

Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide



November 7, 2017 Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections



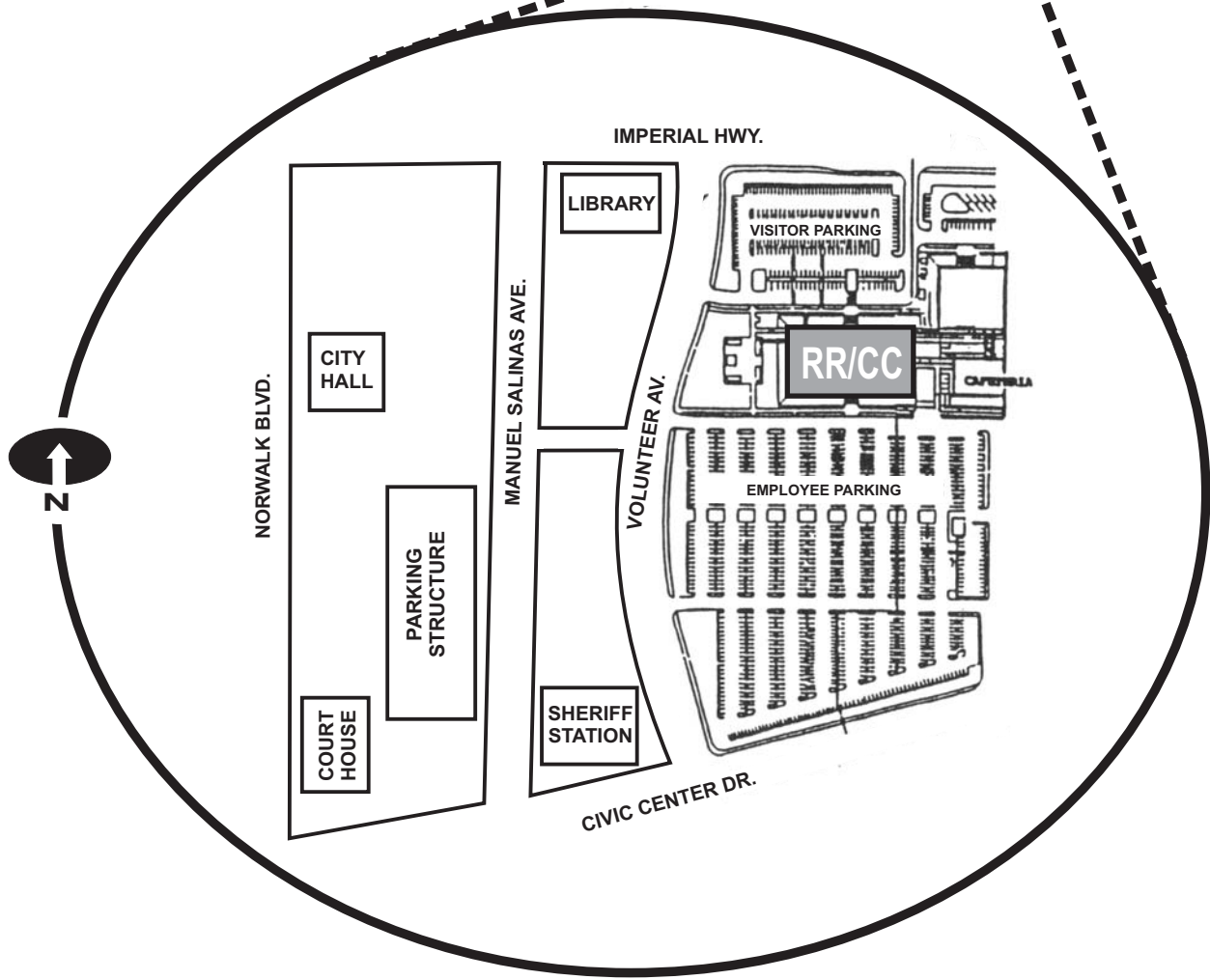
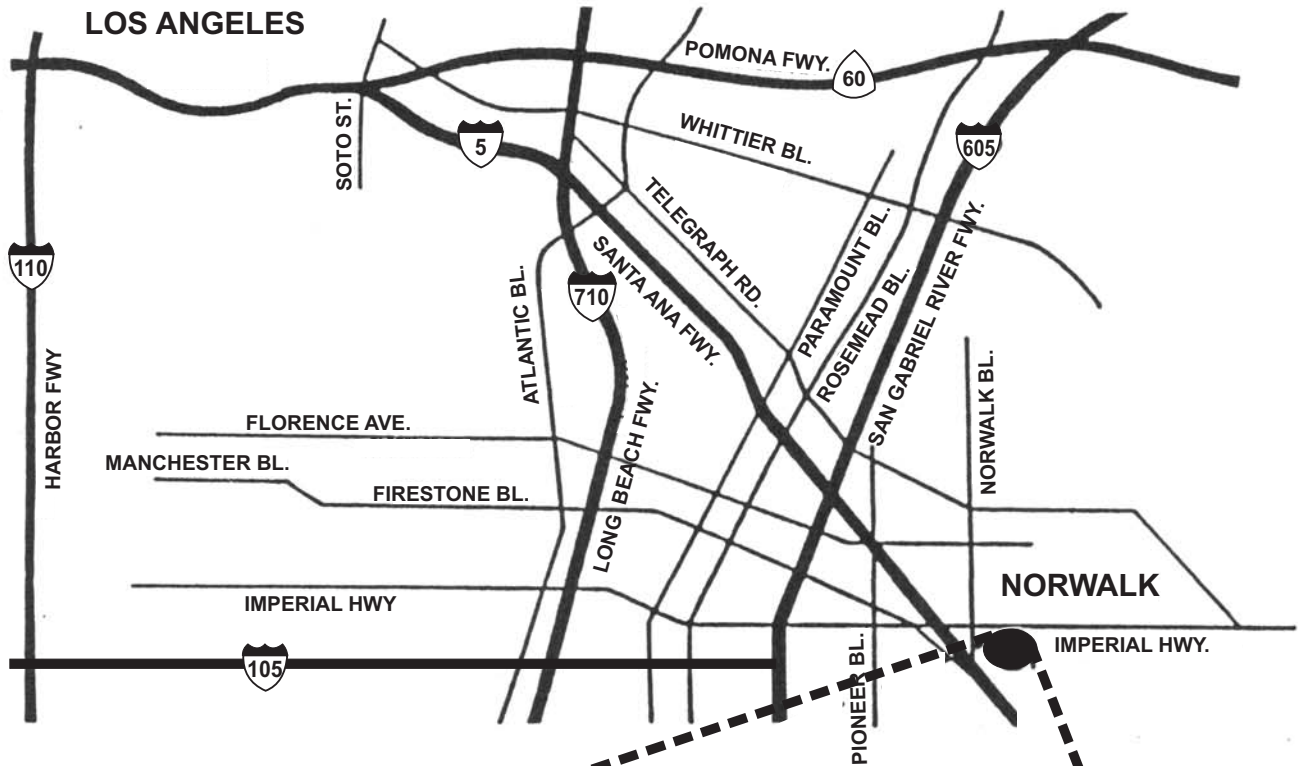
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SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS**

This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for offices in the November 7, 2017 Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections. The handbook provides a general overview of major events and valuable information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

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

Voters participating in the November 7th election will be using the INKAVOTE PLUS Voting System consisting of a voting device for marking ballot choices and a Precinct Ballot Reader (PBR) which checks for voting errors and provides an opportunity for voters to correct their ballot or request a replacement. There is also an Audio Ballot Booth available at each polling place to assist voters with specific needs to cast their votes privately and independently.

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

For additional information regarding the election, including election results or the INKAVOTE PLUS Voting System, consult our website or call 1-800-815-2666 Option 4.

NOTICE

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

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

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS	TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS
<p>DIRECTOR – CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 35055 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Water Code § 35057 and E.C.§ 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Govt. Code § 61040 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Govt. Code § 61042 and E.C.§ 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Water Code § 30500 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Water Code § 30502 and E.C.§ 10505)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – IRRIGATION DISTRICT Each director shall be a voter and landowner of the district and a resident of the division, at the time nomination documents are issued or appointment is made. (Water Code § 21100 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Water Code § 21101 and E.C.§ 10505)</p>
<p>TRUSTEE – LIBRARY DISTRICT Each trustee shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code § 19611 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday, November 24, 2017 (Ed. Code §§ 19422 and 19510)</p>
<p>DIRECTOR – RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued. (Public Resources Code § 5784(c) and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Public Resources Code § 5784.3 and E.C. § 10505)</p>
<p>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER – SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS Each board member shall be a registered voter of the district or trustee area, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued. (Ed. Code §§ 5030, 35107, 72022, 72103 and E. C. § 201)</p>	<p>Friday at noon, December 1, 2017 (Ed. Code § 5017 and E.C. § 10505)</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PARTY AFFILIATION – No Party Affiliation Required.

