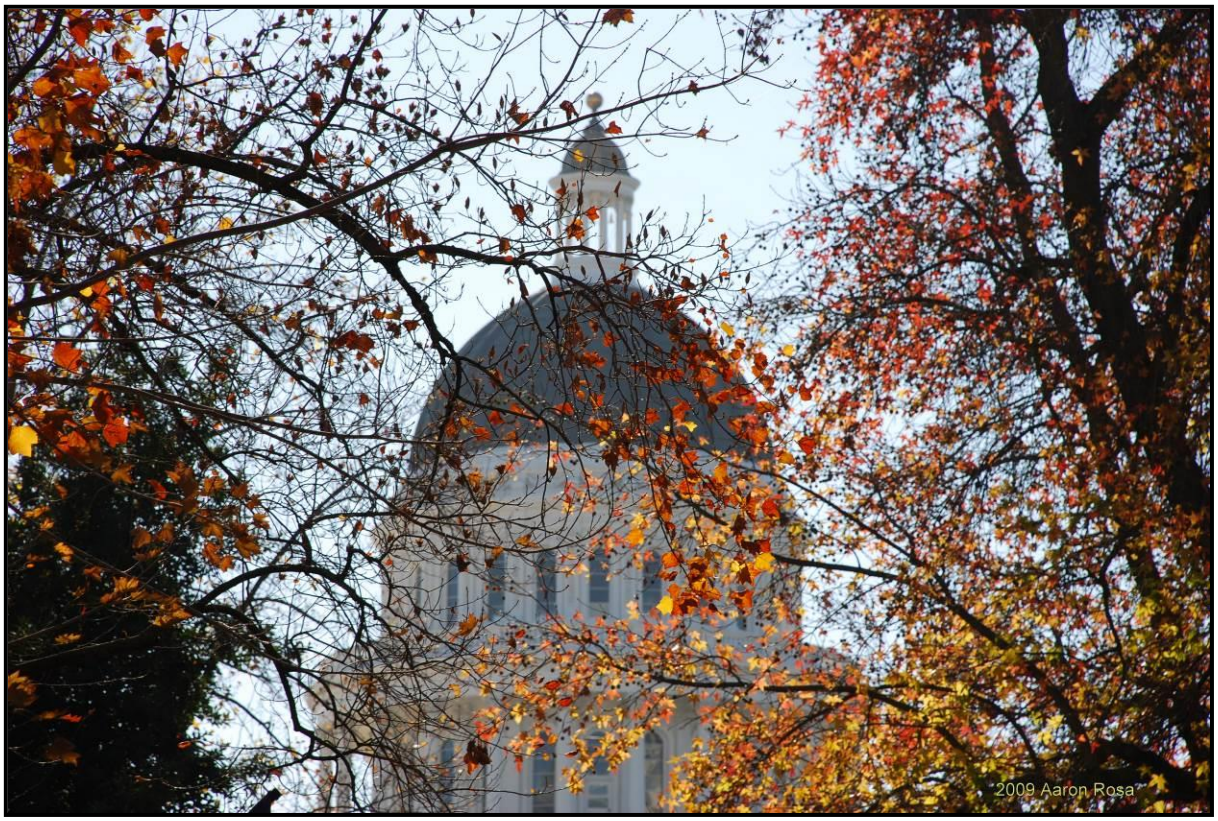

Stanislaus County Candidate Guide

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION
November 3, 2020

Prepared by the office of Donna Linder, County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

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THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS STRONGLY recommends that any prospective candidates obtain legal advice to assist in complying with the applicable California laws, including California Elections Code and California Government Code.

CODE REFERENCES made in this guide, unless otherwise stated, are to the California Constitution and Statutes. California legal code references in this guide include:

- Business Professions Code (B&P)
- Education Code (ED)
- Elections Code (EC)
- Government Code (GC)
- Health and Safety Code (H&S)
- Insurance Code (IC)
- Penal Code (PC)
- Revenue and Taxation Code (R&T)

The term E-DATE stands for Election Day. E-Dates have been used throughout this guide to indicate important dates and deadlines. These dates are the number of days prior to or after an election date. Example: E-88 means E minus 88 days and would be 88 days prior to an election, and E+28 means E plus 28 days and would be 28 days after an election. This type of date is often used in Elections Code in order to avoid any variance from one election to the next. Refer to the election calendar for guidance as to what actual date the indicated E-Date falls on.

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February 24, 2020

Dear Officeholders and Candidates:

Welcome to the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. Your decision to seek office in the upcoming election is admirable and provides voters in Stanislaus County a choice, as well as sustains our democratic process. I hope this handbook will help make this election a positive experience for you. The Elections Division is dedicated to ensuring that the outcome of every election held in this county is fair and accurate.

There are many requirements associated with being a candidate. We have prepared this Candidate Guide to assist you in understanding these requirements. It contains valuable information pertaining to qualifications for office, terms of office, procedures, fees, forms, and important dates and deadlines. Please read this handbook over carefully. Being well advised will help you with your campaign. We hope you find this Candidate Guide useful.

This guide is intended to be a resource and is not comprehensive nor does it constitute or substitute for legal advice. It is intended to provide general information about the nomination and election of candidates and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters is not rendering legal advice, and the guide is not a substitute for legal counsel for the individual using it. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.

We want to provide you assistance that will make seeking office easier and an enjoyable learning experience. The Registrar of Voters office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and office closures. We will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadline days. You may contact our office with questions by visiting our website at www.stanvote.com or calling (209) 525-5201.

I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Donna Linder
Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

All information in this guide is subject to change.

No duty is imposed upon the Office of the Registrar of Voters to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. The Declaration of Candidacy, which each candidate must sign under penalty of perjury, states that the candidate meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for office including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, etc.

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Unless otherwise indicated, all code section references are to the California Elections Code (EC).

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Registrar of Voters
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Telephone: (209) 525-5201 / Fax: (209) 525-5802 / E-Mail: stanvote@stancounty.com

- Campaign Finance Disclosure Forms (FPPC)
- Campaign Materials – Indexes, Walking Lists
- Candidate Filing Requirement Information
- Information on Registering Voters

Secretary of State
Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, 4th Floor, Room 495, Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 653-6224 / Fax: (916) 653-5045

The Secretary of State's Political Reform Division administers provisions of California's Political Reform Act of 1974 that require the disclosure of financial activities related to political campaigns and lobbying. Specific activities of the Political Reform Division include:

- Register and issue identification numbers for all state and local campaign committees that raise funds in connection with elections (non-federal) throughout California
- Receive notices from all state and local candidates of their intentions to raise campaign funds and establish separate bank accounts for these funds
- Receive campaign disclosure statements (itemizing contributions received and expenditures made) filed by individuals and committees raising or spending campaign funds to support or oppose state candidates or ballot measures
- Provide technical assistance regarding campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act to state and local candidates and elected officials, treasurers of campaign committees and the general public
- Review state campaign documents to ensure compliance with reporting requirements
- Provide public access to all campaign disclosure documents
- Publish campaign financing reports that summarize and analyze the extensive information contained in campaign documents filed with the Political Reform Division

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
1102 "Q" Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811
Telephone Advice Line: 1-866-ASK-FPPC or 1-866-275-3772 (press 1) / E-Mail: advice@fppc.ca.gov
Campaign Finance Enforcement Complaints: E-Mail: complaint@fppc.ca.gov
Electronic Enforcement Complaint System: www.fppc.ca.gov/enforcement.html

The FPPC Helpline staff is available by telephone Monday through Thursday from 9:00-11:30 to provide assistance to anyone who has reporting or other requirements under the Political Reform Act (the "Act"). Call toll free **1-866-ASK-FPPC** and follow the prompts to speak to a political reform consultant in the Technical Assistance Division. Political reform consultants field questions in all areas covered by the Act. In addition, the FPPC voicemail has a special prompt that allows you to order forms, manuals and other materials at any time.

Election Website: *www.stanvote.com*

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters website contains
valuable and important information to assist both candidates and voters

The website includes:

- Results from past elections
- Candidate Watch List (updated daily during nomination period)
- Candidate Statements and measure information (posted 60 days prior to election)
- Voter registration information
- Vote by mail ballot information and application for local and military / overseas
- Provisional and vote by mail ballot tracker
- Election calendars
- Elected officials list
- Canvass procedures
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section
- Helpful links to other election related websites, including the FPPC website
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) information
- E-County Voter Information Guide lookup tool
- Polling place locator tool
- Campaign finance disclosure lookup tool

HELPFUL CONNECTIONS

Secretary of State …… www.sos.ca.gov

Stanislaus County …… www.stancounty.com

Fair Political Practices Commission …….. www.fppc.ca.gov

California State Attorney General …… oag.ca.gov

Federal Election Commission …….. www.fec.gov

California Law ……... leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

California Department of Transportation …….. www.dot.ca.gov

ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters is **NOT** an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate violations. To report a violation, refer to the agencies listed below:

False or misleading campaign materials
- No agency enforcement – these issues are dealt with in a court of law

Violations of the Political Reform Act
- Contact: Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (800) 561-1851 www.fppc.ca.gov
- Mass mailing requirements, slate mailers, campaign disclosure, proper use of campaign funds, disclosure of economic interest *(Title 9 of the California Government Code at Sections 81000 through 91014)*

Election fraud
- Contact: County district attorney *or*
- California Secretary of State (916) 657-2166 www.sos.ca.gov

Unlawful use of public funds, violations of Elections Code, Penal Code or laws other than the Political Reform Act
- Contact: County district attorney *or*
- California State Attorney General (800) 952-5225 oag.ca.gov

Federal campaigns, Congress, U.S. Senate or president of the United States
- Contact: Federal Election Commission (800) 424-9530 www.fec.gov

Open meeting laws *(Brown Act)*
- Contact: County district attorney *or*
- California State Attorney General (800) 952-5225 oag.ca.gov

Local ordinances
- Contact: Local city attorney *or* county district attorney

Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs
- Contact: Local city attorney *or* county district attorney

NEIGHBORING COUNTIES REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 299-8683
registrar@rov.sccgov.org

Tuolumne County
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 533-5570
elections@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Merced County
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Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7541
elections@countyofmerced.com

Calaveras County
Government Center
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-6376
elections@co.calaveras.ca.us

City Clerks in Stanislaus County

City of Ceres City Clerk: Diane Nayares-Perez 2720 2nd Street Ceres, CA 95307	Telephone: (209) 538-5731
City of Hughson Deputy City Clerk: Ashton Gose 7018 Pine Street Hughson, CA 95326	Telephone: (209) 883-4054
City of Modesto City Clerk: Stephanie Lopez 1010 10th Street, 6th Floor Modesto, CA 95354	Telephone: (209) 577-5396
City of Newman City Clerk: Mike Maier 938 Fresno Street Newman, CA 95360	Telephone: (209) 862-3725
City of Oakdale City Clerk: Rouze Roberts 280 N. 3rd Avenue Oakdale, CA 95361	Telephone: (209) 845-3573
City of Patterson City Clerk: Maricela Vela 1 Plaza Patterson, CA 95363	Telephone: (209) 895-8010
City of Riverbank City Clerk: Annabelle Aguilar 6707 3rd Street Riverbank, CA 95367	Telephone: (209) 863-7122
City of Turlock City Clerk: Jennifer Land 156 S. Broadway, Ste 230 Turlock, CA 95380	Telephone: (209) 668-5540
City of Waterford City Clerk: Patricia Krause 101 E Street Waterford, CA 95386	Telephone: (209) 874-2328

Presidential General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2020
County of Stanislaus – Registrar of Voters (ROV)

Code references, unless otherwise stated, refer to California Elections Code (EC), Government Code (GC) & Education Code (ED Code)

