
August 13	Drawing of Randomized Alphabet (E.C. § 13112) The Secretary of State will conduct a drawing of the alphabet for determining the order of candidates' names on the ballot.
September 7	First Day Forms will be Available for Write-In Candidacy (E.C. § 8600 et seq.) Any qualified person wishing to file as a write-in candidate may pick up papers beginning this date. Forms are only available at the Registrar of Voters office.
September 7	Labor Day (CO.ORD. 358.8) The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.

DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES (Continued)

DATE	DESCRIPTION
September 20 – September 24	Filing Period for First Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.8) Covers the period ending September 24. Statements must be sent by first-class mail or hand-delivered.
September 24 – October 24	Period for Registrar of Voters to Mail County Voter Information Guides to Voters (E.C. §§ 13303, 13307)
October 2	Period for Registrar of Voters to Mail Official Ballots to Voters (E.C. § 4000 et seq.) The Registrar of Voters shall mail official ballots to all qualified voters.
October 18 – October 22	Filing Period for Second Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.8) Covers the period ending October 17. The statement must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery or hand-delivered.
October 19	Last Day to Register to Vote or Change Address for this Election (E.C. §§ 2101, 2106)
October 20	Last day to File Statement of Write-In Candidacy (E.C. § 8600 et seq.)
November 3 	ELECTION DAY (E.C. § 3020, 4103) Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. Voted ballots must be received by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than seven days after election day to be counted.
November 11	<i>Veteran's Day</i> (CO. ORD. 358.8) The Registrar of Voters office will be closed.
November 26 – November 27	<i>Thanksgiving Day / Day After Thanksgiving</i> (CO. ORD. 358.8) The Registrar of Voters Office will be closed.
Before November 30	Appointment in Lieu of Election in Special Districts (E.C. § 10515) The Board of Supervisors will appoint a qualified person to each office, in the event the scheduled election is not held due to insufficient nominees.
December 3	Canvass of Election / Certificate of Election (E.C. § 15372) Registrar of Voters shall complete canvass no later than this day. The Registrar of Voters will issue a certificate of election to the elected officers after the results are certified.

DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES (Continued)

DATE	DESCRIPTION
December 4 December 11	TERMS BEGINS (E.C. §§ 10505, 10554; Ed.C. § 5017; G.C. § 61042; P.U.C. § 11863) • Special District, Directors • School District, Governing Board Members
January 1 thru January 31	Filing Period for Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement (G.C. § 84200) Statements cover the period ending December 31. The statement must be sent by personal delivery or first-class mail.

Note: Whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day. (E.C. § 15; G.C. § 6701)

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

(Nonpartisan)

COLLEGE DISTRICTS (Governing Board Members)		INCUMBENT
Desert Community College District		
Trustee Area 1 (Portion Imperial)		Ruben Perez
Trustee Area 4		Joel Kinnamon
Mt. San Jacinto Community College District		
Trustee Area 3		Vicki Carpenter
Trustee Area 4		Jhalister Corona
Palo Verde Community College District		
Trustee Area 1		Scott Dean
		Angel Ramirez
		Bradley E. Arneson
Riverside Community College District		
Trustee Area 2		Virginia M. Blumenthal
Trustee Area 4		Jose Juan Alcala
Trustee Area 5		Keri A. Then
SCHOOLS (Governing Board Members)		INCUMBENT
Alvord Unified School District		
Trustee Area 1		Georgina Ramirez
Trustee Area 3		Julie Moreno
Trustee Area 4		Norma Berrellez
Banning Unified School District		
Trustee Area 1 – Full Term		Leslie Novalis
Trustee Area 2 – Short Term		Sharon Elisabeth Huerta-Brewster – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 5 – Full Term		Shelly Ruiz
Beaumont Unified School District		
Trustee Area 2		Jeff Brown
Trustee Area 3		Susie M. Lara
Trustee Area 4		Melissa Williamson
Coachella Valley Unified School District (Votes at Large		(Portion Imperial County)
Trustee Area 1		Valeria Garcia
		Jose “Joey” Acuña, Jr.
Trustee Area 2		Alena Callimanis – Appointed Incumbent
Corona-Norco Unified School District		
Trustee Area 2		Chris Raahauge
Trustee Area 4		Stacy Azevedo Nicola

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SCHOOLS (Governing Board Members)	INCUMBENT
Desert Center Unified School District	
	Victor M. Ramos
	James Brunton
Desert Sands Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	Humberto "Beto" Alvarez
Trustee Area 5	Michael "Coach" Duran
Hemet Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	Horacio "Ross" Valenzuela
Trustee Area 3	Al Cordova
Trustee Area 5	Kenneth W. Prado
Trustee Area 7	Jeremy Parsons
Jurupa Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	Pamela Blynn – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 3	Francisco Cueto – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 5	Melissa Garcia-Ragole
Lake Elsinore Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	April Purkiss
Trustee Area 3	Heidi Matthies Dodd
Trustee Area 5	Jill Juanita Leonard
Menifee Union School District	
Trustee Area 3	J. Kyle Root
Trustee Area 4	Jackie Johansen
Trustee Area 5	Morgan Singleton II
Moreno Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	Sammie Luna – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 3	Justin Jackson – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 4	Brandy Clark
Murrieta Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	Nicolas Pardue
Trustee Area 2	Nancy Young
Nuview Union School District	
Trustee Area 1	*
Trustee Area 3	*
Trustee Area 4	*

*Due to an organizational change from Voting at Large to Voting by District.

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SCHOOLS (Governing Board Members)	INCUMBENT
Palm Springs Unified School District	
Trustee Area 3	Karen Cornett
Trustee Area 4	Charles Ervin Jr
Trustee Area 5	John A. Gerardi
Palo Verde Unified School District	
	Martha E. Gutierrez
	Diane Lee Vibanco
Perris Elementary School District	
Trustee Area 1 – Full Term	Katie Marie McClendon
Trustee Area 2 – Short Term	Erika Guzman Medina – Appointed Incumbent
Trustee Area 3 – Full Term	Lydia A. Mora
Trustee Area 5 – Full Term	Carol Jiménez
Perris Union High School District	
Trustee Area 1	Steve Campos
Trustee Area 5	Edward Garcia Jr.
Riverside Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	Noemi Hernandez Alexander
Trustee Area 5	Brent Lee
Romoland School District	
Trustee Area 1	Cynthia Navarro
Trustee Area 3	O'rell Trevon Colbert
Trustee Area 5	Christopher Clark
San Jacinto Unified School District	
Trustee Area 4	Jasmin Rubio
Trustee Area 5	Nalaisha Burnett
Temecula Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	Emil Roger Barham
Trustee Area 3	Jennifer “Jen” Wiersma
Trustee Area 4	Joseph Wayne Komrosky
Val Verde Unified School District	
Trustee Area 3	Melinda Young
Trustee Area 4	Daniel Aquino
Trustee Area 5	Erika L Zamora

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SCHOOL & COLLEGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	
COLLEGE DISTRICTS (Governing Board Members)	INCUMBENT
San Bernardino Community College District	
Trustee Area 4	Nathan D. Gonzales
Trustee Area 6	Stephanie Houston
Colton Joint Unified School District (Votes at Large)	
Trustee Area 1	Israel Fuentes, Jr.
Trustee Area 2	Berenice Santiago
	Dan Flores
Trustee Area 3	Joanne Elisabeth Thoring-Ojeda

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Directors)		INCUMBENT
Edgemont Community Services District		
		Michael Addie
		Brenda Addie
		Moses Taylor, Jr.
Jurupa Community Services District (Votes at Large)		
Division 1		Kenneth McLaughlin
Division 3		Betty A. Folsom
Division 5		Anthony Herda
Rubidoux Community Services District (Portion San Bernardino County)		
		Hank Trueba, Jr
		Leslie Altamirano
So. Coachella Valley Community Services District		
		Vacant
		Ann Wells
		Vacant
Tenaja Community Services District		
		Ronald Baca – Appointed Incumbent
		Adolph Novello
Idyllwild Fire Protection District		
		Stephanie Yost
		Daniel Messina
		Rhonda L. Andrewson
Desert Healthcare District		
Zone 1 – Short Term		Vacant
Zone 2 – Full Term		Carole Stewart Rogers
Zone 4 – Full Term		Evett PerezGil
Zone 5 – Short Term		Anyse Smith
Zone 6 – Full Term		Kimberly Barraza – Appointed
Palo Verde Healthcare District		
		Vacant
		Carmela F. Garncia
	Jaclyn Randall-Crowe – Appointed Incumbent	
San Gorgonio Memorial Healthcare District		
		Ronald Radar
		Lanny Swerdlow
		Shannon McDougall

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Directors)	INCUMBENT
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Votes at Large)	
Division 3	Daniel Slawson
Division 4	John L. Covington
Division 5 (Portion San Bernardino)	David S. Hoffman
Banning Library District	
	Chantal Cedillo
	Amanda Morgan
	Kathy L. Little
Beaumont Library District	
Full Term	Margaret Coleman
Full Term	Michelle Lillard-Geiser
Full Term	Cynthia Carr
Short Term	Shawn Mitchell – Appointed Incumbent
Palo Verde Valley Library District	
Full Term	Joyce Anderson
Full Term	Joe M. Caldera
Short Term	Adelene R. Iwai – Appointed Incumbent
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District	
*Division 1 – Short Term	*
*Division 3 – Full Term	*
*Division 4 – Full Term	*
Desert Recreation District	
Division 1	Natalia Gonzalez
Division 4	Rudy P. Acosta
Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District	
Division 4	Edgar Castelan
Division 5	Ross Alan Leja
Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District	
Division 1	John I. Norman – Appointed Incumbent
Division 3	Jan Bissell
Home Gardens Sanitary District	
	Miguel Serrato
	Karen Samson Runion
	Grady W. Garrison

*Due to an organizational change from Voting at Large to Voting by District.

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Directors)	INCUMBENT
Valley Sanitary District	
Division A	Edgar Santana
Division C	Ruben Michael Vasquez – Appointed Incumbent
Desert Water Agency	
Division 1	Steve A. Grasha
Division 2	Gerald McKenna
Division 3	Jeff Bowman
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	
At Large #2	Robert Grant Ybarra
Division 3	James Tickemyer – Appointed Incumbent
Division 4 (Portion San Bernardino)	Blair Ball
Rancho California Water District	
	J.D. Harkey
	William Everett Plummer
	John V. Rossi
	Carol Lee Brady
Coachella Valley Water District	
Division 1 – Full Term	John Aguilar
Division 3 – Full Term	John Powell, Jr.
Division 4 – Short Term	Alejandro (Alex) Sanchez – Appointed Incumbent
Division 5 – Full Term (Portion Imperial & San Diego)	Cástulo R. Estrada-Real
Home Gardens County Water District	
	Rocio Ortiz
	Jacqueline Aguilar
	Sylvia E. Estrella
Idyllwild Water District	
Full Term	R Mitch Davis – Appointed Incumbent
Full Term	Steve J. Olson
Short Term	Wendy Harsha – Appointed Incumbent
Mission Springs Water District	
Division 1	Amber Duff
Division 5	Ted Mayrhofen
Pine Cove Water District	
	Rose M Venard
	Louis C Padula
	Robert D. Hewitt

*Due to an organizational change from Voting at Large to Voting by District.