FILING FEE, NOMINATING PETITIONS AND SALARY – Although neither a filing fee nor nominating petitions are required, a declaration of candidacy must be filed. Salaries vary. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603)

PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BALLOT – Secretary of State holds a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. Names are not rotated on the ballot. (E. C. §§ 13111 and 13112)

VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES (PLURALITY) – When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. (E. C. § 10551)

CHAPTER 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

DATES	EVENTS
MAY 11 (Th) E-180	ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP Last day for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustments due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interests, or other factors as applicable. (based on E.C. § 22000)
JUNE 30 (F) E-130	NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION (SCHOOL DISTRICTS) Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall notify the elections official and affected school and community college governing boards, in writing, that a consolidated election is required to be held. (Ed. Code § 5340)
JULY 5 (W) E-125	NOTICE OF ELECTION (UDEL JURISDICTIONS) Not later than this date the district shall deliver to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk a notice containing: 1) elective offices, including unexpired terms, 2) candidate statement word limitation (200 or 400 words), 3) designated party responsible for statement cost (candidate or district), and 4) required method of payment, i.e., an advance, if cost is payable by candidate. Separately, the district shall deliver a map delineating (unchanged) district boundaries and divisions, accompanied by a statement indicating in which division directors are to be elected (at large, if applicable). (E. C. §§ 10509, 10522 and 13307)

DATES	EVENTS
JULY 7 (F) E-123	<p>ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling the school district governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322)</p>
JULY 10 (M) E-120	<p>FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Not later than this date the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver copies of the formal notice of governing board member election to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. (Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325)</p> <p>BOARD RESOLUTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Not later than this date, the district board shall by resolution determine and deliver the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements, and if cost is to be paid by candidate, whether advance payment is required. (E. C. § 13307)</p>
JULY 10 (M) AUG. 9 (W) E-120 E-90	<p>NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PUBLICATION (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Between these dates a notice of governing board member election shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.</p> <p>A general press release shall be issued providing elective office information and the telephone number to call for candidate nomination procedures. (E. C. § 12112 and Ed. Code § 5363)</p>

DATES		EVENTS
JULY 10 (M) E-120	AUG. 9 (W) E-90	<p>NOTICE OF ELECTION POSTING (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>Between these dates a copy of the published notices shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office. (E. C. § 12113)</p>
JULY 17 (M) E-113	AUG. 11 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M.	<p>NOMINATION PERIOD – FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</p> <p>First and last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS</p> <p>During this period, candidates may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the district governing body (200 or 400 words) for inclusion with the Official Sample Ballot. The statement shall be filed no later than the last day to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307)</p>
AUG. 10 (Th) E-89		<p>DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS – PUBLICATION</p> <p>Not later than this date a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, setting forth the date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure. (E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502 and Govt. Code § 6061)</p> <p>NOTE: A copy of the published notice shall be delivered to the district secretary/superintendent and each notice shall be posted in the district office. (E. C. § 12113)</p>

DATES	EVENTS
<p>AUG. 11 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – DEADLINE DATE (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) Last day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10603) NOTE: Fax not acceptable.</p> <p>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) No candidate, including incumbents, whose declaration of candidacy has been filed, may withdraw after this date except when the nomination period has been extended for that office. (E. C. §§ 10510 and 10604)</p> <p>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with the election. A copy of the resolution must also be filed with the county elections official. (E. C. §§ 10400, 10402 and 10403)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS Last day to file a candidate statement. (E. C. §§ 10540 and 13307)</p> <p>ADOPTION OF SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION RESOLUTION Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling a special school district election to place a measure on the ballot. Copies shall be filed with the county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322)</p> <p>NOTE: Ballot measure text should not exceed 75 words. (E. C. §§ 9051(b) and 13247)</p> <p>STATEMENT OF TAX RATE DATA – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for a local jurisdiction to file a bond issue statement with the county elections official. (E. C. § 9401)</p>

DATES		EVENTS
AUG. 12** (Sa) E-87**	AUG. 16 (W) E-83 5:00 P.M.	<p>NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD (IF INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE)</p> <p>If a declaration of candidacy for an incumbent is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on August 11, the declaration period shall be extended until August 16, 5:00 p.m., for persons other than the incumbent.</p> <p>NOTE: The extension does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (E. C. §§ 10516 and 10604)</p>
AUG. 12** (Sa) E-87**	AUG. 21 (M) E-78 5:00 P.M.	<p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD</p> <p>During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations shall be open to public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. Any person may challenge the aforementioned candidate information by filing a petition for writ of mandate no later than August 21.</p> <p>(E. C. § 13313)</p> <p>NOTE: If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to August 17 through August 26**</p>
AUG. 16 (W) E-83 5:00 P.M.		<p>APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (UDEL JURISDICTIONS)</p> <p>If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, a certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting appointment of the candidates or, if there are no candidates, appointment of any qualified person. Appointments shall be made not later than November 27.</p> <p>(E. C. § 10515)</p>

**August 12, 19 and 26 (Saturdays) and August 13 and 20 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.

DATES

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AUG. 16 (W)
E-83
5:00 P.M.

APPOINTMENT – NO ELECTION HELD (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)

If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board or, if no person has been nominated, the governing board shall appoint a qualified person or persons at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election.

(Ed. Code § 5326 and 5328)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLICATION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)

After this date, if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice shall be published once announcing the governing board's intent to appoint and the procedures for applying for the office.

(Ed. Code §§ 5303 and 5328.5)

PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION – DEADLINE

Last day to file a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is smaller in number) in the district, trustee area or division requesting that an election be held if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled.

(E. C. § 10515 and Ed. Code § 5326)

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – NOMINATION EXTENSION PERIOD

Last day a candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy papers when nomination period has been extended for that office.

(E. C. §§ 10516 and 10604)

AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE DEADLINE

Last day for county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot.

(E. C. § 9605)

MEASURES – LETTER DESIGNATION

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

DATES	EVENTS
AUG. 17 (Th) E-82 11:00 A.M.	<p>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112)</p>
AUG. 18 (F) E-81 5:00 P.M.	<p>ARGUMENTS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</p> <p>Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502)</p> <p>EXCEPTION: These provisions do not apply to a measure on school district reorganization.</p> <p>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</p> <p>Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure. (E. C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500)</p>
AUG. 19 (Sa)** AUG. 28 (M) E-80** E-71	<p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS</p> <p>During this period the county elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of any ballot measure text, argument, analysis or other specified measure materials for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p>

**August 19 and 26 (Saturdays) and August 20 and 27 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.

DATES		EVENTS
AUG. 28 (M) E-71 5:00 P.M.		REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for authors of arguments for and against county, district or school measures to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504)
AUG. 29 (Tu) E-70	SEP. 7 (Th) E-61	PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REBUTTALS During this period rebuttals for measures shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)
AUG. 31 (Th) E-68		DEATH OF CANDIDATE Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (E.C. § 10529 and Ed. Code § 5329) NOTE: This provision does not apply under certain circumstances as set forth in E.C. §§ 8026 and 8027.
SEP. 6 (W) E-62	SEP. 8 (F) E-60	TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Call (562) 462-2730 or (562) 462-2832 , to schedule a review of your transliterated name. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period.
SEP. 8 (F) E-60		SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION First day county elections officials may process applications for special Vote By Mail Ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote by mail during the normal Vote By Mail voting period of October 10* to October 31, 2017 because of military service or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. (E. C. §§ 300(b) and 3103)

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES		EVENTS
SEP. 11 (M) E-57	OCT. 24 (Tu) E-14	<p>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY</p> <p>A name written on a ballot in any election will not be counted unless the person has filed a statement of write-in candidacy during this period stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)</p>
SEP. 28 (Th) E-40	OCT. 17 (Tu) E-21	<p>MAILING OF OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS</p> <p>An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the jurisdiction during this period. (E. C. § 13303)</p>
OCT. 10* (Tu) E-28*	OCT. 31 (Tu) E-7	<p>VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST AND LAST DAY TO APPLY</p> <p>Between these dates (both dates inclusive) applications may be filed. Applications received prior to the 29th day preceding the election will be kept and processed during this period. (E. C. §§ 3001 and 3003)</p>
OCT. 10* (Tu) E-28*		<p>MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</p> <p>First day the elections official delivers Vote By Mail ballots in compliance with E.C. 3001. (E. C. § 3010 and 3206)</p> <p>PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES – APPOINTMENT</p> <p>Last day to appoint board members and designate polling places. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to each member appointed. (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 and 12319)</p>
OCT. 23 (M) E-15		<p>REGISTRATION CLOSES</p> <p>Last day to transfer or register to vote in the election. (E. C. § 2107)</p>