Prior to Soliciting or Accepting Contributions for Campaign Purposes	**All candidates must file FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement** Form 501 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer **before** soliciting or accepting contributions to a campaign. GC 85200 **Click Here For FPPC Filing Schedule**
See Last Page For Measure Consolidation Calendar	**Governing Bodies Requesting Measure Consolidation** Pursuant to EC 10403, measure resolutions are to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with this election by E-88; however, the ROV has administrative deadlines necessary to meet vendor and print deadlines. **See attached *Measure Consolidation Calendar* for ROV administrative deadlines.**
SATURDAY **June 27** **9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**	**Candidate Workshop** The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters is conducting a free workshop intended to provide prospective candidates with an overview of the candidacy filing process. Topics will include Fair Political Practices Commission filing requirements, candidacy forms, candidate statement of qualifications and filing deadlines. Workshop to be held via virtual conference. Contact Candidate Services by phone or email to RSVP and request email conference access information. **Contact Candidate Services at (209) 525-5237 or Stanvote@stancounty.com and provide name, phone and email address to RSVP for this workshop.**
June 29 – July 13 **(E-127 to E-113)**	**Municipal Notice of Election Publication** For cities consolidating with this election, the city clerk shall publish the Notice of Election between these dates. This notice shall contain the date of the election, polling hours, any offices to be filled and / or measures to be voted on, the qualifications required for each office, location where declaration of candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed and the deadline for filing these forms. EC 12101, 12111
July 1 **(E-125)**	**District Office Confirmation and Boundary Lines Form** Districts consolidating with this election must complete and return the district confirmation of offices and boundary lines form by E-125. EC 10509
July 3 **(E-123)**	**Specifications of the Election Order** School boards to deliver this document to the county superintendent of schools and the county elections official. ED Code 5322
July 6 – August 5 **(E-120 to E-90)**	**County Notice of Election Publication** The county elections official shall publish a notice of election between these dates. The notice shall contain the date of the election, name of the offices for which candidates may file, state the qualifications required for each office, location where declaration of candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed and the deadline for filing these forms. EC 12112
July 12 **(E-114)**	**Municipal Calling of Special Election to Fill Vacancy** Last date for a city council to call a special election to fill a vacancy on the next regularly established election date, to be held not less than 114 days from the call of the election. If the election is not called by this date, the vacancy cannot go to election on this established election date. GC 36512 (b)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, candidate filing is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Appointment scheduling begins on July 1 by calling 209-525-5201. Candidates are encouraged to call as early as possible to ensure candidacy nomination paperwork is completed prior to the filing deadline. **Candidate Filing Period** **July 13 – August 7** **(E-113 to E-88)**	**Candidate Nomination Period – ALL CANDIDATES** All candidates, including incumbents, must file nomination documents with the appropriate elections official during this period. If applicable, a nonrefundable filing fee (money, signatures or a prorated combination of both) shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms. EC 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811 **Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal Deadline** All candidates who choose to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the Stanislaus County Voter Information Guide must submit their statement and pay the required deposit prior to the close of the nomination period. Once filed, statements may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. EC 13307-13308 **Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest** Filing deadline for candidates who have not submitted a Form 700 within the previous 60 days. U.S. Senate, congressional and central committee candidates are exempt. GC 87100-87314
July 28 **(E-98)**	**Ballot Designation Change Deadline** Last day that a candidate can submit a written request to change the ballot designation as used in the primary election. EC 13107(e)
August 5 – November 3 **(E-90 to E)**	**Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of $1,000 or More** Within **24 hours** of the transaction, FPPC Form 462, Form 496 or Form 497 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer. GC 82036, 82036.5, 84200.6
August 7 **5:00 p.m.** **(E-88)**	**Close of Candidate Nomination Period** Candidate nomination documents are due. Incumbents who wish to file as a candidate for their own office must file by this date. Last day to withdraw Declaration of Candidacy papers except when there is an extension to that office. Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest are due. EC 8020, 8022, GC 87200
August 8 – August 17 **(E-87 to E-78)**	**10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications** Public examination period for offices that close during the nomination period. Any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may file a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. EC 13313
August 8 – August 12 **(E-87 to E-83)**	**Candidate Nomination Extension Period – If Applicable** For anyone other than the incumbent **if** the incumbent did not file by E-88. This provision does not apply if there is no eligible incumbent to be elected or if the incumbent has met a term limit. EC 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604
August 12 **(E-83)**	**Unopposed Superior Court Judge Write-In Campaign Deadline** Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed incumbent superior court judicial candidate who has filed nomination petitions. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1% (at least 100 but no more than 600) qualified registered voters. Once the petition is complete, write-in candidates must file their write-in statement and nomination petitions between E-57 and E-14. EC 8203, 8600-8606
August 13 – August 22 **(E-82 to E-73)**	**10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications** Public examination period for offices that close during an **extended** nomination period. Any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction must be filed no later than the end of this period. EC 13313
August 13 **11:00 a.m.** **(E-82)**	**Randomized Alphabet Drawing** Conducted by the Secretary of State to determine candidate name order as it will appear on the ballot. The county elections official will also hold a drawing at 11:00 a.m. for multi-county legislative offices. EC 13112

September 4 – September 19 (E-60 to E-45)	**Military / Overseas Vote by Mail Ballots** Mailing and processing period for military and overseas voters. EC 300, 3101-3206
September 7 – October 20 (E-57 to E-14)	**Write-In Candidacy** Statement of Write-In Candidacy must be filed with the county elections official to be a qualified write-in candidate for offices appearing on the ballot. Write-in candidates are not allowed for a voter nominated office at a general election. EC 8600-8606
September 24 – October 13 (E-40 to E-21)	**County Voter Information Guide** Mailed by the county elections official to each registered voter. EC 13303
September 24 – October 13 (E-40 to E-21)	**State Voter Information Guide** Mailed by the Secretary of State to each household in which voters were registered by E-60. EC 9094
October 5 – October 27 (E-29 to E-7)	**Vote by Mail Ballots** Mailing and processing period for vote by mail ballots. Ballots will be available at the county elections office. EC 3001
October 19 (E-15)	**15-Day Close of Registration** Last day to register for this election. Postmarks, DMV submissions and elections office delivery/drop off are acceptable.
October 20 – November 3 (E-14 to E)	**Conditional Registration Period** Eligible persons who missed the 15-day close of registration may appear **in person** at the county elections official's office, satellite office or election day poll and register to vote provisionally for this election. EC 2170
October 27 (E-7)	**Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot**
October 28 – November 3 (E-6 to E)	**Special 7-Day Ballots Available** Available at the county elections official's office for those voters unable to vote at the polls on Election Day. EC 3021
November 3 (E)	**ELECTION DAY** Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. EC 1000, 14212
November 5 (E+2)	**1% Manual Tally - Random Draw for Selection of Precincts** Conducted at the county elections office. Precincts selected at random will be included in the 1% manual tally to verify accuracy of vote tabulation machines. EC 15360
November 5 – December 3 (E+2 to E+30)	**Official Canvass of the Vote** The official canvass of precinct returns shall commence and be completed during this time. The county elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results and submit it to the governing bodies consolidated with this election. EC 15301, 15372
December 4	**Elected and Appointed Special District Officials Will Take Office** At noon on the first Friday in December following this election. EC 10554
December 11	**Elected and Appointed School District Officials Will Take Office** Governing board members of a school district or community college district take office on the second Friday of December. Ed Code 1007, 1009, 5017

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day. *EC 15; GC 6700, 6701, 6707*

This calendar is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulations or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.

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CANDIDATE DESIGNATION OF POLITICAL PARTY
TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY ACT OF 2010
(EC 8002.5, 8040, 13105(a))

Elections Code Section 13105(a) addresses how a candidate for a voter nominated office is permitted to designate his or her political party preference on the ballot.

With the implementation of EC 13105(a), to ensure that each candidate's political party designation is provided to voters in a uniform fashion substantially similar to the form prescribed by Elections Code 13105, the Secretary of State's office has provided the following format for use by the county elections official:

- For a candidate who designated a qualified political party pursuant to Sections 8002.5 and 8040, "**Party Preference: _____.**"
- For a candidate who did not designate a party preference for a qualified political party pursuant to Sections 8002.5 and 8040, "**Party Preference: None.**"

In cases where limitations in voting systems and/or ballot layout capacity necessitates abbreviating qualified political party names where a candidate is permitted to express a preference as identified above, the Secretary of State's office has provided the following format:

- Utilize the following list of approved abbreviations:
  DEM – Democratic
  REP – Republican
  AI – American Independent
  GRN – Green
  LIB – Libertarian
  PF – Peace and Freedom
  Not Given – Not Given (this designation should not be abbreviated)

  Should a county utilize the abbreviation option, it must provide a list of the abbreviations to voters in the County Voter Information Guide, in postings at the polling places and in information mailed to vote by mail voters.

- Utilize political party abbreviations for each candidate in a particular contest and throughout the entire ballot on a countywide basis, even though only one candidate may require the use of an abbreviation.

Offices Up for Election - November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election:

This list is subject to change

Municipal	**Vote for**	**Office Title**	
City of Ceres - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Ceres - Council Member - District 3	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Ceres - Council Member - District 4	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Ceres - Treasurer	1	Treasurer	*File with city clerk*
City of Hughson - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Hughson - Council Member	2	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Modesto - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Modesto - Council Member - District 1	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Modesto - Council Member - District 3	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Modesto - Council Member - District 6	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Newman - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Newman - Council Member	2	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Newman - Treasurer	1	Treasurer	*File with city clerk*
City of Oakdale - Council Member	2	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Oakdale - Treasurer	1	Treasurer	*File with city clerk*
City of Oakdale - City Clerk	1	City Clerk	*File with city clerk*
City of Patterson - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Patterson - Council Member - District A	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Patterson - Council Member - District C	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Riverbank - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Riverbank - Council Member - District 2	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Riverbank - Council Member - District 4	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Turlock - Council Member - District 2	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Turlock - Council Member - District 4	1	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
City of Turlock - Treasurer	1	Treasurer	*File with city clerk*
City of Waterford - Mayor	1	Mayor	*File with city clerk*
City of Waterford - Council Member	2	Council Member	*File with city clerk*
School Districts	**Vote for**	**Office Title**	**District Area Shared with**
Stanislaus County Board of Education - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Stanislaus County Board of Education - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Chatom Union School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Chatom Union School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Denair Unified School District	3	Board Member	
Empire Union School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Empire Union School District - Area 2	1	Board Member	
Gratton School District	2	Board Member	
Hughson Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Hughson Unified School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	

School Districts	Vote for	Office Title	District Area Shared with
Keyes Union School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Keyes Union School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Knights Ferry School District	2	Board Member	
Modesto City Schools District - Area 2	1	Board Member	*File with city clerk*
Modesto City Schools District - Area 4	1	Board Member	*File with city clerk*
Modesto City Schools District - Area 6	1	Board Member	*File with city clerk*
Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Oakdale Joint Unified School District - Area 1 *Nominated by Division Elected At-Large*	1	Board Member	San Joaquin
Oakdale Joint Unified School District - Area 2 *Nominated by Division Elected At-Large*	1	Board Member	San Joaquin
Paradise Elementary School District	1	Board Member	
Patterson Joint Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Patterson Joint Unified School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Patterson Joint Unified School District - Area 5	1	Board Member	
Patterson Joint Unified School District - Area 7	1	Board Member	
Riverbank Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Riverbank Unified School District - Area 5	1	Board Member	
Roberts Ferry Union School District	2	Board Member	
Salida Union School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Salida Union School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Shiloh School District	1	Board Member	
Stanislaus Union School District - Area 2	1	Board Member	
Stanislaus Union School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Sylvan Union School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Sylvan Union School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Turlock Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Turlock Unified School District - Area 3	1	Board Member	
Turlock Unified School District - Area 5	1	Board Member	
Turlock Unified School District - Area 7	1	Board Member	Merced
Valley Home Joint School District	3	Board Member	San Joaquin
Waterford Unified School District - Area 1	1	Board Member	
Waterford Unified School District - Area 4	1	Board Member	
Yosemite Community College District - Trustee Area 3	1	Trustee	Merced
Yosemite Community College District - Trustee Area 5	1	Trustee	San Joaquin
Yosemite Community College District - Trustee Area 6	1	Trustee	
Yosemite Community College District - Trustee Area 7	1	Trustee	
Special Districts	**Vote for**	**Office Title**	**District Area Shared with**
Crows Landing Community Services District	2	Director	
Denair Community Services District	3	Director	
Grayson Community Services District	3	Director	
Knights Ferry Community Services Dist - Full Term	2	Director	
Knights Ferry Community Services Dist - Short Term	1	Director	
Monterey Park Tract Community Services District	2	Director	
Riverdale Park Community Services District	3	Director	
Westley Community Services District	3	Director	

Special Districts	Vote for	Office Title	District Area Shared with
Burbank-Paradise Fire Protection Dist - Full Term	2	Director	
Burbank-Paradise Fire Protection Dist - Short Term	1	Director	
Ceres Fire Protection District	2	Director	
Salida Fire Protection District - Full Term	2	Director	
Salida Fire Protection District - Short Term	1	Director	
Westport Fire Protection District - Full Term	3	Director	
Westport Fire Protection District - Short Term	1	Director	
Modesto Irrigation District - Division 1	1	Director	
Modesto Irrigation District - Division 5	1	Director	
Oakdale Irrigation District - Division 1	1	Director	
Oakdale Irrigation District - Division 4	1	Director	
Patterson Irrigation District - Division 1	1	Director	
Patterson Irrigation District - Division 2	1	Director	
Patterson Irrigation District - Division 4	1	Director	
Turlock Irrigation District - Division 1	1	Director	
Turlock Irrigation District - Division 4	1	Director	
West Stanislaus Irrigation District - Division 2 *Nominated by Division Elected At-Large*	1	Director	
West Stanislaus Irrigation District - Division 3 (Short Term) *Nominated by Division Elected At-Large*	1	Director	
West Stanislaus Irrigation District - Division 5 *Nominated by Division Elected At-Large*	1	Director	
Del Puerto Health Care District - Full Term	2	Director	
Del Puerto Health Care District - Short Term	2	Director	
Oak Valley Hospital District	2	Director	
Westside Community Health Care District - Zone 1	1	Director	
Westside Community Health Care District - Zone 2 (Short Term)	1	Director	
Westside Community Health Care District - Zone 3	1	Director	Merced
Salida Sanitary District	3	Director	
Denair Municipal Advisory Council	2	Council Member	
Empire Municipal Advisory Council - Full Term	2	Council Member	
Empire Municipal Advisory Council - Short Term	3	Council Member	
Hickman Municipal Advisory Council - Full Term	3	Council Member	
Hickman Municipal Advisory Council - Short Term	1	Council Member	
Keyes Municipal Advisory Council	3	Council Member	
Knights Ferry Municipal Advisory Council	3	Council Member	
Salida Municipal Advisory Council - Full Term	2	Council Member	
Salida Municipal Advisory Council - Short Term	1	Council Member	
South Modesto Municipal Adv. Council	2	Council Member	
Valley Home Municipal Advisory Council - Full Term	2	Council Member	
Valley Home Municipal Advisory Council - Short Term	2	Council Member	
Wood Colony Municipal Advisory Council	2	Council Member	

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL OFFICES

(EC 13, 13.5, 20, 201, 349, 2026, GC 52337(a))

Elections Code 13 – Legally Qualified Candidate

(a) A person shall not be considered a legally qualified candidate for an office, for party nomination for a partisan office, or for nomination to participate in the general election for a voter nominated office, under the laws of this state unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy or statement of write-in candidacy with the proper official for the particular election or primary, or is entitled to have his or her name placed on a general election ballot by reason of having been nominated at a primary election, or having been selected to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot as provided in Section 8807, or having been selected as an independent candidate pursuant to Section 8304.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any qualified voter of this state from casting a ballot for a person by writing the name of that person on the ballot, or from having that ballot counted or tabulated, nor shall this section be construed as preventing or prohibiting a person from standing or campaigning for an elective office by means of a "write-in" campaign. However, nothing in this section shall be construed as an exception to the requirements of Section 15341 or to permit a person to be a write-in candidate contrary to Sections 8600 and 8606.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this section, to enable the Federal Communications Commission to determine who is a "legally qualified candidate" in this state for the purposes of administering Section 315 of Title 47 of the United States Code. *(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 3, Sec. 1. Effective February 10, 2012.)*

Elections Code 20 – Felony Conviction

(a) A person shall not be considered a candidate for, and is not eligible to be elected to, any state or local elective office if the person has 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.

