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CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

Presidential General Election



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Compiled by the Kern County Elections Division

This guide was developed in an effort to provide answers to questions frequently asked of the Kern County Elections Division regarding filing for office. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. Persons using this guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties. The Kern County Elections Office cannot give legal advice or interpretations of the law. All references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise noted.

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Dear Candidate,

The Elections Division extends its gratitude for your decision to run for public office. To assist you with this important endeavor, we have prepared the Candidate Handbook, a comprehensive guide designed to support prospective candidates through every step of the process.

The Candidate Handbook is regularly updated to ensure it provides the most current and relevant information. It covers a wide range of topics, including filing deadlines, campaign finance regulations, and voter outreach strategies, helping to clarify any uncertainties you may encounter during the candidate filing process.

While this handbook is a valuable resource, it is intended to provide general information and should not replace professional legal counsel. We strongly recommend consulting with a legal advisor to address any specific legal questions or concerns.

Our dedicated team at the Elections Division is available to assist you with any questions you may have. We are available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You may also reach us via email at candidatefiling@kerncounty.com.

Thank you for your commitment to the democratic process and for your willingness to serve the public.

Sincerely,

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk-
Registrar of Voters

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

California Department of Justice General Information.....(800) 952-5225
Phone.....(800)735-2922
Fax.....(916) 323-5341
Website.....www.oag.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA CODE

Website.....<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

General Information.....(916) 654-2852
(Temporary Political Signs)(916) 654-6473

FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION

General Information.....(800) 424-9530

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)

Technical Assistance (Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM) (866) 275-3772
Enforcement Division.....(866) 275-3772
Fax.....(916)-322-0886
Email.....complaint@fppc.ca.gov
Website.....www.fppc.ca.gov
Political Advertising Disclaimers.....<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html>

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

General Information.....(800) 829-1040
Website.....www.irs.gov

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN ETHICS ONLINE COURSE

General Information.....(415) 865-7745
Website.....<http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/courses/judcampeth/>
Mail.....cjerprograms@jud.ca.gov

KERN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

General Information.....(661) 868-2340

SECRETARY OF STATE (SOS) ELECTIONS DIVISION

General Information.....(916) 657-2166
Fax.....(916) 653-3214
Website.....www.sos.ca.gov

STATE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

General Information.....(800) 338-0505
Website.....www.ftb.ca.gov

Cities Within Kern County

Candidates for city seats must contact their respective City Clerk for candidate filing requirements.

City of Arvin

Phone (661) 854-3134

Fax (661) 854-0817

City of Ridgecrest

Phone (760) 499-5000 or (760) 499-1500

Fax (760) 499-5002

City of Bakersfield

Phone (661) 326-3767

Fax (661) 323-3780

City of Shafter

Phone (661) 746-5000

Fax (661) 746-0607

City of California City

Phone (760) 373-7140

Fax (760) 373-7511

City of Taft

Phone (661) 763-1222 ext. 16

Fax (661) 765-2480

City of Delano

Phone (661) 720-2228

Fax (661) 721-3269

City of Tehachapi

Phone (661) 822-2200

Fax (661) 822-8559

City of Maricopa

Phone (661) 769-8279

Fax (661) 769-8130

City of Wasco

Phone (661) 758-7214

Fax (661) 758-5411

City of McFarland

Phone (661) 792-3091

Fax (661) 792-3093

Neighboring Counties

Below is a list of counties that are adjacent to Kern County and with whom we share a Congressional, State, Senate, State Assembly, School, or Special District.

Candidates must contact the other counties about cost and submitting a candidate statement in that county.

Fresno Elections Office	1 (559) 600-8683
Inyo Elections Office	1 (760) 878-0224
Kings Elections Office	1 (559) 852-4401
Los Angeles Elections Office	1 (562) 462-2317
Mono Elections Office	1 (760) 932-5530
San Bernardino Elections Office	1 (909) 387-8300
San Luis Obispo Elections Office	1 (805) 781-5080
Santa Barbara Elections Office	1 (805) 568-2200
Tulare Elections Office	1 (559) 624-7300
Ventura Elections Office	1 (805) 654-2781

WHO SHOULD YOU CALL

The Kern County Elections Division appreciates notifications of cases of alleged voter registration, petition or voter fraud; however, this office is **NOT** an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations.

In response to the many inquiries our office receives regarding possible election violations or fraud, the following is a list of resources regarding whom to contact for the various types of violations:

- ▶ **False or misleading campaign materials** - No agency enforcement; these issues are dealt with in court. Contact your local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340, or the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov or 1(866) 275-3772.
- ▶ **Violations of the Political Reform Act (Title 9 of the California Government Code §81000-91014), i.e. mass mailing requirements, slate mailers, campaign disclosure, proper use of campaign funds, disclosure of economic interests** - Contact your local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340, or the appropriate city attorney for local candidates or measures, or the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov.
- ▶ **Election fraud** - Contact your local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340, or the California Secretary of State at 1 (916) 657-2166 or www.sos.ca.gov.
- ▶ **Unlawful use of public funds, violations of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act** - Contact your local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340, or the California State Attorney General at 1 (800) 952-5225 or www.oag.ca.gov/.
- ▶ **Federal campaigns, e.g., U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, the President of the United States, etc.** - Contact the Federal Election Commission at 1(800) 424-9530 or www.fec.gov.
- ▶ **Open meeting laws (Brown Act)** - Contact your local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340, or the California State Attorney General at 1(800) 952-5225 or www.oag.ca.gov/.
- ▶ **Local ordinances** - Contact your local city attorney or local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340.
- ▶ **Vandalism or requirements concerning campaign signs** - Contact your local city attorney or local district attorney at 1(661) 868-2340.
- ▶ **Political Advertising Disclaimers**, go to the Fair Political Practices Commission website for information: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html> (under Learn - select Campaign Rules) or call 1(916) 322-5660.

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure all filing requirements and deadlines are met.

Federal and California State offices

For a summary of qualifications and requirements, please visit the California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov.

Offices up for election as of June 17, 2024. This may be subject to change.

City Offices

City	Office
Arvin	City Mayor 1 Councilmember
Bakersfield	1 Councilmember, Ward 2 1 Councilmember, Ward 5 1 Councilmember, Ward 6
California City	City Mayor – 2-year Term 2 Councilmembers
Delano	3 Councilmembers
Maricopa	3 Councilmembers 1 City Clerk
McFarland	2 Councilmembers
Ridgecrest	City Mayor – 2-year Term 2 Councilmembers
Shafter	3 Councilmembers
Taft	2 Councilmembers 1 City Clerk 1 Treasurer
Tehachapi	1 Councilmember, District 2 1 Councilmember, District 3 1 City Clerk 1 Treasurer
Wasco	1 Councilmember, District 2 1 Councilmember, District 4 1 Councilmember, District 5

Candidates for city seats must contact their respective City Clerk for candidate filing requirements.

County Board of Education, Community College Districts, and School Districts (4 Year for a Full Term or 2 Year for a Short Term Seat)

Board of Education

District	Office
Kern County Board of Education	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 – Short Term 1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 5 1 Member, Trustee Area 6

College District

District	Office
Kern Community College District	1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 6 1 Member, Trustee Area 7
West Kern Community College District	1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 5

High School District

District	Office
Delano Joint Union High School District	2 Members
Kern High School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 2 1 Member, Trustee Area 3
Taft Union High School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 2 1 Member, Trustee Area 3
Wasco Union High School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 4

Unified School District

District	Office
El Tejon Unified School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Maricopa Unified School District	2 Members
McFarland Unified School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 2 1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Mojave Unified School District	2 Members
Muroc Joint Unified School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 Seat A 1 Member, Trustee Area 2 Seat C 1 Member, Trustee Area 3 Seat D 1 Member, Trustee Area 4 Seat G
Sierra Sands Unified School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Southern Kern Unified School District	2 Members
Tehachapi Unified School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 6

Elementary School Districts

District	Office
Arvin Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Bakersfield City School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Beardsley School District	2 Members
Blake School District	1 Member 2 Members – Short Term
Buttonwillow Union School District	2 Members
Caliente Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 2
Delano Union School District	2 Members
Di Giorgio School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 2
Edison School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 4
Elk Hills School District	1 Member – Short Term 2 Members
Fairfax School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 4
Fruitvale School District	2 Members
General Shafter School District	2 Members
Gorman Joint Union School District	2 Members 1 Member – Short Term
Greenfield Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area A 1 Member, Trustee Area C 1 Member, Trustee Area E – Short Term
Kernville Union School District	2 Members
Lakeside Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 2 1 Member, Trustee Area 4
Lamont School District	2 Members
Linns Valley-Poso Flat Union School District	2 Members – Short Term 2 Members
Lost Hills Union School District	2 Members
Maple School District	1 Member
McKittrick School District	1 Member
Midway School District	1 Member
Norris School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 3
Panama-Buena Vista School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 2 1 Member, Trustee Area 4
Pond Union School District	2 Members
Richland School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 3 1 Member, Trustee Area 4
Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Rosedale Union School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Semitropic School District	1 Member
South Fork Union School District	2 Members

District (Cont.)	Office
Standard School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 3
Taft City School District	1 Member, Trustee Area 1 1 Member, Trustee Area 4 1 Member, Trustee Area 5
Vineland School District	2 Members
Wasco Union School District	2 Members 2 Members – Short Term

Qualifications

Board of Education: Registered voter of trustee area. County Superintendent of Schools or staff member or employee of school district cannot be a candidate. (§§1006, 1007 Ed. C.)