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES**EVENTS**

OCT. 24 (Tu) **NOV. 7 (Tu)**
 E-14 ELECTION
 DAY

NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE

A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen.
 (E.C. § 3500)

OCT. 24 (Tu)
 E-14
5:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – DEADLINE

Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election.
 (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)

BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBER LIST

Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual board members.
 (E. C. § 12303)

PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the **10th** business day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the polls close.
 (E. C. § 15101(b))

OCT. 28 (Sa)**
 E-10**

TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION

On or before this date a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction.
 (E. C. § 12109)

OCT. 31 (Tu)
 E-7

POLLING PLACES – PUBLICATION

Not later than this date a list of polling places for each precinct shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction.
 (E. C. §§ 12105, 12106 and Govt. Code § 6061)

**October 28 (Saturday) – Office will be closed.

DATES**EVENTS****NOV. 1 (W)**
E-6**NOV. 7 (Tu)**
ELECTION
DAY**EMERGENCY VOTE BY MAIL**

Between these dates, any voter may apply for a Vote By Mail Ballot if conditions require his or her absence from the precinct on election day. The voter may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the ballot.

(E. C. §§ 3021 and 3110)

NOV. 7 (Tu)
8:00 P.M.
ELECTION
DAY**ELECTION DAY**

Polls open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m.,
(E. C. §§ 1304, 10541 and 14212 and Ed. Code §§ 5000 and 19700)

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED – 8:00 P.M.

Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions.

(E. C. §§ 3017 and 3020)

Any Vote By Mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than three days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2.

(E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)

DEFACING OF UNUSED BALLOTS

At 8:00 p.m., immediately after the polls close, commence defacing or sealing all unused ballots and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed.

(E. C. §§ 14403 and 14404)

NOV. 9 (Th)
E + 2**OFFICIAL CANVASS**

The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election.

(E. C. §§ 10547 and 15301)

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NOV. 20 (M)
E + 13

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

The county elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to each jurisdiction no later than the last Monday before the last Friday in November.
(E. C. §§ 10550 and 15372)

NOTE: On **November 20, 2017** the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On **November 21, 2017** the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare the election results official.

NOV. 27 (M)
E + 20

APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES (UDEL JURISDICTIONS)

Not later than this date the Board of Supervisors shall, if no election is held, appoint the persons who have filed declarations of candidacy or, if no person has filed a declaration of candidacy, appoint any qualified person.
(E. C. § 10515)

DECLARATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)

Not later than this date, candidates shall be declared elected. A certificate of election shall be prepared and delivered to each person elected.

NOTE: The person(s) receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.
(E. C. §§10551, 10553 and 15401)

DEC. 1 (F)
E + 24

TAKING OF OFFICE (UDEL AND SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS)

Officers, elected or appointed, take office on the first Friday in December following the election.
(E. C. § 10554, Ed. Code §§ 5017 and 19700, and Water Code § 21101, etc.)

CHAPTER 2

FILING PROCEDURES



GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2017

All candidates must be registered voters at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which he or she is filing. (E.C. § 201)

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

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

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

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL – Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing utilizing official Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk forms, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603). The deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy is **August 11, 2017 (E-88) no later than 5:00 p.m.**

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

NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: On **August 17, 2017**, the Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS

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

Ballot designations:

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

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

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

Example A: Governing Board Member

Example B: Board member, XYZ School District

- 2) **Incumbent:** The word **Incumbent** may be used **IF** the candidate is seeking re-election to the same office and was elected to that office by a vote of the people or was appointed as a nominated candidate in lieu of an election.

- 3) **Appointed Incumbent:** The words **Appointed Incumbent** must be used **IF** the candidate was appointed to the office and is seeking election to that office. The word **Appointed** may also be used with the office title.

Example A: Appointed Incumbent

Example B: Appointed Board member, XYZ School District

Exception: Candidates appointed to office in lieu of an election **do not** have to use the word appointed.

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

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

Example A: High School Teacher

Example B: Attorney/Educator/Rancher

Example C: CEO/Councilmember

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

FORMAT OF BALLOT DESIGNATION – Ballot designations selected which exceed space allotted on the ballot (approximately 60 characters) are printed in a smaller typeface pursuant to § 13107(f) of the California Elections Code. **Restrictions:** The rules governing ballot designations can be the subject of confusion. The California Secretary of State's ballot designation regulations are available at the public counter in the Election Information Section, 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET – A ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation is required to be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the same time that you file the Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation will appear on the ballot.

(E.C. § 13107.3)

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

(E.C. § 13107(c))

BALLOT DESIGNATION PROVISIONS (Continued)

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

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

GUIDELINES TO ACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS (BASIC TEST):

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

Candidates may review their own ballot designation, as well as that of other candidates, at this office during working hours Monday through Friday from **August 12****, 2017 through **August 21**, 2017. If the nomination period is extended the period is from **August 17** through **August 26** (excluding weekends.)**

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

**August 12, 19 and 26 (Saturdays) and August 13 and 20 (Sundays) – Office will be closed.


CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

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

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

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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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

ELECTION PLANNING SECTION
(562) 462-2317

I, _____, candidate for the office
CANDIDATE'S NAME — PLEASE PRINT

of _____ hereby authorize
OFFICE TITLE

AGENT'S NAME _____ AGENT'S PHONE NUMBER _____

to receive and/or file the following nomination documents: Please check applicable forms ()

<input type="checkbox"/> Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Candidacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Designation Worksheet
<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Intention	

I am aware that the Nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file such documents.

I request that my name be placed upon the ballot as follows: (Please print)

<small>FIRST NAME</small>	<small>MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL</small>	<small>LAST NAME</small>
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My residence address is:

STREET ADDRESS _____

<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ZIP CODE</small>
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My telephone numbers are: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

<small>DAYTIME</small>	<small>EVENING</small>
(_____) _____	(_____) _____
<small>FAX</small>	
(_____) _____	

My internet addresses are:

<small>WEBSITE</small>	<small>E-MAIL</small>
_____	_____

I would like the following information to be used for purposes of listings prepared and issued to the news media and/or the public. (If none given, the above information will be listed.)

INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION

STREET ADDRESS _____

<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ZIP CODE</small>
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DAYTIME PHONE: (_____) _____ EVENING PHONE: (_____) _____

FAX: (_____) _____

WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

If you are planning on filing as a candidate for elective office and want to know “**HOW DO I GET STARTED?**”, there are five (5) steps to the candidate nomination process.

STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)

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

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

FOR OFFICE USE			
<input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> DOI <input type="checkbox"/> NOM <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL FOR REASON OF: _____ AGENT: _____			
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATE REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATION FORM			
NAME TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS (Please Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)			
FIRST	MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL (and/or Nickname)	LAST NAME	
NAME AS REGISTERED (if different from ballot name)			DATE OF BIRTH
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS			
CITY NAME	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	LOCALITY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
TELEPHONE NUMBERS BUSINESS:	RESIDENCE:	FAX:	
ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES (If different from above) (Phone given above residence address and telephone numbers will be used)			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY NAME	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NO.	
WEBSITE: _____ EMAIL: _____			
OFFICE TITLE (Include District, Division, Office)			Initial if FULL TERM
			Initial if UNEXPIRED TERM
PARTY PREFERENCE (If Applicable)			
ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT?	YES	NO	IF "YES", CHECK ONE
			ELECTED APPOINTED APPOINTMENT DATE
"I am aware of the qualifications for office and understand this is not an official filing document." _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE OR AGENT _____ DATE			
FOR OFFICE USE			
FILING FEE/SIGNATURE IN-LIEU INFO		PRECINCT NUMBER	CONTEST CONTROL NO.
FILING FEE \$		RESIDENCE CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	PTY CODE
DATE FILED	NO. SIGNATURES @ \$ EACH	RE-REG (NEW ADDRESS) <input type="checkbox"/>	VOTER ID NO.
BALANCE \$		DISTRICT CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE FILING NO.
CASHIER'S INITIALS		PARTY CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUCTOR <input type="checkbox"/> SIL <input type="checkbox"/> DOI <input type="checkbox"/> NOM
RECEIPT NO.		ECMS OPER	INITIALS & DATE
		INITIALS & DATE	REVIEWER / TIME
COMMENTS:			
ELECTION INFORMATION COPY R13M5D Rev 03-22-11			

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

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 3 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Completing Nomination Documents)

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

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

OFFICIAL FILING FORM
REGISTRAR-RECORDS COUNTY CLERK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

OFFICIAL FILING FORM
REGISTRAR-RECORDS COUNTY CLERK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Declaration of Candidacy
For Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices
(Elections Code §§ 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8040, 8121, 13105)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for nomination to the office of _____
to be voted for at the to be held on _____, and declare the following to be true:
My name is _____
I request my name _____ not to appear on the ballot. I request:
My name _____ on the Ballot
Candidate notice if preferred on nomination:
To the Registrar/Requester
A ballot design _____ if one is requested a completed BALLOT DESIGNATION worksheet must be submitted. If no ballot designation is _____ write in the word "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13167, 13167.3)

NOTE: The Secretary of State (SOS) will publish one of the addresses below in the certified list of candidates and on the SOS website. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for this purpose. If no box is selected, the first address below will be used.

Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Residence Address (Required): _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: () _____
Area Code _____ Office _____ Home _____

FAX and E-mail: () _____
Area Code _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Website: _____

IMPORTANT: BACKSIDE OF PAGE MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED

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

A candidate for voter-nominated office must complete the following two sections:
My voter registration and party preference(x), over the past ten years (beginning with the year 2002*), are as follows:

Party Preference	County	Time Frame By Year (e.g., 2002-2003)
_____	_____	2002 _____
_____	_____	_____

*Please note that only ten years of voter registration and party preference history will be provided on the Secretary of State's website. Any information provided regarding registration history prior to 2002 will not be included.

Pursuant to Elections Code sections 8002.5 and 13105, I would like the primary and general election ballots to reflect the following (select one):
 My party preference, as disclosed on my most recent affidavit of registration, is the _____ Party.
 No party preference, as indicated on my most recent affidavit of registration.
 I choose not to have my party preference listed.

If nominated, I will accept the nomination and not withdraw.

State of California } ss.
County of _____ }
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
Notary Public (or other official): _____
Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
County Elections Official

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

State of California } ss.
County of _____ }
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
Notary Public (or other official): _____
Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
County Elections Official

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED IF IT IS SIGNED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 4 – BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

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

Ballot Designation Worksheet

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13107.3 and Section 20711 of the California Code of Regulations, this entire form must be completed, or it will not be accepted and you will not be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.** If information requested is not applicable, please write N/A in the space provided. Otherwise the information **MUST** be provided. Upon filing, this worksheet will be a public record.

Candidate Information

Candidate Name: _____
Office: _____
Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
Business Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Attorney Information

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act in your behalf): _____
Address: _____
Home Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
Business Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Proposed Ballot Designation: _____
1st Alternative: _____
2nd Alternative: _____

You may select as your ballot designation:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a “/”]
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected
- (c) “Appointed [full title of public office]” if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to a different office
- (d) “Incumbent” if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, appointed) to your current public office and seek election to a new term
- (e) “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to your current elective public office (other than Superior Court Judge) and seek election to a new term

In the space provided on the next page or on an attachment sheet, describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation. Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment. These documents will not be returned to you. Do not submit originals.

If your proposed ballot designation includes the word “volunteer,” indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entry for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the

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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS (Continued)

STEP 5 – FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Listed below are mandatory and optional documents to be filed for candidacy. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines are met. All candidates are urged to file documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush.



DOCUMENTS	APPLIES TO	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Ballot Designation Worksheet	All Candidates	Election Information Section (562) 466-1310
Candidate Statement Form	All eligible candidates	Election Planning Section (562) 462-2317
Transliteration Form	All Candidates	Translation Services Unit (562) 462-2730 (562) 462-2832
Candidate Campaign Statement Forms	All Candidates	Campaign Finance Section (562) 462-2339

CHAPTER 3

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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

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

1. Statement is optional and may include the candidate's age and occupation.
2. Statements may not include references to other candidates. See information below and the Notice to Persons Submitting Candidate Statement on page 41 for restrictions.
3. No changes are allowed after statement is filed.
4. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in Spanish and included in the Official Sample Ballots booklet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee is required to print the Spanish statement. **In compliance with California Law, only English and Spanish candidate statements are included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet** for candidates who wish to have one printed, at candidate's or local agency's expense. (Multilingual translations may be provided in other languages in accordance with federal law. See page 27 of this chapter for further information.)
5. No reference to candidate's political party affiliation nor any partisan political membership or activity is permitted.

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

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

The local agency determines the maximum amount of words allowed (**200 or 400**), the responsibility for payment (either the candidate or agency), and whether it is to be paid in advance.

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

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

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

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
(Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311 and 13313)

GENERAL INFORMATION: Filing of a statement is optional and applies to local nonpartisan offices. The elections official sends to each registered voter a sample ballot which contains the candidate statements prepared and submitted.

FILING PERIOD: Statement must be filed no later than the close of business hours on the last day of the candidate nomination period.

WITHDRAWAL: A candidate statement cannot be changed or revised once it is filed. A candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5 p.m. of the next business day after the last day to file the statement.



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - NONPARTISAN OFFICES
READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF: _____

CANDIDATE FOR: _____

ELECTION DATE: _____

AGE: _____
(Optional)

OCCUPATION: _____
(Optional)

Please type your statement below in upper and lower case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style DUTCH801 RM BT, size 10 point. However, statement can be submitted using any standard font. See reverse side for information and guidelines including formatting restrictions. Statements are only included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will not be included in the Official Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballot Instructions and Guide.

age and occupation and a 200 word description of the candidate's education and qualifications. See booklet for detailed information regarding word counting guidelines.

style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will not be printed in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets are not acceptable. Words to be printed in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly distinguished as one word. However, the number of words/acronyms that can be in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED is 200 word statement and 50 words per a 400 word statement. All statements should be checked by the official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein.

not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor reference any membership or activity in political party.

Any candidate statement submitted by a candidate shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own qualifications and in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or any other improper content in such a statement. In addition, no candidate statement shall be printed which includes any reference prohibited.

Statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Except for Judicial candidates the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a ten (10) calendar day period. If an injunction requiring any or all material to be amended or deleted.

This is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be based on the actual number of candidates filing statements, or the length and/or format of the statement and by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost. The official shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid.

ESTIMATED COST

Estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is \$ _____

Printed on this form and in the Candidate Handbook, and request that my statement as shown on the ballot (x) one box: English English & Spanish

Date: _____

() Evening

DO NOT PRINT THIS STATEMENT IN THE EVENT

contested on the ballot. _____ No other candidate for this contest files a statement.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Project Code No.: _____

Candidate File No.: _____

Total No. of Words: _____

Total No. of Words in boldface, capital letters, and/or underscored: _____

By Deputy: _____

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FORMAT AND STYLE INFORMATION

1. Statements must be neatly typed. Statement will be typed in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet using Dutch801 Rm BT font in 10 point size. However, a candidate statement can be submitted using any standard font. A sample of the format and style is pictured below.
2. Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted as indented or centered will be typed in block paragraph form. Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentations, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated. However, you may use dashes/hyphens (-). Enhanced words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. Any combinations of enhanced words are counted as one word. However, the number of words/acronyms that are in **boldface type**, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed **25** words per a **200** word statement and **50** words per a **400** word statement. The pronoun "I" is not counted as an enhanced word. **Refer to page 29 for the Word Counting Guidelines.**
3. All statements should be checked by the candidate for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. It is recommended that you do not use dashes or hyphens at the end of a line.

STATEMENT OF JANE DOE

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD

ANY CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Age: 42

Occupation: Incumbent

I have followed the direction our school district is going and want to continue to make a difference.

I would like our city to continue thinking forward towards the future.

If elected, I will: 1) lower taxes; 2) increase services; 3) continue thinking towards the future for our children.

I belong to the following organizations:

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

You can trust Jane Doe to protect and serve Any City Unified School District, USA.

Vote for Jane Doe.

MULTILINGUAL TRANSLATIONS – Multilingual translations of candidate statements for voter information booklets may be provided in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese for qualifying jurisdictions in accordance with Federal Voting Rights Act provisions and Department of Justice specifications. These booklets are sent only to voters who have requested translated material. Additional booklets are provided at polling places on Election Day.