OFFICES SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Directors)	INCUMBENT
Eastern Municipal Water District	
Division 1	Phil Paule
Division 2	Stephen J. Corona
Division 5	David J. Slawson
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	
Division 1	Darcy Marie Burke
Division 3 (Portion Orange)	Chance Edmondson
Division 5	Andy Morris
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	
Division 1	Frank D. Marshall, III
Division 3	Todd A. Foutz
Division 4	Michael W. Romeril – Appointed Incumbent
Western Municipal Water District	
Division 1	Mike Gardner
Division 2	Gracie Torres
Division 3 (Portion Orange)	Brenda Dennstedt
SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	
SPECIAL DISTRICTS (Directors)	INCUMBENT
Yucaipa Valley Water District	
Division 5 (Portion San Bernardino)	Joyce McIntire
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	
Division 4	T. Milford Harrison

*Due to an organizational change from Voting at Large to Voting by District.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DISTRICTS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- A. Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a school district without further qualifications. (Ed.C. § 35107)
- B. An employee of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. (Ed.C. § 35107)

COLLEGE DISTRICTS

- A. Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the community college district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a community college district without further qualifications. (Ed.C. § 72103)
- B. An employee of a community college district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that community college district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. (Ed.C. § 72103)

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DISTRICTS

A candidate must be a registered voter in the district (and trustee area, if any) at the time that the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. A person may not file for more than one school or college district office at the same election. (E.C. § 10603)

Note: You cannot run for elected office if you have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

At the time nomination papers are issued, a candidate must be a registered voter of the district (and division, if any). (E.C. § 201; G.C. § 61040)

An employee of a local agency may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. (G.C. § 53227)

A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (E.C. § 10510)

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

At the time nomination documents are issued, a candidate must be a registered voter residing within the district (and division, if any). (PRC § 5784)

WATER AGENCIES

Directors must be a registered voter of the agency. (E.C. § 201)

COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS

Directors must be registered voters and residents of the division from which the voters of the entire district elect them. (W.C. §§ 30500, 30730, 30734, 30735)

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICTS

At the time nomination documents are issued, a candidate must be a registered voter residing within the division. (W.C. § 71501)

Note: You cannot run for elected office if you have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

NOTE TO CANDIDATES REGARDING INCOMPATIBLE 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.

There is no single statute that defines “incompatibility of offices.” The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously **if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties**.

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

The State of California Attorney General’s Office has issued many opinions on particular compatibility questions. Here are six examples of incompatible offices:

1. The offices of City Councilperson and School District Board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire Chief of a county fire protection district and Member of the Board of Supervisors of the same county;
3. High School District Trustee and trustee of an elementary school district that is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. Water District Director and a City Councilmember;
5. Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General’s office at (916) 445-9555 or visit their website, www.oag.ca.gov. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact, the Fair Political Practices Commission’s website at www.fppc.ca.gov, or phone toll-free 1-866-275-3772.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

(Elections Code §§ 10510 et seq., 10603 et seq.)

YOUR NOMINATION DOCUMENTS INCLUDE:	PURPOSE:
1. Candidate Handbook	Explain rules / requirements, etc.
2. Declaration of Candidacy (includes ballot designation and oath of allegiance)	The form that qualifies an individual to be placed on the official ballot. It must be completed and filed by the filing deadline.
3. Ballot Designation Worksheet	Each candidate who submits a ballot designation shall file a Ballot Designation Worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate. It must be filed at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed.
4. Candidate's Statement Form	This form is used to state the education and qualifications of the candidate. It must be filed at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. Filing a statement is optional.
5. Code of Fair Campaign Practices	These are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play, which every candidate for public office has a moral obligation to uphold. This is a voluntary form and can be filed anytime before the election.
6. Campaign Disclosure Filing Forms & Instructions	These forms are used to disclose campaign receipts and expenditures. Appropriate forms and instructions will be given to comply with FPPC rules on establishing accounts, reporting contributions and expenditures, etc.
7. Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)	The Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) must be filed by the close of the nomination period.

No filing fee is required to run for any school or special district Office.

The filing deadline is Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

File with the Registrar of Voters at:
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Filing on time is the candidate's responsibility. Whether you file in person or by certified mail, your Declaration of Candidacy form and any other documents you are filing with it must be **received by the Registrar of Voters** no later than the filing deadline.

If you choose to withdraw as a candidate after you've filed your nomination documents, you may do so up to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period, August 7, 2026. Official withdrawal is not permitted after the deadline.

EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD

If an incumbent does not file by the deadline, the nomination period will be extended by five calendar days for non-incumbent candidates only. See the entry under **Dates of Interest to Candidates** in this Handbook.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

(Elections Code §§ 10511, 10602)

When completing your Declaration of Candidacy be sure to read it carefully and print or type the information required. Note that it will be signed under penalty of perjury. These are official filing forms. **DO NOT SUBMIT COPIES.** Each candidate must obtain his/her original documents. Refer to Sample Declaration of Candidacy for School/College Districts pages.

IMPORTANT: You must file for the office for which you were issued documents. If you change your mind and decide to run for a different office, you must request a set of documents for that office.

EXAMPLE:

- The candidate originally chose to run for a full-term seat and was issued documents for that office.
- The candidate changes his/her mind and decides to run for the short-term seat instead.
- The candidate must obtain new documents for the short-term office.

Note: Full-term and short-term are two separate offices.

NAME ON BALLOT:

There is a place on the Declaration of Candidacy for you to write how you would like your name to appear on the ballot. Your name must be recognizable as the name under which you are registered to vote, though the two need not be identical. You may include a nickname in addition to your name. The law prohibits the use of a TITLE or DEGREE on the same line of the ballot as the candidate's name. (E.C. § 13106)

Example:

A candidate registered to vote as James William Smith may use variations such as:

James W. Smith, Jim Smith, or William "Bud" Smith

BALLOT DESIGNATION (E.C. § 13107):

You may use no more than three words designating your current principal profession, vocation, or occupation **OR** the principal profession, vocation, or occupation you had during the 12 months immediately preceding the filing of your nomination documents. (e.g. Retired Businessman/Author) **OR:**

The title of the office to which you were elected. (e.g. Sunnyvale Valley Water District Director) (**Note:** you are not limited to three words here) **OR:**

The word "Incumbent" if elected to the same office you seek or "Appointed Incumbent" if appointed to a vacancy in the same office. (**Note:** You cannot use the term "Incumbent" or "Appointed Incumbent" with any other designation.)

Example: Incumbent / Businessman (**not acceptable**)

A ballot designation is not required. If you choose, you may leave this line blank. If you leave it blank, you may not add a designation after the filing deadline.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Continued)

BALLOT DESIGNATION RESTRICTIONS (E.C. § 13107):

The election official shall not accept a designation that:

1. Would mislead the voter. You may be required to provide evidence or documentation to support the requested designation.
2. Would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.

Examples of ballot designations usually considered to suggest an evaluation are “Best,” “Exalted,” “Prominent,” “Activist,” “Reformer,” “Pro-” and “Anti-” or anything conveying a philosophy or words connoting a status.

Refers to a status rather than a profession, vocation, or occupation.

Unacceptable status claims would include “Taxpayer,” “Citizen,” “Patriot,” “Renter,” or “Presidential Appointee.” “Housewife” and “Househusband” are also unacceptable designations.

3. Abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.

Examples of **Impermissible** designations are “Ret. Teacher” or “Teacher Retired.”

4. 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.”

Example of an **acceptable** designation – “Retired Businessman”

Because the Elections Code specifically forbids the use of a prior profession, vocation or occupation, unless the candidate is retired therefrom, candidates may be required to provide substantiating evidence or documentation in support of the requested designation.

5. Uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
6. Uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
7. Refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

All candidates submitting a ballot designation must file the Ballot Designation Worksheet with their Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet no designation shall appear under the candidate’s name on the ballot.

If you have any questions regarding your designation, call Leticia Flores at (951) 486-7212 or Angela Roots at (951) 486-7205.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATE (E.C. §§ 200, 10538):

The District Secretary may administer the oath portion of the Declaration of Candidacy (or someone authorized by the district may administer the oath). The oath may also be signed in front of a notary public or a deputy in the Registrar of Voters’ Office.



Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections

November 3, 2026, General Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8020.5, 8040, 8121, 13105)

**For Elections
Officials USE
ONLY**

Official Filing Form

Elections Official
By: Angela Roots
Date Issued: July 13, 2026

Filed in: _____

Elections Official
By: _____
Date Received: _____

Elections Official

**Candidate Name
and Office**

1

I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of Riverdale Unified School District, Trustee Area 2
to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held on **November 3, 2026**, and declare the following to be true:

My name is Jane Marie Smith
First Middle/Initial (optional) Last

**Ballot
Information
Name and ballot
designation to
appear on the
ballot**

2

IMPORTANT NOTE: A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Jane Smith

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot

Businesswoman

Print Ballot Designation Requested



**Candidate
initials box if
NO ballot
designation
is preferred.**

____ [If applicable in your City/County] I have a character-based name I would like to use instead of a phonetic transliteration. (You must complete Character-Based Name Form.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Registrar of Voters will publish your name and proposed ballot designation. You may also have a mailing address, residential address, email and/or phone number published on the election official's website.

ONLY CHECK ONE BOX. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for publishing purposes.

**Addresses,
Telephone,
Internet
Website and
Email**

3

Publish ☒ → Mailing Address: P.O. Box 333 Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: Riverdale, CA 93333

Publish ☐ → Residence Address (Required): 555 Hope Ave Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: Riverdale, CA 93333

Publish ☐ → Business Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish ☐ → Telephone (Business): 951-444-4444

Publish ☐ → Telephone (Evening): 951-888-8888

Publish ☐ → Internet Website: _____

Publish ☐ → Email: Businessgeni@aol.com

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed

Qualifications

4

I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): **Board of Directors, Western Water District**

I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

If nominated/elected, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw, except as permitted by state law.

X

Jane Smith

Signature of Candidate

Oath of Office

5

I, Jane Smith, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

X

Jane Smith

Signature of Candidate

Notary Public
or
Other Officer

6

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Riverside

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 7th day of August, 20 26, by
Jane Smith, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal)

Signature of Notary Public
(or other officer)

Leticia Flores

Examined and certified by me this 7th day of August, 2026.

Elections Official Leticia Flores

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202.)

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET (Elections Code § 13107)

Each candidate who submits a ballot designation shall file a Ballot Designation Worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate.

The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters at the same time that the candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy.

If a candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

Do not leave any response spaces blank. If the information requested is not applicable, please write N/A in the space provided. Otherwise, the information **MUST** be provided.



**Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**

(Elections Code §§ 8168, 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

This entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted and you will **not** be entitled to 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. **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT.**

**Candidate
Information**

1

Candidate Name: Jane Smith Gender (optional, for translation use only): Female
Office: Riverdale Valley School District, Trustee Area 2 Email: businessgenius@aol.com
Home Address: 5555 Hope Ave, Riverdale, CA 93333
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 333, Riverdale, CA 93333-0333
Business Address: N/A
Phone Number(s):
Business: (951)444-4444 Home/Mobile: (951)888-8888 Fax: (951)222-2222

**Attorney
Information**

2

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): N/A
Address: N/A
Phone Number(s):
Business: N/A Mobile: N/A Fax: N/A

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/")].
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- (c) "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- (d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office. **NOTE: A candidate for the office of Representative in Congress, Member of the State Board of Equalization, State Senator, or Member of the Assembly shall not choose the word "incumbent" as a designation to appear on the ballot.**
- (e) "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

**Proposed
Ballot
Designation(s)**

3

Proposed Ballot Designation(s): Businesswoman
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: Business Owner
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: Parent

In the spaces provided on the next page(s):

- (a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation.
- (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.

If your proposed ballot designation includes the word "volunteer," indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.



Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

(Elections Code §§ 8168, 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

Page 2

If your proposed ballot designation contains **one or more slashes (/)** separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), **complete a justification section for each separate PVO.**

Justification
for use of
Proposed
Ballot
Designation(s)
If you are
proposing
alternate ballot
designations,
please provide
justification for
use of those on
Page 3.

4

Justification for use of 1st PVO: I own a CPA (accounting) firm that I have managed for the last 10 years.

Current or most recent job title: Owner

Start/End Dates: 1/1/99 through Present

Employer Name or Business: Riverdale CPA's

Person who can verify this information:

Tom Smith

Phone Number(s): (951)123-4567

Email:

Justification for use of 2nd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A

Start/End Dates: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A

Phone Number(s): N/A

Email: N/A

Justification for use of 3rd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A

Start/End Dates: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A

Phone Number(s): N/A

Email: N/A

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

- 1) Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?
- 2) Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "Incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed?
- 3) Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?
- 4) Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent?
- 5) Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations?
- 6) Abbreviate the word "retired"?
- 7) Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired
- 8) Use a word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex-" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation?
- 9) Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher
- 10) Use the name of a political party or political body?
- 11) Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group?
- 12) Refer to any activity prohibited by law?

☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*
☐ Yes ☒ No Initial *JS*

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

X

Jane Smith

July/

14/

2026

Candidate's Signature

Date Signed:

Month

Day

Year

For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 2, section 20711. You also may wish to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at www.sos.ca.gov).

Rev 11/2021



California Secretary of State
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

November 3, 2026, General Election (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

Page 3

COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, **please initial:** _____.

Justification for
Alternate Ballot
Designation(s) 1

A

Justification for use of 1 st PVO: I own a CPA (Accounting) firm that I have managed for the last 10 years.		
Current or most recent job title: Owner	Start Date: 1/1/99	End Date: To Present
Employer Name or Business: Riverdale CPA's		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: Tom Smith	Phone Number(s): (951) 123-4567	Email: N/A
Justification for use of 2 nd PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A	Start Date: N/A	End Date: N/A
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A
Justification for use of 3 rd PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A	Start Date: N/A	End Date: N/A
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A

Justification for
Alternate Ballot
Designation(s) 2

B

Justification for use of 1 st PVO: I am a mother of seven children		
Current or most recent job title: N/A	Start Date: N/A	End Date: N/A
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: Tom Smith	Phone Number(s): (951) 123-4567	Email: N/A
Justification for use of 2 nd PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A	Start Date: N/A	End Date: N/A
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A
Justification for use of 3 rd PVO: N/A		
Current or most recent job title: N/A	Start Date: N/A	End Date: N/A
Employer Name or Business: N/A		
Person who can verify this information:		
Name: N/A	Phone Number(s): N/A	Email: N/A

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

(Elections Code §§ 10540, 13307, 13309, 13311, 18351)

Each candidate may prepare a Candidate's Statement on an appropriate form provided by the Registrar of Voters. The Candidate's Statement is intended to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for office. The voluntary Candidate's Statement is printed in the County Voter Information Guide, at the candidate's expense, and will be mailed to all registered voters eligible to vote for that particular candidate.

Period for filing: The filing period for candidates is July 13, 2026, through August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The filing period will be extended (for candidates other than the incumbent) to 5:00 p.m., August 12, 2026, if the incumbent does not file nomination documents. **The Candidate's Statement Form must be filed with the nomination documents.**

Where: Registrar of Voters
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918

Contents: The statement may contain the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description in no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications as expressed by the candidate. The spacing is to be uniform and conform to the guidelines provided.

Restrictions: The Candidate's Statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. It must be a statement expressed in the candidate's own words. Any statement containing false information may be punishable by a fine. Candidate statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.

The Registrar of Voters shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by Elections Code § 13308.

Withdrawal: The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents and until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. Any request for withdrawal of a Candidate's Statement must be submitted in writing.

Confidentiality of Statements: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. Statements will then be available for public inspection.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (Continued)

You must decide whether you do or do not want a Candidate Statement before you file your Declaration of Candidacy. The Candidate Statement Form must be filed with your Declaration of Candidacy whether or not you choose to file a statement. There is a place on the form to state your decision. If you indicate you are not submitting a statement, you may not change your mind after it is filed.

PAYMENT OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (E.C. §§ 10509, 13307):

Before the nomination period begins, the governing board of your district will decide whether the district or the candidate will pay the cost of the Candidate's Statement. (Most districts require candidates to pay for their own Candidate Statement).

If the candidate pays, then a candidate wishing to submit a candidate's statement must pay the full deposit to cover the estimated cost of printing, handling, and mailing his/her statement. The deposit must be paid by personal check, money order, or cashier's check payable to the **Registrar of Voters** at the time the Candidate's Statement form is filed. No cash will be accepted.

If the district pays, the candidate pays nothing toward the Candidate's Statement and no deposit is required.

Note: The deposit is only an **estimate**. It is based on the number of registered voters within the district/area.

If, after the statements are printed and mailed out, the actual cost to each candidate is found to be **greater** than the deposit, the candidate must pay the extra amount. (Every candidate who submits a statement must sign an agreement on the Candidate's Statement form to pay any additional costs.)

If the actual cost to each candidate turns out to be **less** than the deposit, that portion of the deposit over the actual cost will be refunded. Refunds will be made within 30 days after the election.

POINTS TO NOTE WHEN PREPARING YOUR STATEMENT:

1. You may not change your statement after it is filed.
2. You may not include reference to your political party affiliation or partisan political activity.
3. The candidate shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
4. Making a false statement of material fact with the intent to mislead the voters is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.
5. You are not exempt from civil or criminal action if you make false, slanderous, or libelous statements in your Candidate's Statement.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (Continued)

CANDIDATE STATEMENT STYLE GUIDELINES:

- Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing.
- Words to be printed all CAPITALIZED and/or underscored are to be clearly indicated. **Bold** font is not permitted.
- The Registrar of Voters is not permitted to edit any material contained in candidate statements. Candidates are responsible for proofreading spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Since the statement cannot be changed after it is submitted, **it is important** for candidates to carefully prepare and proofread their statements.

WORD COUNT STANDARDS (E.C. § 9):

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTING THE 200 WORD COUNT:	
Punctuation is not counted.	
Dictionary words and single characters..... The words "a," "the", "and," "an" are counted as individual words.	one word
All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word: example, "City and County of San Francisco".....	one word
Abbreviations – UCLA, U.C.L.A., PTA, P.T.A., USMC, U.S.M.C.	one word
Hyphenated words appearing in any standard reference dictionary.	one word
Dates – All digits (5/30/05) Words and digits (May 30, 2005).....	one word one word
Whole numbers digits (1 or 10 or 100, etc.)..... Spelled out (one or ten or one hundred)..... Numeric combinations (1978, 18 ½, 1971-73, 5%).....	one word one for each word one word
Monetary amounts (if the dollar sign is used with figures - \$1,000) Spelled out (one thousand dollars).....	one word one for each word
Telephone numbers	one word
Internet website address	one word
If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must delete or change a sufficient number of words, or a sentence, to put the statement within the required word limit before the statement is filed.	

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (Continued)



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Candidates should be aware that statements submitted may be re-formatted to fit in the County Voter Information Guides.

The Registrar of Voters will **NOT** correct spelling or grammatical errors in the text.

The Registrar of Voters shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by Elections Code § 13308.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

TO THE CANDIDATE:

The Candidate's Statement is optional.

Indicate your decision below and return this form with your Nomination Documents.

☐ I **DO NOT** wish to submit a Candidate's Statement. _____
Candidate's Initials

TO CANDIDATE SUBMITTING A CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

☐ VIG ☐ Electronic

Option 1

☐ **Electronic Distribution ONLY**

Required Deposit: **\$260**

☐ No deposit is required.
(The district pays the cost.)

Candidate Signature

Option 2

☒ **County Voter Information Guide & Electronic Distribution**

Required Deposit: **\$500.00**

☐ No deposit is required.
(The district pays the cost.)

Jane Smith
Candidate Signature

I understand that I must pay **my pro rata share of the actual cost**. I agree that if my pro rata share exceeds the deposit, I will pay the difference when billed.

Elections Code Section § 13307 authorizes candidate's statement for electronic distribution. It requires the statement to be posted on the internet website of the elections official, permits the statement to be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed, and prohibits the statement from being included in a voter's pamphlet that is printed and mailed to voters.

☐ I request a waiver of the deposit on the grounds of indigence. My Statement of Financial Worth is submitted herewith. I am aware that if notified that indigent status is not granted, I must pay the deposit within three days of notification or my Candidate's Statement will not be printed. Further, I am aware that if indigent status is granted, I am excused only from payment of the deposit. I will be required to pay **my pro rata share of the actual cost**, and I agree to do so when billed.

Candidate Signature

NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code Section § 13308 Candidate statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Registrar of Voters will not print or circulate any statement that makes reference to other candidates.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTING THE WORD COUNT:

Punctuation is not counted.

Dictionary words and single characters	One word
The words "a," "the," "and," "an," are counted as individual words.	
All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word. For example, "City and County of San Francisco."	One word
Abbreviations – UCLA, U.C.L.A., PTA, P.T.A., USMC, U.S.M.C.	One word
Hyphenated words appearing in any standard reference dictionary.	One word
Dates – All digits (5/30/05)	One word
Words and digits (May 30, 2005)	One word
Whole number digits (1 or 10 or 100, etc.)	One word
Spelled out (one or ten or one hundred)	One for each word
Numeric combinations (1978, 18 ½, 1971-73, 5%)	One word
Monetary amounts (if the dollar sign is used with figures - \$1,000)	One word
Spelled out (one thousand dollars)	One for each word
Telephone numbers	One word
Internet web site address	One word

If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must edit the statement to comply with the official word count before the statement can be filled.

NAME OF OFFICE SOUGHT:

Governing Board Member

(Governing Board Member, Director, etc..)

OFFICIAL
USE ONLY

- ♦ WARD
- ♦ DIVISION

♦ TRUSTEE AREA (IF ANY) 2 ☒ FULL TERM ☐ SHORT TERM

JURISDICTION:

Riverdale Unified School District

NAME OF DISTRICT

OCCUPATION:

Businesswoman
(OPTIONAL)

AGE:

45
(OPTIONAL)

CANDIDATE:

Jane Smith
PRINTED NAME

Jane Smith
SIGNATURE

CONTEST ID: _____

In 200 words or less briefly state your Education and Qualifications:

Riverdale has been my home for 40 years, and I promise to keep our community safe, fiscally sound, and crime free. I am a successful businesswoman, community volunteer, and a parent of seven children. In other words, I have all the experience necessary to be a governing board member of Riverdale Unified School District. By voting for me, you are voting for a bright successful future.