- Registered voter of the district, or trustee area, who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office. Employees of the school district who is elected or appointed must resign employment. Employment is automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (§§5017, 35107, 72103 Ed. C.; §10602 E.C.)
- Cannot file for more than one office.

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Directors of Special Districts

(4 Year for a Full Term or 2 Year for a Short Term Seat)

Advisory Council

District	Office
Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council	3 Directors

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. (§§5784, 5784.3 P.R.C.; §31010 G.C.: 10505 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Airport District

District	Office
Indian Wells Valley Airport District	3 Directors
Minter Field Airport District	3 Directors
Mojave Air & Space Port District	3 Directors

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. (§22007 P.U.C.; §10505, 10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Community Services District

District	Office
Arvin Community Services District	2 Directors
Bear Valley Community Services District	2 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
Boron Community Services District	2 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
Desert Lake Community Services District	3 Directors
East Niles Community Services District	3 Directors
Golden Hills Community Services District	3 Directors
Inyokern Community Services District	3 Directors
Lake Isabella Community Services District	3 Directors 2 Directors – Short Term
Mountain Meadows Community Services District	2 Directors
Rosamond Community Services District	2 Directors
Stallion Springs Community Services District	3 Directors

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. (§61042, 61000 Gov. C.; §10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Hospital and Healthcare District

District	Office
East Kern Healthcare District	3 Directors
Kern Valley Healthcare District	3 Directors
Muroc Healthcare District	3 Directors 2 Directors – Short Term
North Kern-South Tulare Hospital District	2 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
Southwest Healthcare District	3 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District	2 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
West Side Healthcare District	1 Director – Trustee Area 1 1 Director – Trustee Area 2

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. See Health and Safety Code section 32110 for other restrictions. (§§32000, 32100, 32100.5, 32110 H. & S. C.; §10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Irrigation District

District	Office
Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District	1 Director, Division 5
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District	1 Director, Division 2 1 Director, Division 4

Qualifications

- Resident, registered voter and landowner in the district/division. Affidavit of Land Ownership for Directors required to be completed for this office. (Form to be obtained in the Kern County Elections Division). (§§21100, 21101, 21104 W.C.; §10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Municipal Utility District

District	Office
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District	1 Director, Ward 1 1 Director, Ward 2 – Short Term 1 Director, Ward 3 1 Director, Ward 5

Qualifications

- Resident and a registered voter of the ward. Nomination signatures required for this office. (10-20) (Form to be obtained in the Kern County Elections Division). (§§11646, 11801, 11821, 11828, 11861, 11862, 11863 P.U.C.)
- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Public Utility District

District	Office
Enos Lane Public Utility District	1 Director, Office 2 1 Director, Office 4
Frazier Park Public Utility District	1 Director, Office 1 1 Director, Office 3
Lamont Public Utility District	2 Directors
Mojave Public Utility District	1 Director, Office 2 1 Director, Office 3

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. (§§15501, 15952, 16001 P.U.C.; §10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Recreation & Park Districts

District	Office
Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District	3 Directors
Buttonwillow Recreation and Park District	2 Directors
McFarland Recreation and Park District	1 Director – Trustee Area 3 1 Director – Trustee Area 4 1 Director – Trustee Area 5
Shafter Recreation and Park District	1 Director – Trustee Area 1 1 Director – Trustee Area 3 1 Director – Trustee Area 4 – Short Term 1 Director – Trustee Area 5

Qualifications

Resident and registered voter of the district. (§§5780, 5784, 5784.3 P.R.C.; §10500 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Sanitary Districts

District	Office
Lost Hills Utility District	3 Directors
North of River Sanitary District No. 1	2 Directors

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district. (§§6400, 6460, 6483, 6580.2 H. & S. C.; 10505 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Water Agency

District	Office
Kern County Water Agency	1 Director, Division 2 – Short Term 1 Director, Division 3 1 Director, Division 6 1 Director, Division 7

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district/division. (W. C. APP. 98-51, 99-7.1)
- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Municipal Water District

District	Office
North of River Municipal Water District	1 Director, Division 1 1 Director, Division 3 1 Director, Division 5

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the division. (§§71250, 71252, 71253, 71501, 71505 W.C.; §10500, 10505 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Water Districts (County)

District	Office
Buttonwillow County Water District	3 Directors
Greenfield County Water District	3 Directors
Indian Wells Valley Water District	3 Directors
Lebec County Water District	3 Directors 2 Directors – Short Term
Mettler County Water District	2 Directors 1 Director – Short Term
North Edwards Water District	2 Directors 3 Directors – Short Term
Rand Communities Water District	2 Directors 2 Directors – Short Term
Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District	1 Director, Division 2 1 Director, Division 4
West Kern Water District	3 Directors

Qualifications

- Resident and registered voter of the district/division. (§§30500, 30501, 30502, 30735 W.C.; §10554 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

Storm Water District

District	Office
Lamont Storm Water District	3 Directors

Qualifications

- Registered voter, freeholder of land and resident for 1-year preceding election. Affidavit of Land Ownership for Directors required to be completed for this office. (Form to be obtained in the Kern County Elections Division). (App 13.6, 13.5 Water Code; §§201, 10515 E.C.)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The Candidate shall be a U.S. citizen.
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. (§201, E.C., §24001, Gov. C.)

CANDIDATE'S CHECKLIST

Listed below is an informal checklist indicating some of the various mandatory and optional forms to be filed for candidates running in the November 5, 2024, General Election. It is the obligation of the candidate, incumbents, and challengers, to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines have been met. All candidates are urged to file the required documents as early as possible to avoid a last-minute rush, confusion or misunderstanding. Additionally, it is recommended that the candidate file all documents personally.

Document	Applies To	Filing Period
Campaign Disclosure Statements	All candidates that will be opening a committee.	File with the appropriate office
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	07/15/2024 – 08/09/2024 (E-113) to (E-88)
Nomination Forms	Candidates required to file.	07/15/2024 – 08/09/2024 (E-113) to (E-88)
Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional for all Candidates	File during candidate filing period.
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications	Optional for all Voter-Nominated/Nonpartisan Candidates	07/15/2024 - 08/09/2024 (E-113) to (E-88) Must be filed and paid for before signing Declaration of Candidacy
Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)	Required for all Voter-Nominated/Nonpartisan Candidates Exceptions: US Senate, Congress, and Central Committee candidates do not file.	07/15/2024 - 08/09/2024 (E-113) to (E-88) File with the Declaration of Candidacy
Extension Period for Declaration of Candidacy for Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan	Anyone other than the incumbent who did not file. Extension period for filing nomination documents <u>when incumbent fails to file nomination documents.</u> This extension will not apply if the incumbent failed to file nomination documents because of term limits.	08/10/2024 – 08/14/2024 (E-87) to (E-83)
Write-in Period	For all Candidates that did not file during the regular filing period.	09/09/2024 – 10/22/2024 (E-57) to (E-14)

Please note that the above listing does not include all forms that will be signed when you come into the office to file for office. It is intended to give a summary of some of the forms and required deadlines.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure all filing requirements and deadlines are met.

*NOTE: Where the day on, before, or within which the law prescribes the performance of these duties falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, it is indicated that the same must or may be performed on the preceding business day or on the next following business day, depending on whether, considering the nature of the act or duty to be performed, the law requires that the time be restricted or permits such time to be extended.

Runoff Candidates for the General Election November 5, 2024

E-98	Last day to change occupational designation – New Ballot Designation Worksheet must be completed and submitted.
E-88	Last day to file and pay for candidate's statement. Must contact other counties about cost and submitting a candidate statement in that county.

2024 GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

All code sections are California Election codes unless otherwise noted.

(E-148)	Governor's Proclamation - Issuance By this date, the governor shall issue a proclamation calling the General Election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. E.C. § 12000
(E-140)	Amended Candidate Intention Statement Last day to file an amended form 501 to accept the expenditure ceiling for the general election. Gov. Code § 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601(c)
(E-131 to E-111)	Candidate Statements in the State Voter Information Guide – Statewide Constitutional Office and United States Senator Period in which statewide constitutional office and United States Senator candidates may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the state Voter Information Guide. A candidate for statewide constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) has been filed and the candidate has agreed to accept the expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601(a), §9084(i)
(E-127 to E-113)	Cities Publish Election Notice Between these dates, any city that is consolidating an election with the November general will publish a Notice of Election one time in a newspaper of general circulation stating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date and polling hours of the election • Any offices to be filled and any measure to be voted on, including a synopsis of each measure. E.C. § 12101, 12111
(E-125)	Notice of Elective Offices District Secretary's transmittal form must be filed with the Registrar of Voters by this date. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district seal and must contain: (a) The elective offices of the district to be filled at the next general district election; and (b) Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307. E.C. § 10509

(E-120 to E-90)	<p>Notice of Election</p> <p>The Registrar of Voters shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the Notice of Election. The notice shall contain the date of the election; the offices for which candidates may file; the qualifications for each office; when and where Declarations of Candidacy may be obtained; and that appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed by Elections Code Section 10515 in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed by Elections Code Section 10515. The Registrar of Voters shall deliver a copy of the published notice to each district secretary, who shall post it in the district office.</p> <p>E.C. §§ 12112, 12113, Ed. §§ 5361, 5363</p>
(E-113 to E-88)	<p>Nomination Period</p> <p>Period for candidates to circulate and/or file nomination documents including the Declaration of Candidacy.</p> <p>E.C. § 8020, 8100</p>
(E-113 to E-88)	<p>Statement of Qualifications for City/School/Special District Candidates</p> <p>Between these dates, candidates may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 200 words, to be included in the County Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5:00 PM of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. If the nomination period is extended, then a candidate may withdraw the statement the next working day after the close of the extended period for that office.</p> <p>E.C. § 13307.</p>
(E-113 to E-88)	<p>Candidate Statements in the County Voter Information Guide</p> <p>Period in which candidates for United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase space for a candidate statement only if they have agreed to the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).</p> <p>E.C. § 85601(c), 13307.7, 13307.5</p>
(E-98)	<p>Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot</p> <p>Last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the primary election. The written request shall be accompanied by a ballot designation worksheet. This request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the county elections official.</p> <p>Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 2, § 20711(e); §13107(h)</p>