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

AFFIDAVIT OF
FINANCIAL
WORTH

The image shows a sample of Form 4506, 'Request for Copy of Tax Return'. The form is titled '4506 Request for Copy of Tax Return' and includes instructions for the requester. It contains several sections for providing information about the taxpayer, the tax return, and the requester's contact information. The form is a standard document used to request a copy of a tax return from the IRS.

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

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

NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBMITTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS LIMITED TO CANDIDATE'S OWN QUALIFICATIONS

This applies to all candidates.

The California Elections Code and case law prohibit **CANDIDATES** from making any reference to another candidate or to another candidate's qualification, character or activities. If the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** discovers improper content in a candidate statement, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL** will notify the candidate and give the individual an opportunity to correct the improper language in the candidate statement. If the candidate refuses to correct the improper language, the **COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL**, as well as any other voter, may bring legal action against the candidate to correct the statement. The prevailing party may also be entitled to obtain attorney's fees for bringing the action.

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

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

WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES

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

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

1. **PUNCTUATION MARKS** are not counted. Symbols such as "&" (and), and "#" (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.

2. **THE WORDS** "I", "a", "the", "and", "an" are counted as individual words.

3. **PROPER NOUNS**, such as geographical names, and names of persons or things, as one (1) word.

EXAMPLE: "Gus Enwright" = 1 word
"City of Los Angeles" = 1 word
"Dalai Lama" = 1 word

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

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

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

EXAMPLE: Attorney-at-law

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

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE: \$1,000.00

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

EXAMPLE: \$4 million

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

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

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

EXAMPLE: <http://www.co.la.ca.us> www.lavote.net <http://www.lacounty.info>

CHAPTER 4

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(Election Code Sections 8600 and 8601)

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

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

A write-in candidate **is not required** to pay a filing fee.

FILING DEADLINE		
FILING PERIOD	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	EVENT
SEPT. 11 (M) through OCT. 24 (Tu) 5:00 P.M.	E – 57 E – 14	FIRST AND LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Write-in candidacy forms must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE **14th DAY** prior to the election.

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

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – Refer to “General Information on Candidate Filing Procedures” in Chapter 2 of the handbook.

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

ELECTION RESULTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

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

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED

OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT – Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot. For school and UDEL contests, if the number of persons qualifying for the ballot does not exceed the number of offices to be filled, the election is cancelled and eligible candidates are appointed in lieu of the election. California law, however, allows the filing of a petition with the elections official to require such office(s) to be placed on the ballot. **(E. C. §. 10515 and Ed. Code §. 5326)**

The write-in candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that office. When more than one office is to be filled, those candidates, including qualified write-in candidates, who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of offices to be filled are elected. **(E. C. §. 10551)**

Voters may write-in any name they wish for any office regardless of whether the person qualified or not. However, votes will only be tabulated for qualified write-in candidates.

Section 2



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CHAPTER 1

CONTACT INFORMATION



CONTACT INFORMATION



REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC)

OFFICE HOURS

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

OFFICE ADDRESS

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

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf)(562) 462-2259

ELECTION INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666

2nd Floor, Room 2013

Option 4

General information regarding election, registration and voter services.

CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES 1-800-815-2666

2nd Floor, Room 2013

Option 4

Information regarding election dates, offices to be filled, qualifications for office, nomination filing dates and procedures.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE..... (562) 462-2339

2nd Floor, Room 2003

Campaign finance filing requirements for candidates, committees and officeholders.

REGISTERING TO VOTE..... 1-800-815-2666

Requests for voter registration forms (if after hours, leave a recorded message or register to vote online at www.lavote.net). **Note:** The registration deadline for the **November 7th Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections** is Monday **October 23, 2017**.

Option 2



OFFICIAL SAMPLE/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INQUIRIES..... 1-800-815-2666
Option 2

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT TRANSLATION..... 1-800-481-8683
To receive an Official Sample Ballot booklet translated into Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai or Vietnamese.

PRECINCT POLLWORKERS/POLLS..... 1-800-815-2666
To become a pollworker, offer a home as a polling place or report problems at a polling place on Election Day. **Option 7**

HOURLY VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION (562) 462-2726
Projected turnout reports issued each hour on the half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS INFORMATION..... 1-800-815-2666
Available Wednesday, **November 8, 2017.** **Option 4**

VOTER FRAUD HOT LINE..... 1-800-815-2666
To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities. **Option 5**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON RR/CC WEBSITE



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

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



TO REPORT ELECTION VIOLATION

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

VIOLATION OF:	REFERRED TO:
The Political Reform Act (Title 9 of California Government Code at Sections 81000 through 91015), i.e. mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests	Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) (866) 275-3772
Election procedures	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California Secretary of State, Elections Division (916) 657-2166
Unlawful use of public funds, violation of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Open meeting laws (Brown Act)	County District Attorney (213) 974-3512 California State Attorney General (916) 445-9555
Local ordinances	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs	Local City Attorney or County District Attorney (213) 974-3512
False or misleading campaign materials	There is no agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.

On ELECTION DAY, if you or your campaign workers observe problems at the polls that need attention, please contact our office at (562) 462-8348.

CHAPTER 2

FINANCIAL REPORTING



**CAMPAIGN FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES AND CONTROLLED
COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017
GENERAL ELECTION**

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

**FILING
DEADLINES**

2017 FILING REQUIREMENTS

<p>WITHIN 24 HOURS between AUG. 9 (Wed) and NOV. 7 (Tues)</p>	<p><u>LATE CONTRIBUTION and/or LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS</u> Each candidate or committee that makes or receives a late contribution (including a loan) that total in the aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more or makes an independent expenditure of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more beginning August 9, 2017 through election day November 7, 2017 <u>must file a Contribution Report Form 497 or Independent Expenditure Report Form 496 within 24 hours.</u> The recipient of a non-monetary or in-kind contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service or fax. Regular mail may not be used. (Gov. Code §§ 84203 and 84204)</p>
<p>SEPT 28, 2017 <i>(Statements for this deadline cover the period July 1 – September 23, 2017)</i></p>	<p><u>FIRST CAMPAIGN STATEMENT</u> Candidates who have a controlled committee and a committee primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures in this election should file a <u>Form 460</u>. Candidates who do not raise over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) should file a <u>Form 470</u>. All statements must be received by personal delivery or first class mail. **Note: If this is your first time filing a Form 460, please be sure to begin your report with January 1. ** (Gov. Code §§ 81007 and 84200.8)</p>

OCT. 26, 2017

(Statements for this deadline cover the period Sept. 24 –Oct. 21, 2017)

JAN. 31, 2018

SECOND CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

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

All statements must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. **(Gov. Code § 84200.8)**

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

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

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

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS

FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Candidates must file **no later than August 11, 2017**. (Gov. Code § 87302.3(a))

FORM 501 - CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

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

FORM 470 - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SHORT FORM)

Candidates who **anticipate** receiving less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in contributions and spend less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the cost of a candidate statement if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing this form by **September 28, 2017**. No further statements need be filed for this election **unless** the two thousand dollars (\$2,000) threshold is reached. (Gov. Code § 84206)

FORM 470S - OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (SUPPLEMENT)

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

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Recipient committees, including any group, individual, or candidate, that receive two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in contributions during a calendar year must file with the Secretary of State and our office, within 10 days of receiving the contributions.

(Gov. Code § 84101)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

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

(Gov. Code § 84101.5)

FORM 410 - STATEMENT OF TERMINATION

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

FORM 460 - RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

A candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent, or will raise or spend two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more during a calendar year in connection with the election AND/OR -if two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate, is required to file this form. **(Gov. Code §§ 84200-84216.5)**

WHERE TO FILE

Candidates and committees file original campaign statements with:

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Campaign Finance Section
12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 2003
Norwalk, California 90650
Phone: (562) 462-2339
Fax: (562) 651-2548

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

REVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Campaign Disclosure Filing Requirements for
Candidates and Committees

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY....

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

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

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

DEFEATED CANDIDATES

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

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

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

Chapter 3

CAMPAIGNING



GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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Chapter 976, 1977 Legislation.
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Elections Code §§ 20000 – 20010.
- PART 4 - **PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS**
Elections Code § 18301.
- PART 5 - **DISTRIBUTION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE INFORMATION**
Elections Code § 18302.
- PART 6 - **ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACE**
Elections Code §§ 18370, 18371, 18540, 18541, 18544, 18545 and 18546.
- PART 7 - **SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**
Elections Code §§ 20202 and 20203.
- PART 8 - **OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – POLITICAL SIGNS**
Business and Professions Code § 5405.3.
- PART 9 - **U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS**
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- PART 11 - **FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES**

PART 1

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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

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

PART 2

MASS MAILINGS

Definition.