My experience as a businesswoman has taught me how to manage finances, balance budgets, and manage staff. My experience as a community volunteer has given me insight to areas that need improvement in our school district. Finally, my experience as a mother of seven children has taught me how to be compassionate to the needs of others.

Please make the right choice on Election Day! Vote for Jane Smith.

TOTAL
WORD
COUNT

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

This table shows the estimated amount to be deposited for a statement in the various districts. The Registrar of Voters must receive payment at the time of filing the Candidate's Statement. The cost will vary depending on the number of voters in the jurisdiction. Please make your check payable to the Registrar of Voters. The Registrar of Voters does not accept cash or credit cards.

COLLEGE DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
*Desert Community College District	
Trustee Area 1 (Portion Imperial)	\$800
Trustee Area 4	\$800
Mt. San Jacinto Community College District	
Trustee Area 3	\$1,000
Trustee Area 4	\$1,000
Palo Verde Community College District	
Trustee Area 1	\$500
Riverside Community College District	
Trustee Area 2	\$1,100
Trustee Area 4	\$1,100
Trustee Area 5	\$1,100
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
Alvord Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 4	\$600
Banning Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 2	\$600
Trustee Area 5	\$600
Beaumont Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	\$600
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 4	\$600
*Coachella Valley Unified School District (Portion Imperial County)	
Trustee Area 1	\$700
Trustee Area 2	\$700
Corona-Norco Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	\$700
Trustee Area 4	\$700
Desert Center Unified School District (District pays for Candidate Statement)	\$500
Desert Sands Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	\$700
Trustee Area 5	\$700

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS (Continued)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
Hemet Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	\$1,000
Trustee Area 3	\$1,000
Trustee Area 5	\$1,000
Trustee Area 7	\$1,000
Jurupa Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$800
Trustee Area 3	\$800
Trustee Area 5	\$800
Lake Elsinore Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 5	\$600
Menifee Union School District	
Trustee Area 3	\$500
Trustee Area 4	\$500
Trustee Area 5	\$500
Moreno Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 4	\$600
Murrieta Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 2	\$600
Nuview Union School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$500
Trustee Area 3	\$500
Trustee Area 4	\$500
Palm Springs Unified School District	
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 4	\$600
Trustee Area 5	\$600
Palo Verde Unified School District	\$500
Perris Elementary School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$500
Trustee Area 2	\$500
Trustee Area 3	\$500
Trustee Area 5	\$500
Perris Union High School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$600
Trustee Area 5	\$600

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS (Continued)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
Riverside Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$700
Trustee Area 5	\$700
Romoland School District (District pays for Candidate Statement)	
Trustee Area 1	\$500
Trustee Area 3	\$500
Trustee Area 5	\$500
San Jacinto Unified School District	
Trustee Area 4	\$500
Trustee Area 5	\$500
Temecula Valley Unified School District	
Trustee Area 2	\$600
Trustee Area 3	\$600
Trustee Area 4	\$600
Val Verde Unified School District	
Trustee Area 3	\$500
Trustee Area 4	\$500
Trustee Area 5	\$500
SCHOOL DISTRICTS ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
*San Bernardino Community College District	
Trustee Area 4	\$500
Trustee Area 6	\$500
*Colton Joint Unified School District	
Trustee Area 1	\$500
Trustee Area 2	\$500
Trustee Area 3	\$500
*These are shared county districts. If you would like to submit a candidate statement in multiple counties, you must contact each county individually to obtain estimated costs. The above costs are for Riverside County only.	

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS	
Edgemont Community Services District	\$500
Jurupa Community Services District	
Division 1	\$900
Division 3	\$900
Division 5	\$900
*Rubidoux Community Services District (Portion San Bernardino County)	\$500
Tenaja Community Services District	\$500
So. Coachella Valley Community Services District (District pays for Candidate Statement)	\$500
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	
Idyllwild Fire Protection District	\$500
HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS	
Desert Healthcare District	
Zone 1	\$700
Zone 2	\$700
Zone 4	\$700
Zone 5	\$700
Zone 6	\$700
Palo Verde Healthcare District	\$500
San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District	\$800
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS	
*Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Portion San Bernardino County)	
Division 3	\$700
Division 4	\$700
Division 5	\$700
LIBRARY DISTRICTS	
Banning Library District (District pays for Candidate Statement)	\$500
Beaumont Library District	\$700
Palo Verde Valley Library District	\$500
RECREATION & PARK DISTRICTS	
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District	
Division 1	\$800
Division 3	\$800
Division 4	\$800
Desert Recreation District	
Division 1	\$600
Division 4	\$600
Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District	
Division 4	\$500
Division 5	\$500
Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District	
Division 1	\$600
Division 3	\$600

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS (Continued)

SANITARY DISTRICT	
Home Gardens Sanitary District	\$500
Valley Sanitary District	
Division A	\$500
Division C	\$500
WATER AGENCIES	
Desert Water Agency	
Division 1	\$500
Division 2	\$500
Division 3	\$500
*San Geronio Pass Water Agency	
At Large #2	\$900
Division 3	\$500
Division 4 (Portion San Bernardino County)	\$500
CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT	
Rancho California Water District	\$1,000
COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS	
*Coachella Valley Water District	
Division 1	\$800
Division 3	\$800
Division 4	\$800
Division 5 (Portion Imperial & San Diego County)	\$800
Home Gardens County Water District	\$500
Idyllwild Water District	\$500
Mission Springs Water District	
Division 1	\$500
Division 5	\$500
Pine Cove Water District	\$500
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICTS	
Eastern Municipal Water District	
Division 1	\$1,000
Division 2	\$1,000
Division 5	\$1,000
Elsinore Valley Municipal District	
Division 1	\$600
Division 3 (Portion Orange)	\$600
Division 5	\$600
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	
Division 1	\$500
Division 3	\$500
Division 4	\$500
Western Municipal Water District	
Division 1	\$1,000
Division 2	\$1,000
Division 3 (Portion Orange)	\$1,000

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COST OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS (Continued)

SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	
SPECIAL DISTRICTS	ESTIMATED COST
*Yucaipa Valley Water District Division 5	\$500
*San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Division 4	\$500
*These are shared county districts. If you would like to submit a candidate statement in multiple counties you must contact each county individually to obtain estimated costs. The above costs are for Riverside County only.	

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Elections Code § 20400 et seq.)

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a voluntary form. If you wish to subscribe to it, fill out the form included with your nomination documents and return it along with your other nomination material. (Or you may file this form at a later date. The Registrar of Voters' Office will accept it at any time up to Election Day.)

All Code of Fair Campaign Practices forms filed by candidates will be available for public inspection at the Registrar of Voters' office until 30 days after the election.

Sample of Completed Code of Fair Campaign Practices on the following page.



Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES
(Elections Code § 20440)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.
- (2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.
- (3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.
- (4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
- (5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.
- (6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- (7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Jane Smith

Print Name

Jane Smith

Signature

August 8, 2026

Date

Riverdale Valley Water District, Division 2

Office

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

(Government Code § 81000 et seq.)

State law requires candidates (and their committees, if any) to file one or more **Campaign Statements** disclosing their campaign receipts and expenditures in connection with an election. If a campaign committee has been organized supporting a candidate, the committee must file a Statement of Organization (Form 410).

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT (FORM 501)

Candidates must file with the Registrar of Voters a Candidate's Intention Statement (Form 501) **before** they solicit or receive any contributions (including loans). Payment from the Candidate's personal funds for a Candidate's Filing Fee or a Candidate's Statement does not count as a "contribution" or "loan." However, all other expenses from the candidate's personal funds are considered contributions.

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION (FORM 410)

Candidates receiving contributions from others, or who spend more than \$2,000 of personal funds to run for office, must open a campaign bank account at a financial institution in California and mail a Statement of Organization (Form 410) to the Secretary of State within 10 days of opening the account.

Exceptions: The Statement of Organization (Form 410) is not required if the candidate will not be receiving contributions from others and will spend less than \$2,000 in a calendar year from personal funds to support his or her candidacy. Payment of a candidate's filing fee or candidate's statement is not counted toward the \$2,000 expenditure threshold.

Note: If the candidate finds later that he/she will be spending more than \$2,000 from personal funds, a campaign bank account must be opened.

As of January 1, 2013, Government Code section 84101.5 requires the Secretary of State to charge each qualified recipient committee that files a Statement of Organization (Form 410) \$50 per year, until the committee terminates pursuant to Government Code section 84214. For questions regarding this new law, please contact the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division at (916) 653-6224.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

All candidates must file campaign disclosure statements. This includes candidates who spend no money, or only their own money, on their campaigns. It also includes candidates who unofficially "withdraw" from the race by abandoning active campaigning after the official deadline for withdrawal of candidacy is passed.

If less than \$2,000 will be raised and spent on your campaign, by you or by others on your behalf, and total campaign transactions for the entire calendar year are under \$2,000, your filing obligations in connection with the election are simple; the only campaign statement you need to file is Form 470 (in duplicate). The Form 470 provided in your Campaign Disclosure Packet should be filed along with your nomination documents; however, it will be accepted without penalty through September 24, 2026.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (Continued)

In deciding if Form 470 applies, you don't need to count the cost of a candidate's statement provided it was paid from your personal funds. For further clarification, you may refer to the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) Disclosure Manual or telephone the FPPC at (866) 275-3772.

If you file Form 470 but later find that you will reach the \$2,000 mark, then you must file Form 470 Supplement and obtain the more detailed campaign statement forms and filing information. Be aware that you must also notify other candidates if you're required to file Form 460 after you have filed the Short Form 470.

If campaign activity during 2026 will involve \$2,000 or more, don't use Form 470. Instead, you must use a more detailed form and follow the filing schedule shown in DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES in this handbook. Contact the Registrar of Voters and the appropriate forms and information manual will be provided to you.

Note: A governing body of a district may by resolution limit campaign contributions in elections to district offices. You will need to contact your district for further information regarding limitations if any. (Ed.C. § 35177; E.C. § 10544)

TERMINATING A COMMITTEE (Applies Only to 460 Long Form Filers – Over \$2,000)

Committees may consist of one or more persons and do not automatically terminate; they may only terminate under the following circumstances:

- They have ceased to receive contributions and make expenditures; and
- They do not anticipate receiving contributions, repayments of outstanding loans made to others, or any other receipts in the future, and they do not anticipate making expenditures in the future; and
- They have eliminated or have no intention or ability to discharge all their debts, loans received, and other obligations; and
- They have no campaign funds; and
- They have filed all required campaign statements disclosing all reportable transactions, including disposition of funds.

HOW TO TERMINATE A COMMITTEE

- File an original and one copy of the Form 410 Statement of Organization/Termination with the Secretary of State; and
- File a copy of the Form 410 Statement of Organization/Termination, along with an original and one copy of your Form 460 with the Registrar of Voters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Even though you terminate your filing obligations as a candidate, if you are elected to office, you will have campaign disclosure filing obligations, as an **officeholder**, for as long as you remain in public office. As an officeholder, you will be required to report campaign activity in connection with your own candidacy or other candidates or measures.