(E-87 to E-83)	<p>Candidate Filing Extension</p> <p>If the incumbent fails to file by the end of the nomination period, there shall be a 5-day extension for anyone other than the incumbent to file for office. This extension shall not apply if the incumbent failed to file because of term limits.</p> <p>E.C. §8022, 8024, 8204</p>
(E-82)	<p>Random Drawing</p> <p>On this date, the Secretary of State to hold drawing of randomized alphabet to determine order of candidates on the General ballot. The Elections Division to hold separate random drawing for state legislative offices. E.C. §§13111(i), 13112</p>
(E-57 to E-14)	<p>Write-In Candidates</p> <p>Period write-in candidates may file statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers. E.C. §8601</p>
(E-40 to E-21)	<p>Counties Mail County Voter Information Guides</p> <p>Between these dates the county elections official shall mail a county Voter Information Guide and polling place notice to each registered voter.</p> <p>State Voter Information Guide Mailing</p> <p>Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail State Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by 9/19/2022 (E-50).</p> <p>E.C. §9094, 13303, 13304</p>
(E-29 to E-7)	<p>Vote-by-Mail Voting</p> <p>No later than this date, 29 days before the day of the election, the Registrar of Voters will mail to each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot packet that includes a postage-paid return envelope with instructions for the use and return of the ballot.</p> <p>E.C. §4005(a)(8)(A) & (B)</p>
(E-15)	<p>15-day Voter Registration</p> <p>Deadline to register to vote in the general election. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date), received online by midnight, or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.</p> <p>52 U.S.C. § 20301; E.C. §300(b), 321, 2102, 3102</p> <p>Deadline for military or overseas voters to register to vote. A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election for federal office in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.</p> <p>E.C. §3102, 3206</p>

(E-14 to E-0)	Conditional Voter Registration During the period 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, an individual can go to the Elections Division Office to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot. Additionally, a voter may complete a CVR and vote provisionally at the poll sites on Election Day. E.C. §2170-2173
(E-0)	Day of Election Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. E.C. §1000, 14212
(E+7)	Mailed Vote-By-Mail Ballots – Last Day to be Received Any vote by mail ballot shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than 7 days after Election Day and the vote by mail envelope is post marked on or before Election Day. E.C. § 3011, 3017, 3020(b), (c)
(E+2)	Official Canvass The canvass of the election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. E.C. §15301
(E+30)	Deadline to Certify the Election No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, and certify the results of the elections. Results will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors to declare the nominees or winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election. E.C. §15372, 15400-15401
(E+31)	Statement of Results to the Secretary of State No later than this date the elections official shall send one copy of the Statement of Vote to the Secretary of State. E.C. §15375
(E+38)	Certificates of Election – All Voter Nominated Offices The Secretary of State shall issue certificates of election to persons elected to US Senate, Congress, and legislative offices. E.C. §15503-15504

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements for Candidates and/or Committees

Any individual who plans to be a candidate and intends to solicit or receive campaign contributions for any purpose, or who intends to spend funds for campaign purposes must:

- A. File with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) for the specific state office sought. A separate form 501 must be filed for each election, including reelection to the same office. This statement shall be signed under penalty of perjury and filed prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, including expenditures made from personal funds on behalf of one's own candidacy. For purposes of this section, "contribution" and "loan" do not include any payments from the candidate's personal funds for a candidate filing fee or a candidate statement of qualifications fee. (All candidates for local Judicial, County Officers and Special Districts file with Kern County Elections Office.) (§85200, Gov. C.)
- B. Establish one campaign contribution account at an office of a financial institution in California after filing the Candidate Intention Statement.
 - 1. With respect to candidate-controlled committees, a Statement of Organization (Form 410), shall file the original form 410 and one copy with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division and two copies with the Kern County Elections Office. Form 410 must include the name of the financial institution, the location, and the account number. (§85201, Gov. C.)
 - 2. All contributions or loans made to the candidate, to a person on behalf of the candidate, or to the candidate's controlling committee shall be deposited in the account.
 - 3. Any personal funds that will be used to promote the election of the candidate shall be deposited in the account prior to expenditure.
 - 4. All campaign expenditures shall be made from the account. (§82013(a), 84101, 85201, Gov. C.)
- C. Exceptions:
 - 1. Parts B3 and B4, above, do not apply to a candidate's payment of a filing fee and statement of qualifications fee from his or her personal funds. (§ 85201(f), Gov. C.)
 - 2. Part B, above, does not apply if the candidate does not receive contributions and makes campaign expenditures from personal funds of less than \$2,000* in a calendar year, excluding payment of the filing fee and statement of qualifications fee. (§85201(g), Gov. C.)

*Effective January 1, 2016, the amount increased to \$2,000 from \$1,000. Pursuant to Government Code 84300(a), no contributions of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made or received in cash. Pursuant to Government Code 84300(b), no expenditure of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made in cash.

You will receive written notification from the Secretary of State's Office assigning an identification number to your committee. (Identification numbers are also posted on the Secretary of State's web site at <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov>).

NOTE: If it becomes necessary to file a Form 410 during the 16 days prior to the election, it must be filed within 24 hours

Additional Requirements which may apply:

Candidates for the following elective local candidate offices, who wish to accept expenditure limits, must complete the local Candidate Intention Statement **prior** to either receiving or spending campaign funds (excepting personal monies):
Supervisor

A full copy of Ordinance No. A-341 adding chapter 2.130 to title 2 of the County of Kern campaign finance reform can be obtained at the Kern County Elections Office or at www.kernvote.com, select Candidate Information and then click on Text of Ordinance.

Amendments to the Contribution Limits must be completed within 14 days following the General Election.

A copy of the acceptance form is provided on the following page and can also be found at www.kernvote.com, select Candidate Information and then click on Candidate Intention Statement Form.

Campaign Reporting – NetFile:

Candidates can now file electronically on our website by using NetFile – Campaign Filer Portal. Please visit our website at: www.kernvote.com and under Candidate Information, click on Campaign Filer Portal and create a NetFile User account for filing of campaign forms.

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[FPPC Home \(ca.gov\)](http://FPPC Home (ca.gov))

Campaign Disclosure Information

The Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended, is applicable to all state and local candidates, their committees, and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures. This Act requires candidates and committees to report, in detailed statements, campaign contributions and expenditures. Up to three filings may be required, two prior to the applicable election, and one filing after the election.

When the candidate applies for nomination papers, he/she will receive the appropriate forms and an information manual, if requested. Candidates should familiarize themselves thoroughly with the information in the manual and to note carefully the filing deadlines, as the Act imposes penalties for late filing of campaign statements.

A schedule of filing dates will be provided at the time of filing as a candidate, or you may visit the FPPC at the following website for further information: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>.

Candidates who anticipate receiving less than \$2,000* in contributions and spending less than \$2,000* during the entire calendar year, exclusive of the costs of the filing fee and/or candidate statement, if paid from personal funds, may reduce their filing obligation by filing a Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Short Form 470. No further campaign statements need be filed for this election **unless** the \$2,000* threshold is reached. (§84206, Gov. Code)

A judge who is not listed on the ballot for reelection during a calendar year is not required to file semi-annual statements if (1) the judge has not received any contributions and (2) the only expenditures are

contributions from the judge's personal funds to other candidates or committees totaling less than \$1,000. (§84200, Gov. C.)

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Legal and technical questions must be directed to:

Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Advice Line: 1 (866) 275-3772 (press 2) or advice@fppc.ca.gov
General Contact Line: (916) 322-5660
Enforcement Complaint 1 (866) 275-3772 (press 1) or complaint@fppc.ca.gov

Campaign Reporting/Electronic Filing – NetFile:

Candidates can now file electronically on our website by using NetFile – Campaign Filer Portal. Please visit our website at: www.kernvote.com and under Candidate Information, please create a NetFile User account for filing of campaign forms.

Campaign Statements For Federal Office

The Political Reform Act of 1974 does not apply to the following federal office candidates: U.S. Senator or Representative in Congress. Candidates for federal offices are subject to federal disclosure statements.

Candidates need to contact the following for information and forms:

Federal Elections Commission
999 “E” Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
1 (800) 424-9530

Provision of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices

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

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

The text of the code shall read as follows:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES § 20440

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

THEREFORE:

(1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.

(5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

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

Date

Signature

Candidate chooses not to sign. Clerks Initials: _____

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

Please note that it is not within the purview of this office to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office.

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

Elections Code §10603(c) states that no person shall file nomination papers for more than one school district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. In addition, Elections Code §8003(b) states no person may file nomination papers for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election.

The Declaration of Candidacy for statewide offices signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury declares: "I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, and party preference, if required). If nominated/elected I will accept the nomination/office and not withdraw." (§8040, EC)

The Declaration of Candidacy for nonpartisan offices signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury declares: "If elected, I will qualify and accept the office of _____ and serve to the best of my ability." (§10511, EC)

There is no single statute that defines "incompatibility of offices". The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously **if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties**. (§1099, Gov. C)

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

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

1. The offices of city councilman and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire chief of a county fire protection district and member of the board of supervisors of the same county;
3. High school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. Water district director and a city council member;
5. Water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy sheriff and county supervisor.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General's office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website, www.oag.ca.gov. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission's website at www.fppc.ca.gov, or phone toll free 1(866) 275-3772.

