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November 6, 2018 
Statewide General Election



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Dear Candidate:

I congratulate you on your decision to run for public office. Your willingness to give your time, energy, mind and heart in service to the residents and best interests of your community and San Mateo County is deserving of our respect and support.

As a candidate for office, you are now responsible for the legalities of candidacy, campaigning and financial reporting. The process can be confusing, even for the most seasoned candidates.

We have developed this Candidate Guide along with two Candidate Seminars to help you understand your responsibilities and resources in the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election. I highly recommend that you attend one of these seminars. Even if you have run for office before, these briefings will ensure your understanding of current laws, forms, reporting rules and campaign management tips. The following sessions are scheduled:

Candidate Seminars (choose one session)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018: 10 a.m. at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo
Thursday, July 26, 2018: 2 p.m. at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo

Voter Data Seminars (immediately following the Candidate Seminars)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018: 11:30 a.m. at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo
Thursday, July 26, 2018: 3:30 p.m. at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo

In addition to the seminars, our website has an abundance of useful information, including an election calendar, how to request voter file data, an electronic copy of this Candidate Guide, the specific requirements and steps for including voter registration and/or Vote by Mail information in your campaign materials, Vote Center lookups, voting options for voters and much more. Please explore it at www.smacre.org.

Lastly, I feel privileged and honored to serve you in my capacity as your Chief Elections Officer. My office is ready to answer your questions and provide assistance. I encourage you to direct your questions regarding candidate filing to our Candidate Filing Officer, Michelle Yue, at **650.312.5293** or myue@smacre.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Church

The 2018 Candidate Guide is intended to provide general information about the nomination and election of candidates, and it does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registration & Elections Division is not rendering legal advice and, therefore, the guide is not to be a substitute for legal counsel for the individual, organization or candidate using it. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.

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Election Calendar

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Key to Statutory References

- § or §§: Section or Sections
- EC: California Elections Code
- ED: California Education Code
- GC: California Government Code

All California Codes may be referenced online at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

NOTE: The information below is as accurate as possible, but not every requirement or exception is listed. In the event of a conflict, the date set by statute controls over dates listed below. The Registration & Elections Division reserves the right to update this calendar as necessary.

Days Prior to Election	Date	Election Calendar for November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election Action Taken
148	June 11, 2018	By this date the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the election and shall state the time of the election and offices to be filled. EC §12000
140	June 19, 2018	Last day to file an amended Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) to accept the expenditure ceiling for the general election if the voluntary expenditure ceiling was rejected in the primary election, but not exceeded during that election. The filing of an amended Form 501 allows statewide office, State Senate and Assembly candidates to purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the official state Voter Information Guide or the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. GC §§85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
131	June 28, 2018	Last day for an initiative measure, statewide constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure to qualify for the Statewide General Election ballot on November 6, 2018. EC §9040; Cal. Const. Art. II §8(c)
131	June 28, 2018	Between these dates, statewide office and U.S. Senate candidates may purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the official state Voter Information Guide.
111	July 18, 2018	Statewide office candidates may do so only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). EC §§9084(i), 85601(a)
130	June 29, 2018	(School or Special District Vacancy) Last day for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to call an election on November 6, 2018 to fill a vacancy to be on the ballot. GC §1780; ED §5091

127	July 2, 2018	Between these dates, a city shall publish its Notice of Election, stating the offices to be filled and time of election. The City Elections Official shall consolidate the Notice of Election and the Notice of City Measures into one notice if the measure was filed prior to the Notice of Election's publication. EC §§12101, 12111
113	July 16, 2018	
124	July 5, 2018	(Special District Vacancy) Last day for special districts governed by the Uniform District Election Law to notify County Elections Official of offices to be filled, decisions regarding payment of candidate statements, and a map of the district's boundaries. (Note: Statutory date falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next business day on July 5, 2018, per EC §15.) EC §§10509, 10522
123	July 6, 2018	(School District Vacancy) Last day for school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the County Superintendent and County Elections Official calling for an election of governing board members. ED §5322
120	July 9, 2018	(School District Vacancy) Last day for the County Superintendent to deliver an official order and formal notice of election of governing board members to the County Elections Official. ED §5325(b)
120	July 9, 2018	Between these dates, the County Elections Official shall publish the Notice of Election (date of election, identification of offices to be filled, statement of required qualifications, where Nomination Documents are available, deadline for filing required forms, statement regarding appointment, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and related information). The notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice. The County Elections Official shall also issue a press release indicating offices to be filled and a telephone contact number for related information. EC §§10242, 12109, 12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
90	August 8, 2018	
118	July 11, 2018	First Candidate Seminar to be held at 10 a.m. at the Registration & Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo. First Data Seminar to be held immediately following the end of the Candidate Seminar at the same location.
114	July 15, 2018	(City Vacancy) For a vacancy in a city election office, this is the last day for the city council to call a special election for November 6, 2018 to fill the vacancy. GC §36512
113	July 16, 2018	Between these dates is the candidate filing period. Nomination Papers and Declarations of Candidacy are available during this time. Paperwork must be received by the close of business on August 10, 2018 (candidates filing at the Registration & Elections Division have until 5 p.m.; city candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office). Local candidates may purchase space for a Candidate Statement in the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. The Candidate Statement may be withdrawn but not changed during this period and until 5 p.m. of the next working day (August 13, 2018) after the close of the nomination period. EC §§10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13307
88	August 10, 2018	