(b) For purposes of this section, "conviction of a felony" includes a conviction of a felony in this state and a conviction under the laws of any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a felony, and for which the person has not received a pardon from the Governor of this state, the governor or other officer authorized to grant pardons in another state, the President of the United States, or the officer of the foreign government or country authorized to grant pardons in that foreign jurisdiction.

Elections Code 201 – Registered Voter

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination petitions are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment.

Elections Code 349 - Residence and Domicile

For voting purposes, "residence" means a person's domicile. The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed and the person has the intention of remaining and returning to. At a given time a person may have only one domicile.

Elections Code 2026 – Domicile of Member of Legislature or Representative in Congress

The domicile of a Member of the Legislature or a Representative in the Congress of the United States shall be conclusively presumed to be at the residence address indicated on that person's currently filed affidavit of registration, as long as the address is a residence under subdivision (c) of Section 349, notwithstanding that they may have another residence at which any of 2026(a) through 2026(i) apply. *(Effective January 1, 2019)*

Government Code 53227(a) – Employee of District

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.

QUALIFICATIONS – VOTER NOMINATED OFFICE

UNITED STATES SENATE
Be at least 30 years of age; citizen of the United States for at least 9 years; resident of the state when he/she would be sworn into office if elected. U.S. Constitution, Article 1,3.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Be at least 25 years of age; citizen of the United States for at least 7 years; resident of the state when he/she would be sworn into office if elected. U.S. Constitution, Article 1,2.

STATE SENATE
Be a citizen of the United States; registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued**, legislative members who were elected before June 2012 may not serve more than two terms in the State Senate or three terms in the State Assembly, for all others, may not serve more than 12 years in the Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms. California Constitution, Article 4, Section 2 (a)(c).

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
Be a citizen of the United States; registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued**; legislative members who were elected before June 2012 may not serve more than two terms in the State Senate or three terms in the State Assembly, for all others, may not serve more than 12 years in the Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms. California Constitution, Article 4, Section 2 (a)(c).

***Article 4, Section 2(c) of the California Constitution requires one-year residence in the legislative district and California residence for three years. However, it is the legal opinion of the Secretary of State's office that these provisions violate the U.S. Constitution and are unenforceable.*

QUALIFICATIONS – NONPARTISAN LOCAL OFFICE

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
California Constitution Article 6, Judicial Section 15. A person is ineligible to be a judge of a court of record unless for 10 years immediately preceding selection, the person has been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in this State.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GC 25041. In all other cases each member shall have been a registered voter of the district which he seeks to represent for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents for the office of supervisor and shall reside in the district during his incumbency.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
County Board of Education: Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the County Board of Education except the County Superintendent of Schools, any member of his or her staff or any employee of a school district that is within the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education. ED Code 1006 (a)

Governing Board Member: 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. A candidate for governing board member shall be a registered voter of the district; in the case of trustee areas, shall be a resident of the trustee area that he/she represents. ED Code 5030(b), 35107(a)

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/she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, school district employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office.
ED Code 35107(b)(1)

IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR:
Shall be a registered voter, a landowner of the district and a resident of the division. Water Code 21100
Water Code 21100 has exceptions to the landowner provision if certain criteria apply to the irrigation district. Review the applicable Water Code sections and contact the district to see if this applies to the irrigation district office you are seeking.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR
Health and Safety Code 32110. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), no person who is a director, policymaking management employee, or medical staff officer of a hospital owned or operated by a district shall do either of the following:

(1) Possess any ownership interest in any other hospital serving the same area as that served by the district hospital of which the person is a director, policymaking management employee, or medical staff officer.

(2) Be a director, policymaking management employee, or medical staff officer of any hospital serving the same area as the area served by the district hospital.

(b) For purposes of this section, a hospital shall be considered to serve the same area as a district hospital when more than 5 percent of the hospital's patient admissions are residents of the district.

(c) For purposes of this section, the possession of an ownership interest, including stocks, bonds, or other securities by the spouse or minor children or any person shall be deemed to be the possession or interest of the person.

(d) No person shall serve concurrently as a director or policymaking management employee of a district and as a director or policymaking management employee of any other hospital serving the same area as the district, unless the boards of directors of the district and the hospital have determined that the situation will further joint planning, efficient delivery of health care services, and the best interest of the areas served by their respective hospitals, or unless the district and the hospital are affiliated under common ownership, lease, or any combination thereof.

(e) Any candidate who elects to run for the office of member of the board of directors of a district, and who owns stock in, or who works for any health care facility that does not serve the same area served by the district in which the office is sought, shall disclose on the ballot his or her occupation and place of employment.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DIRECTOR:
Shall be a registered voter residing within the district. GC 61040 (b)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DIRECTOR:
Shall be a registered voter and a resident of the district. H&S 13841
GC 53227 (c) has exceptions to the employment restrictions for volunteer firefighters if certain criteria apply. Review the applicable Government Code to see if this applies to the fire protection district office you are seeking.

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER:
Shall be a registered voter residing within the district. EC 201

SANITARY DISTRICT DIRECTOR:
Shall be a registered voter residing within the district. EC 201

MUNICIPAL OFFICES
Contact the local city clerk for qualification requirements.

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

(EC 10220, 10225, 10407, 10510, 10515, 10516, 10604; GC 87201)

The candidate filing period for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election will be:
Monday, July 13, 2020 through Friday, August 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

An incumbent seeking election to his or her own office must file during this period. If the eligible incumbent does not file during the regular nomination period, there will be a deadline extension to Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for anyone other than the incumbent. This extension does not apply when there is no incumbent or if the incumbent's term limits have been met.

Forms for candidacy for school board offices and special district offices will be available from the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office, located at 1021 "I" Street, Modesto, CA 95354. There is no filing fee or nomination signature requirement for school board and special district offices. Forms and filing information for all municipal offices and Modesto City Schools Board of Education will be available from the corresponding City Clerk's office.

The candidate should personally file all papers involved with his or her candidacy. If circumstances dictate that a candidate cannot pick up or file nomination documents, a specific letter of authorization signed by the candidate will be required of any person obtaining or submitting filing documents on behalf of that candidate. The written statement from the candidate shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official in the county of the candidate's residence by the 88th day prior to the election or the 83rd day if there is an extension to that office's filing period.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

(EC 8020, 8023, 8028, 8101, 8105)

The Declaration of Candidacy is the official nomination document wherein the candidate (an incumbent or challenger) indicates how his or her name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot. Additionally, the candidate declares that he/she meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought and, if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw.

The Oath of Office on the Declaration of Candidacy form must be taken and signed by the candidate before a person authorized to administer oaths. The county elections official and notaries public are authorized administrators.

The Declaration of Candidacy for party nominated offices must also contain the date on which the candidate registered with the political party for which he or she is now seeking nomination to office.

The candidate is required to execute the Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the county elections official unless a written statement is signed and dated by the candidate designating a person to receive the Declaration of Candidacy form from the county elections official and deliver it to the candidate. The written statement from the candidate should include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy and all required nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the county elections official in the county of the candidate's residence by the 88th day prior to the primary election or the 83rd day prior to the election for candidates other than the incumbent **if** there is an extension to that office.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

(EC 8800-8811, 10224-10225, 10510, 10516, 10603-10604)

Primary Election: No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.

No candidate nominated at any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at the ensuing general election except those candidates permitted to withdraw by EC 8800-8811.

No vacancy on the ballot for a nonpartisan office at a general election shall be filled except if the candidate dies and that fact has been ascertained by the officer charged with the duty of printing the ballots at least 68 days before the date of the next ensuing general election. EC 8803(a)

No vacancy on the ballot for a voter nominated office at a general election shall be filled. If a candidate who is entitled to appear on the general election ballot dies, the name of that candidate shall appear on the general election ballot and any votes cast for that candidate shall be counted in determining the results of the election for that office. If the deceased candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, he or she shall be considered elected to that office and the office shall be considered vacant at the beginning of the term for which the candidate was elected. The vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as if the candidate had died after taking office for that term. EC 8803(b)

General Election: **Municipal, School, District Offices** - No candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or the 83rd day if there is an extension to the nomination period. EC 10224, 10225, 10510, 10516, 10603, 10604

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS – FPPC FORM 700

(GC 87200 – 87203, 87500, 81008)

Candidates must file statements of economic interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property and any income received during the preceding 12 months at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy with the local filing official during the nomination period. Statements of Economic Interests are public record.

Exception: The statement is not required if the candidate has filed such a statement within the past 60 days for the same office. Federal candidates and Municipal Advisory Council candidates are exempt.

WRITE-IN CANDIDACY

(GC 82007; EC 305, 8601-8606)

Filing Period: (E-57) to (E-14) – See calendar for specific dates

Write-in procedure:
Persons who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy and fulfill their nomination requirements to place their name on the ballot may run for office as a write-in candidate. The number of all write-in votes (both qualified and unqualified) will be included in the Statement of Vote to account for all voter activity. The votes cast for **qualified write-in candidates** will be tabulated separately for that office or nomination and reported in the certified Statement of Vote. The county elections official will forward the forms to the Secretary of State in the case of offices which must be certified by the Secretary of State. Voters may write in any person they wish for any office regardless of whether the person has qualified or not. However, only the votes for qualified write-in candidates will be separately tabulated.

To qualify as a write-in candidate a person must file with the county elections official the following documents during the write-in filing period:

1) A **"Statement of Write-In Candidacy"** which shall contain the candidate's name, residence address, a declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate, the title of the office for which he or she is running, and the date of the election.

2) A **"nomination petition"** *(if applicable)* with the requisite number of sponsor signatures required for the office sought. Signers of nomination petitions for write-in candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. In addition, if the candidate is seeking a party nomination for an office, the signers shall also be affiliated with the party whose nomination is sought.

No filing fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate:
No filing fee will be paid by a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates with regard to disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure. The county elections official will provide polling places with a list of qualified write-in candidates.

Write-in candidacy for voter nominated office:
Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, write-in candidates are not eligible to participate in the general election in November for voter nominated offices unless they received the highest or second highest number of votes in the primary election.

Write-in candidacy for municipal, school or special district office:
The write-in filing period will be made available for all municipal, school and special district offices that have had a sufficient number of candidates to cause a contest to appear on the ballot.

If the office will not appear on the ballot because there was not a sufficient number of candidates to cause a contest, and if a petition signed by 10 percent of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the district or division if elected by division, requesting that the general district election be held has not been presented to the officer conducting the election, no write-in period will apply. EC 10515

CANDIDATE'S BALLOT DESIGNATION

(EC 13107, 13107.5)

EC 13107 (a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate **only one of the following designations**:

(1) Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which he or she was elected by vote of the people.

(2) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people.

(3) No more than three words designating either the **current principal professions, vocations, or occupations** of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(4) The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed." However, the phrase "appointed incumbent" shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which he or she holds and to which he or she was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.

(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), **for candidates for judicial office**, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, **only one of the following designations may appear** at the option of the candidate:

(A) Words designating the city, county, district, state, or federal office held by the candidate at the time of filing the nomination documents.

(B) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.

(C) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:

(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.

(B) One of the following ballot designations: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:

(A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words "City of."

(B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words "County of."

(C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words "City and County."

(D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.

(c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of his or her principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as his or her ballot designation: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be

considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(e) The Secretary of State and any other elections official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:

(1) It would mislead the voter.

(2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.

(3) It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.

(4) It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”

(5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.

(6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.

(7) It refers to any activity prohibited by law.

(f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet.

(1) The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date he or she receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).

(2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate’s name.

(g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.

(h) The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.

(i) In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in a manner consistent with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211.

(j) If a foreign language translation of a candidate’s designation is required under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), as amended, to appear on the ballot in addition to the English language version, it shall be as short as possible, as consistent as is practicable with this section, and shall employ abbreviations and initials wherever possible in order to avoid undue length.

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 57, Sec. 3. (AB 2835) Effective January 1, 2019.)

EC 13107.5 A candidate may use “community volunteer” as a ballot designation subject to the following conditions: A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation or occupation. A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation. A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation or occupation designation. The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.

Ballot designation guidelines: California Elections Code 13107, 13107.3 and 13107.5
California Administrative Code - Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 7 (20710 through 20719)

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

(EC 13107.3)

Each candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file, in addition to the nomination documents filed pursuant to Section 8020, a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State. The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy. In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a) no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

(EC 13307-13317, 18350, 18351)

A statement by the candidate describing his or her education and qualifications is optional and can be printed in the voter information pamphlet section of the County Voter Information Guide. The candidate statement and full deposit must be submitted at the same time and must be received by the Registrar of Voters office prior to the close of the nomination filing period. The candidate's statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for the office he/she is seeking.

Candidates for local nonpartisan elective office may file a statement of no more than **200 words**. Candidates for State Senate and State Assembly who have accepted voluntary spending limits and candidates for U.S. representative may file a statement of no more than 250 words.

Pursuant to EC 13308, a candidate statement 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, their qualifications, character or activities.

Statements should not contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements.
The candidate is responsible for the content of the statement submitted for inclusion in the County Voter Information Guide. It is a misdemeanor for a candidate to knowingly make a false statement of a material fact in a candidate statement with intent to mislead voters in connection with his or her campaign for election to a nonpartisan office.