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

Manner of sending mass mailings.

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of such mailing in no less than 6-point type. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

- (b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- (c) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision. **Gov. Code § 84305**

Newsletter or mass mailing.

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

PART 3

TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

Legislature's findings.

The Legislature hereby finds the following to be true:

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

E. C. § 20001

Restraining order or injunction.

The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, broadcasting, or telecasting of any matter in violation of this chapter, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 20006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Representation requirements.

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

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

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

E. C. § 20007

Political advertisement requirements.

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

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

E. C. § 20008

Simulated ballot requirements.

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

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

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

- (b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof. **E. C. § 20009**

No pictures of candidates in campaign material.

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

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

E. C. § 20010

PART 4

PRINTING OF SIMULATED SAMPLE BALLOTS

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

E. C. § 18301

PART 5

DISTRIBUTION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE INFORMATION

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

E. C. § 18302

PART 6

**ELECTIONEERING/INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS/
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AT POLLING PLACE**

Legislature's findings.

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

Electioneering within 100 feet of a polling place.

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

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

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

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

E. C. § 18370

Electioneering during Vote By Mail voting.

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

E. C. § 18371

Compelling another in voting.

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

E. C. § 18540

Solicitation dissuading persons from voting.

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

E. C. § 18541

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

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

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

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

(1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote.

(2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his or her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote.

(3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official.

(4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held.

E. C. § 18544

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

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

E. C. § 18545

Definitions.

As used in this article:

(a) "Elections official" means the county elections official, registrar of voters, or city clerk.

(b) "Immediate vicinity" means the area within a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which the voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

E. C. § 18546

PART 7

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Authorization to use candidate or committee name.

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

Authorization by a candidate or committee shall not be construed as rendering the person soliciting funds a controlled committee as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code. **E. C. § 20202**

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

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

E. C. § 20203

PART 8

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

Outdoor Temporary Political Signs.

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

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

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

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

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

STATE OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 942874, MS-36
SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001
TDD 1-800-735-2929
PHONE (916) 654-6413
FAX (916) 651-9359

DISTRICT OFFICE

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

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

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

Placement of Signs in Unincorporated Areas

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

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

**PART 9
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE – POLITICAL MAILINGS**

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

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

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

PART 10

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

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

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

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

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

Non-conforming vote by mail application.

Any individual, group, or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a vote by mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor. **E. C. § 18402**

Important Vote By Mail ballot application information

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

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

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

This statement must be conspicuously printed on the application form.

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

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- (8) Any application for a Vote By Mail voter's ballot which is sent by a group or organization to a voter shall be sent by non-forwardable mail.
- (9) Any individual, group or organization that knowingly distributes any application for a Vote By Mail ballot that does not conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of division 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor. **E. C. § 18402**
- (10) Voters who use the Vote By Mail ballot applications provided by individuals, groups and organizations must attest to the truth and correctness of the contents of the application and sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (11) The Vote By Mail ballot application must contain information about California's permanent Vote By Mail voter provision. **E. C. § 3006**

GENERAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (Continued)

Vote By Mail Ballot Application Format

All individuals, groups and organizations distributing Vote By Mail ballot applications must use the standard format approved by the Secretary of State. E. C. § 3007

APPLICATION FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

To request a Vote By Mail ballot, complete the information on this form. This Application Form must be received by the Elections official no later than seven days prior to an election.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

NOTICE - You have the legal right to mail this form to:

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

Or deliver to:

12400 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650
3rd Floor Room 3002
8am - 5pm
(562) 466-1323

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

Any Voter wishing to become a Permanent Vote By Mail voter may call our office at: (562) 466-1323 for further information or visit our website at lavote.net.

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

To request translated election material in one of the Los Angeles County's eligible languages, call 1-800-481-VOTE.

1. PRINT NAME:

2. DATE OF BIRTH:

First Name

Middle Name or Initial

Last Name

3. RESIDENCE ADDRESS (please print):

Number and Street - as registered (P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc. not acceptable)

(Designate N.S.E.W. if used)

City

County

Zip Code

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER: () (Optional)

Daytime

Evening

5. MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE. (PLEASE PRINT)

NOTE: ORGANIZATIONS DISTRIBUTING THIS FORM MAY NOT PREPRINT MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION.

Number and Street/P.O. Box (Designate N.S.E.W. if used)

City

U.S. State or Foreign Country

Zip Code

6. THIS APPLICATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PROPER SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT

I have not applied for, nor do I intend to apply for, a Vote By Mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the name, residence address and information I have provided on this application are true and correct.

SIGNATURE

Date

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

7. THIS FORM IS PROVIDED BY:

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

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

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

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

PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Voting more than once.

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

E. C. § 18560

Interfering with the Vote By Mail voting process.

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

E. C. § 18576

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

E. C. § 18576

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

E. C. § 18576

It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted Vote By Mail ballot or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent Vote By Mail ballot.

E. C. §§ 18577 and 18578

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

E. C. § 18371

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

Penal Code § 126

Other penalties.

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

E. C. § 18502

It is a crime to pay, or offer to pay, a person any amount of money or to give them anything of value in exchange their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone to not vote.

E. C. §§ 18521, 18522 and 18524

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

E. C. §§ 18564 and 18565

PART 11

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES

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

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

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



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Fee Schedule As of 10/2011

Item	Fee
Boundary Maps - District Congressional, Senate, Assembly & Supervisorial	\$ 0.03 Per Map Plus \$0.75 Handling Fee Per Request.
Certified Copy - Affidavit Or Transcript	\$1.50 For Copy Of Own Registration. \$6.75 Per Copy For All Others. (Public And Authorized)
**Campaign Statement Copies	\$0.10 Per Page. **\$5.00 retrieval fee per request.
Certification Of Election Documents (Except Affidavits Of Registration)	\$1.75 Per Certified Copy.
Precinct Map on Plotter Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Map on Standard Paper (11" X 17") Precinct Maps on CD or GIS Shape File Precinct Maps on DVD Precinct/District Maps on 35 mm Microfilm Shipping and Handling Fee for CD or DVD	\$11.00 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost) \$4.67 \$16.00 \$18.00 \$246.00 \$6.00
Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/ color)	\$30.00 Each
Precincting GIS Maps (3' X 3') (Customized Wall Map w/o color)	\$13.00 Each
Customized District Map With Acetate Overlay Map That Allows Distinction From Original Background Map.	\$48.00 Each
Polling Place Maps	\$17.00 Small (11" X 17") Each Page. \$26.00 Large – Each Page Varies In Size.
Photocopies (Miscellaneous)	\$0.46 Per Copy.

**Fee Schedule (Continued)
As of 10/2011**

Item	Fee
Returned Checks	\$33.00 Each
Search – Records or Files	\$5.00 for each record or file searched.
Statement Of Votes Cast (SVC)	\$0.37 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
Telefaxing	\$0.04 Per Page Plus \$0.75 Handling Fee.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File Los Angeles County Voter Files	\$146.00 Per File.
*Compact Disc (CD) Text File (Voter/Precinct/Election Information Files)	(Excluding Los Angeles County Voter Files) \$54.00 Per File \$39.00 For Each Additional File
*Index To Voter (Street Index)	Candidates/Committees: \$0.50 Per Thousand Names. General Public for Political Purposes Only: \$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Voted Index	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Precinct Rosters (Combined Index-Roster)	\$5.50 Per Roster Or \$0.22 Per Page. (Handling Fee Included In Cost)
*Absent Voter Report	\$0.10 Per Page Plus \$1.60 Handling Fee Per Request.
*Applicant Is Required To Execute Contract With The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	
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CHAPTER 4

MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES



MULTILINGUAL VOTING SERVICES

BACKGROUND

Public Law 109-246 extended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to federally mandate that Los Angeles County provide written and oral election assistance to limited-English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese-speaking voters. In January 2000, the Department of Justice further directed this office to **transliterate** the names of candidates in those languages that do not use Roman Characters. (*Transliteration* is the process of reproducing phonetic sounds as closely as possible from one alphabet or writing system into another.) These languages include Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean and Thai.



TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

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

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

IMPLICATIONS TO CANDIDATE COST

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

TRANSLATION OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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

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

TRANSLITERATION OF CANDIDATE NAMES

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

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

TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD

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

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

In compliance with federal law and local ordinance, we provide services to voters who require assistance in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese.