Note: Candidates who file **Form 470** (Short Form) do not need to fill out termination forms.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (Continued)

FILING RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the candidate and/or committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

As a courtesy, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters' office mails reminder notices to candidates who, based on nomination documents, appear to have a campaign disclosure-filing requirement. This notice is mailed approximately ten days before a campaign disclosure-filing deadline. If a candidate and/or committee with a campaign disclosure-filing obligation fails to file promptly, they may be subject to a late filing fee. The non-receipt of a reminder notice may not be utilized as the reason for late or non-filing.

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR CANDIDATES TO NOTE

Money used from your personal funds must be put into your campaign bank account and then withdrawn to pay expenses. You may lend money to your campaign or show it as a contribution depending on your level of activity, and it may be reported just as you would report a contribution from another person. (The law prohibits personal use of campaign funds.)

Anonymous or cash contributions of \$100 or more, and cash expenditures of \$100 or more, are prohibited.

Careful and complete records should be kept of all campaign transactions. Detailed reporting is not required until your campaign reaches the \$2,000 mark; however, you should keep in mind that campaign records are subject to audit (by the Fair Political Practices Commission) on a random basis.

There is a special reporting requirement in the event of "late contributions" in the amount of \$1,000 or more received or made during the period commencing ninety (90) days before an election and ending on the date of the election. (See Riverside County Ord. 913.3)

If you unofficially "withdraw" as a candidate after the deadline for official withdrawal, you are still considered a "candidate" and obligated to file all required campaign statements.

If you have a campaign committee, be sure your treasurer understands his/her responsibilities and is prepared to devote sufficient time and effort to the job. Note that in addition to filing campaign statements a committee is required to file a Statement of Organization (Form 410). This must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 10 days after the committee's receipts reach \$2,000. A \$ 10-day late penalty applies if a Statement of Organization is not filed on time.

File your campaign statements in duplicate with the Registrar of Voters' office. The First Pre-Election and the Semi-Annual Statements may be sent by first-class mail (certified mail is recommended); they will be considered filed on the date of the postmark. The Second Pre-Election Statement must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery or hand-delivered. All campaign statements are a matter of public record. They may be inspected by anyone, and copies may be purchased at 10 cents per page.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (Continued)

FILING SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL OFFICES NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Filing Schedule for Candidates and their Controlled Committees
for Local Office Listed on the November 3, 2026, Election

DEADLINE	PERIOD	FORM	NOTES
July 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/26	460	✧ All committees must file this statement.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/5/26– 11/3/26	497	✧ File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. ✧ File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the November 3, 2026. ✧ The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. ✧ File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.
Sept. 24, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/26 – 9/19/26	460 or 470	✧ Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct. 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	460	✧ All committees must file this statement. ✧ File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online, if available.
Feb. 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/18/26 – 12/31/26	460	✧ All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2026.

Additional Notes:

- *** Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check whether additional local rules apply.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (Continued)

- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2026 and do not have an open committee must file Form 470 on or before September 24, 2026. If later during the calendar year, the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committee making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - **496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
 - **462:** This form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov.

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters has an online electronic campaign disclosure filing system. We are encouraging all candidates to file their campaign disclosure filings electronically. For more information please call (951) 486-7224. Except where noted, statements must be hand-delivered or postmarked as first-class mail, by the due date.

**ORDINANCE NO. 913
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 913.3)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
REQUIRING ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1. FINDINGS.

1. The Board of Supervisors finds that public access to campaign and lobbying disclosure information is a vital and integral component of a fully informed electorate. Transparency in campaign financing is critical in order to maintain public trust and support of the political process.

2. Since the enactment of the Political Reform Act candidates and committees have complied with filing requirements by filing paper copies of campaign statements and reports. The Registrar of Voters has expended a significant amount of staff time to make such paper filings readily available to the public.

3. In July 2012, the California Legislature approved Assembly Bill 2452 which authorizes local jurisdictions to require the filing of campaign statements and reports solely in an electronic format. The Governor approved the legislation on July 13, 2012 and it took effect on January 1, 2013.

4. The Board of Supervisors finds that by eliminating manual processing of filings, electronic filing requirements will conserve resources and ensure the public has access to information disclosed in campaign statements and reports in a more timely manner. The electronic filing system will operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers.

Section 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to require online electronic filing of campaign statements and require online reporting of contributions and independent expenditures regarding elections of Candidates to County offices and the qualification or passage of local ballot measures within the County of Riverside as currently required under the Political Reform Act, (commencing with California Government Code Section 84200 et seq.) in order to facilitate review and maximize the availability of this information to the public.

Section 3. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code Section 81013 which authorizes local agencies to impose additional requirements on any person so long as the requirements do not prevent the person from complying with the Political Reform Act.

Section 4. RELATIONSHIP TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974. This Ordinance is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act as amended. Unless a word or term is specifically defined in this Ordinance or the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, words and terms shall have the same meaning as when they are used in Title 9 of the California Government Code, in which the Political Reform Act is codified, and

as supplemented by the Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission as set forth in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), as well as any amendments to the Act or to the Regulations. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the terms of the Act and its Regulations control and supersede the terms of this Ordinance to the extent necessary to bring this Ordinance into full compliance therewith.

Section 5. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions used in this ordinance shall have the meanings set forth below.

- a. Candidate shall be defined as set forth in the Political Reform Act provided that the term shall be limited to Candidates for County office.
- b. Committee. Any Person or combination of Persons who, directly or indirectly, does any of the following:
 - (1) Receives Contributions totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar year; or
 - (2) Makes Independent Expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar year; orA Person or combination of Persons that becomes a Committee shall retain its status as a Committee until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to California Government Code Section 84214. A Committee includes but is not limited to "Controlled Committee", "Independent Committee", and "County General Purpose Committee".
- c. Contribution shall mean the same as that defined at Government Code Section 82015.
- d. Controlled Committee means a Committee which is controlled directly or indirectly by a Candidate or which acts jointly with a Candidate or Controlled Committee in connection with the making of expenditures. A Candidate controls a Committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other Committee such Candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the Committee.
- e. County General Purpose Committee shall mean a committee to support or oppose candidates or measures voted on in only one county, or in more than one jurisdiction within one county.
- f. Election and/or County Election means any primary, general, special or recall election held in the County of Riverside. The primary and general or special elections are separate elections for purposes of this Ordinance.
- g. Election Cycle means the period of time commencing ninety (90) days prior to an election and ending on the date of the election.
- h. Independent Committee means all Committees other than Controlled Committees.
- i. Independent Expenditure means an Expenditure made by any Person including a payment of public moneys by a state or local governmental agency, in connection with a communication

which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified Candidate or the qualification, passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure, or taken as a whole and in context, unambiguously urges a particular result in an Election but which is not made to or at the behest of the affected Candidate or Committee.

- j. Person means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert. A Person shall include, but is not limited to, a Committee or Candidate.
- k. Political Reform Act means the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq., as amended).

Section 6. APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall only apply to Candidates seeking election to a County office in the County of Riverside, their Controlled Committees or Committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose their candidacies, and to Committees formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a Candidate or to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of, a local ballot measure which is being voted on only in the County of Riverside, and to County General Purpose Committees active only in Riverside County. In the event a County Candidate also runs for election for a state, federal, city, special district or other non-county office, the provisions of this Ordinance do not apply to the County Candidate's campaign for such other office, nor to any Committee established solely for the purpose of running for such state, federal, city, special district, or other non-County office.

Section 7. ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE.

- a. Each Candidate, Candidate Controlled Committee and Independent Committee that is required to file a semi-annual campaign statement, a pre-election campaign statement, or an amended campaign statement with the Registrar of Voters County Elections pursuant to the Political Reform Act, and that receives a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in Contributions or makes a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in Independent Expenditures, shall file the statement with the Registrar of Voters in an electronic format.
- b. In addition to any other report required by this Ordinance, all Persons subject to the requirements of Section 7.a. shall file the following reports with the Registrar of Voters in an electronic format:
 - (1) A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure, of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more during an Election Cycle. The report shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the Independent Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.

- (2) A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or a local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure, of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more at any time other than during an Election Cycle. The report shall be filed within ten (10) business days of the Independent Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.
- c. A Candidate or Committee that has filed an electronic statement or report is not required to file a paper copy.
- d. Once a Candidate or Committee is subject to the electronic filing requirements imposed by this Ordinance, the Candidate or Committee will remain subject to the electronic filing requirements until the Candidate or Committee files a termination statement pursuant to the Political Reform Act.
- e. Any Candidate or Committee not required to file an electronic statement or report by this Section may voluntarily opt to file an electronic statement or report by submitting written notice to the Registrar of Voters. A Candidate or Committee that opts to file an electronic statement or report is not required to file a paper copy.

Section 8. **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.** If any Person violates any provision of this Ordinance, he or she shall be liable to the Registrar of Voters in the amount of ten (\$10) dollars per day of violation, in addition to any other legal remedies provided by law. This amount shall be deemed a penalty in accordance with Government Code Section 91013. The following procedures shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection and administrative review of administrative penalties.

- a. **Notice of Violation.** If any Person subject to this Ordinance fails to comply with any provision herein, a Notice of Violation may be issued by the Registrar of Voters or his or her designee.
- b. **Content of Notice of Violation.** The Notice of Violation shall contain the information listed below:
 - (1) Date, location and approximate time the violation was observed or discovered.
 - (2) The Ordinance section violated and a brief description of the violation.
 - (3) The amount of the penalty imposed for the violation.
 - (4) Instructions for the payment of the penalty, the time period by which it shall be paid, and the consequences of failure to pay the penalty within this time period.
 - (5) Instructions on how to appeal the Notice of Violation.
 - (6) The signature of the Registrar of Voters or his or her designee.
- c. **Service of Notice of Violation.** Service of Notice of Violation shall be effective upon deposit in United States mail in accordance with this Ordinance. A copy of the Notice of Violation shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt

requested to the Person who has violated the Ordinance, at the address listed for the Person on the Fair Political Practices Commission Form 410 Statement of Organization.

d. **Penalties.**

- (1) The penalties assessed for each violation shall be ten (\$10) dollars per day, and shall not exceed the cumulative amount stated in the late statement or report, or one hundred (\$100) dollars, whichever is greater.
- (2) Payment of the penalty shall not excuse the failure to correct the violation nor shall it bar further enforcement action.
- (3) The penalties assessed shall be payable to the County of Riverside, Registrar of Voters.

e. **Administrative Appeal.**

- (1) **Notice of Appeal.** The recipient of a Notice of Violation carrying a penalty may appeal by filing a written Notice of Appeal with the Registrar of Voters. The written Notice of Appeal must be filed within twenty (20) days of the service of the Notice of Violation. Failure to file a written notice of appeal within this time period shall constitute a waiver of the right to appeal. The Notice of Appeal shall contain the following information:
 - a) A brief statement setting forth appellant's interest in the proceedings;
 - b) A brief statement of the material facts which appellant claims supports his/her contention that no violation has occurred, no administrative penalty should be imposed or that an administrative penalty of a different amount is warranted;
 - c) An address at which the appellant agrees notice of any additional proceeding or an order relating to the imposition of the administrative penalty may be received by mail.
 - d) The signature of the appellant.
- (2) The Registrar of Voters, or her or his designee, shall review the appeal and issue a Notice of Decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal. The Notice of Decision shall be final.
- (3) In addition to any other available remedies, the Registrar of Voters may bring a civil action and obtain a judgment in Superior Court for the purposes of collecting any unpaid monetary penalties, fees, or civil penalties imposed pursuant to Government Code Section 91013.5.