Stanislaus County candidate statements are required by U.S. Code Title 42, Chapter 20, Subchapter I-B to be in the English and Spanish languages.

Time Period for Filing: The optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications is filed during the candidate nomination period. It is recommended you submit your final draft via email to stanvote@stancounty.com with "Candidate Services" in the subject line so your statement can be reviewed prior to your visit to the ROV to officially file and pay for the candidate statement. This review provides an opportunity for corrections to formatting, word count, spelling, documentation needed, etc.

Where: Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters
1021 "I" Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354

Contents: The statement may contain the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The spacing for the statement is to be uniform and conform to the guidelines on the next page. Statements not in compliance will not be accepted.

Restrictions: Candidate statements are limited to the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates. The elections official shall not print or circulate any statement that the elections official determines does not meet this restriction.
(EC 13307.5, 13308)

Candidate statements for local nonpartisan office shall not include the political party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. Candidate photographs are not permitted. *(13307(a)(1))*

Withdrawal: The statement may be withdrawn **but not changed** during the period for filing Nomination Petitions 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 in writing and signed by the candidate. *(EC 13307(a)(3))*

Endorsements: If your statement contains endorsements you must file written authorization with your statement from the person(s) giving you the endorsement. Letters must be signed and dated.

Permission: If you use someone else's name or the name of a business in your statement you must file written authorization from the person or business stating that you have their permission to use their name in this manner. Letters must be signed and dated.

Confidentiality of Statements: Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, candidates' statements filed pursuant to EC 13307 shall remain confidential until the close of the nomination period for the office sought. *(EC 13311)*

Public Examination: During the 10 calendar day period commencing the day after the close of the nomination period, anyone may examine a candidate's statement and may purchase copies. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in a candidate's statement to be amended or deleted. *(EC 13313-13314)*

Cost: An estimated printing cost deposit is required when a candidate statement is filed. Candidates will be invoiced for the difference if the actual cost exceeds the deposit and will receive a refund if the actual cost is less than the deposit. The deposit table is located on page 30 of this guide.

For shared county districts: It is the responsibility of the candidate to contact other counties for their deposit amount, submission requirement and formatting restrictions. The candidate is responsible for submitting his or her statement with each county involved in the shared district.

It is recommended that a candidate not wait until the last minute to draft and submit a candidate statement! Check the statement carefully for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Neither the candidate nor the elections official can make any corrections to a statement once the candidate statement is filed.

PREPARATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FORMATTING GUIDELINES

(EC 13307)

In order to ensure uniformity of all candidate statements, all candidates must prepare their statements using the following guidelines:

- The statement must contain no more than 200 words *(unless otherwise stated)*. See "*How to Count Words*" in the following pages.
- **Statements must be <u>electronically</u> submitted on a CD or via e-mail** which will be printed in the Registrar of Voters office and attached to the *Candidate Statement of Qualifications* form. Candidate statements submitted via **e-mail to stanvote@stancounty.com** should make note in the subject line *Attn: Candidate Services*.
- Format all text *flush left* – no indentations allowed.
- Must fit within the allotted ¼ page space.
- The statement should be in Word format in Arial 10.
- Only solid round bullets are allowed and must be flush left.
- The statement must be written in the first person.
- The following standard header format of the statement will include the district office, candidate name, age (optional) and occupation. This standard header will appear above all candidate statements and is <u>not</u> counted as part of the word limit:

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4

Fred Businessman **Age:** 38
Occupation: Health Facility Director

Education and Qualifications:
(Your 200 or 250 word statement starts here)

- **<u>Do not use any of the following</u>:**
  - Italics
  - Indents
  - All capital letters
  - Bold type
  - Underlines
  - Quotation marks
  - Tables
  - Multiple punctuation
  - Unusual spacing

The format of your statement may need to be changed by the Registrar of Voters office to conform to these formatting guidelines for inclusion in the County Voter Information Guide.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT EXAMPLES

Fictitious examples of Candidate Statements of Qualifications

ACCEPTABLE

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4

Joseph W. Candidate
Occupation: Businessman

Education and Qualifications:
I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be.

If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us.

I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs. A vote for me is a vote for change!

Contact me at:
- 209-555-5555
- jcandidate@email.com
- www.joecandidate.com

NOT ACCEPTABLE

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4

Joseph W. Candidate
Occupation: Businessman

Education and Qualifications:
I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be.

If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us.

Unlike my opponent... I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs.
A vote for Joseph W. Candidate is a vote for change!!!

Contact me at:
- Jcandidate@email.com
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- 209-555-5555

ACCEPTABLE

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4

Fred Businessman **Age:** 38
Occupation: Health Facility Director

Education and Qualifications:
I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs and believe that I am the best person for this position. I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be.

If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us.

I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs. I appreciate your support!

NOT ACCEPTABLE

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4

Fred Businessman **Age:** 38
Occupation: Health Facility Director

Education and Qualifications:
- I have lived here my entire life and I love this community.
- I would like to get more involved in our community affairs.
- I believe that I am the best person for this position.
- I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be.

If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us.

I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs.
VOTE FOR FRED BUSINESSMAN!!!

HOW TO COUNT WORDS
(EC 9)

Listed below are the guidelines specified in Elections Code 9 for counting the number of words submitted on any document whose content is limited by statute, such as candidate statements:

Count as one word:

Punctuation: Punctuation is not counted.

Titles: Each word used in a title of a document, such as "Friends for Measure A," is counted separately.

Cities/Counties: All geographical names will be counted as one word. For example, "County of Stanislaus" will be counted as one word.

Abbreviations: Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression will be counted as one word.

Hyphenations: Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary will be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words will be counted as a separate word.

Dates: Dates will be counted as one word.

Numbers: Any number consisting of a digit or digits will be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled will be considered as a separate word. "100" will be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" will be counted as two words.

Telephone & Internet: Website addresses and telephone numbers are one word.

Percent, Etc.: It is department policy to count numbers consisting of a digit or digits used with a dollar sign ($), cent sign (¢), percentage sign (%) or number sign (#) as one word.

Examples:

Category	Example	Word Count
Acronyms and abbreviations	CSUS, C.S.U.S., Nov., etc.	One
Dates	01/01/2014 or January 1, 2014	One
E-Mail	stanvote@stancounty.com	One
Geographical name	Stanislaus County or City of Modesto	One
Hyphenated words - Published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years	Mother-in-law	One
Hyphenated words - Not published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years	Taxpayer-advocate	One for each (Two)
Internet address	www.stanvote.com	One
Numbers using digits	1, 10, 100, etc.	One
Numbers spelled out	One Hundred Thousand	One for each (Three)
Numerical computations	50%, 1/2, 2.3, etc.	One
Telephone numbers	209-525-5200	One
Titles	Friends for Measure A	One for each (Four)

ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

(EC 13307(d))

An estimation of the total prorated cost of printing, handling and mailing the 1/4 page candidate statements will include costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This estimated cost is due upon filing the statement. Cost of the statement will double if the candidate statement extends beyond the allotted 1/4 page space. Make checks payable to: **Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder.**

If the actual cost is less than the deposit you will receive a refund. If the actual cost is more than the deposit, you will receive an invoice for the difference and are required to pay the balance upon receipt of the invoice. It can take up to 3 months to produce a refund or invoice. In the case of shared county districts it is the responsibility of the candidate to contact each county involved and establish their costs and formatting restrictions. The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters does not accept candidate statements or statement fees on behalf of other counties.

COST TABLE FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

(This cost estimate includes printing charges for both the English and Spanish languages)

Number of Registered Voters In District	Deposit Amount Required
1 - 5,000	$750
5,001 - 25,000	$1,000
25,001 - 50,000	$1,250
50,001 - 100,000	$1,500
100,001 - 150,000	$2,250
150,001 - 200,000	$2,750
201,000 and over	$3,000

The estimates quoted above are based on a 200 word statement formatted to fit within the allotted 1/4 page space. Costs may vary depending upon the number of candidates who file a statement for the same office, number of ballot types in the district, number of pages in the various County Voter Information Guides and number of registered voters who will be receiving the various County Voter Information Guides. These variables may cause actual costs to vary significantly from estimated costs.

INDIGENT CANDIDATES

(EC 13309)

When advance payment is required for a candidate statement but the candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay the required deposit in advance, the candidate must submit to the county elections official a statement of financial worth to be used in determining whether or not he/she is eligible to submit a candidate's statement without advance payment. The statement of financial worth is submitted by the candidate together with the candidate's statement during the filing period. The Statement of Financial Worth forms are available at the county elections official's office and will be furnished upon request. The Statement of Financial Worth form should be filed with a copy of the candidate's most recent federal income tax returns, candidate's employer, income, real estate holdings, tangible personal property and financial obligations. The candidate will certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the contents of the statement are true and correct.

If the county elections official determines that the candidate is indigent, his or her statement will be printed and mailed without advance payment. If the county elections official determines that the candidate is not indigent, the candidate has three days to withdraw the candidate's statement or pay the estimated deposit amount. The Registrar of Voters is not obligated to print and mail the statement if payment is not received.

An indigent candidate will be invoiced and must pay the full cost of the candidate's statement following the election. The Statement of Financial Worth is a public record and is available for review.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Ten Calendar Day Public Examination Period

(EC 13311, 13313)

Candidate statements filed pursuant to EC 13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. Candidate statements are available for viewing after the filing deadline has passed. There is a 10 calendar day public examination period when the documents may be reviewed and copies obtained for $3.00 per statement. During this 10 calendar day examination period, any voter of the affected jurisdiction may take legal action to challenge the contents of the candidate's statement pursuant to EC 13313. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction will issue only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading or inconsistent with the requirements of this chapter, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official elections materials as provided by law.

FALSE STATEMENTS IN CANDIDATE STATEMENT- PENALTY

(EC 18351)

Any candidate in an election or incumbent in a recall election who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to EC 11327 or 13307, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office, is punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000.

VOTER'S EDGE

All qualified candidates who appear on the ballot are invited to participate in Voter's Edge, an online voter guide produced by the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund in partnership with MapLight. The site provides free space for candidates to highlight their issues, priorities and biographical information. It's unbiased and easy to read, with an intuitive, modern interface. For more information, please contact california@votersedge.org or (916) 442-7215.

INSUFFICIENT OR NO NOMINEES

(EC 10515, ED Code 5326, 5328, 5328.5)

APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS: The office will be filled by an appointment if by 5:00 p.m. on the close of nominations the following applies:

- There are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees to cause a contest
- No petition is signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number)

The elections official will certify this fact to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors at a regular or special meeting held prior to the first Monday before the first Friday in December will appoint a person who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy. If no one filed for the vacancy, another qualified person may be appointed by the Board of Supervisors on or before Election Day and take office and serve as if elected.

APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOLS/COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION: The office will be filled by an appointment if by 5:00 p.m. on the close of nominations the following applies:

- There are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees to cause a contest
- No petition is signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number)

If an insufficient number is nominated, the governing board shall appoint as necessary at a meeting prior to Election Day. Persons appointed will be seated at the organizational meeting as if they had been elected.
In the event no one is nominated, the governing board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district stating the board intends to make an appointment and informing the public how to apply for the office.

TIE VOTE PROCEDURES

(EC 10551, ED 5016)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS: If a tie vote makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected, the candidates who received the tie votes will appear before the governing body either personally or by representative at a designated time and place. The governing body shall determine the tie by lot and declare the results. The candidate chosen shall qualify, take office and serve as though elected.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS: The governing board may either call a runoff election or determine the winner(s) by lot. Prior to conducting any school board election, the governing board of each school district shall establish which of such procedures is to be employed by the district in the event of a tie vote.

PLACEMENT OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON THE BALLOT

Random Alphabet Draw

(EC 13112)

The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabet draw that is held by the Secretary of State and the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters on the 82nd day before the election. If more than one candidate has the same first letter of their last name, this draw applies throughout the name.

Rotation of Candidate Names on the Ballot

(EC 13111)

After placing the names according to the random alphabet drawing (see above), the rotation of certain offices is as follows:

Office	Rotation
Federal and state candidates	Candidates who are voted on statewide rotate by Assembly district, starting with Assembly District 1 where the names appear as first determined by the random alphabet draw. In Assembly District 2, the candidate who appeared first in Assembly District 1 drops to the bottom and the other candidates move up one position and so on throughout the 80 districts.
U.S. representative to Congress, State Board of Equalization	Candidates rotate within their districts with the lowest numbered Assembly district leading the rotation.
State Senate and State Assembly	The county elections official conducts a random drawing to determine the candidate order.
Superior Court Judges & all countywide offices	Candidates rotate beginning with the lowest numbered supervisorial district and for each succeeding supervisorial district, the name appearing first shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.
Other offices	No rotation

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(EC 20400 - 20444)

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in California who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions**.**

This is a voluntary form. Candidates are not required to sign this form in order to run for office.

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 untrammeled 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 which 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.

Print Name	Signature
Date	Office Sought

ELECTIONS CODE
SECTION 20400

Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

20400. Intent of legislature. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters. The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

Article 2. Definitions

20420. Definition of "Code". As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

20440. Subscription to code; form. At the time an individual is issued his or her Declaration of Candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary. In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

20441. Supply of forms. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

20442. Retention of forms; public inspection. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

20443. Public record. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

20444. Voluntary. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA

(EC 2187, 2188, 2194)

VOTER FILES

Voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase or use voter registration information must be submitted in person and with identification on an application available at the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office.

PERMISSIBLE USAGE

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files. Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to, using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election; sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings that campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election; 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; sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative or referendum petition; sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office; conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign; conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes; conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud; 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; any official use by any local, state or federal governmental agency.