NOMINATION DOCUMENTS AND DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Filing Period

July 15, 2024, is the first day that candidates for district offices can obtain, from the Elections Division, forms for declaration of candidacy. **The Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than August 9, 2024.** §10510, 10511, EC

*Filing Extension Period

If an incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by 5:00 PM on **August 9, 2024**, then there is a 5-day extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy. There is no extension if the incumbent is termed out or it is a vacant office.

No person shall file nomination papers for more than one district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. E.C. §10603(c)

Candidates must obtain nomination forms from the Elections Office, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, phone number (661) 868-3590. At the time of applying for the forms, the candidate must state the office for which they wish to run and must pay the filing fee. The Elections Office cannot issue any nomination papers until the filing fees are paid. Filing fees for **Nonpartisan Offices** must be paid by check and made payable to the **Auditor-Controller-County Clerk**. Filing fees for **Voter-Nominated Offices** must be **made payable to the Secretary of State**. **Filing fees are not refunded in the event the candidate fails to qualify.** Only “Official Filing Forms,” issued by the Elections Office, containing the candidate’s name and office for which the candidate is running, may be used for filing. (§§8101, 8105, EC)

The Declaration of Candidacy shall be obtained from, and delivered to, the Elections Office of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter. A candidate shall not remove a Declaration of Candidacy form from the Elections Office; said form shall be completed in the Elections Office. A candidate may, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a person to receive a Declaration of Candidacy form and deliver it to the candidate. Such statement shall indicate that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the Elections Office in the County of the candidate’s residence not later than 5:00 p.m., on the last day to file. (§§8028, 8064, EC)

It is suggested that prospective candidates for the coming election obtain the necessary forms as soon as possible on or after the first day to circulate and file, and that the papers be filed as soon as completed as to allow the Elections Department adequate time to review documents. **If the papers are found “Not Sufficient” after the 88th day, no additions or corrections can be made.** The Elections Office will assist any candidate in the proper preparation of their nomination documents.

In all cases it is suggested that more than the minimum number of signatures be obtained so that in case any are marked “Not Sufficient,” there will be enough “Sufficient” signatures remaining to validate the nomination paper.

All expenditures of \$100 or more must be paid by check or other written instrument. A candidate MAY NOT pay the filing fee in cash.

Nomination Papers: Circulating, Signing, and Filing

CIRCULATORS

A person shall not circulate a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition or nominating paper unless the person is 18 years of age or older. There is no party affiliation required of the circulator. (§102, 8066, EC)

An Elections Official or a Deputy Elections Official may not circulate nomination papers, and circulators shall not obtain signatures within 100 feet of any election booth or polling place. (§8452, EC)

NOTE: The office of the Elections Official is a polling place.

The Elections Official shall not accept any nomination paper for filing, unless all blanks in the certificate are filled in. (§8065 EC)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for a **Voter-Nominated Office** must be signed by voters residing within the district or political subdivision in which the candidate intends to run. (§8068, EC)

Nomination papers for a **Nonpartisan Office** must be signed by voters residing within the district or political subdivision in which the candidate intends to run. (§8068, EC)

Each signer of a nomination paper can sign only as many Nomination Papers as there are places to be filled for such office. No more signers shall be secured for any candidate than the maximum, nor less than the minimum, required for the office. (§§8062, 8067, 8069, EC)

A person signing a nomination paper should sign their name as they are registered, which is usually their first name, middle initial, and last name. Married women must sign their **legal** name, and not that of their husband.

Each voter must sign and print their name on the nomination paper in the presence of the circulator, with complete residence address including house number, street name, city and zip code. Ditto marks **cannot** be used for residence or cities. It is important that the signer write in the above requirements. **Signers are cautioned to give their residence, and not their business or mailing address on nomination papers.**

When the desired number of signatures have been obtained, the circulator must swear to the declaration appearing at the end of each section of the nomination paper, indicating the dates between which all signatures were obtained, and return all sections to the candidate, to be left by the candidate with the Elections Office in the county in which the signers reside for examination or certification and filing. (§104, EC)

FILING NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

The Elections Office will not accept any declaration or nomination paper unless all blanks are filled in. Any signature that does not appear in the same handwriting as appears on the affidavit of registration on file in the Elections Office (or for a party nominated office, for which the declaration of party affiliation is not in accordance with the declaration of party affiliation on such affidavit of registration) will be marked "Not Sufficient". (§§8065, 8081, EC)

All nomination papers for the General Election must be left with the Elections Office for examination and filing, or for examination, certification and forwarding to the Secretary of State. The last day to file is on Friday, **August 9, 2024**, and the Elections Office will close promptly at 5:00 p.m., after which no nomination papers will be received. (§8020, E.C.)

NO CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW

No candidate nominated at any Primary Election may withdraw as a candidate at the ensuing General Election, except those candidates permitted to withdraw by this part. (§8801, E.C.)

Ballot Designation Worksheet

The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy. In the event a candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot. (§13107.3, E.C.)

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 the same office or to some other office
- (d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office
- (e) "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office

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

Remember, it is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details. For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107 and 13107.3, and 2 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 20711. You may also wish to consult Elections Code section 13107.5

("community volunteer") and 2 CCR sections 20712 - 20719 (found at www.sos.ca.gov).

For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107 are reproduced below:

E.C. 13107.

- (a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the

designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate only one of the following designations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) It would mislead the voter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in

Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate's ballot designation worksheet.

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

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

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

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

E.C. 13107.3

(a) A candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate, in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(b) The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy.

(c) In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

E.C. 13107.5.

(a) A candidate's ballot designation as "community volunteer" shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:

(1) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.

(2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.

(3) A candidate may not use the designation of “community volunteer” in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.

(b) The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.

Printing of Candidate’s Name on Ballot

The candidate’s name will be printed on the ballot exactly as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy.

If a candidate changes his or her name within one year of any election, the new name shall not appear upon the ballot, unless the change was made by marriage or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction. (§13104, E.C.)

The ballot name should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered.

- First, middle and last name.
- Initials only and last name.
- Middle name and last name – **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

Must be preceded by first name - RICHARD “MARTY” SMITH cannot use MARTY SMITH (shortened version of middle name MARTIN)

- A nickname may be included but must appear after the first name and be in quotation marks “ ”. **NO parentheses ().**
- A short version of the first name is acceptable, such as “BILL” for WILLIAM, “DICK” for RICHARD or “KATHY” for KATHLEEN, “MANDO” for ARMANDO. So, name could be BILL JONES, instead of WILLIAM JONES (FIRST name)
- No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate name, either before or after the candidate’s name, in the case of any election to any office. (§13106, E.C.) (Note: Can be used on the candidate’s statement)

Further examples: JOHN WILLIAM SMITH could use the following variations as JOHN SMITH, JOHN W. SMITH, JOHN WILLIAM “JOHNNY” SMITH, J.W. SMITH, J.W. “JOHNNY” SMITH, JOHN W. “BUD” SMITH, Etc.

Write-In Candidacy

September 9, 2024 – October 22, 2024

WRITE-IN PROCEDURE

Persons who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy and fulfill their nomination requirements to place their name on the ballot may run for office as a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted and certified in the Statement of Votes only for qualified write-in candidates who file the required forms with the Elections Division no later than 14 days prior to Election Day.

To qualify as a write-in candidate, a person must file with the Elections Division the following documents:

- A "Statement of Write-in Candidacy" which shall contain the candidate's name, residence address, a declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate, the title of the office for which he or she is running, the party nomination they seek (if it is a partisan office) and the date of the election.
- A "Nomination Paper" with the requisite number of sponsor signatures required for the office sought.

Signers of nomination papers for write-in candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. No filing fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate. (§8601-8605, E.C.)

Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates with regard to disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure and must file a form 700 by the write-in filing deadline. (§82007, Gov. C.; §305, E.C.)

Write-in Candidates do not complete a Candidate Statement of Qualifications for the Voter Pamphlet and their names do not appear on the ballot.

The Elections Division will provide polling places with a list of qualified write-in candidates.

NO WRITE-INS FOR VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES AT GENERAL ELECTION

A person may not run as a write-in candidate at the General Election for a voter-nominated office. (§8600(c), E.C.)

COUNTING THE WRITE-IN VOTES

In order for a write-in vote to be valid, the voter must write the candidate's name in the space provided and completely fill in the oval. The names of the official write-in candidates are provided at the polls. Vote by mail voters do not receive a list of write-in candidates because the filing period takes place after ballots have been mailed.

OFFICES OMITTED FROM BALLOT

Prospective write-in candidates should note that write-in candidacy is possible only if the office appears on the ballot.

Candidate Statement

(Filing Optional)

The law permits Candidates to file a Candidate's Statement to be mailed with the Voter Pamphlet. Filing of the Statement is not mandatory but is permissive if the candidate desires to file.

The Statement shall be prepared on a form provided by the Elections Office and the candidate shall file the Statement, if any, at the same time the nomination papers are filed.

Candidates must type the Candidate Statement in upper and lower-case type. Exercise caution as neither grammar nor spelling will be proofread or changed. All Statements will be printed in uniform style and size of type.

All costs of printing, handling, etc., shall be paid by the candidate upon filing of the statement.