Section 9. **ENFORCEMENT.** The Registrar of Voters, or her or his designee, shall have the primary responsibility to monitor compliance with this Ordinance at his or her discretion, to investigate alleged violations of this Ordinance, to issue Notices of Violations

as appropriate, to review appeals to the Notices of Violations, and to collect administrative penalties as set forth herein.

Section 10. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR ELECTIVE COUNTY OFFICES. Nothing in this ordinance alters the campaign contribution limits in Ordinance No. 963 which shall continue to be complied with by all candidates for County Elective Office.

Section 11. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2021.

Adopted: 913 Item 3.6 of 10/25/2011 (Eff: 11/24/2011)

Amended: 913.1 Item 3.6 of 06/05/2012 (Eff: 07/05/2012)

913.2 Item 3-1 of 10/22/2013 (Eff: 01/01/2014)

913.3 Item 3.1 of 11/17/2020 (Eff: 01/01/2021)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

(Form 700)

(Government Code § 87200 et seq.)

If you are elected to public office, you will be required to file periodic statements disclosing your “economic interest,” which may include investments, interests in real property, income, and other information. Exactly what must be disclosed depends on the Conflict of Interest Code that has been adopted by your particular district.

Candidates, as well as officeholders, must file Statements of Economic Interests. Form 700 must be filed with the Registrar of Voters office by the close of the nomination period.

You should be aware that the Statement of Economic Interest you file is a matter of public record. It may be inspected, and copies of it may be purchased, by anyone.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Elections Code § 16)

The complete text of Government Code § 84305 is required by law to be issued to each candidate. Summaries of some other code sections concerning campaign practices, as well as information concerning political signs, are also provided below for the benefit of candidates and campaign committees.

MASS MAILING (Government Code § 84305)

- (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the candidate's, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate's, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84504.2 unless the name, street address, and city of the committee is shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.
- (b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- (c) (1) A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.
- (2) A committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass electronic mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 or 84504.3 unless the name of the committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.
- (d) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a) or (c).
- (e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

MASS MAILING (Government Code § 84305) (Continued)

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

(2) “Sender” means the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84216.5, inclusive.

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

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

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. For further information contact the Fair Political Practices Commission. (Government Code § 89001)

(As defined in Government Code § 82041.5 “Mass Mailing” means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.)

SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS (Government Code §§ 82048.3, 82048.4, 84108)

Slate mailer organizations must register with the Secretary of State and file periodic reports on their slate mailer activities. The law applies to slate mailers that support or oppose four or more candidates or measures.

A slate mailer organization is defined as any individual or group who, directly or indirectly, does all of the following:

- Is involved in the production of one or more slate mailers and exercises control over the selection of the candidates and measures to be supported or opposed in the slate mailers; and
- Receives or is promised payments totaling \$500 or more in a calendar year for the production of one or more slate mailers.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

NOMINATIONS (E.C. §§ 18200-18205)

No person shall submit a nomination paper knowing that any part of it has been made falsely. No person shall fraudulently deface or destroy, or willfully suppress all or part of any nomination paper, or deliberately fail to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper in his or her possession that is entitled to be filed. No person shall, directly or indirectly, pay, solicit, or receive anything of value in order to induce a person not to become or to withdraw as a candidate.

FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO VOTERS

No candidate shall, in his occupational designation on the ballot, assume a designation that would mislead the voters. (E.C. § 13107)

Every candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who pretends or implies that he or she is an incumbent of a public office or that he or she has acted in the capacity of a public officer when this is not the case. (E.C. § 18350)

Any candidate who knowingly makes a false statement of material fact in a candidate's statement, with the intent to mislead the voters, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. (E.C. § 18351)

SIMULATED BALLOTS

Every simulated ballot shall bear a printed notice (See Elections Code § 20009 for details) stating that this is not an official ballot but rather an unofficial marked ballot prepared by (name and address of person or organization responsible); and no official seal or insignia may appear on the envelope in which it is contained.

VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who distributes, or causes to be distributed, literature to voters that includes the designation of a voter's precinct Vote Center other than the precinct Vote Center listed for that voter in the latest official precinct polling list at some time not more than 30 days prior to the distribution. (E.C. § 18302)

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

POLITICAL ADVERTISING (E.C. § 20008)

Any paid political advertisement contained in or distributed with a newspaper shall bear on each page in type at least half as large as the type of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement," and such words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

POLITICAL SIGNS

The placement of political signs is subject to regulations by state, county, and/or city. Be sure you know what the restrictions are. For signs within a city, ask the City Clerk for information. For signs in an unincorporated area of Riverside County, check with the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department; phone (951) 955-2004 at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside. There are also State laws governing campaign signs, for more information contact the State of California – Department of Transportation at (916) 654-6473.

State: Consult the State of California – Department of Transportation at (916) 654-6473.

City: Consult the appropriate City Clerk for information concerning city sign ordinances.

County: Following is the text of Temporary Political Signs (County of Riverside Ordinance 806)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordains as Follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

It is the intent of this ordinance to regulate temporary signs which are not regulated by Article XIX of Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 and Riverside County Ordinance No. 679. The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve and enhance the aesthetic, traffic safety and environmental values of our communities and growing commercial and industrial areas, while at the same time, providing channels of communication to the public. It is the County's intent to regulate non-permanent signs based on their size, height, number, location and duration and to allow more non-commercial signs during election periods to encourage public debate. The County finds that it is in the interest of both aesthetics and traffic safety that signage be kept to a minimum. It is the intent of this sign ordinance to enhance traffic safety by ensuring that signage does not distract, obstruct or otherwise impede traffic circulation. The County finds that signs which exceed the dimensions, design and location restrictions specified in this ordinance are unreasonable and adversely affect public welfare and safety, including traffic safety.

All signs described herein shall conform to the applicable provisions of this ordinance. If any specific zoning classification within Ordinance 348 shall impose more stringent requirements than are set forth within this article, the more stringent provisions shall prevail.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this ordinance, the following words or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- A. ELECTION PERIOD** means the period of time ninety (90) days prior and ten (10) days after any local state, regional or national official election.
- B. HEIGHT** means the highest point of the structure or sign measured from the average natural ground level at the base of the supporting structure.
- C. LOT.** The definition of "lot" set forth in Ordinance No. 348 (Section 2144) shall be incorporated by this reference.
- ~~**D. NON-COMMERCIAL SIGN** means any sign that does not do any of the following:~~
 - 1. Advertise a product or service for profit for a business purpose;
 - 2. Propose a commercial transaction; or
 - 3. Relate solely to economic interests.
- ~~**E. PERMANENT FOUNDATION** means concrete or other semi-permanent material used to affix a sign to the ground.~~
- F. REAL ESTATE SIGN** means a temporary sign advertising a property or structure is for sale, lease, rent or exchange. The advertising contained on a Real Estate Sign shall be limited the following information:
 - 1. That the property is for sale, lease, rent or exchange by the owner or his or her agent.
 - 2. The property is in escrow or there is an "open house".
 - 3. Directions to the property.
 - 4. The owners or agent's name, address and telephone number.
- G. SIGN** means any structure, housing, device, figure, statuary, painting, display, message, placard or other contrivance, which is designed, constructed, created, engineered, intended or used to provide data or information for advertising purposes.
- H. SURFACE AREA** means that area of a sign as measured by the smallest geometric form such as a square, rectangle, triangle, or circle, or combination thereof, which will encompass the face of the sign on which the message is displayed.
- I. TEMPORARY SIGN** means a sign that is not intended to be permanent. Temporary signs shall not be constructed or erected upon a permanent foundation or attached to a sign structure having a permanent foundation. Temporary signs shall include non-commercial signs (including non-commercial signs during an election period), real estate signs, yard or garage sale signs or event signs. All other commercial signs, not constructed or erected upon a permanent foundation, are prohibited by this ordinance. If the sign is constructed or erected on a permanent foundation, it is regulated by Article XIX (Section 19, et seq) of Riverside County Ordinance No. 348.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

SECTION 3. TEMPORARY SIGNS.

Temporary signs are permitted in all zoning classifications subject to the limitations imposed by this ordinance. No person shall erect, use or maintain a temporary sign in the unincorporated area of the County, except in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Standards For All Temporary Signs.

1. No temporary sign shall be artificially lighted.
2. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained within the road right of way, except non-commercial signs during an election period.
3. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained upon property without the consent of the owner, lessee, person or entity in lawful possession of the property.
4. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained so that it does any of the following:
 - (a) Maims, defaces, disfigures or damages any public building, structure or other property.
 - (b) Endangers the safety of persons or property.
 - (c) Obscures the view of any fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign, or public informational sign.
 - (d) Blocks motorists' line of vision to areas of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

B. Standards For Real Estate Signs.

1. For lots zoned for one and two family residential uses: one sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in surface area and not more than six (6) feet in height.
2. For lots zoned for multiple family residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses: one sign on each separate frontage of the lot on the street, each sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area and not more than six (6) feet in height. No more than four (4) signs are allowed per development.
3. Riders, not to exceed two (2) square feet in aggregate surface area may be added to the real estate sign to identify the specific agent offering the property for sale, to show that the property is "in escrow" or for an "open house".
4. The sign(s) shall be removed within ten days of the close of escrow on the property or structure, or portion thereof, being sold, leased or rented.

C. Standards For Yard Or Garage Sale Signs And Event Signs.

Temporary signs that advertise items for sale or events located on the property on which the sale or event will be conducted are permitted in every zoning classification, subject to the following standards:

1. The yard or garage sale or event is in conformance with Riverside County ordinances.
2. No sign shall exceed four (4) square feet in surface area.
3. No sign shall exceed four (4) square feet in height.
4. No sign shall be posted more than fifteen (15) days before the event or sale, and shall be removed within five (5) days after the event or sale.
5. Only one (1) sign per lot may be displayed at any time and no more than three (3) such signs may be posted on any lot per calendar year.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

D. Standards For Non-Commercial Signs During Election Period.

1. In addition to the temporary signs permitted in Section 3 of this ordinance and the signs allowed by Ordinance 348, Article XIX and Ordinance 679, temporary non-commercial signs shall be permitted in all zoning classifications during an election period, subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) No sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area.
 - (b) No sign shall exceed six (6) feet in height.
 - (c) No lot shall contain such signs having an aggregate surface area in excess of eighty (80) square feet.
 - (d) Such signs shall be permitted along road right-of-way provided no sign shall be erected, placed, used or maintained on any publicly owned tree or shrub or upon the improved portion of any street or highway right of way used for traffic or parking or upon any street divider or median strip.
 - (e) All signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election has occurred.

SECTION 4. NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS PERMITTED.