PROHIBITED USAGE

Prohibited usage includes: Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose; solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support or opposition of a ballot measure; conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by California Code of Regulations Section 19003. EC 18109 states: "(a) It is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with EC 2183) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law. (b) It is a misdemeanor for a person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information from the Secretary of State or a County Elections Official without first complying with EC 2188."

PRICE LIST

Allow 2 working days for all data requests

(Always check with ROV office for current prices)

- Indexes / Walking Lists: $20.00 plus $0.50 per 1,000 names. (CD add $0.35)
- Labels: $26.00 plus $.005 per label.
- Statement of Vote: Online version is available free at www.stanvote.com starting with the November 6, 2007 Consolidated District Election.
- Statement of Vote: Printed copy version is $20.00 plus $0.10 per page.
- GIS Printed Maps: 8.5 x 11 and 11 x 17 available for $8.50 / Greater than 11 x 17 available for $25.50
- Vote by mail voter lists: $10.00 per list plus $0.10 per page.

To obtain voter registration and election data, call (209) 525-5201 and ask for the Tech Team.

MASS AND SLATE MAILING REQUIREMENTS

(GC 82041.5, 82048.3, 84305, 84305.5)

Pursuant to Elections Code (EC) 16:

GC 82041.5 "Mass mailing" means over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.

GC 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 84502 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).
(e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meaning:
(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 84217, 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.

GC 82048.3 "Slate mailer" means a mass mailing which supports or opposes a total of four or more candidates or ballot measures.

GC 84305.5. (a) No slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures shall send a slate mailer unless:

(1) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures are shown on the outside of each piece of slate mail and on at least one of the inserts included with each piece of slate mail in no less than 8-point Roman type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the street address of the slate mailer organization or the committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measure is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division.

(2) At the top or bottom of the front side or surface of at least one insert or at the top or bottom of one side or surface of a postcard or other self-mailer, there is a notice in at least 8-point Roman boldface type, which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible, and in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter. The notice shall consist of the following statement:

NOTICE TO VOTERS

THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY (name of slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures), NOT AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION. Appearance in this mailer does not necessarily imply endorsement of others appearing in this mailer, nor does it imply endorsement of, or opposition to, any issues set forth in this mailer. Appearance is paid for and authorized by each candidate and ballot measure which is designated by an *.

(3) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures as required by paragraph (1) and the notice required by paragraph (2) may appear on the same side or surface of an insert.

(4) Each candidate and each ballot measure that has paid to appear in the slate mailer is designated by an *. Any candidate or ballot measure that has not paid to appear in the slate mailer is not designated by an *.

The * required by this subdivision shall be of the same type size, type style, color or contrast, and legibility as is used for the name of the candidate or the ballot measure name or number and position advocated to which the * designation applies except that in no case shall the * be required to be larger than 10-point boldface type. The designation shall immediately follow the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure where the designation appears in the slate of candidates and measures. If there is no slate listing, the designation shall appear at least once in at least 8-point boldface type, immediately following the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure.

(5) The name of any candidate appearing in the slate mailer who is a member of a political party differing from the political party which the mailer appears by representation or indicia to represent is accompanied, immediately below the name, by the party designation of the candidate, in no less than 9-point Roman type which shall be in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. The designation shall not be required in the case of candidates for nonpartisan office.

(b) For purposes of the designations required by paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), the payment of any sum made reportable by subdivision (c) of Section 84219 by or at the behest of a candidate or committee, whose name or position appears in the mailer, to the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures, shall constitute a payment to appear, requiring the * designation. The payment shall also be deemed to constitute authorization to appear in the mailer.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS

(EC 20008)

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point Roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter. As used in this section "Paid Political Advertisement" means published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.

For further information on political advertising, refer to the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

FALSE OR FORGED CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

(PC 115.2)

No person shall knowingly publish or cause to be published any campaign advertisement containing false or fraudulent depictions or representations of official public documents or purported official public documents with intent to deceive.

For purposes of this section "campaign advertisement" means any communication directed to voters by means of a mass mailing as defined in GC 82041.5, a paid newspaper advertisement, an outdoor advertisement or any other printed matter, if the expenditures for that communication are required to be reported by Chapter 4, commencing with 84100, of Title 9 of the Government Code.

Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or by a fine not to exceed $50,000 or both.

TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

(EC 20000-20010)

This code section provides information regarding restrictions on endorsements, representation requirements, etc. To reference California Elections Code visit: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml

OUTDOOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING

The California Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Branch regulates political sign placement along state highways and freeways in the **unincorporated areas** of Stanislaus County. A *"Statement of Responsibility for Temporary Political Signs*" must be signed and submitted to the California Department of Transportation before placing signs in these areas. The form is available at http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/oda/docs/Political2.pdf
For more information call the California Department of Transportation at (916) 654-6473.

The City of Modesto requires a *Neighborhood Preservation Unit* form be filed with the city clerk prior to posting signs within the city limits of Modesto.

The City of Patterson requires a deposit be filed with the city clerk prior to posting signs within the city limits of Patterson.

The Registrar of Voters does not have jurisdiction over the placement or removal of campaign lawn signs or other outdoor advertising. Contact the city clerk's office for information concerning requirements or restrictions for local municipal jurisdictions.

Public utilities prohibit the posting of signs on their property; this includes telephone poles.

City Sign Code Summary

The following information is a brief summary of the municipal codes for political signage for cities within Stanislaus County. For complete municipal code information contact the city clerk.

City of Ceres – *Contact Ceres city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 538-5731*
"CODE SUBJECT TO CHANGE"
Erect signs no sooner than 120 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.
18.42.120 EXEMPT SIGNS Political Signs: Nonilluminated signs intended to influence the vote for the passage or defeat of a measure or nomination, election or defeat of a candidate in any governmental election are permitted in any number either freestanding or attached, limited to a total sign area of six (6) square feet per sign in residential zones and thirty two (32) square feet per sign in other zones. Any such sign shall be erected not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to an election and shall be removed within ten (10) days after such election. No sign shall be erected on private property without the property owner's consent. Ground mounted political signs may be placed within City right-of-way or within a public utility easement (excluding canal easements/ownership) provided that such signs: (1) shall not be placed any closer than 10 feet from the edge of the paved portion of a roadway where no sidewalk is present or 5 feet back from the edge of sidewalk; (2) shall comply with Code Section 18.44.040 (Clear Vision Triangle); and, (3) shall not create a safety hazard for vehicles exiting existing commercial and residential driveways. Political signs are not permitted at any time within canal easements/ownership or on utility poles located in a utility easement. Political signs that are installed within City right-of-way or within a public utility easement may be removed by the City/Utility authority as necessary to accommodate work within said right-of-way or utility easement. In such an event, neither the City nor the Utility removing the sign shall have any liability to the owner(s) of such political signs.

City of Hughson - *Contact Hughson city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 883-4054*
Erect signs no sooner than 90 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.
17.03.080 (G) 3. Noncommercial Signs in Residential and Commercial Zones. Temporary noncommercial signs shall be allowed in residential and commercial zones subject to the following requirements: **a.** Nonilluminated signs, either freestanding or attached, limited to a total sign area of six square feet per sign in residential zones and not exceeding 32 square feet in other zones, as long as the total area does not exceed one square foot of sign area per lineal foot of primary street frontage, are permitted. No such sign shall be erected on private property without the property owner's consent. No such sign shall be located within 100 feet of a polling place. **b.** During the time period of no earlier than 90 days prior to an election and 10 days after such election, the total area not to exceed one square foot of sign area per lineal foot of primary street frontage is not operative for nonilluminated signs, either freestanding or attached, with a sign area of six square feet per sign in residential zones and not exceeding 32 square feet in other zones are permitted. No such sign shall be erected on private property without the property owner's consent. No such sign shall be located within 100 feet of a polling place.

City of Modesto – *Contact Modesto city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 577-5396*
Erect signs no sooner than 120 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.
Modesto Municipal Code Title X Chapter 2, Article 21. Sign Requirements by Zone.
Modesto Neighborhood Preservation Unit form must be completed prior to posting signs within the city limits.

City of Newman – *Contact Newman city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 862-3725*
Erect signs no sooner than 120 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.
5.18.050 Exempt signs Political Signs. Nonilluminated signs intended to influence the vote for the passage or defeat of a measure, or nomination, election or defeat of a candidate in any governmental election are permitted in any number, either freestanding or attached, limited to a total sign area of six square feet per sign in residential zones and not exceeding 32 square feet in other zones. Any such sign shall be erected not earlier than 120 days prior to an election and shall be removed within 10 days after such election. No sign shall be erected on private property without the property owner's consent. No sign shall be located within 100 feet of a polling place.

City of Oakdale – *Contact Oakdale city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 845-3573*
Erect signs no sooner than 60 days prior to an election and remove within 7 days after election.
POLITICAL SIGN: Any temporary sign used in connection with a local, state or national election, referendum or measure.
36-26.5A
R-A, R-1 AND R-3 ZONES:
a. Political signs may be erected as follows:
(1) Political signs shall not be lighted either directly or indirectly and are subject to the provisions of Section 36-18.23 Vision Obstructions (2) Political signs shall be erected no more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of election and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the date of the election.
C-1 AND C-2 ZONES:
1. All signs allowed without a permit as specified in Section 36-26.4, subject to the following additional restrictions:
c. Political signs may be erected, maintained and displayed provided each such sign does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area, does not exceed eight (8) feet in height and the combined area of all such signs shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet. Such signs shall be erected no more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election.

City of Patterson – *Contact Patterson city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 895-8010*

Erect signs no sooner than 45 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.

"Political sign" means any impermanent sign or advertising device or display, with or without letters, words, numbers or figures thereon, which is designed to advertise a candidate for political office, a political party or a measure scheduled for an election.

Section 18.90.080 Standards for Specific Types of Signs.

3. Political Signs. Temporary political signs shall comply with the following requirements:

a. Deposit Required. Candidates or political committees desiring to post signs within the city shall first post a refundable deposit of two hundred dollars with the City Clerk.

b. Maximum Size. No political sign shall exceed eight square feet in area in a residential zone and thirty-two square feet in a non-residential zone; and if freestanding, no more than six feet in height.

c. Prohibited Locations for Posting. No political sign shall be a roof sign, and no political sign shall be posted on, under, above or across any public property, or within or above a public right-of-way.

d. Property Owner Approval Required. No political sign shall be posted without the approval of the property owner, provided that no property owner shall approve or allow more than an aggregate of eighty square feet of political signs per lot of record.

e. Time Limits. No political signs shall be posted earlier than forty-five days prior to the election at which the candidates or measures will be voted upon, and each sign shall be removed within ten days after the election.

f. Enforcement of Removal Requirements. If a sign is not removed, notice shall be issued and the responsible party shall remove the sign within seven days of the notice to remove the sign. If not removed within that time, violations are punishable in compliance with Title 1, Chapter 1.16 of this code.

18.90.040 Sign permit requirements

5. Political Signs. Political signs are allowed without a sign permit provided that the signs:

a. Are placed on private property, and shall not exceed eight square feet in area within residential zoning districts and thirty-two square feet in area within nonresidential zoning districts;

b. May be installed on private property with the property owner's consent for up to forty-five days prior to an election; and

c. Shall be removed within ten days following the election. Signs not removed shall be removed by the city at the expense of the political candidate or organization involved.

City of Riverbank – *Contact Riverbank city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 863-7122*

Remove within 15 days after election.

Municipal Code §153.285(A)(1)(i) states (i) Political signs, which may be erected, maintained and displayed as follows:

1. Political signs placed in a residential zone district with a dwelling shall not exceed eight square feet, not to exceed in any dimension four feet, and such improved lot with a dwelling shall not be limited to the number of political signs but shall be limited as to the total cumulative area not to exceed 32 square feet.
2. Any one political sign shall not exceed 32 square feet on vacant residential parcels. There shall be no restrictions as to the number of political signs posted on vacant residential property.
3. Political signs shall be removed within 15 days after the date of the election.
4. Under no circumstance shall political signs interfere with driver expectations for sight distances on any particular street as determined by the Community Development Director.

The City of Riverbank's Municipal Code is silent on when candidates may begin posting political signs; therefore the City defers to the California Department of Transportation's regulations. Signs may be posted ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled election date.

City of Turlock – *Contact Turlock city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 668-5540*

Remove within 5 days after election.

Sec. 9-2-513, 9-2-514 and 9-2-521

1. Residential properties maximum height 4 feet, maximum size 6 square feet.
2. Non-Residential properties maximum height 6 feet, maximum size 32 square feet.
3. Shall not be located closer than five feet to any property line, within the clear vision triangle, in or over the public right-of-way and shall not be illuminated.
4. Shall not be displayed on traffic or street signs, utility poles, public property, parks, or rights-of-way or on private property without the owners' permission and shall be removed within five (5) days after the election. Signs placed in violation of the provisions of this subsection may be removed without notice.
5. Inflatable signs and signs mounted on a motor vehicle that are not an integral part of the vehicle are prohibited.

City of Waterford – *Contact Waterford city clerk for complete code / full text information (209) 874-2328*

Remove within 10 days after election.

17.60.140 Special purpose signs. The following special purpose signs shall be permitted:

A. Direction signs. In any zone, one parking directional sign not exceeding ten square feet in area or six (6) feet in height at each parking area entrance or exit.

B. Political sign.

1. In any residential zone, one unlit sign for each building not exceeding eight (8) square feet. In all other zones, one unlit sign for each building not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet;
2. Freestanding signs shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and thirty-two (32) square feet in size;
3. No sign shall be located in public right-of-way or on unoccupied premises (without consent of the property owner) or be attached to a tree or utility pole;
4. A political sign shall not be displayed more than ten (10) days after election to which it pertains.