The provisions, conditions, and restrictions of the law are as follows:

Each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in any local agency may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 or 250 (depending on office filing for, refer to candidate pages for further information on requirements for candidate statements) words, of the candidate's education and **qualifications expressed by the candidate himself, or herself.** However, the governing body of the local agency may authorize an increase in the limitations on words for the statement from 200 to 400 words. The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in the office of the elections official when the candidate's nomination papers are returned for filing, if it is for a primary election, or for an election for offices for which there is no primary. The statement shall be filed in the office of the elections official no later than the 88th day before the election, if it is for an election for which nomination papers are not required to be filed. If a runoff election or general election occurs within 88 days of the primary or first election, the statement shall be filed with the elections official by the third day following the governing body's declaration of the results from the primary or first election.

Except as provided in Elections Section 13309, the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

The elections official shall send to each voter, together with the sample ballot, a voter's pamphlet which contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.

Under California Law, the Elections official shall mail a county voter information guide no later than 21 days prior to the election. (§13303(a), EC)

Under California Law, the Elections Official shall begin mailing a vote by mail ballot to every registered voter no later than 29 days prior to the election. (§3000.5, EC)

The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. The local agency may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the receipt for the payment shall include a written notice that the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the local agency is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the local agency may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the local agency or the elections official who collected the estimated cost shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election. (§13307, EC)

Indigent:

If a candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay in advance the requisite fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit to the local agency a statement of financial worth to be used in determining whether he or she is eligible to submit a candidate statement without payment of the fee in advance.

The statement of financial worth shall be submitted by the candidate together with his or her candidate statement in accordance with the deadline specified in Section 13309 of the Elections Code. The statement of financial worth form shall be furnished by the local agency and may include questions relating to the candidate's employer, income, real estate holdings, tangible personal property, and financial obligations. The candidate shall certify the content of the statement as to its truth and correctness under penalty of perjury. The candidate shall also sign a release form of the candidate's most recent federal income tax report.

Upon receipt of a statement of financial worth, a determination shall be made by the local agency of whether the candidate is indigent and shall notify the candidate of its findings.

If it is determined that the candidate is not indigent the candidate shall within three days of the notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, withdraw the statement or pay the requisite fee. If the candidate fails to respond within the time prescribed, the local agency shall not be obligated to print and mail the statement.

If the local agency determines that the candidate is indigent the local agency shall print and mail the statement.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make any statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's pamphlet.

(§13307, EC)

All Candidates

In addition to the above restrictions, any candidate's statement submitted by a candidate shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Elections Official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement which the Elections Official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section.

(§13308, EC)

Candidate Statement Confidential

Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.

(§13311, EC)

Rules Governing Filing of Candidate's Statement

(EC 13307, 13307.5, 13308, 13309, 13311 and 13313)

The law permits the following Voter-Nominated offices to file an optional **250 -word** Candidate's Statement to be mailed with the Voter Pamphlet:

- Congressional Representatives
- State Senate (if expenditure limits were accepted)
- State Assembly (if expenditure limits were accepted)

The law permits the following Non-Partisan offices to file an optional **200 -word** Candidate's Statement to be mailed with the Voter Pamphlet:

Superior Court Judges
County Seats: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
Assessor-Recorder
Board of Supervisors
District Attorney
Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
Superintendent of Schools
Treasurer-Tax Collector
School Governing Board Members
Special District Directors

The law permits the following Non-Partisan offices to file an optional **200 -word** Candidate's Statement to be mailed with the Voter Pamphlet:

City Offices (file with City Clerks)

Filing of Statement is not mandatory, but permissive if the candidate desires to file.

The Statement shall be prepared on a form provided by the Elections Official and the candidate shall file the Statement, if any, when the candidate files the Declaration of Candidacy or when the Candidate's Nomination papers are returned for filing or before the last day of the nomination period for a Candidate who has filed nomination papers in another county and is eligible to file in Kern County. Runoff Candidates must file a new Candidate Statement if they wish to have it included in the General Election Voter Pamphlet, the deadline is the 88th day before the General Election. Runoff candidates may use previous statement, but it must be refiled and paid for it to appear in the General Election Voter Pamphlet, it will not automatically appear.

Candidate's Statement must be typed in upper and lower-case type. All statements will be printed in uniform style and size of type.

Elections Office Policy

It is the policy of the Kern County Elections Office that if a candidate statement is determined not to be in compliance with Elections Code, the Elections Office may: strike any language not in compliance, may not print or circulate the statement, or seek a writ of mandate or an injunction, requiring that the candidate statement be amended or deleted.

It is the policy of the Kern County Election Office that the candidate be fully responsible for ensuring that all spelling, punctuation, and grammar in a candidate statement are correct. The Elections Office is not responsible for proofreading, spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.

It is the policy of the Kern County Elections Office that any named individual or specific organization listed as an endorsement in a candidate statement must be verified as endorsing the candidate prior to printing in the Voter Pamphlet. Verification of the endorsement must be in the form of a copy of a letter of endorsement, or in a direct communication from the endorser to the Elections Office in the form of an email or facsimile correspondence. All endorsements or verification of endorsements from an individual or organization of a candidate should be submitted by the candidate no later than five days after the end of the filing period.

Example A:

“... I am endorsed by County Supervisor John Doe, Senator Jane Smith, and the League of Women Voters.”

The Elections Office would require an email, facsimile or copy of the letter of endorsement from Supervisor Doe, Senator Smith, and the League of Women Voters to allow these endorsements to be printed.

Example B:

“... I am endorsed by police, firefighters, nurses, and teachers throughout Kern County.”

The Election Office would not require verification of the endorsement because the statement does not identify a specific individual or organization.

Cost of the Candidate Statement

Each candidate that desires to file a statement will be required to pay in full at the time of filing their statement. The amount is based upon the number of registered voters in the district for the office for which they are filing. If the actual costs are less than the payment, the overage will be refunded to the candidate. If a refund is warranted it will be processed after the close of candidate filing.

All costs of printing, handling, translating, etc. shall be paid by the candidate.

The candidate's statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. Such statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. Such statement shall be filed in the Elections Office no later than the 88th day before the election. It may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period, and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of nomination period.

The Elections Official shall send to each voter together with the sample ballot, a voter's pamphlet which contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness and with uniform spacing. The Elections Official shall provide a Spanish translation for candidates.

The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statement filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter pamphlet. In the event of underpayment, the Elections Official shall require the candidate to pay the balance of the costs incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Elections Official shall pro rate the excess share among the candidates paying estimated costs and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election. If you believe that you may meet eligibility requirements to claim indigency status, please advise us and we will provide you with an application.

Nothing in this statement shall be deemed to make any such statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter pamphlet. (E.C. 13307)

Notwithstanding the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5) commencing with Section 62501 of Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code, the statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. (E.C. 13311)

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

A candidate for judicial office shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for judicial office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Elections Official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement which the Elections Official determines is not so limited or which includes any such references. (E.C. 13308)

Congressional Offices

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
US Congressional Representative 20 th District	250	\$5,401	\$5,323
US Congressional Representative 22 nd District	250	\$4,810	\$4,732
US Congressional Representative 23 rd District	250	\$596	\$518

State Assembly Offices

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
32 nd Assembly District	250	\$5,203	\$5,125
34 th Assembly District	250	\$895	\$817
35 th Assembly District	250	\$4,708	\$4,630

County Offices

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Supervisor, 5 th District	200	\$1,899	\$1,821

City Offices

City	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
City of Arvin	200	\$529	\$451
City of Bakersfield	200	\$5,010	\$4,932
City of Bakersfield, Ward 2	200	\$917	\$839
City of Bakersfield, Ward 5	200	\$1,243	\$1,165
City of Bakersfield, Ward 6	200	\$1,066	\$988
City of California City	200	\$543	\$465
City of Delano	200	\$771	\$693
City of Maricopa	200	\$407	\$329
City of McFarland	200	\$502	\$424

City of Ridgecrest	200	\$745	\$667
City of Shafter	200	\$602	\$524
City of Taft	200	\$471	\$393
City of Tehachapi	200	\$513	\$435
City of Tehachapi, District 2	200	\$424	\$346
City of Tehachapi, District 3	200	\$418	\$340
City of Wasco	200	\$575	\$497
City of Wasco, District 2	200	\$437	\$359
City of Wasco, District 4	200	\$433	\$355
City of Wasco, District 5	200	\$434	\$356

Kern County Board of Education

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Trustee Area 1	200	\$2,268	\$2,190
Trustee Area 4	200	\$1,355	\$1,277
Trustee Area 5	200	\$1,585	\$1,507
Trustee Area 6	200	\$1,973	\$1,895

College District

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Kern Community College District, Area 4	200	\$1,771	\$1,693
Kern Community College District, Area 6	200	\$1,786	\$1,708
Kern Community College District, Area 7	200	\$2,046	\$1,968
West Kern Community College District, Area 3	200	\$448	\$370
West Kern Community College District, Area 5	200	\$461	\$383

High School District

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Delano Joint Union High School District	200	\$788	\$710
Kern High School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$1,573	\$1,495
Kern High School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$1,641	\$1,563
Taft Union High School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$473	\$395
Taft Union High School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$458	\$380
Wasco Union High School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$456	\$378
Wasco Union High School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$454	\$376