A non-commercial sign or message is permitted to be displayed, in lieu of a commercial message, wherever and whenever a commercial sign or message is permitted by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT.

- A. County employees, representatives or agents shall be authorized to remove and dispose of any temporary sign in violation of this ordinance upon the expiration of ten (10) days after posting a written notice of violation on the sign, and mailing of a written notice to the property owner and to the sign owner, if identified on the sign. The notice shall contain the right to appeal this determination by submitting a written appeal to the Department of Building and Safety within this ten (10) day time period. The appeal shall be conducted by review of the written appeal by an administrative hearing officer. The submission of a written appeal to the Department of Building and Safety within the ten (10) day time period shall stay the removal and disposal of the sign upon a decision of the hearing officer granting the appeal or until ten (10) days after mailing of a decision of the hearing officer denying the appeal.
- B. The procedures, remedies and penalties for violation of this ordinance and for recovery of costs related to enforcement are provided for in Ordinance No. 725, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 6. NONCONFORMING TEMPORARY SIGNS

- A. Every temporary sign which was lawfully in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance, and does not conform to this ordinance, shall be deemed a nonconforming temporary sign and shall be removed or altered in accordance with this ordinance as follows:
 1. All temporary signs with a nominal value of \$100.00 or less shall be abated or brought into conformance immediately after the effective date of this ordinance.
 2. All temporary signs with a value of more than \$100.00 shall be abated or brought into conformance within six (6) months of the effective date of this ordinance.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (Continued)

SECTION 6. NONCONFORMING TEMPORARY SIGNS (Continued)

- B.** All temporary signs not in lawful existence prior to the date of enactment of this ordinance shall be abated or brought into conformance immediately.
- C.** For purposes of this section, the above referenced terms have the following meanings:
 - 1. The “value” of the temporary sign shall mean the cost of sign, less depreciation, and shall not include the potential revenue generated by the sign.
 - 2. A temporary sign “in lawful existence prior to enactment of this ordinance” means a temporary sign that conforms with all other County ordinances, State or Federal laws and Uniform Codes in effect at the time of enactment of this ordinance, including any applicable permit requirements.

ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY (E.C. §§ 18370, 18541)

No person, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a Vote Center or an elections official’s office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters’ qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications. (Except as part of the formal challenge procedure).
- (d) Do any electioneering.
- (e) Photograph, video tape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a Vote Center.

“100 feet of a Vote Center or an elections official’s office” means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

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

Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

ELECTIONEERING DURING VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING (E.C. §§ 18370, 18371)

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

Note: Misdemeanor penalties will also be imposed on any person performing the actions as prohibited on Election Day or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot.

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

SOLICITATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS; OFFENSE; PUNISHMENT (G.C. § 3205)

- (a) An officer or employee of a local agency shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit a political contribution from an officer or employee of that agency, or from a person on an employment list of that agency, with the knowledge that the person from whom the contribution is solicited is an officer or employee of that agency.
- (b) A candidate for elective office of a local agency shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit a political contribution from an officer or employee of that agency, or from a person on an employment list of that agency, with the knowledge that the person from whom the contribution is solicited is an officer or employee of that agency.
- (c) This section shall not prohibit an officer or employee of a local agency, or a candidate for elective office in a local agency, from requesting political contributions from officers or employees of that agency if the solicitation is part of a solicitation made to a significant segment of the public which may include officers or employees of that local agency.
- (d) Violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor. The district attorney shall have all authority to prosecute under this section.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the term “contribution” shall have the same meaning as defined in G.C. § 82015.

LOCAL AGENCY EXPENSES (G.C. § 54964)

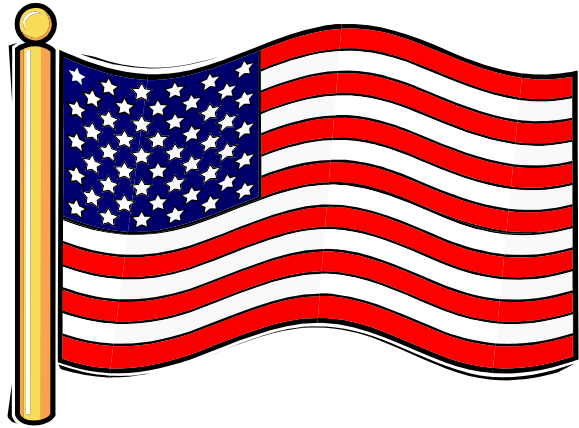
An officer, employee, or consultant of a local agency may not expend or authorize the expenditure of any of the funds of the local agency to support or oppose the approval or rejection of a ballot measure, or the election or defeat of a candidate, by the voters.

This section does not prohibit the expenditure of local agency funds to provide information to the public about the possible effects of a ballot measure on the activities, operations, or policies of the local agency.

The information provided shall constitute an accurate, fair, and impartial presentation of relevant facts to aid the voters in reaching an informed judgment regarding the ballot measure.

This section does not apply to the political activities of school officers and employees of a county superintendent of schools, an elementary, high, or unified school district, or a community college district.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION



VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (E.C. §§ 2188, 2194)

Voter registration information is confidential except for election, scholarly, journalistic, political or for governmental purposes. (E.C. § 2194)

Any person, organization, company, committee, association or group requesting voter registration information (this also applies to indexes and vote-by-mail voters' lists) must complete an application provided and maintained by the Registrar of Voters. The application requires that appropriate identification be provided at the time of completing the application. (E.C. § 2188)

Duplication, distribution or selling of this information by anyone other than the election official is prohibited.

It is a misdemeanor to knowingly use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law. (E.C. § 18109)

It is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use voter registration information without first complying with Elections Code § 2188.

CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

Effective January 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration is available to eligible voters in California pursuant to Election Codes 2170 through 2173.

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days before an election through Election Day. An eligible voter would need to register in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters or at any Vote Center, to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot.

Voters may register online at registertovote.ca.gov, however, CVR ballots will only be issued at the Registrar of Voters office or Vote Centers.

To conditionally register, the voter must first complete an affidavit of registration (also known as a Voter Registration Card). Once the registration is submitted, the elections official will issue a CVR provisional ballot to vote.

The affidavit will be processed and once the eligibility is determined and validated, the registration will become permanent and the CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

Conditional Voter Registrations are treated and processed in the same manner as other registrations; CVR provisional ballots are treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.

If you have any questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll-free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered.

CVR was enacted in 2012, to be operative on January 1st after the certification of a statewide voter registration database. VoteCal, California's statewide voter registration database, was certified on September 26, 2016; CVR became operative as of January 1, 2017.

VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING

All registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballots will be available beginning 29 days before Election Day.

A voted vote-by-mail ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters Office, or returned by the voter to any Vote Center or mail ballot drop-off location in the state, no later than the time the polls close on Election Day. A vote-by-mail voter may designate another person to return the ballot to the elections official.

RECORDS ACCESS

IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ

When an individual, government agency, or political entity requests any information on registered voters, whether printed, on microfilm, microfiche, CD ROM, disk, or computer tape, an “Application to Purchase or View Voter Registration Information” must be completed and signed before any information can be released. By signing this form, the applicant agrees to use the information only for election or governmental purposes. (California Administrative Code § 19002)

The applicant further agrees not to sell, lease, loan, or deliver possession of the registration information, or a copy thereof, or any portion thereof, to any person, organization, or agency, without receiving prior written authorization to do so from the County Registrar of Voters. (California Administrative Code §§ 19005 and 19008)

PERMITTED USES

Permissible uses of the registration information shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Using registration information for purposes of communicating with voters in connection with any election.
2. Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings that campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election.
3. Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or on behalf of any political party; provided, however, that the content of such communications shall be devoted to news and opinions of candidates, elections, political party developments, and related matters.
4. Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative, or referendum petition.
5. Sending newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party, or candidate for public office.
6. Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign.
7. Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any governmental agency, political party, and elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes.
8. Conducting an audit of voter registration lists to detect voter registration fraud.
9. Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure.
10. Any official use of any local, state, or federal governmental agency. (California Administrative Code § 19003)

RECORDS ACCESS (Continued)

PROHIBITED USES

The following uses of registration information are not permitted:

1. Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose.
2. Solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support of or opposition to a ballot measure.
3. Conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by California Administrative Code § 19004 (f) & (g).

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)



The Riverside County Registrar of Voters is pleased to announce the formation of a local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). This provides a forum for the disability and senior communities in Riverside County to voice their concerns, advice, assist and provide recommendations to the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for voters with disabilities.

At these meetings, it is our goal to open the lines of communication and foster cooperation with community groups so that we can address voting process issues. We hope that VAAC members provide feedback on Vote Center locations, voting systems, and other accessibility matters. We are also highly interested in promoting awareness to individuals and organizations through outreach opportunities. We highly encourage VAAC members to reach out to other members of the community and assist with disseminating voter materials as well as recruit potential poll workers from within their communities.

We sincerely hope you will consider observing one of the upcoming VAAC meetings. These meetings will be held quarterly. Please contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (951) 486-7200 or visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for meeting dates, times, and locations.

SERVICES TO CANDIDATES

Before requesting the items listed below, an Application to Purchase or View Voter Registration Information must be completed at the Registrar of Voters office. In addition, the applicant must display proper identification, i.e. driver's license.

Note: An application to purchase or view voter registration information is available on our website or we will email it upon request.

VOTER INDEXES (E.C. § 2183 et seq.; Cal. Admin. Code § 19001 et seq.)

An index (voter list) is available for each precinct, listing all registered voters by street address. Political affiliation and telephone number are also given. Listing a phone number is optional on the registration form; therefore, any phone numbers listed on the index may not be current.

WARNING: Mailing addresses are not given on voter indexes. Candidates who plan to mail campaign literature should see information about **MAILING LABELS** below.

A candidate may purchase indexes for \$5 for the first thousand names and \$1 for each additional 1,000 names (or portion thereof). Each purchase may be a complete set for the candidate's electoral jurisdiction or a partial set. Indexes may be mailed if payment, including postage or UPS charges, is received in advance, and the applicant has completed the required application.

Indexes may be purchased by the candidate or by someone with the candidate's written authorization. The purchaser must sign an agreement to use the indexes only for election or governmental purposes. A substantial fine may be imposed if registration information is used for other purposes.

For further information, call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7342.

MAILING LABELS

Candidates who plan to mail campaign material may purchase mailing labels from the Registrar of Voters. The labels may be purchased for each registered voter in a district or by the head of household.