Unincorporated Areas – *Contact the California Department of Transportation at (916) 654-6473.*
Erect signs no sooner than 90 days prior to an election and remove within 10 days after election.
To post signs along state highways or freeways in the **unincorporated areas** of Stanislaus County, The California Department of Transportation requires that you file a "Statement of Responsibility for Temporary Political Signs" form with their office PRIOR to posting signs. The form is available at http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/oda/docs/Political2.pdf

CONDUCTING THE CANVASS

(EC 15301)

The canvass will commence on or before the Thursday following the election. It is open to the public. State or statewide election results are reported to the Secretary of State. The canvass is continued daily, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for not less than six hours each day until completed.

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

There are three ways to obtain Election Night, Update and Final results of the vote from the Registrar of Voters office. Upon release of results, this information is immediately available as follows:

WEBSITE: www.stanvote.com click the "Election Results" link
IN PERSON: Office of the Registrar of Voters, 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto
TELEPHONE: (209) 525-5201

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

(EC 15620)

A request for a recount must be filed within five days following certification of the official canvass.
The canvass is complete when the Registrar of Voters signs the Certification of the Election Results.
The requestor is responsible to pay all costs associated with the recount.

ELECTIONEERING - 100 Feet Rule

(EC 319.5, 18370)

No person on either Election Day or at any time a voter may be casting a ballot, within 100 feet of a polling place, vote center, satellite location or an elections official's office may do any of the following:

- Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall or nomination petition or any other petition
- Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking their ballot
- Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in EC 14240
- Do any passive or active electioneering as defined in EC 319.5; this includes displaying a candidate's name, likeness or logo, wearing buttons, T-shirts, hats, signs, stickers, etc. or disseminating audible electioneering information that promotes a candidate or measure on the ballot
- At vote by mail drop boxes, loiter near or disseminate visible or audible electioneering information

As used in this section "100 feet from a polling place" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

ELECTIONEERING DURING VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

(EC 18371)

While in the residence or in the immediate presence of a vote by mail voter who is voting his or her ballot, it is illegal for a candidate, opponent, proponent or representative to electioneer or solicit the voter's vote.

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

This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by EC 18370 or by any other provision of law.

MISREPRESENTATION BY CANDIDATES

(EC 18350, 18351)

MISLEADING VOTERS / INCUMBENCY / PUBLIC OFFICER

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, with intent to mislead the voters in connection with their campaign for nomination or election to a public office or in connection with the campaign of another person for nomination or election to a public office, shall do either of the following acts:

1) Assume, pretend, or imply, by his or her statements, conduct, or campaign materials that he or she is the incumbent of a public office when that is not the case.
2) Assume, pretend, or imply, by his or her statements, conduct, or campaign materials that he or she has been acting in the capacity of a public officer when that is not the case.

Any violation of this section may be enjoined in a civil action brought by a candidate for the public office involved. (EC 18350)

FALSE STATEMENTS IN CANDIDATE STATEMENTS / FINES

Any candidate in an election or incumbent in a recall election who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to EC 11327 or EC 13307, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000. (EC 18351)

POLL WATCHERS

Poll watchers at the polling place must obey the law and election procedures. Persons observing the polls may:

- Inspect, but not remove, the Roster of Voters. Any inspection must be conducted without impeding, interfering or interrupting the normal process of voting and counting.
- Inspect, but not remove, the public's Alpha Index updated regularly by the precinct workers. The index may not be removed from the polling place.
- Observe all activities at the polling place, including activities after the polls close, providing they do not interfere with the normal processing of voters and election officer duties.

CORRUPTION OF VOTERS

(EC 18403, 18500, 18520, 18521, 18522, 18523, 18524)

FINE FOR SOLICITATION REQUESTING VOTER DISCLOSURE OF HIS OR HER BALLOT

Any person other than an elections official or a member of the precinct board who receives a voted ballot from a voter or who examines or solicits the voter to show his or her voted ballot is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000), by imprisonment, or by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to persons returning a vote by mail ballot pursuant to EC 3017 and EC 3021 or persons assisting a voter pursuant to EC 14282. (EC 18403)

FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH VOTE CAST

Any person who commits fraud or attempts to commit fraud, and any person who aids or abets fraud or attempts to aid or abet fraud in connection with any vote cast, to be cast or attempted to be cast is guilty of a felony. (EC 18500)

PROMISE OF EMPLOYMENT

Any person who directly or indirectly offers any office or place of employment to any voter in order to induce that voter to refrain from voting, vote for any particular person or to refrain from voting for any particular person is guilty of a violation punishable by imprisonment. (EC 18520)

CONSIDERATION FOR VOTING

A person cannot persuade any other person through use of money, gift, loan, office, employment or other valuable consideration for himself or any other person because he or any other person:

1) Voted, agreed to vote, refrained from voting or agreed to refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.
2) Remained away from the polls.
3) Refrained or agreed to refrain from voting.
4) Induced any other person to remain away from the polls, refrain from voting and vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.

A violation of any of the provisions of this section is punishable by imprisonment. (EC 18521)

CONSIDERATION FOR VOTING (continued)

Neither a person nor a controlled committee can directly or through any other person or controlled committee pay, lend, contribute, or offer / promise to pay, lend, or contribute, any money or other valuable consideration to or for any voter or to or for any other person to:

Induce any voter to:

1) Refrain from voting at any election.
2) Vote or refrain from voting at an election for any particular person or measure.
3) Remain away from the polls at an election.

Reward any voter for having:

1) Refrained from voting.
2) Voted for any particular person or measure.
3) Refrained from voting for any particular person or measure.
4) Remained away from the polls at an election.

A violation of any of the provisions of this section is punishable by imprisonment. (EC 18522)

BRIBERY AT ELECTION

It is punishable by imprisonment to directly or through another person, knowingly pay money or other valuable consideration with the intent that it will be used in bribery at any election. (EC 18523)

PAYMENT FOR SECURING VOTE

It is punishable by imprisonment to directly or through another person, knowingly pay money or other valuable consideration with the intent that it will be used for boarding, lodging, or maintaining a person at any place or domicile in any election precinct, ward, or district with intent to secure the vote of that person or to induce that person to vote for any particular person or measure. (EC 18524)

INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS

(EC 18001, 18540, 18541, 18542, 18543)

COMPELLING ANOTHER IN VOTING

Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of, or hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of, any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony.

DISSUADING PERSONS FROM VOTING

Within 100 feet of a polling place no person can do the following with the intent of dissuading another person from voting:

- Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in EC 14240.
- Photograph, videotape or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

Any person who violates this section or conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. (EC 18541)

REVEAL CONTENTS OF BALLOT

After the ballot is marked, the voter should not show it to anyone in a manner that reveals its contents with the exception that an individual voter may voluntarily disclose how he/she voted if that voluntary act does not violate any other law. (EC 14291)

PAY ENVELOPES MAY NOT CONTAIN POLITICAL MATERIAL

No employer may threaten, influence or attempt to influence an employee's choice of candidate by adding campaign or candidate information to an employee pay envelope. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. (EC 18542)

CHALLENGE WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE

Every person who knowingly challenges a person's right to vote without probable cause or on fraudulent or spurious grounds, or who engages in mass, indiscriminate and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting, or who fraudulently advises any person that he/she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote when in fact that person is eligible or is registered, or who violates the conditions for challenge stated in EC 14240, or conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony. (EC 18543)

IMPOSITION OF FINE

Upon a conviction for any crime punishable by imprisonment in any jail or prison, in relation to which no fine has been prescribed, the court may impose a fine on the offender not exceeding $1,000 in cases of misdemeanors or up to $25,000 in cases of felonies, in addition to the imprisonment prescribed. (EC 18001)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is your office open during the lunch hour? Yes. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The office remains open during lunch hours. Our office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on all filing deadline days.

What if I change my mind about being a candidate after filing a Declaration of Candidacy?
Local nonpartisan office: Candidates may withdraw their Declaration of Candidacy prior to the close of the nomination filing period pursuant to EC 10510. Filing fees (if any) are non-refundable.

Voter nominated office: No candidate nominated at any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at the ensuing general election except those candidates permitted to withdraw by EC 8800-8811.

May a second party pick up or deliver my Declaration of Candidacy for me?
The candidate is required to execute the Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the county elections official unless a written statement is signed and dated by the candidate designating a person to receive the Declaration of Candidacy form from the county elections official and deliver it to the candidate. The written statement from the candidate should include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the county elections official in the county of the candidate's residence by the 88th day prior to the primary election or the 83rd day prior to the election **if** there is an extension to that office. **Candidates are urged to file in person.** The reasons are twofold: 1) A candidate must take an Oath of Office before a person authorized to administer the oath. Stanislaus County elections office staff and notaries public are so authorized. The Oath of Office is typically administered at the time the candidate files the Declaration of Candidacy as it is part of the form. 2) If there are errors or omissions on the form resulting in the document not being properly executed, the problem can be easily rectified when a candidate files in person. Improperly executed documents are not accepted for filing.

Is there a filing fee to run for office?
Federal, state, judicial and county office filing fees, when applicable, are listed in this guide.
School district and special district offices do not require a filing fee.
Municipal office filing fee information can be obtained by contacting the respective city clerk.

There is a deposit required for placing an optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the County Voter Information Guide.

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

Candidate and Committee

Financial Disclosure Campaign Statements

The Fair Political Practices Commission provides a Toll Free Helpline. Contact the FPPC directly with all questions regarding campaign finance.

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
Toll Free Helpline **1-866-ASK-FPPC**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

FPPC Forms and Campaign Manuals
are available at www.fppc.ca.gov under the
"Campaign Rules, Forms & Manuals" link

Exciting News Regarding Online Campaign Finance Reporting with Stanislaus County!

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters is now using ***CampaignDocs***. This online campaign finance reporting filing system provides filers with the ease and convenience of submitting campaign finance disclosure forms online!

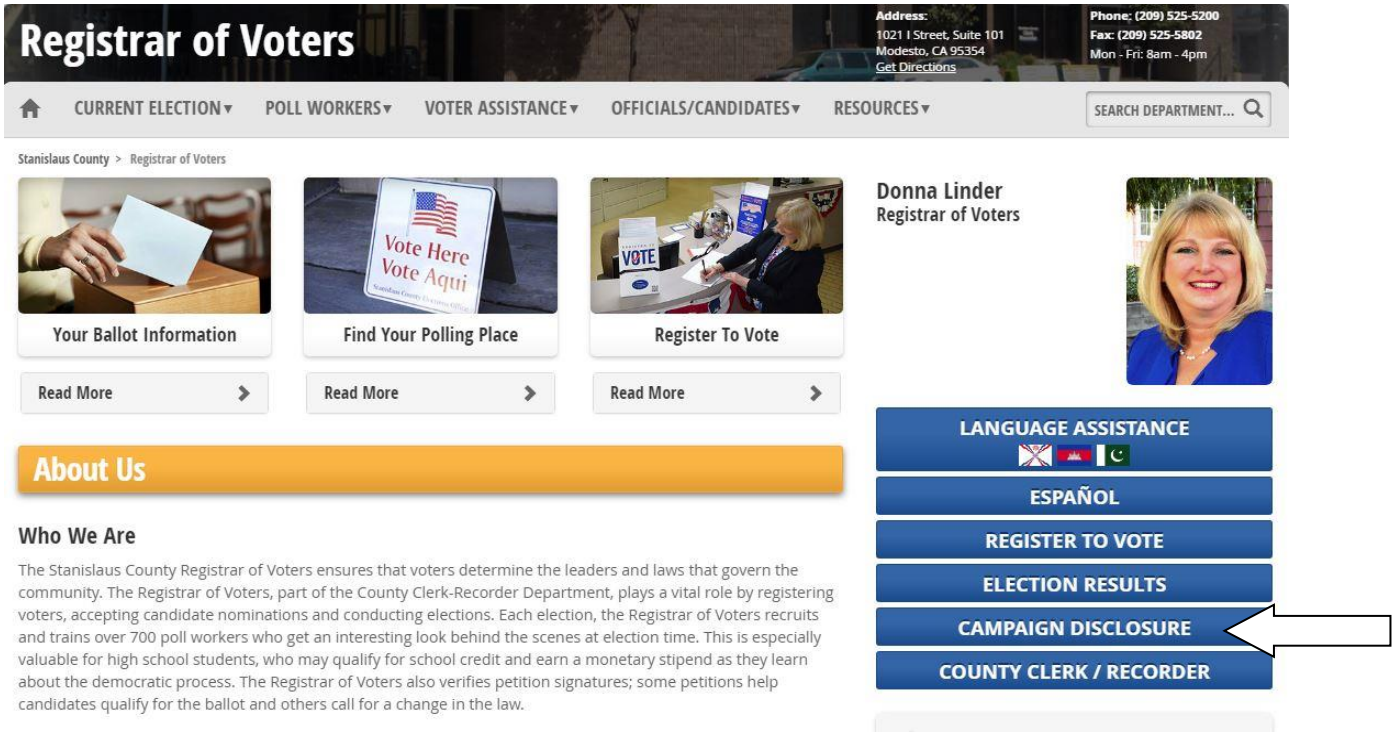
This free online filing service is available to all committees, candidates and officeholders required to file campaign disclosure documents with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters. *CampaignDocs* is an easy, convenient and user-friendly way to file your campaign disclosure forms. With *CampaignDocs* you can track contributions and expenditures as they occur and conveniently file online when your filing is due.

All financial disclosure forms filed with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters after January 1, 2018, are posted online. Street addresses and signatures are redacted from financial disclosure forms posted online; however, unredacted copies are still available at the elections office for 10 cents per page.

To sign up for online filing with Stanislaus County *CampaignDocs* system, contact the Candidate Services Unit at (209) 525-5237 or send an email request to **campaigndocs@stancounty.com** and be sure to include the candidate and treasurer email address for activation!

All FPPC documents required to be filed with other jurisdictions and/or the Secretary of State must be filed in paper format with that jurisdiction. Documents required to be filed with the Secretary of State must be original wet signature forms mailed directly to the Secretary of State.