Unified School District

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
El Tejon Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$415	\$337
El Tejon Unified School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$420	\$342
El Tejon Unified School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$411	\$333
Maricopa Unified School District	200	\$415	\$337
McFarland Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$426	\$348
McFarland Unified School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$425	\$347
McFarland Unified School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$431	\$353
Mojave Unified School District	200	\$589	\$511
Muroc Joint Unified School District, Area 1 Seat A	200	\$406	\$328
Muroc Joint Unified School District, Area 2 Seat C	200	\$403	\$325
Muroc Joint Unified School District, Area 3 Seat D	200	\$422	\$344
Muroc Joint Unified School District, Area 4 Seat G	200	\$399	\$321
Sierra Sands Unified School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$593	\$515
Sierra Sands Unified School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$576	\$498
Southern Kern Unified School District	200	\$658	\$580
Tehachapi Unified School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$477	\$399
Tehachapi Unified School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$457	\$379
Tehachapi Unified School District, Trustee Area 6	200	\$455	\$377

Elementary School District

District	Word Statement	Cost of Statement	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Arvin Union School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$442	\$364
Arvin Union School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$428	\$350
Bakersfield City School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$906	\$828
Bakersfield City School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$726	\$648
Bakersfield City School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$807	\$729
Beardsley School District	200	\$564	\$486
Blake School District	200	\$400	\$322
Buttonwillow School District	200	\$409	\$331
Caliente School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$404	\$326
Caliente School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$402	\$324
Delano Union School District	200	\$785	\$707
Di Giorgio School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$401	\$323
Edison School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$417	\$339
Edison School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$417	\$339
Elk Hills School District	200	\$400	\$322
Fairfax School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$428	\$350
Fairfax School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$442	\$364
Fruitvale School District	200	\$669	\$591
General Shafter School District	200	\$406	\$328
Gorman Joint Union School District	200	\$397	\$319
Greenfield Union School District, Trustee Area A	200	\$495	\$417
Greenfield Union School District, Trustee Area C	200	\$496	\$418
Greenfield Union School District, Trustee Area E	200	\$501	\$423

Kernville Union School District	200	\$552	\$474
Lakeside Union School District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$427	\$349
Lakeside Union School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$428	\$350
Lamont School District	200	\$499	\$421
Linns Valley-Poso Flat Union School District	200	\$404	\$326
Lost Hills Union School District	200	\$407	\$329
Maple School District	200	\$403	\$325
McKittrick School District	200	\$399	\$321
Midway School District	200	\$402	\$324
Norris School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$545	\$467
Norris School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$510	\$432
Panama-Buena Vista School District, Area 1	200	\$779	\$701
Panama-Buena Vista School District, Area 2	200	\$799	\$721
Panama-Buena Vista School District, Area 4	200	\$717	\$639
Pond Union School District	200	\$400	\$322
Richland School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$430	\$352
Richland School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$428	\$350
Richland School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$435	\$357
Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District, Area 1	200	\$415	\$337
Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District, Area 4	200	\$426	\$348
Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District, Area 5	200	\$431	\$353
Rosedale Union School District, Area 1	200	\$549	\$471
Rosedale Union School District, Area 5	200	\$559	\$481
Semitropic School District	200	\$398	\$320
South Fork Union School District	200	\$439	\$361
Standard School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$458	\$380
Standard School District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$451	\$373
Taft City School District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$450	\$372
Taft City School District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$457	\$379
Taft City School District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$462	\$384
Vineland School District	200	\$419	\$341
Wasco Union School District	200	\$581	\$503

Advisory Council

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council	200	\$649	\$571

Airport District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Indian Wells Valley Airport District	200	\$845	\$767
Minter Field Airport District	200	\$589	\$511
Mojave Air and Space Port District	200	\$590	\$512

Community Services District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Arvin Community Services District	200	\$532	\$454
Bear Valley Community Services District	200	\$498	\$420
Boron Community Services District	200	\$414	\$336
Desert Lake Community Services District	200	\$405	\$327
East Niles Community Services District	200	\$738	\$660
Golden Hills Community Services District	200	\$527	\$449
Inyokern Community Services District	200	\$403	\$325
Lake Isabella Community Services District	200	\$401	\$323
Mountain Meadows Community Services District	200	\$401	\$323
Rosamond Community Services District	200	\$623	\$545
Stallion Springs Community Services District	200	\$449	\$371

Hospital and Healthcare District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
East Kern Healthcare District	200	\$548	\$470
Kern Valley Healthcare District	200	\$594	\$516
Muroc Healthcare District	200	\$434	\$356
North Kern-South Tulare Hospital District	200	\$1,087	\$1,009
Southwest Healthcare District	200	\$498	\$420
Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District	200	\$871	\$793
West Side Healthcare District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$477	\$399
West Side Healthcare District, Trustee Area 2	200	\$451	\$373

Irrigation District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Delano-Earlimart Irrigation, Division 5	200	\$398	\$320
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation, Division 2	200	\$466	\$388
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation, Division 4	200	\$464	\$386

Municipal Utility District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
So. San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, Ward 1	200	\$453	\$375
So. San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, Ward 2	200	\$474	\$396
So. San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, Ward 3	200	\$555	\$477
So. San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, Ward 5	200	\$519	\$441

Public Utility District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Enos Lane Public Utility District, Office 2	200	\$400	\$322
Enos Lane Public Utility District, Office 4	200	\$400	\$322
Frazier Park Public Utility District, Office 1	200	\$426	\$348
Frazier Park Public Utility District, Office 3	200	\$426	\$348
Lamont Public Utility District	200	\$509	\$431
Mojave Public Utility District, Office 2	200	\$433	\$355
Mojave Public Utility District, Office 3	200	\$433	\$355

Recreation and Parks

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District	200	\$660	\$582
Buttonwillow Recreation and Park District	200	\$409	\$331
McFarland Recreation and Park District, Area 3	200	\$426	\$348
McFarland Recreation and Park District, Area 4	200	\$421	\$343
McFarland Recreation and Park District, Area 5	200	\$434	\$356
Shafter Recreation and Park District, Trustee Area 1	200	\$450	\$372
Shafter Recreation and Park District, Trustee Area 3	200	\$439	\$361
Shafter Recreation and Park District, Trustee Area 4	200	\$444	\$366
Shafter Recreation and Park District, Trustee Area 5	200	\$503	\$425

Utility District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Lost Hills Utility District	200	\$406	\$328

Sanitary District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
North of River Sanitary District No. 1	200	\$1,005	\$927

Municipal Water District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
North of River Municipal Water District, Div 1	200	\$481	\$403
North of River Municipal Water District, Div 3	200	\$515	\$437
North of River Municipal Water District, Div 5	200	\$472	\$394

Water Agency

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Kern County Water Agency, Division 2	200	\$1,970	\$1,892
Kern County Water Agency, Division 3	200	\$1,515	\$1,437
Kern County Water Agency, Division 6	200	\$2,083	\$2,005
Kern County Water Agency, Division 7	200	\$1,743	\$1,665

Water District (County)

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Buttonwillow County Water District	200	\$406	\$328
Greenfield County Water District	200	\$538	\$460
Indian Wells Valley Water District	200	\$807	\$729
Lebec County Water District	200	\$404	\$326
Mettler County Water District	200	\$398	\$320
North Edwards Water District	200	\$403	\$325
Rand Communities Water District	200	\$400	\$322
Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, Div 2	200	\$438	\$360
Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, Div 4	200	\$587	\$509
West Kern Water District	200	\$565	\$487

Storm Water District

District	Word Statement	Statement Cost	Cost of Statement (Electronically)
Lamont Storm Water District	200	\$491	\$413

WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES

(Elections Code Division 0.5 Preliminary Provisions,
Chapter 1. General Provisions, Section 9)

The following guidelines are used by the Kern County Elections 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 except as incorporated in California Administrative Code Section 20714 (f). If the text exceeds the specified 200 or 250-word limit, the author will be asked to delete words or change text until the statement conforms with requirements.

PUNCTUATION MARKS	Punctuation marks are not counted. However, symbols such as "&" (and), and "#" (number/pound) are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one (1) word.	“ ” “ ” “ ” “ ” “ ” “ ”
ALL PROPER NOUNS	All proper nouns, including the names of individuals, things, and Geographical names (requiring a defined jurisdiction) are counted as one (1) word.	"City of Bakersfield", "County of Kern", "George Washington"
ABBREVIATIONS and ACRONYMS	Acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one (1) word.	CSUF, PTA, UCSF, U.S.M.C.
HYPHENATED WORDS	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. Be aware that many word processing programs will count a hyphenated word as one word even if it does not fit these criteria.	Attorney-at-law, full-time (as an adjective), in-law
NUMERIC COMBINATIONS	Numeric combinations will be counted as one (1) word. Numeric combinations consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as multiple words.	15,000, 13 1/2, 5%, 03/05/2024, \$200,000 Six %, July 4, 2012, December Twenty-Fifth, \$15 million
TELEPHONE and FAX NUMBERS	Telephone and fax numbers are counted as (1) word.	(559)600-8683, 1-800-345-VOTE
EMAIL ADDRESSES and WEBSITES	Email addresses and websites are counted as (1) word.	http://www.kernvote.com www.sos.ca.gov

DEFINITION OF A PROPER NOUN:

A word or group of words (such as “Noah Webster,” “California,” or “U.S. Congress”) that is the name of a particular person, place, or thing and that usually begins with a capital letter.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST: FORM 700

The Conflict-of-Interest provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended, require that certain candidates file a Statement of Economic Interests no later than the final filing date for Declaration of Candidacy.

All Candidates are required to file a Form 700 with the exception of candidates for US Senate and Congress. (§§87200-87201, Gov. C.)

Statements of Economic Interest must be filed no later than the final date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy. This filing is not required if the candidate has filed within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction.