113	July 16, 2018	Between these dates, candidates for U.S. House of Representative, State Senate and Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. State Senate and Assembly candidates may do so only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). EC §§13307, 13307.5; GC §85601(c)
88	August 10, 2018	
111	July 18, 2018	Last day statewide office and U.S. Senate candidates may purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the state Voter Information Guide. Statewide office candidates may do so only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). GC §§9084(i), 85601(a)
103	July 26, 2018	Second Candidate Seminar to be held at 2 p.m. at the Registration & Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo. Second Data Seminar to be held immediately following the end of the Candidate Seminar at the same location.
98	July 31, 2018	Last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than was used at the primary election. The written request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet. EC §13107(h)
Fixed Date	July 31, 2018	Except as provided in GC §84200 paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), elected officials, candidates and committees pursuant to subdivision (a) of GC §82013 and slate mailer organizations shall file semiannual statements no later than today for the period ending June 30, 2018. GC §§82013, 84200, 84218
90	August 8, 2018	During this period, a contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate \$1,000 or more per source made to or received by a candidate or committee must be reported within 24 hours. GC §§82036, 84203
0	November 6, 2018	
88	August 10, 2018	(School District Measure) Last day for a school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the County Elections Official calling for an election on a measure. ED §5322
88	August 10, 2018	Last day for a local entity to deliver a resolution requesting election services and consolidation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for the November 6, 2018 Election. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403, 12001
88	August 10, 2018	Last day for candidates to submit Nomination Documents (Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers), due by 5 p.m. to the Registration & Elections Division. City candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office. EC §§10220, 10224, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13307
88	August 10, 2018	Last day (through the close of business) for a city, school or special district candidate who has qualified for the ballot to withdraw their candidacy. City candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office, all other candidates have until 5 p.m. EC §10510(a), 10603.

88	August 10, 2018	Last day U.S. House of Representative, State Senate and Assembly candidates may purchase space for a Candidate Statement in the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. State Senate and Assembly candidates may do so only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). EC §§13307, 13307.5; GC §85601(c)
88	August 10, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins August 10, 2018 at 5 p.m. and ends August 20, 2018 at 5 p.m. for all documents filed as of the filing deadline of August 10, 2018. Between these dates, the Elections Official or any registered voter, eligible to vote on the contest in question, may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be false, misleading or inconsistent with the Elections Code. Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
78	August 20, 2018	
88	August 10, 2018	Between these dates is the <i>extended</i> candidate filing period. If an eligible incumbent does not file Nomination Documents by August 10, 2018 at 5 p.m., the filing period is extended for that office for five calendar days until August 15, 2018 at 5 p.m., for any person other than the incumbent. This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. EC §§10407, 10225, 10516, 10604
83	August 15, 2018	
85	August 13, 2018	Except as provided in EC §13309, 5 p.m. today is the deadline for candidates to withdraw a Candidate Statement. Candidates may withdraw but may not change their statements. EC §13307(a)(3)
85	August 13, 2018	County to publish a notice regarding county, school district and special district measures, the dates for submitting Primary and Rebuttal Arguments, the 10-calendar-day public review period, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and the central ballot counting location. EC §§9163, 9502, 10242, 12109; GC §6061; ED §5363
83	August 15, 2018	Extended candidate filing period closes at 5 p.m. today. Extended filing periods occur when an eligible incumbent does not file for re-election; the extension only applies to non-incumbent candidates for such an office. City candidates shall file paperwork with their City Clerk's office; all other candidates shall file with the County Elections Official. EC §§10407, 10225, 10516, 10604
83	August 15, 2018	Last day for an order of election calling for a ballot measure to be amended or withdrawn. A resolution of the legislative body that issued the order of election must be filed with the Elections Official by today in order to amend or withdraw a ballot measure. EC §9605
83	August 15, 2018	Last day for any qualified political party to submit to the County Elections Official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated offices who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The County Elections Official shall print any such list that is timely received in the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. EC §13302(b)