To view online campaign disclosure documents, go to stanvote.com and click the "Campaign Disclosure" blue bar on the right side of the home page



All FPPC Filing Schedules were obtained from the FPPC at www.fppc.ca.gov

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
Filing schedule for candidates and controlled committees for local office
listed on the November 3, 2020 ballot

Deadline	*Period*	*Form*	*Notes*
7/31/20 *Semi-Annual*	**thru – 6/30/20**	460	● Form 460: All committees must file Form 460.
Within 24 Hours *Contribution Reports*	**8/5/20 – 11/3/20**	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 in connection with *another* candidate or measure being voted upon November 3, 2020. ● The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of $1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. ● File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, fax or online via CampaignDocs only.
9/24/20 *1st Pre-Election*	**7/1/20 – 9/19/20**	460 ***or*** 470	● Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
10/22/20 *2nd Pre-Election*	**9/20/20– 10/17/20**	460	● All committees must file this statement. ● File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service or online via CampaignDocs only.
2/1/21 *Semi-Annual*	**10/18/20 – 12/31/20**	460	● All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2020

Additional Notes:

- *** Period covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Local ordinance**: Always check on whether additional local rules apply. *(NO ADDITIONAL ORDINANCE FOR STANISLAUS COUNTY)*
- **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 personal delivery or 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. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once $2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not raise or spend $2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending $2,000 or more) in 2020 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before September 24, 2020. If, later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **Independent expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling $1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
  - 462: This form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
  - 496: This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
- **After the election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for additional information.
- **Public documents:** All forms are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on Learn > Campaign Rules.

www.fppc.ca.gov 1-866-ASK-FPPC Email Advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Important Items to Remember:

The Franchise Tax Board is authorized under Section 90001 of the California Government Code to audit Campaign Disclosure Statements. The audit can include tests of the accounting records and other such auditing procedures. The purpose of campaign disclosure is to provide the public with the identity of contributors and the amounts they give, as well as the amount officeholders, candidates and committees spend. The laws passed to enforce that purpose can be challenging for the unwary, therefore some helpful tips are listed below:

1. **FPPC forms, manuals, filing schedules and webinars:** The FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov provides forms, manuals, filing schedules, help tips and now FREE webinars! It is highly recommended that new candidates and their treasurers review this helpful information.

2. **Be informed:** Study FPPC Information Manual 2 for Local Candidates. All candidates, including unopposed candidates, are subject to the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.

3. **Free FPPC Helpline:** The FFPC toll free Helpline at 1-866-275-3772 can answer specific questions and provide advice on campaign disclosure rules.

4. **Before raising or spending any money:** File FPPC Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement. A separate Form 501 is required for each election, including re-election to the same office.

5. **If less than $2,000 will be raised or spent:** File FPPC Short Form 470 prior to the 1st pre-election filing deadline. No additional forms will be required unless you later exceed the $2,000 threshold.

6. **If more than $2,000 will be raised or spent:** Open a separate bank account for campaign purposes. File FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State and a copy with your local filing officer. The Secretary of State will issue a committee number.

7. **Keep committee information up to date:** File an FPPC Form 410 Amendment if changes are made to treasurer, committee name, addresses, etc.

8. **$50 annual fee:** The Secretary of State imposes an annual $50 fee for all open FPPC committees. This fee is payable directly to the Secretary of State and must be paid within **15 days** of filing the initial FPPC Form 410 and thereafter, before **April 30** of each year until the committee terminates. Failure to timely pay the annual fee is subject to a penalty of $150. For questions contact the Secretary of State's office at 916-653-6224.

9. **Mark your calendar:** Know the filing deadlines for campaign statements and file on time! All open committees must file periodic disclosure statements that are subject to late fees and fines if deadlines are not met.

10. **Keep good records:** Maintain details on contributions and expenditures of $25 or more. Refer to record keeping guidelines in FPPC Information Manual 2. It's a good idea to keep copies of all contributor checks received.

11. **$100 or more in cash?** Never accept or spend $100 or more in cash.

12. **Don't spend personal funds:** Any personal funds used for campaign purposes must first be deposited into your campaign bank account, unless they are used for a candidate statement published in the County Voter Information Guide and/or for a filing fee. You have a choice of depositing your personal funds into your campaign bank account as either a contribution or a loan to your committee.

13. **Purchases:** If any campaign goods or services are purchased, disclose sub-vendors and the amounts they were paid.

14. **Itemize contributors:** For contributions of $100 or more including loans and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, address, occupation and employer.

15. **Report late contributions:** If $1,000 or more is received from one contributor during the last 90 days before the election, disclose receipt within **24 hours**, even if the contribution is from your personal funds. Each late contribution report FPPC Form 497 must have a unique report number to be issued by the filer.

16. **Multiple contributions from one source:** Keep track of each check. Report the aggregate amount.

17. **If an agent or campaign consultant buys goods or services for the campaign:** Itemize expenditures of $500 or more made by the agent or consultant. Make sure to always keep receipts of all purchases.

18. **Identify candidate/committee on mailings:** Include the words "paid for by" and your committee name and campaign address in at least 6-point type on the outside of all mass mailings (more than 200 pieces) and on at least one insert in a color that contrasts with the background. No newsletter or other mass mailing can be sent at public expense.

19. **Disclose original loan sources:** List any loan, even a personal loan to the candidate, all or partly used for the campaign. Also disclose all loan guarantors of $100 or more.

20. **No personal use of campaign funds:** Use campaign funds only for political, legislative or governmental purposes.

21. **Where to file:** Statewide, legislative and judicial offices file with the Secretary of State and a copy with the county of domicile. Local district offices file with the county elections office and municipal offices file with their city clerk.

22. **Tax ID number requirement:** The FPPC does not require a tax ID number; however, some banks may require one in order to open a campaign bank account. A tax ID number may be requested through the Internal Revenue Service website at http://www.irs.gov

23. **State contribution limits:** The FPPC website provides annual charts for state contribution limits and state voluntary expenditure limits.

24. **Gifts, meals and travel:** There are special reporting rules for candidate controlled committees when reporting expenditures for gifts, meals and travel. Restrictions and detailed information can be found in FPPC Information Manual 2.

25. **Ready to close your committee?** Filing requirements for open committees do not automatically terminate when activity ceases or when an officeholder vacates the office. You must file an FPPC Form 460 Termination Statement showing a zero balance AND an FPPC Form 410 Termination Statement to stop future filing obligations.

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

Toll Free Helpline: 1-866-275-3772 (1-866-ASK-FPPC)
Monday - Thursday 9:00-11:30
Press 2 to speak to a political reform consultant in the Technical Assistance Division.

Email Questions: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Assistance by Mail (Formal Advice):
Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 "Q" Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE INFORMATION (FPPC FILINGS)

(GC 84200)

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires all candidates for elective office, all officeholders and all committees supporting or opposing candidates, measures and petition circulation drives to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made. The filing deadlines for this election are listed in this guide.

A candidate is not required to file any itemized disclosure forms for the candidate's campaign if the candidate does not receive any contributions and the only expenditures will be from the candidate's personal funds and expenditures are limited to a filing fee and/or candidate's statement.

Filing is the responsibility of the candidate or committee. It is the responsibility of candidates and/or committees to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner. Late statements are subject to a $10 per day late fine. All statements are considered public record. Copies can be obtained at the cost of $0.10 per page from the Registrar of Voters office. (GC 81008)

WHAT:	**Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)** This form is used for declaring the formation of a financial campaign.
WHEN:	Form 501 must be filed prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or expenditure, including any personal funds, used for the election. A new form 501 must be filed for each election even if a candidate is running for re-election.
WHERE:	The filing officer who receives the candidate's original campaign disclosure statements.
WHO:	All candidates who intend to raise or spend money on behalf of their campaign.

WHAT:	**Form 410 (Statement of Organization Recipient Committee)** A recipient committee is any individual, officeholder, candidate, group of individuals, organization or any other entity that receives contributions totaling $2,000 or more during a calendar year. *The name for all committees must include the candidate's name, office sought and year of the election as part of the committee name. Example: "Smith for Assembly 2010" or "Committee to Support Smith for Senate 2010."*
WHEN:	The initial Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of raising $2,000; however, it can be filed prior to receiving $2,000, then amended within 10 days of reaching the $2,000 threshold. Form 410 is filed with the Secretary of State to create a committee, to amend information listed on the initial Form 410 and/or to terminate a committee. The Secretary of State's Political Reform Division will issue the committee ID number.
WHERE:	The original and one copy with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division and one copy with the local filing official, if any, with whom you file the originals of your campaign disclosure statements.
WHO:	**All candidates who receive or spend $2,000 or more on their campaign.** Candidates must open a separate bank account dedicated to their campaign.

WHAT:	**Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement-Short Form)** This form shall be used when a candidate does not have a controlled committee and does not anticipate raising or spending $2,000 or more in a calendar year.
WHEN:	Must be filed no later than the deadline for the first required campaign disclosure statement.
WHERE:	The original with your filing officer, and (if applicable) one copy with each additional county filing official(s) for your elective office.
WHO:	All candidates who do not plan on spending or raising more than $2,000 on their campaign in a calendar year.

WHAT:	**Form 470 (Supplement)** An officeholder or candidate who has filed Form 470 in connection with an election and subsequently receives contributions or expenditures totaling $2,000 or more is required to send written notification.
WHEN:	Must be filed within 48 hours of reaching $2,000 threshold.
WHERE:	The original with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division, one copy with your local filing official and one copy to each candidate seeking the same office.
WHO:	All candidates who have filed a 470 and then reach the $2,000 threshold for contributions or expenditures.

WHAT:	**Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement - Long Form)** This form is used by candidates and their controlled committees to disclose itemized receipts and expenditures. *Local candidates file this form with the local election official only, not the Secretary of State.*
WHEN:	Must be filed according to applicable filing schedules. (See the *FPPC Filing Schedule* shown in this guide).
WHERE:	The original copy with your filing officer and (if applicable) one copy with each additional county filing official(s) for your elective office.
WHO:	All candidates who have filed a Form 410 and have raised or spent $2,000 or more in a calendar year.

WHAT:	**Form 497 (Late Contribution Report)** This report must be filed if a committee controlled by the candidate or a primarily formed committee receives or makes a contribution totaling $1,000 or more during the **90 days** before the candidate's election.
WHEN:	Within 24 hours of receiving the contribution via personal delivery, fax or guaranteed overnight delivery.
WHERE:	The original with your filing officer, and (if applicable) one copy with each additional county filing official(s) for your elective office.
WHO:	All candidates where applicable.

WHAT:	**Form 496** (**Late Independent Expenditure Report)** This form must be filed if the committee makes independent expenditures totaling $1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate during the **90 days** prior to the election.
WHEN:	Within 24 hours of receiving the contribution via personal delivery, fax or guaranteed overnight delivery.
WHERE:	The original with your filing officer and (if applicable) one copy with each additional county filing official(s) for your elective office.
WHO:	All candidates where applicable.

WHAT:	**Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interest)** This form is used for disclosure of certain personal financial interests under the Political Reform Act's conflict of interest rules. Investments and real property held on the day the Declaration of Candidacy is due, as well as income received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing the Declaration of Candidacy, must be reported.
WHEN:	Before the end of the nomination period.
WHERE:	With your local election official.
WHO:	All candidates who have not filed this form for the same office within 60 days prior to the nomination period.

For more information regarding the financial campaign reporting process see "Campaign Disclosure **Manual 1** – Information for State Candidates, Their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for State Candidates" and "Campaign Disclosure **Manual 2** - Information for Local Candidates**,** Superior Court Judges, Their Controlled Committees, and Primarily Formed Committees for Local Candidates" located at the Fair Political Practices Commission website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

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Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates

(Effective January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020)

State candidates may voluntarily accept expenditure limits for elections. They must declare on the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) whether they accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling established for each election. Candidates who accept the ceiling are designated in either the state ballot pamphlet (statewide candidates) or the voter information portion of the sample ballot (Senate and Assembly candidates) and may purchase space to place a 250-word statement there. The voluntary expenditure ceilings are effective for elections held between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. (Regulation 18545)

Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates

Office	Primary/Special Election	General/Special Runoff
Assembly	$620,000	$1,085,000
Senate	$930,000	$1,395,000
Board of Equalization	$1,550,000	$2,326,000
Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Controller, Secretary of State, Supt. of Public Instruction, Treasurer	$6,201,000	$9,302,000
Governor	$9,302,000	$15,503,000
CalPERS/CalSTRS (Section 85400)	N/A	N/A

California Fair Political Practices Commission
California State Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020)

Candidates seeking a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits from a single source. (Sections 85301 - 85303.) Contributions from affiliated entities are aggregated for purposes of the limits. (Regulation 18215.1.) The chart below shows the current limits per contributor for state offices. The primary, general, special, and special run-off elections are considered separate elections. Contribution limits to candidates apply to each election. Contribution limits to officeholder and other committees apply on a calendar year basis. Contact your city or county about contribution limits for local offices.

Contribution Limits to State Candidates Per Election

	Contributor Sources		
Candidate or Officeholder	**Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)**	**Small Contributor Committee (see definition on page 2)**	**Political Party**
Senate and Assembly	$4,700	$9,300	No Limit
CalPERS/CalSTRS	$4,700	$9,300	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	$7,800	$15,500	No Limit
Governor	$31,000	$31,000	No Limit

Contributions to Other State Committees Per Calendar Year

	Contributor Sources
Committee	**Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)**
Committee (Not Political Party) that Contributes to State Candidates (PAC)	$7,800
Political Party Account for State Candidates	$38,800
Small Contributor Committee	$200
Committee Account NOT for State Candidates (Ballot Measure, PAC, Political Party)	No Limit*

*State committees (including political parties and PACs) may receive contributions in excess of the limits identified above as long as the contributions are NOT used for state candidate contributions. (Regulation 18534.)