FEE SCHEDULE

Candidates may purchase a list of voters by jurisdiction, which contains the voter's regular precinct, name, residence, mailing address, and phone number if provided. Voter lists are available in the following formats:

SERVICES	CHARGES / FEES
Absentee Voter File a) Initial Requests b) Updates Complete Absentee Issue Period	a) \$ 100.00 first day of absentee period b) \$ 600.00 daily updates for entire absentee issue period
Certified Copies a) Registration Affidavit (E.C. § 2167) b) Any other document (G.C. §§ 26831 – 26836)	a) \$ 1.50 b) \$ 1.75 plus charge for copying
Election Calendar	\$ 2.00
List of Candidates Hard copy or Electronic Transmission	\$ 0.50 a first page and \$ 0.10 for each page thereafter
Mailing Label Data a) Individual voter or head of household	a) \$ 35.00 per 1,000 names or portion thereof
Master Voter File a) Countywide (CD ROM) b) Per District (CD ROM) c) Street Index of Voters	a) \$ 35.00 b) \$ 35.00 district c) \$ 5.00 for 1 st 1,000 names, plus \$ 1.00 per 1,000 names or portion thereof
Precinct Maps District Maps	\$ 35.00
Recall Pamphlets	\$ 3.00
Research of Source Data (when authorized – staff availability basis)	\$ 35.00 per hour plus copying and postage charges
Signature Verification	\$ 0.50 per signature
Voter Notifications Via postcard (subject to postage rate change)	\$ 0.50 per voter notification
Reproduced Documents (without certification) -Fax / Transmission service requested by purchaser <u>Exceptions:</u> a) Campaign Disclosure; Statements of Economic Interest (G.C. § 81008) b) Statement of Votes Cast c) Statement of Votes Cast (CD) (PDF or EXCEL)	\$ 0.50 for 1 st page, plus \$ 0.10 for each additional page(s) of same document / item \$ 2.50 plus \$ 0.50 per page a) \$ 0.10 per page b) \$ 30.00 per bound volume, or as quoted c) \$ 100.00
Returned Check Charge	\$ 31.00
Candidate Statement Deposit Printing of candidate statement in the County Voter Information Guide.	Actual vendor printing costs (request calculation schedule)

SERVICES TO CANDIDATES (Continued)

PRECINCT MAPS

Detailed maps showing precinct boundaries may be purchased. Candidates should contact our Precincting Section to order maps for their jurisdiction. Call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7342 for further information.

Cost: **\$35 per custom map**

VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER LISTS

Vote-by-Mail voter lists are available on CD or E-mail. For further information call the Registrar of Voters' office at (951) 486-7340.



VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

VOTE CENTERS

On Election Day, the Vote Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The following rules/regulations are presented to assist you in running a trouble-free campaign and avoiding any problems.

WORKING AT THE POLLS/VOTE CENTER INFORMATION:



In addition to general recruitment of poll workers from among the county's registered voters, the Registrar of Voters uses three other specialized recruitment programs to identify Election Officers. They are the Student Pollworker program, the County Pollworker program, and the Adopt-A-Poll program.

California Elections Code does not allow any candidate for elective office to use their residence or business as a Vote Center. (E.C. § 12287)

California Elections Code authorizes County Central Committees to nominate individuals to work on precinct boards. The nominee must be a registered voter, a member of the party making the nomination, and a resident of the precinct to which the nomination applies. These nominations must be made at least 90 days before the election for which the nomination is made. (E.C. § 12306)

WHY VOTE CENTERS CHANGE:



There are many reasons for choosing or changing a particular Vote Center. Any or all of the following reasons may apply:

- ☆ Facilities become overcrowded or permission is no longer granted for a facility to be used as a Vote Center.
- ☆ As precincts grow, boundaries have to be revised. This could result in your having to be assigned to a different Vote Center.
- ☆ Previous Vote Centers were not accessible to the disabled and the elderly as dictated by law.
- ☆ The different grouping of districts in an election could make it necessary to change your Vote Center from election to election.
- ☆ Inadequate lighting, parking, or other similar concerns may require a new location to be selected.
- ☆ Construction/remodeling may render a Vote Center unavailable for an election.
- ☆ The facility must be secure for storing voting equipment.

Vote Centers (Continued)

CAMPAIGNING / ELECTIONEERING:

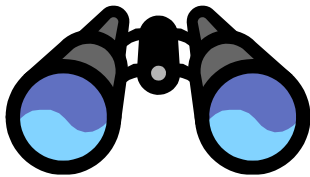


No person shall do any of the following within 100 feet of a Vote Center. (100 feet begins at the doorway of the room in which voters are voting).

- ☆ Circulate any petitions.
- ☆ Solicit a vote; wear campaign insignia or clothing with campaign slogans or political advertisements.
- ☆ Post any signs relating to candidates and/or measures.
- ☆ Perform any type of electioneering activities.

Pollworkers are instructed to check for electioneering throughout the day. If a poll worker advises you that you are too close or are in any way electioneering, please comply with the request to correct the problem. If the pollworker is unable to resolve the problem, the Registrar of Voters will send a troubleshooter to the polls and/or summon law enforcement for assistance. It should be noted that exit polling may be conducted 25 feet from the Vote Center entrance.

OBSERVING:



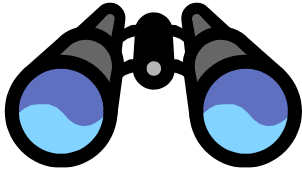
You are certainly welcome to observe activity at any Vote Center on election day – from the time the polls open until the polls are closed and the Election Officers depart to return the ballots and supplies to the collection center. However, in order not to disrupt the voting process, it is suggested that you and your campaign workers review the following material that is given in training to our pollworkers. It explains some of the “do’s” and “don’ts” of observation.

Anyone may be a poll watcher, but most often poll watchers are people who are working with one of the political parties or for a campaign. A poll watcher is someone who is observing the procedures at the polls and/or monitoring who has, or who has not voted. To accomplish this, poll watchers may continually check the street index on the available laptop. **When not in use**, poll watchers are permitted to view the Roster of Voters, and all supplemental lists in the possession of the precinct board.

Although the law allows poll watching, there are rules and guidelines that must be followed.

Vote Centers (Continued)

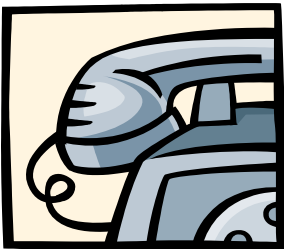
OBSERVING (Cont'd):



RULES FOR POLL WATCHERS/OBSERVERS

- ☆ Interfere, in the judgment of the elections official, with the conduct of the election.
- ☆ Physically handle any voting materials or equipment.
- ☆ Sit at the official work tables or view confidential voter information on any work terminal.
- ☆ Communicate with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- ☆ Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- ☆ Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- ☆ Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios inside the polling place and/or within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place.
- ☆ Talk to or attempt to stop the central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- ☆ Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- ☆ Make physical contact with election personnel.
- ☆ Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- ☆ Assist in operations at any polling place or the central counting site.
- ☆ Be in the area where the voters are casting their ballots.
- ☆ Discuss any ballot or political issue.
- ☆ Intimidate or impede board members or voters.
- ☆ Photograph or videotape voters for the purpose of intimidation

ELECTION DAY CONCERNS:



If you see any activity that you believe is improper, or contrary to the Registrar of Voters' policies, please contact the Registrar of Voters office immediately so that we may investigate. The sooner we know of a problem, the sooner we can eliminate it. Telling us of a problem the day after the election is helpful, but does not allow us to resolve problems promptly for the benefit of those participating in the present election.

CANVASS

ELECTION NIGHT ACTIVITIES	
ELECTION RESULTS AVAILABLE AFTER 8:00 p.m.	At the Registrar of Voters, 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, or by phone (951) 486-7200, (800) 773-VOTE, or website: www.voteinfo.net
ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS INFORMATION	Candidates are invited to visit the Registrar of Voters office on election night. Cumulative election results will be available to candidates and the public in the lobby or via telephone at the Registrar of Voters Office. In addition, the results will be posted on the Registrar of Voters website at www.voteinfo.net. The vote-by-mail vote will be reported first at approximately 8:15 p.m. Telephone operators will remain available to answer questions until all precinct results have been reported. The polls officially close at 8:00 p.m. Election activity then changes, from what was primarily voter participation at the polls, to precinct officials completing necessary procedures and forms, and delivering equipment and supplies to the Registrar of Voters office.
CANVASS	Following Election Day the canvass of the returns will commence at the Registrar of Voters office. During the canvass, a complete audit of all returns will be accomplished, as well as processing and counting of provisional and vote-by-mail ballots voted and/or received on election day. Additionally, if there are any qualified write-in candidates, those votes will be tallied during the canvass. As a result, close races may not be determined until the canvass is completed. The official election results will be certified after the completion of the canvass.
CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS	After certification of the election results, winners will be mailed a Certificate of Election with instructions on where and when to file it.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q. Does it cost anything to run for office?

A. There is no filing fee required of candidates running for school board or special district offices. (The only cost a candidate may incur is for the optional candidate's statement.)

Q. How many nomination signatures do I need?

A. Nomination signatures are not required for schools and special districts.

Q. May I withdraw my candidate's statement after it is filed?

A. Your statement may be withdrawn during the nomination period, and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

Q. Why does the cost of the candidate's statement vary from district to district?

A. The cost for the candidate's statement is based on the number of registered voters in each jurisdiction.

Q. To whom is the check made payable for a candidate's statement?

A. Make your check payable to the Registrar of Voters.

Q. May I change my ballot designation after I file my documents?

A. Yes. The ballot designation may be changed by a candidate until 5 p.m. on the final date for filing nomination documents.

Q. May the oath be administered by a notary?

A. Yes. The oath may be executed before a notary, district secretary, district superintendent, or a deputy in the Registrar of Voters' Office.

Q. May I fax my nomination documents to your office?

A. No. Only original documents will be accepted.

Q. May I mail my nomination documents?

A. Yes. However, they must be received in the Registrar of Voters' office by the filing deadline. A postmark or certified letter receipt does not constitute the receipt of documents in our office.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued)

Q. May I file my nomination documents with the district office?

A. No. Your nomination documents must be filed with the Registrar of Voters office.

Q. When am I considered a candidate?

A. You are considered a candidate when your nomination documents have been filed and verified.

Q. What happens if I change my mind about running for office after I have filed my nomination documents?

A. You may withdraw anytime up to the close of the nomination period. Withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Registrar of Voters' office. After the nomination period closes, you are not permitted to officially withdraw and your name will appear on the ballot. It is the candidate's responsibility to inform voters that he/she does not want to be elected to office.

Q. What determines the order in which my name will appear on the ballot?

A. A random alphabet drawing is conducted by the Secretary of State, which determines the order that candidates' names will appear on the ballot.

Q. May someone else file nomination documents on my behalf?

A. Election law does not specifically prohibit another person from filing nomination papers for a candidate; however, candidates are urged to file in person for the following reasons:

1. The oath of affirmation must be administered by a deputy of the Registrar of Voters' office, an authorized public official, or a notary public. It is much easier for a candidate to file the nomination papers in person and have the oath administered at the time he or she files.
2. The signature of the candidate, as well as other data, is required on many documents involved in the nomination process. If through an oversight the nomination papers are incomplete; the problem can easily be rectified when a candidate files in person.

Q. What happens if I'm the only candidate?

A. If you are the only candidate for a special district office, you will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If you are the only candidate for a school district, you will automatically be seated at the district's organizational meeting.

2026

January '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				H	H	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	H	20	21	22	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	H	13	14
15	H	17	18	19	20	21
22	H	24	25	26	27	28

March '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	H	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	H	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	H	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	H	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	H	13	14	15	16	17
18	R	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	E	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	H	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	H	H	28
29	30					

December '26						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	H	26
27	28	29	30	31		

E= Election Day

Nomination Period for
November 3, 2026

H= Holiday

R= Registration Deadline