Candidates must disclose interest in real property and investments as of the date of filing. A person elected to office will be required to file annual statements while in office. (§§87201, 87203, Gov. C.)

Forms and instructions will be given to the candidates when the nomination papers are issued. The Statements of Economic Interests are filed with the Elections Office. (§87201, Gov. C.)

Not required for US Senate Candidate, Congressional Candidates and Central Committee Candidates

REGULATIONS/PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Political Advertising Disclaimers, go to the Fair Political Practices Commission
Website for information: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html> (under Learn - select Campaign Rules)

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Every person who subscribes to any nomination petition a fictitious name, or who intentionally subscribes thereto the name of another, or who causes another to subscribe such a name to such a petition is guilty of a felony. (§18200, EC)

No person shall falsely make or fraudulently deface or destroy all or any part of a nomination paper. (§18201, EC)

Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper or declaration of candidacy in his or her possession, entitled to be filed under the provisions of this code. (§18202, EC)

No person shall file or submit for filing a nomination paper or Declaration of Candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely. (§18203, EC)

No person shall willfully suppress all or any part of a nomination paper or Declaration of Candidacy either before or after filing. (§18204, EC)

A person shall not directly or through any other person advance, pay, solicit, or receive or cause to be advanced, paid, solicited, or received, any money or other valuable consideration to or for the use of any person in order to induce a person not to become or to withdraw as a candidate for public office. (§18205, EC)

Any paid political advertisement which refers to an election or to any candidate for State or Local elective office and which 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". Such 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. (§20008, EC)

Please review AB 249 for further information on Campaign Disclosures. FPPC contact information on the next page.

MASS MAILINGS – REQUIREMENTS

Due to the complexity and many code requirements of Mass Mailings, we are advising you to read the following Government Code Sections:

82025, 84305, 84310, 84501, 84502, 84503, 84504, 84505, 84506.5, 84509, 84510, 84511, 85704, 84504.1, 84504.2, 84504.3, 84504.4 and 84504.5.

Please note that many of the above sections were added/changed due to Assembly Bill No. 249 and will go into effect on January 1, 2018. Therefore, it is advisable that you review this bill AB 249 and Senate Bill No. 226 and other legal requirements to ensure mailings are in compliance.

Website for bill information: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

For questions regarding compliance contact:

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)	
Technical Assistance (Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)	1(866) ASK-FPPC or 1(916) 322-5660
Fax	1(916) 322-0886
Enforcement Complaints	1(866) 275-3772 (press 1)
Website	www.fppc.ca.gov
Political Advertising Disclaimers	http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html (under Learn - select Campaign Rules)

Every person who violates the provisions of Section 84305 of the Government Code relating to mass mailing is subject to the penal provisions set forth in Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 91000) of Title 9 of the Government Code. (§18303, EC)

SLATE MAILERS – REQUIREMENTS

For questions regarding Slate Mailers compliance contact:

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)	
Technical Assistance (Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)	1(866) ASK-FPPC or 1(916) 322-5660
Fax	1(916) 322-0886
Enforcement Complaints	1(866) 275-3772 (press 1)
Website	www.fppc.ca.gov

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

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

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

Notice to Voters

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Code 84305.7

(a) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that displays a logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark that is identical or substantially similar to the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark of a governmental agency, and that would reasonably be understood to imply the participation or endorsement of that governmental agency, the slate mailer organization shall obtain express written consent from the governmental agency associated with the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark prior to using the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark in the slate mailer or other mass mailing.

(b) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that displays a logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark that is identical or substantially similar to the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark of a nongovernmental organization that represents law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, and that would reasonably be understood to imply the participation or endorsement of that nongovernmental organization, the slate mailer organization shall obtain express written consent from the nongovernmental organization associated with the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark prior to using the logo, insignia, emblem, or trademark in the slate mailer or other mass mailing.

(c) If a slate mailer organization sends a slate mailer or other mass mailing that identifies itself or its source material as representing a nongovernmental organization with a name that includes the term "peace officer," "reserve officer," "deputy," "deputy sheriff," "sheriff," "police," "highway patrol," "California Highway Patrol," "law enforcement," "firefighter," "fire marshal," "paramedic," "emergency medical technician," "public safety," or any other term that would reasonably be understood to imply that the nongovernmental organization is composed of, represents, or is affiliated with, law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, the slate mailer or mass mailing shall disclose the total number of law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety members in the nongovernmental organization identified in the slate mailer or mass mailing, as provided in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d). If the slate mailer organization is not composed of or does not represent any members who are law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, the slate mailer or mass mailing shall disclose that the slate mailer organization does not represent public safety personnel, as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d).

(d) A disclosure pursuant to subdivision (c) shall include one of the following statements:

(1) If the slate mailer organization represents public safety personnel members: "This organization represents ____ public safety personnel." The slate mailer organization shall fill in the blank part of the statement with the number of public safety personnel members it represents.

(2) If the slate mailer organization does not represent public safety personnel members: "This organization does not represent any public safety personnel."

(e) A disclosure pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be in a format that satisfies all of the following:

(1) Printed in roman type that is no less than 14-point font.

(2) Located on the outside of the slate mailer or mass mailing within one-half of an inch of the recipient's name and address.

(3) Contained in a box with an outline that has a line weight of at least 3.25 pt. The background color of the box shall be in a contrasting color to the background of the slate mailer or mass mailing. The outline of the box shall be in a contrasting color to both the background color of the mailing and the background color of the box. The color of the text of the disclosure shall be in a contrasting color to the background color of the box.

(f) (1) For purposes of subdivision (c), “member” means any of the following:

(A) A person who, pursuant to a specific provision of an organization’s articles or bylaws, may vote directly or indirectly for the election of a director or officer or for the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the organization in a merger or dissolution.

(B) A person designated as a member in the articles or bylaws of an organization that is tax exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)) and who has the right to vote to change the organization’s articles or bylaws or has paid dues to the organization.

(C) Members of a local union are considered to be members of any national or international union of which the local union is a part and of any federation with which the local, national, or international union is affiliated.

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

It is unlawful for any person that includes in any part of its name the name of any political party that was qualified to participate in the last preceding primary election, to directly or indirectly solicit funds for any purpose whatsoever upon the representation either express or implied that the funds are being solicited for the use of that political party unless that person shall have previously obtained the written consent of one of the following: a member of the national committee from California or the majority of the members of the national committee if there are more than two national committee members from California, chairman of the state central committee, executive committee of the state central committee, or executive committee of the county central committee of the party whose name is being used in that county in which the solicitation is being made. If the county central committee of the party does not have an executive committee, the written consent of the chairman and secretary of that county central committee is sufficient.

All persons soliciting funds in accordance with this section shall be furnished with adequate credentials bearing the name of the solicitor and a copy of the written consent that bears the signature of the person authorizing the solicitation. (§20201, EC)

CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

Use of Seal in Campaign Literature – Elections Code § 18304

(a) Any person who uses or allows to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the seal of the county or the seal of a local government agency in any campaign literature or mass mailing, as defined in Section 82041.5 of the Government Code, with intent to deceive the voters, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) For purposes of this section, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of a seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by a public official is evidence of intent to deceive.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term “local government agency” means a school district, special or other district, or any other board, commission, or agency of local jurisdiction.

AUTHORIZATION TO USE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE NAME

It is unlawful for any person who solicits funds for the purpose of supporting or promoting any candidate or committee 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. (§20202, EC)

NOTICE OF NON-AUTHORIZATION TO BE INCLUDED IN FUND RAISING 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, newspapers, 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. (§20203, EC)

FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, with intent to mislead the voters in connection with his/her campaign for nomination or election to a public office or in connection with the campaign of another person for nomination or election to a public office, does either of the following acts:

(a) Assume, pretend, or imply, by his or her statements or conduct, that he or she is the incumbent of a public office when that is not the case.

(b) Assume, pretend, or imply, by his or her statements or conduct, that he or she is or has been acting in the capacity of a public officer when that is not the case.

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

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 that 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 that 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. (§20007, EC)

No person shall distribute a simulated ballot without the following notice appearing upon each page or surface 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 in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement. (§20009, EC)

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 above statement or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (§18301, EC)

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 some time not more than 30 days prior to such mailing or distribution. (§18302, EC)

Notice to Voters

(Required by Law)

This is not an official ballot, or an official sample prepared by the County Elections Office or the Secretary of State.

This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).

ELECTIONEERING

"Electioneering" means the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an elections official's office, or a satellite location under E.C. Section 3018. Prohibited electioneering information includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) A display of a candidate's name, likeness, or logo.
- (b) A display of a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo.
- (c) Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information.
- (d) Dissemination of audible electioneering information.
- (e) At vote by mail ballot drop boxes, loitering near or disseminating visible or audible electioneering information. (§319.5, EC)

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, a satellite location under E.C. Section 3018, 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 Elections Code.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under E.C. Section 3018, or an elections official's office" means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. (§18370, EC)

INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS

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 in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years.

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 the state prison for 16 months or two or three years. (§18540, EC)

(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, videotape, 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. (§18541, EC)

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 imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years, or a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

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. (§18544, EC)

BALLOT SECRECY

Any person other than an elections official or a member of the precinct board who receives a voted ballot from a voter or who examines or solicits the voter to show his or her voted ballot is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison 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 persons returning a vote by mail ballot pursuant to Sections 3017 and 3021 or persons assisting a voter pursuant to Section 14282. (§18403, EC)

POLITICAL SIGNS

The placement of political signs may be regulated by the State, County, or City depending upon the location of such signs. Candidates need to check with the City Clerk of the City in which they wish to place political signs to make sure such signs are not in violation of any city ordinance.