Contributions to State Officeholder Committees Per Calendar Year

	Contributor Sources	
Committee	**Any Source (Person, Small Contributor Committee or Political Party)**	**Aggregate From All Sources**
Senate and Assembly	$3,900	$64,400
CalPERS/CalSTRS	$3,900	$64,400
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	$6,400	$128,700
Governor	$25,700	$257,500

The contribution limits are effective for elections held between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. (Regulation 18545.) These limits do not apply to contributions made to elections in previous years. Such contributions are subject to the limits in place for that year – see previous charts.

Legal Defense Funds

Contributions raised for a legal defense fund are not subject to contribution limits or the voluntary expenditure ceiling. However, a candidate or officeholder may raise, in total, no more than is reasonably necessary to cover attorney's fees and other legal costs related to the proceeding for which the fund is created. (Section 85304; Regulation 18530.4.)

Recall Elections

A state officeholder who is the subject of a recall may set up a separate committee to oppose the qualification of the recall measure and, if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election. Neither contribution limits nor voluntary expenditure ceilings apply to the committee to oppose the recall that is controlled by the officeholder who is the target of the recall attempt. Candidates running to replace an officeholder who is the target of a recall are subject to the contribution limits and the expenditure limits applicable to the election for that office. (Section 85315; Regulation 18531.5.)

Ballot Measure Committees

Contributions to ballot measure committees controlled by a candidate for elective state office are not limited.

Contributions from State Candidates and Officeholders

A state candidate or state officeholder may not contribute more than $4,700 to a committee controlled by another state candidate or state officeholder (including a state or local election committee, legal defense fund, officeholder account, or ballot measure committee). This limit applies on a per election basis and includes, in the aggregate, contributions made from the candidate's or officeholder's personal funds and from campaign funds. (Section 85305; Regulation 18535.) This limit does not apply to a committee controlled by a state candidate to oppose his or her recall.

Communications Identifying State Candidates

Any committee that makes a payment or a promise of payment totaling $50,000 or more for a communication that:

1. Clearly identifies a state candidate; but
2. Does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate; and
3. Is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, may not receive *a* contribution from any single source of more than $38,800 in a calendar year if the communication is made at the behest of the candidate featured in the communication. (Section 85310.)

Officeholder Committees

Officeholder contributions must be cumulated (in full) with any other contributions from the same contributor(s) for any other future elective state office for which the officeholder maintains a controlled committee during the term of office in which the contribution is received. Contributions to candidates for future elections and to their officeholder account are cumulated for purposes of contribution limits. (Regulation 18531.62.)

Contributions from State Lobbyists

A state lobbyist may not contribute to a state officeholder's or candidate's committee if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the agency of the elected officer or the agency to which the candidate is seeking election. The lobbyist also may not contribute to a local committee controlled by any such state candidate. (Section 85702; Regulation 18572.) In addition, effective January 1, 2015, lobbyists and lobbying firms may no longer take advantage of the $500 or less home/office fundraiser exception that is available to other individuals and entities. (Section 82015(f).)

Local Elections

Many cities and counties have local contribution limits and other election rules. "Local Campaign Ordinances" are listed on the FPPC's website. Check with your city or county about contribution limits for local elections.

Definitions

Person: 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. (Section 82047.)

Small Contributor Committee: Any committee that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The committee has been in existence for at least six months.
(b) The committee receives contributions from 100 or more persons.
(c) No one person has contributed to the committee more than $200 per calendar year.
(d) The committee makes contributions to five or more candidates. (Section 85203; Regulation 18503.)

Political Party Committee: The state central committee or county central committee of an organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a political party under Elections Code Section 5100. (Section 85205.)

Visit www.fppc.ca.gov for the most current and up to date information

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Recent Campaign Changes to the Political Reform Act

Every year legislative changes are made to the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act (Act). Below are just a few changes that we think may have an impact on candidates in the upcoming election and are based on FPPC update. To review all effective changes, **Visit www.fppc.ca.gov > Learn > What's New**

This is NOT a complete list of all of the regulatory changes; therefore, we recommend you visit the FPPC website for complete and updated information on FPPC rules and regulations.

Regulation 18401 – Required Recordkeeping: Existing Section 84104 requires each candidate, treasurer, principal officer and elected officer to maintain detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts necessary to prepare campaign statements, to establish that they were properly filed and to otherwise comply with the Act. Regulation 18401 further clarified these recordkeeping requirements regarding electronic mass mailings and earmarked funds.

Regulation 18432.5 – Intermediary: Section 84302 prohibits any person from making a contribution on behalf of another person, or from acting as an intermediary or agent of another, without providing to the recipient of the contribution the full name, address, occupation and employer of the true source of the contribution as well as his or her own name, address, occupation and employer. The recipient of such a contribution must disclose both the intermediary and the true source of the contribution. AB 249 amended Section 85704 to incorporate intermediary disclosure requirements of Section 84302 for earmarked contributions. The Commission amended Regulation 18432.5 to incorporate this change.

Regulation 18435 – Definition of Mass Mailing: AB 249 amended Section 84305 to incorporate definitions of the terms "sender" and "pay for," which were previously contained in Regulation 18435, as well as sender identification requirements for electronic mail, into Section 84305(e). The Commission adopted amendments to Regulation 18435 removing the language from the regulation that is now included in Section 84305.

Regulation 18440 – Telephone Advocacy: The prior version of Section 84310 prohibited a "candidate, committee or slate mailer organization" from expending campaign funds to pay for telephone calls that are similar in nature and aggregate 500 or more in number if those calls advocate support of, or opposition to, a candidate, ballot measure or both, unless the organization that authorized or paid for the call is disclosed to the recipient of the call. AB 249 amended Section 84310 so that the prohibition applies to a "candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee or slate mailer organization" rather than a "candidate, committee or slate mailer organization." AB 249 also amended Section 84310 by adding new subdivision (d) to that section, which provides that "[t]his section does not apply to a telephone call that is paid for by an independent expenditure." The Commission amended Regulation 18440 to incorporate these changes.

Regulation 18535 – Restrictions on Contributions Between State Candidates: Amended to expressly permit unlimited contributions from a state candidate to another state candidate's legal defense fund or candidate controlled ballot measure committee.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Judicial candidates listed on a ballot who will raise or spend **MORE THAN $2,000**:

Form	Where to file	What to file
Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement)	Secretary of State	Original
Form 410 (Statement of Organization)	Secretary of State	Original
Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement)	**Electronic Filers** Secretary of State	Electronically *and* paper original
Form 460 (Recipient Committee Campaign Statement)	**Non-Electronic Filers** Secretary of State County of domicile	Original *and* one copy One copy
Form 497 (24-hour Contribution Report)	Secretary of State	All Form 497s are filed electronically even if the $25,000 electronic filing threshold has not been met

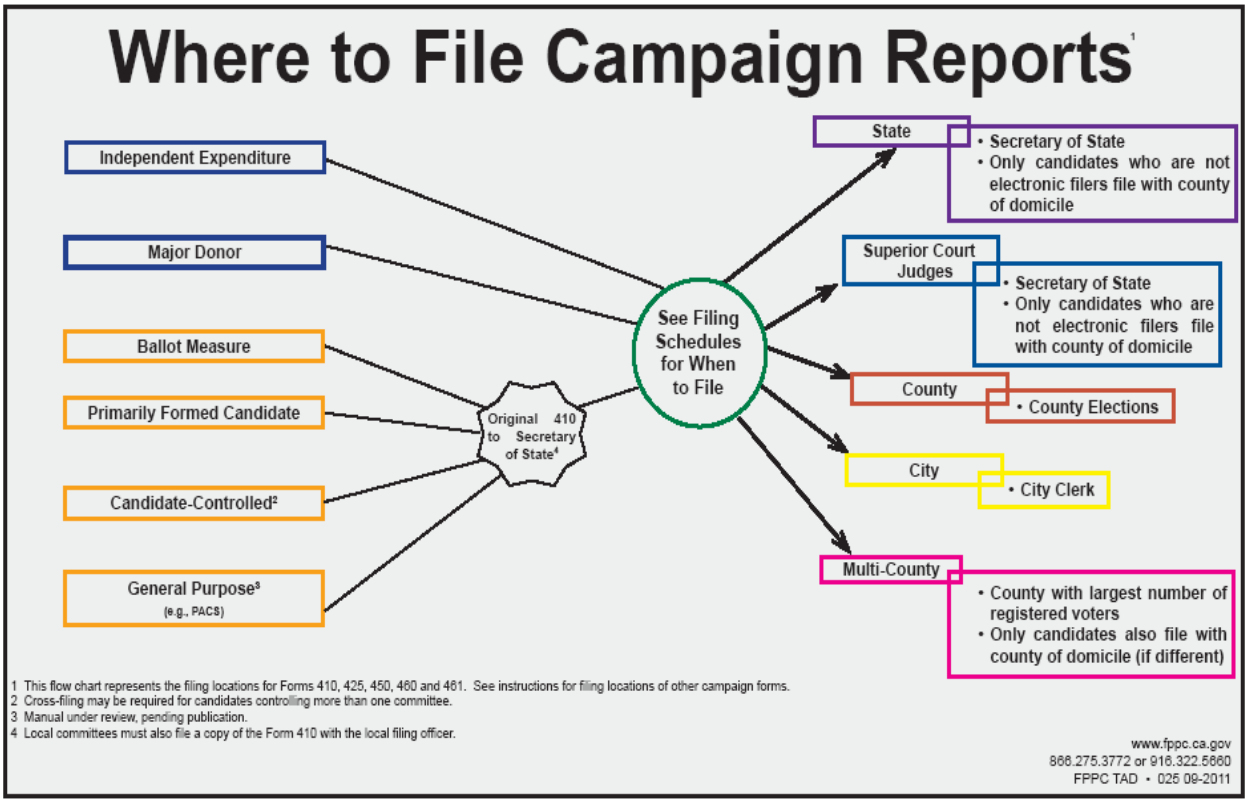
Judicial candidates who raise or spend $25,000 or more are required to file electronically with the Secretary of State.

Judicial candidates listed on a ballot who will raise or spend **LESS than $2,000**:

Candidate/officeholder	Where to file	What to file
Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) - not required if personal funds are used only for filing/ballot fees and no funds are received from others	Secretary of State	Original
Form 470 (Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement - Short Form)	Secretary of State County of domicile	Original One copy

Judicial candidates and judges not listed on a ballot:
Non-incumbent candidates and incumbent judges not listed on a ballot, and who do not receive any contributions in a six month period, are not required to file the Form 470 or Form 460.

For additional information, see Campaign Disclosure Manual 2


Where to File Campaign Reports[1]
Independent Expenditure
Major Donor
Ballot Measure
Primarily Formed Candidate
Candidate-Controlled[2]
General Purpose[3]
(e.g., PACS)
Original 410 to Secretary of State[4]
See Filing Schedules for When to File
State
• Secretary of State
• Only candidates who are not electronic filers file with county of domicile
Superior Court Judges
• Secretary of State
• Only candidates who are not electronic filers file with county of domicile
County
• County Elections
City
• City Clerk
Multi-County
• County with largest number of registered voters
• Only candidates also file with county of domicile (if different)
1 This flow chart represents the filing locations for Forms 410, 425, 450, 460 and 461. See instructions for filing locations of other campaign forms.
2 Cross-filing may be required for candidates controlling more than one committee.
3 Manual under review, pending publication.
4 Local committees must also file a copy of the Form 410 with the local filing officer.
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GETTING STARTED

For candidates spending $2,000 or more

Campaign Rules Page:

Bookmark the Campaign Rules page to find resources and answers to campaign-related questions throughout your campaign. All links noted below can be reached through the Campaign Rules page.

FPPC Home Page > Learn > Campaign Rules

Two Important Rules to Remember:

- Candidates **MUST** deposit funds into the campaign bank account before spending money on the campaign. Candidates may not spend money out of pocket for campaign expenses.
- Candidates **MUST** file Form 501 before soliciting or accepting contributions.

Forms to Start:

- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 410 – Statement of Organization (No bank account yet? Enter "Pending" where asked.)
- Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests

ID Number:

1. Send completed Form 410 to CA Secretary of State (SOS) and a copy to your local filing official.
2. SOS issues the committee ID number and posts it to their website, usually within 1-2 business days after receiving your completed Form 410.
3. To find your committee ID number, go to cal-access.sos.ca.gov.
4. Enter your committee name in the search bar at top left of the screen.
   - If your committee ID number is not available, SOS may not have posted it yet. Or, the Form 410 may be incorrect and SOS will send you a notice via USPS.
   - To find out the status of your ID number, contact the SOS at (916) 653-6224.

Filing Schedules & Deadlines:

Determine what campaign reports are due, and when they're due, by reviewing your filing schedule.

Most Common Campaign Reports:

- Form 460
- Form 497

Manuals:

- Disclosure Manual 1 – State Candidates
- Disclosure Manual 2 – Local Candidates and Judges

Candidate/Treasurer Video:

Watch the Candidate/Treasurer video and print slides to read while you watch.

Training Opportunities:

In addition to the video above, you may learn more by registering for webinars and workshops.

FPPC Home Page > Learn > Campaign Rules > Training & Outreach > Candidate, Treasurer, or Committee?

Questions?

- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Monday-Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

This fact sheet is informational only and contains only highlights of selected provisions of the law. It does not carry the weight of the law.

Candidate List: www.stanvote.com > Officials/Candidates > Candidate List

Election Calendar: www.stanvote.com > Officials/Candidates > Election Calendars

Campaign Disclosure: www.stanvote.com > CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (blue bars on homepage)

FPPC Forms: www.fppc.ca.gov > View All Forms

FPPC Filing Schedule: www.fppc.ca.gov > Filing Deadlines

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