Multilingual Voter Services (Continued)

The ML Voter Services Program includes services such as:

- ◆ ML Assistance Hotline 1-800-481-8683
- ◆ Mailing of translated election materials to voters before every election, upon request
- ◆ ML assistance at targeted polling places

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



DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

TRANSLITERATION FORM

I, _____, candidate for nomination to the
_____ office of

to be voted for at the
_____ agree as indicated below:

CHECK ONE:

- I will accept transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean and Thai.

OR

- I am submitting an attachment of the transliteration(s) for the language(s) below. I will accept the transliteration of my name provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any language not submitted.

Languages Name Transliteration

- Chinese:
 Hindi:
 Japanese:
 Khmer:
 Korean:
 Thai:

GENDER:

- Male Female

I am aware of the deadline to submit transliterations and review period. I understand that I may request changes to transliterations during the review period and that transliterations are considered final upon expiration of the deadline. I further understand that there will not be an extension of the review period.

Candidate's Signature

Date

CHAPTER 5

ELECTION DAY



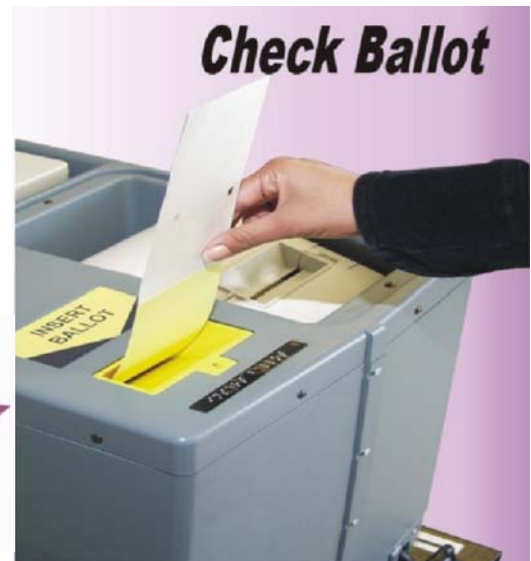
ELECTION DAY

ENHANCED VOTING SYSTEM – INKAVOTE PLUS

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on Election Day. InkaVote Plus enhances the existing InkaVote optical scan system to comply with federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements. The enhanced system allows disabled voters, including those who are blind and visually impaired, to cast a ballot privately and independently using an audio headset. Additionally, the InkaVote Plus system will provide all voters with the opportunity to have their ballots reviewed for errors prior to casting their votes.



After using the inking device provided to mark the InkaVote ballot, the voter will insert the ballot into the ballot reader slot. The ballot reader machine will alert the voter if a mistake occurred - for example, if a voter "overvoted" in any one contest for more candidates than allowed. The voter may then receive a replacement ballot to correct the error.



HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) – UPDATE ON VOTER REGISTRATION

As of January 1, 2006, federal HAVA law requires every state to have a statewide voter registration database in place. As a result, in order to be listed on the California voter file, each person must provide a California Driver License (CDL) number when registering or re-registering to vote. Persons who do not have a CDL may provide a California State Identification (ID) number issued by the State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Any person who does not have either a driver license or State ID number must provide the last four digits of his/her social security number. All voter registration forms must then be cleared by the California Secretary of State (SOS) system (CalVoter) prior to the registration or re-registration becoming effective. Clearance by the SOS's CalVoter system involves matching information provided by the voter on the registration form against the DMV database or federal social security information to verify identity.

When assisting voters with the voter registration process, please ensure that they provide a CDL or State ID number on the form.

POLLING PLACES AND POLL WORKERS

Basic Information

- ◆ Polling Place Hours: 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ There will be approximately 1,000 polling places for the November 7, 2017 Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections.



Questions and Answers

- Q. Can a candidate or a close relative of a candidate serve as a **poll worker** for the election in which he/she is running?*
- A. No. This is not legally allowed.
- Q. Can a candidate host a **polling place** at his/her residence or office on Election Day?*
- A. No. This is not legally allowed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

*Q. How can candidates get a list of **polling place** locations?*

A. Contact the Election Information Section at 1-800-481-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-815-2666 Option 4. There is a small fee for this service. A small number of polling locations change after sample ballots are mailed to voters. Voters are notified of polling place changes via a “polls change postcard.” All polling locations are kept current on our website at www.lavote.net and are accessible for any voter to view by clicking on “Polling Place and Sample Ballot Look Up”.

NOTE: Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter’s precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution. **E. C. § 18302**

*Q. Why do **polling places** change?*

A. Despite best efforts to locate and secure long-term hosts for voting locations, an average of 8-10% of Los Angeles County polling places change between major elections. Facilities used in the past may not be available due to 1) other commitments on that date or reconstruction; 2) precinct boundary lines revised to comply with new legal requirements; 3) determination of non-accessibility to voters with disabilities; 4) complaints from voters regarding former voting location such as insufficient parking, lighting, etc.; and 5) different groupings of districts from one election to the next, making it necessary to alter voting precinct boundary lines.

*Q. What do **poll workers** do and how are they compensated?*

A. Poll workers are civic-minded citizens who help to set up the voting locations (polls), assist voters when signing in, demonstrate how to use the voting system, issue ballots, etc. After the polls close, poll workers are responsible for accounting for all the ballots, packing up election supplies and delivering ballots and supplies to a designated Check-in-Center.

Every poll has an Inspector who is in charge and several poll worker clerks depending on the number of registered voters in the precinct. Inspectors receive up to a \$175 stipend and clerks receive up to \$105.

To volunteer to serve as a poll worker, non-candidates
may call 1-800-815-2666 Option 7

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: (Continued)

*Q. Is it legal for high school students to serve as **poll workers**?*

A. State law allows qualified high school students to serve as “student poll workers” on Election Day. The Student Poll Worker Program (SPP) is a great way to introduce young people to democracy in action and at the same time provide a valuable community service. Students who serve as regular members of a precinct board on Election Day receive the \$100 poll worker stipend, plus a \$40 bonus if they attend a training class. Students must be U.S. citizens at least 16 years of age with a grade point average of 2.5.

*Q. Do you know any **bilingual voters** who might be willing to serve as a **poll worker**?*

A. The federal Voting Rights Act requires that **bilingual/multilingual poll workers** be hired in targeted polling places to provide oral assistance to limited-English proficiency voters. The RR/CC is currently recruiting Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese-speaking poll workers.

BILINGUAL/MULTILINGUAL POLL WORKERS

Bilingual/Multilingual poll workers must be registered voters who speak English well enough to explain election procedures to English speaking voters. They must also understand English well enough to assimilate the difficult procedures taught in the training classes.

Bilingual/Multilingual poll workers are vital in helping citizens with limited English proficiency to exercise their voting privileges. They assist voters, whose primary language is not English, and help them understand voting procedures by responding to their questions. As a means to address the bilingual poll worker recruitment challenges, a “Poll Worker/Recruiter” Program, which brought community activists into recruiting bilingual/multilingual poll workers from their communities, was launched in 1998. In addition, to solve general poll worker recruiting issues, Los Angeles County has developed the Student Poll Worker and County Employee Poll Worker Programs. The County has utilized these programs, in addition to the Poll Worker/Recruiter Program, to address bilingual/multilingual poll worker recruiting challenges. By working together, we can eliminate problems early.

BILINGUAL/MULTILINGUAL POLL WORKERS (Continued)

Los Angeles County employs a four-part system to identify "targeted" polling places for oral assistance. This "targeting" system was negotiated over a two-year period with attorneys from Los Angeles County, the Department of Justice and community-based organizations. The four elements of the targeting system are:

- **Census Data.** This is simply a "Yes – Targeted" or "No – Not Targeted" designation per voting precinct. All census data targeted precincts are placed on a high targeted list.
- **Multilingual Requests on File.** This category reflects the number of voter requests for language assistance which are on the voter file for a given voting precinct. The standard for targeting is twenty or more requests for all nine federally mandated languages: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese. Precincts with twenty or more such requests are placed on a (high) targeted list.
- **Input from Community Based Organizations.** If a community based organization indicates that a neighborhood should be targeted for a particular language due to community awareness of a high number of language minority voters in a specific language(s), the polling places in that immediate neighborhood are targeted for future elections and are placed on a secondary targeted list.
- **Multilingual Tally Card.** The "Multilingual Tally Card" is provided to each polling place for poll workers to keep track of voters requesting language assistance. If more than five voters request language assistance in any language in a precinct not already targeted, such precincts are placed on a tertiary targeted list.

NEIGHBORHOOD VOTING CENTERS (NVC's)

In an effort to recruit and retain voting locations which are visible, stable, sizeable, and accessible for voters with disabilities and adaptable to more sophisticated voting technologies, the County is moving in the direction of centralized Election Day voting locations which can accommodate more than one precinct. (Current state law limits precinct size to a maximum of 1000.)