No political signs may be placed within the right-of-way of any State Highway or County Road.

Except for temporary political signs, all other political signs within view of State or County highways are subject to the provision of the Outdoor Advertising Act and must be placed upon structures that are either already under State outdoor advertising permit or for which such permits are first secured. Displays visible to interstate or primary highways may only be placed on property zoned primarily for commercial or industrial activities and must be within 1000 feet of a commercial or industrial building or activity and must not be closer than 500 feet from another billboard visible to a freeway or 300 feet from another billboard visible to a conventional highway.

Temporary political signs (pursuant to §5405.3 of the Business and Professions code) may not 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.

Temporary political sign is also one 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.
- (d) Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department of Transportation certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign.

A Statement of Responsibility form is on page 61. **This form may be copied or removed from this book and mailed to the Department of Transportation or can be found on Caltrans website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda/forms> for an interactive pdf form.**

The Outdoor Advertising Branch in Sacramento will gladly answer any questions in respect to the form. Their number is (916) 654-6473. Please note that the Statement of Responsibility requires a notarized signature.

Because the law directs the Department of Transportation to remove signs that do not comply with the regulations before an election and to bill the responsible party for removal costs after the election, we are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment to you and your supporters.

For further laws and regulations on political signs, please visit the following:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda/political-signs>

City of Bakersfield Municipal Code:

Title 17 Zoning - Chapter 17.60 Signs at: <https://bakersfield.municipal.codes/Code/17.60.070>

Political Advertising Disclaimers, go to the Fair Political Practices Commission website for information:
<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html> (under Learn - select Campaign Rules)

California Department of Transportation

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-36 | SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
(916) 654-6473 | TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda



Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- B. Is placed no 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.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942873, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not 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 classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment or inconvenience to you and your supporters. Please share this information with those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 654-6473.

Enclosure

ODA-0027

"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**
ODA0027 (REV10/2022)

Election Date: March November Other:

Candidate's Name:

Office sought or Proposition Number:

County where sign(s) will be placed:

Number of signs to be placed:

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number (Include Area Code):

Email (Optional):

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

 
Signature of Responsible Party Date

Mail Statement of Responsibility to:

Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942873, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001
Email: ODA@dot.ca.gov

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KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE

19.84.100 - Design and development standards—Temporary campaign signs.

Temporary political, religious and civic campaign signs may be erected for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days and shall comply with the following standards:

- A. The signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the conclusion of the campaign.
- B. In residential districts, each sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area or a height of four (4) feet.

19.34.110 - Signs.

A. The following signs are permitted in the CH district in accordance with [Chapter 19.84](#) of this title:

1. Temporary real estate signs advertising the property for sale or rent, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet, excluding the area of any vertical and/or horizontal support members;
2. Temporary construction signs;
3. Temporary political, religious or civic campaign signs;
4. Institutional identification signs;
5. Wall signs attached to buildings;
6. Monument signs, not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet each;
7. Pole signs, not to exceed two hundred forty (240) square feet in area each and not exceeding a height of thirty-five (35) feet;
8. Off-site advertising signs, not exceeding a height of thirty-five (35) feet.

19.22.110 - Signs.

The following types of signs are permitted in the R-3 district in accordance with the requirements of [Chapter 19.84](#) of this title:

- A. Apartment or bed and breakfast identification signs, not exceeding thirty-six (36) square feet;
- B. Temporary real estate signs advertising the property for sale or rent, not to exceed eight (8) square feet, excluding the area of any vertical and/or horizontal support members;
- C. Temporary subdivision signs;
- D. Permanent subdivision signs;
- E. Temporary construction signs;
- F. Temporary political, religious and civic campaign signs;
- G. Institutional identification signs approved in conjunction with a conditional use permit.

19.06.020 - Authority to administer.

The planning director shall be vested with the authority to administer this title. In the course of these duties, the planning director shall have the authority to interpret the provisions of this title. Where there is a question as to the meaning or the intent of any requirement of this title, including interpretations of conditions of approval required in conjunction with the approval of any ministerial or discretionary permit authorized therein, the planning director shall provide any necessary interpretation, and the decision of the planning director shall be final.

INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING BY MAIL

Voters

Personally, delivered ballots: Must be delivered by close of polls on November 5, 2024, to the Kern County Elections Office, or to any polling place.

Mailed ballots: Must be postmarked on or before November 5, 2024, and received by our office no later than November 12, 2024.

Any vote by mail voter, who because of illness or other physical disability is unable to return their ballot, may designate any person to return their ballot for them. (§§3017, 3020, EC)

Candidates and Campaigns

Voter File Information

To purchase voter registration information, contact the Elections Office. It will be necessary for you to complete the Application, pay the fee for the items ordered and show proper identification.

Information obtained will be used **ONLY** for Election, Scholarly, Journalistic, Political or Governmental purposes as defined by Elections Code Section 2194.

You must further agree **NOT** to sell, lease, loan or deliver possession of the registration information, or a copy thereof, or any portion thereof, in any form or format, to any person, organization or agency without **FIRST** received written authorization from the Secretary of State to release such registration information.

This information **MAY NOT** be used, taken or transmitted outside of the United States. (§2188.5, EC)

Willful violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor and complaints regarding improper use is referred to the District Attorney and the Secretary of States Fraud Unit. (§18109, EC)

RECEIVING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT FROM A VOTER

Any person other than an elections official or a member of the precinct board who receives a voted ballot from a voter or who examines or solicits the voter to show his or her voted ballot is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison 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 persons returning a vote by mail ballot pursuant to E.C. Sections 3017 and 3021 or persons assisting a voter pursuant to E.C. Section 14282. (§18403, EC)

PENAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Vote by Mail Application - Form

Any individual, group, or organization which knowingly distributes any vote by mail ballot application which does not conform to the requirements of the California Elections Code is guilty of a misdemeanor. (§18402, EC)

Fictitious Signatures

Any person who applies for, or who votes, or attempts to vote, a vote by mail ballot by fraudulently signing the name of a fictitious person, or of a regularly qualified voter, or of a person who is not qualified to vote, is guilty of a felony. (§18578, EC)

Electioneering During Vote by Mail Voting

No candidate, or representative of a candidate, 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. (§18371, EC)

Return of Vote by Mail Ballots/Applications

Any person is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

- (a) Willfully interferes with the prompt delivery of a completed vote by mail ballot application.
- (b) Willfully retains a completed vote by mail ballot application, without the voter's authorization, for more than three days, or by the deadline for return of vote by mail applications, whichever is earlier.
- (c) Willfully denies an applicant the right to return their own completed vote by mail ballot application.
- (d) Having charge of a completed vote by mail ballot willfully interferes or causes interference with its return to the Elections Office. (§18576, 18577, EC)

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING
Voted Vote by Mail and Mail ballots
are the first results
announced on election night.

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Filing Schedule for State General Purpose Recipient Committees (Except Political Party Committees) July through December 2024

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
July 31, 2024 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	¹ - 6/30/24	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.
Within 10 Days <i>Independent Expenditure Verification</i>	Ongoing	462	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees file only one Form 462 per election for each candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure. Committees making independent expenditures must file this form with the FPFC by e-mail only. No paper copy is required.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/7/24 – 11/5/24	496 or 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 496: File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the November 5, 2024, ballot. 497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with a candidate or ballot measure listed on the November 5, 2024, ballot, or to a political party committee. E-file only. No paper copy required.
Sep 26, 2024 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/24 – 9/21/24	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made to a state or county general purpose committee, or to support or oppose a candidate or measure listed on the November 5, 2024, state general election ballot.
Oct 24, 2024 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/22/22 – 10/19/24	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made to a state or county general purpose committee, or to support or oppose a candidate or measure listed on the November 5, 2024, state general election ballot.
Jan 31, 2025 <i>Self-Annual</i>	⁴ - 12/31/24	450 or 460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 450 or Form 460.

See next pages for additional reporting information.

www.fpfc.ca.gov

Email Advice:
advice@fpfc.ca.gov

Phone Advice:
1-866-ASK-FPFC

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Additional Reports

Depending on committee activity, one or more of the following reports may also be required:

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 10 Business Days \$5,000 Report (State Ballot Measure Payments)	Ongoing	496 497	Only E-filers file this report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 496: Report independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. • 497: Report contributions totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure. • Contributions Received: List all new contributions of \$100 or more received by the committee that have not been previously reported up through the date of the \$5,000 or more payment. • No paper copy is required.
Within 10 Business Days \$5,000 Report (Local Ballot Measure Qualification Payments)	Ongoing	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 496: Report independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification of a single local ballot measure. • 497: Report contributions totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification of a single local ballot measure. • Contributions Received: List all new contributions of \$100 or more received by the committee that have not been previously reported in connection with the qualification of the measure up through the date of the \$5,000 or more payment. • Where to File: File in the jurisdiction of the local measure and not necessarily where the committee files its regular campaign statements. • Method of Filing: File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. You may also file online, if available.
Within 10 Days Paid Spokesperson Report	Ongoing	511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File within 10 days of making either of the following expenditures related to an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure: 1) a payment totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement, or 2) a payment of any amount to an individual portraying a member of a licensed occupation (e.g., nurse, doctor, firefighter). E-filers must also file a paper copy.**
Within 48 Hours Issue Advisory Report	9/24/24 – 11/6/24	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a payment or promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate listed on the ballot but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. • E-file only. No paper copy is required.

Additional Notes:

• ***Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

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