Between major elections, approximately 8 to 10 percent of LA County polling places are replaced because the previous location is no longer available. The transition to NVCs will mean identifying and securing long-term partnerships with polling place hosts, which will help minimize voter confusion. Examples include government buildings, schools, recreation centers and community centers.

The County will continue to provide a variety of services to assist in directing voters to their correct poll including listing the poll address on the back of the Official Sample Ballot, posting poll addresses on the County website, and an automated phone system which can be accessed 24 hours a day.

ELECTION DAY SERVICES FOR VOTERS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

Assistance in Voting. Under California law, any voter who needs help in casting a ballot is entitled to request assistance. A poll worker can provide assistance or the voter may select a person of his or her choice. If the voter is unable to mark the ballot, the voter may choose up to two people to help cast his/her vote. The assistants may not be the voter's employer, the employer's agent or the voter's labor union leader or agent.

Curbside Voting. Any voter who cannot reach the voting area at the polling place because of architectural barriers or physical limitations may request to vote "curbside" (outside of the polling location.) A poll worker will bring a ballot and marking device to the voter, assist the voter if necessary, and place the voter's ballot in the box.

Large Handle Pen. A special pen with a large ball for easy gripping is available at each polling place in Los Angeles County. This pen allows persons who are unable to grasp the regular pen to more easily mark the ballot card.

Voters with Vision Impairments. Each polling place displays voting instructions in large type. Magnifying devices are also available for voters who may have difficulty reading the ballot.

Wheelchair Accessible Voting Booths. Designated wheelchair accessible voting booths are available at every county poll location.



County of Los Angeles
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS



Poll watchers are persons interested in election proceedings who are entitled to observe polling place operations during voting hours. However, poll watchers may not disrupt the election process or interfere with a voter's right to cast a secret ballot. Poll watchers often represent candidates, political campaigns and/or organizations.

Poll workers are appointed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and are responsible for all phases of the election that take place at the polls. They will comply with poll watchers' requests for voter information.

The following pages contain rules and procedures that all observers at the polling places must comply with at all times.

A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS (Continued)

1. Vote counting activities at the polls and the tally center are open to public observation but no interference will be allowed during the proceedings. Interference with the election and canvass, or with a voter casting a ballot, is punishable by imprisonment in state prison for up to three years. **(E.C. § 18502)**

Only poll workers have the right to challenge a person's eligibility to vote at the polls. A challenge may be made only upon sufficient probable cause. Poll workers are instructed to report the presence of any persons or signs which may be intimidating to voters or cause interference with the voting process to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Department. **(E.C. §14240)**

The use of force, violence or tactic of coercion or intimidation to compel a person to refrain from voting at any election is a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison. **(E.C. § 18540)**

2. Damaging or tampering with voting equipment or official election materials in a polling place is a felony, punishable by imprisonment for 2, 3, or 4 years. **(E.C. § 18564)**
3. Electioneering is not permitted within 100 feet of the polling place; that is, within 100 feet from the entrance or door to the room or rooms in which voters sign the roster and cast their ballots. Exit polling is permitted, however, no closer than 25 feet of polling places by news media or other organizations surveying voters as to how they voted. Media may come into a poll to film or interview voters, including voters in the booth, as long as the voter consents and there is no disruption to other voters or the voting process. **(E.C. §18370 and A.G. Opinion)**
4. Only poll workers can post signs within 100 feet of a polling place. Talking in loud voices, disruptive behavior which causes confusion or the congregating of excessive numbers of persons inside the polling place is not permitted. Onsite telephones or other facilities are not available for the use of poll watchers.
5. Wearing campaign badges or taking campaign material or literature into the polling place is not permitted.
6. Poll watchers may not sit at the official table. **(E.C. § 14223(a))**

A GUIDE FOR POLL WATCHERS (Continued)

7. The area between the official table and the voting booths is accessible to voters only and may not be designated as an observer post. **(E.C. § 14221)**
8. Street indices marked to indicate persons who have voted are posted for reference by the public. Signature rosters may be inspected at any time provided there is no interference with poll operations or delay or inconvenience to the voters. **(E.C. §§ 14202 & 14223(b))**
9. The American flag must be prominently displayed (regardless of weather conditions) during all polling hours. **(E.C. § 14105(f))**
10. At the opening of the polls the ballot box must be opened, exhibited to be empty, closed, and remain locked until the last ballot is cast and the polls are closed. **(E.C. § 14215)**
11. If a polling place is inaccessible to a voter with a disability, the voter may vote a ballot outside the premises in an accessible area as near as possible to the polling place. **(E.C. § 14282(c))**
12. Voters may request and receive assistance in voting if they declare under oath that they are unable to mark their ballots. **(E.C. § 14282(a))**
13. A voting booth may not be occupied by more than one person at a time unless a person is assisting the voter as provided by law. **(E.C. §§ 14281, 14222 and 14224)**
14. Poll workers may communicate with voters in a language other than English, but are permitted to do so only to provide election information or instructions. Special language assistants are permitted to help voters in the voting booth without a time limit. **(E.C. § 14227 and the Voting Rights Act, VRA)**
15. Smoking is not permitted inside the polling place.

CHAPTER 6

ELECTION RESULTS



ELECTION RESULTS/CANVASS/ ELECTION CONTESTS/RECOUNTS

TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

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

How/where are results available on election night?

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

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

POST ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

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

Outstanding ballots include:

- Vote By Mail ballots turned in at the polls on election day
- Write-in ballots
- Provisional ballots voted at the polls

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

CANVASS/CERTIFICATION

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

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

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

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

ELECTION CONTEST

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

DOCUMENT RETENTION

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

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

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

Who May Request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request. **(E.C. § 15620)**

Timing of Recount Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results. **(E.C. § 15620)**

Format of Request

The request must:

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

The request may specify:

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

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

Place of Filing

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

Notice of Recount

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

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

Process of Recount

- The recount is open to the public. **(E.C. § 15629)**
- A recount shall start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for not less than six hours each day until completed. **(E.C. § 15626)**
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the elections official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official. **(E.C. § 15625)**

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

Result of Recount

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted. **(E.C. § 15632)**
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed and the election results re-certified. **(E.C. § 15632)**
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official. **(E.C. § 15633)**

Cost and Payment

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

Requesting a Recount (Continued)

COST BREAKDOWN FOR MANUAL RECOUNT*	
No. of Boards	Cost per Day
1	\$3,810.36
2	\$4,210.36
3	\$5,101.95
4	\$5,501.95
5	\$8,291.77
6	\$8,691.77
7	\$9,583.37
8	\$9,983.37
9	\$12,773.18
10	\$13,173.18
11	\$14,064.77
12	\$14,464.77
26	\$31,098.83
50	\$57,987.31
75	\$85,767.38

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

1% MANUAL TALLY

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

CHAPTER 7

FAQ'S



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How may I apply for office?

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

Q. May I have someone pick up my paperwork?

A. Yes. However, a letter of authorization signed by the candidate is required. The letter must state that the candidate is aware that the nomination documents must be properly executed and delivered to the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file such documents. The letter should also include the candidate's name, office, residence address, publication address if any, telephone number(s), email address, and the name of the authorized person(s) that will be responsible for picking up and filing the candidate's nomination documents.

Q. What is a Candidate Statement?

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

Q. What is a Campaign Statement?

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

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

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued)

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

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

Q. Can a candidate change his/her mind about running for office after filing nomination documents?

A. Depending on the office, a candidate may not withdraw once his/her declaration of candidacy has been filed.

Q. Is it possible to correct the wording or spelling on a candidate statement after submission?

A. No. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents. This means that you will be required to submit a signed written statement to withdraw your original statement then file a new statement during the nomination filing period. If you wish to withdraw your statement and not submit a new statement, you have until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. After this period, your statement cannot be withdrawn. **(E.C. § 13307(3))**

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

Q. Can a credit card be used to pay a candidate statement fee or purchase voter material?

A. No. Cash, money orders, cashier's or personal checks are the only acceptable forms of payment. Checks for candidate statements (unless otherwise specified) are to be made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

Q. How soon will a list of qualified candidates be available after the close of the nomination (candidate filing) period?

A. This office will publish a tentative list, as well as a final list of candidates, daily on the internet and on hardcopy reports. Hardcopy reports will be available in the Election Information Section on the 2nd Floor, Room 2013.

Q. If a contest does not appear on the ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates, can a candidate statement fee be refunded?

A. Yes, a candidate statement fee can be refunded. Jurisdictions that are nominated by district and elected at large are the exception.

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