83	August 15, 2018	For the office of superior court judge, today is the last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office at the general election, signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. If such a petition is filed by today, the name of the incumbent shall be placed on the general election ballot if it has not appeared on the direct primary election ballot. EC §8203
83	August 15, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins August 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. and ends August 25, 2018 at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by the extended filing deadline of August 15, 2018. Between these dates, the Elections Official or any registered voter, eligible to vote on the contest in question, may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be false, misleading or inconsistent with the Elections Code. Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
73	August 25, 2018	
82	August 16, 2018	Randomized Alphabet Drawings are conducted by both the Secretary of State and County Elections Official today at 11 a.m. to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the ballot and the letters that will be assigned to each ballot measure. EC §§13111, 13112, 13113, 13116
82	August 16, 2018	Last day for candidates who filed paperwork during the extended filing period to withdraw their Candidate Statements. Candidate Statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. EC §§13307(a)(3)
81	August 17, 2018	For consolidated elections, the names of the candidates to appear upon the ballot where district, city, or other political subdivision offices are to be filled shall be filed with the County Elections Official by this date. EC §10403
81	August 17, 2018	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5 p.m. Such arguments, if already submitted, may be changed until and including today. Arguments for city measures must be filed with the City Clerk's office. EC §§9162-63, 9282-83, 9286, 9315-16, 9501-03
81	August 17, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins August 17, 2018 at 5 p.m. and ends August 27, 2018 at 5 p.m. for Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against local measures. Between these dates, the Elections Official or any registered voter, eligible to vote on the contest in question, may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be false, misleading or inconsistent with Elections Code. Arguments for city measures are reviewed at the City Clerk's office. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	August 27, 2018	

78	August 20, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by August 10, 2018. A writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than this date on documents filed by the candidate filing period deadline of August 10, 2018. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
73	August 25, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by the extended filing deadline of August 15, 2018. A writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than this date on documents filed as of the close of the extended candidate filing (August 25, 2018). EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
71	August 27, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. today for all Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against local measures. A writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than this date on documents filed as of August 17, 2018. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	August 27, 2018	Rebuttal Arguments for measures where a Primary Argument was filed both in favor and against are due by 5 p.m. Such arguments may be changed until and including today. Rebuttal Arguments for city measures must be filed with the City Clerk's office. EC §§9163, 9167, 9285-86, 9316-17, 9502, 9504
71	August 27, 2018	Impartial Analyses for measures are due on this date by 5 p.m. EC §§9160, 9280, 9313-14, 9500
71 61	August 27, 2018 September 6, 2018	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins August 27, 2018 at 5 p.m. and ends September 6, 2018 at 5 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against local measures and Impartial Analyses. Between these dates the Elections Official or any registered voter, eligible to vote on the contest in question, may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be false, misleading or inconsistent with the Elections Code. Rebuttal arguments and Impartial Analyses for City measures are reviewed at the City Clerk's office. EC §§9190, 9286, 9295, 9380, 9509
68	August 30, 2018	(Certified List of Candidates) By this date, the California Secretary of State will provide a certified list of qualified federal and state legislative candidates, including ballot rotation lists to the County Elections Official. EC §§8148, 8149, 13111
61	September 6, 2018	The 10-Calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. today for all Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor of and/or against local measures and Impartial Analyses. A writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later after this date on documents filed by August 27, 2018. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	September 6, 2018	Any city that requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the County Elections Official to prepare the city's election materials shall supply the County Elections Official with a list of its precincts, or consolidated precincts, as applicable, no later than this date. EC §10002

60	September 7, 2018	Between these dates, the County Elections Official must send ballots and balloting materials to all Military and Overseas Voters who filed ballot applications by September 7, 2018. EC §§300(b), 3105, 3114
45	September 22, 2018	
57	September 10, 2018	Between these dates, write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the County Elections Official. City candidates must file their paperwork with their City Clerk's office. EC §§8600-05
14	October 23, 2018	
50	September 17, 2018	By this date each county must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of September 7, 2018 to the Secretary of State. EC §2187(a), (c)(5)
45	September 22, 2018	County Elections Official must send ballots and balloting material to all Military and Overseas Voters who filed ballot applications by September 22, 2018. EC §§300(b), 3105, 3114
40	September 27, 2018	First pre-election campaign committee statement for candidates and committees is due for the period ending September 22, 2018. GC §84200.8
40	September 27, 2018	Between these dates, the state Voter Information Guide and the county Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet will be mailed to voters who registered at least 60 days and 29 days prior to the election respectively. EC §§9094, 13303-04
21	October 16, 2018	
28	October 9, 2018	Between these dates, Vote by Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters in the county. Voters interested in having replacement Vote by Mail ballots be mailed to them should make the request by October 30, 2018 to ensure the ballots arrive on or before Election Day. (Note: Statutory date falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next business day on October 9, 2018.) EC §§3001, 4005(a)(8)(A)
7	October 30, 2018	
28	October 9, 2018	Between these dates, at least one ballot drop-off location shall be provided for every 15,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on August 10, 2018. All ballot drop-off locations shall be open at least during regular business hours. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day including regular business hours. EC§ 4005 (a)(1)(A)(B)
0	November 6, 2018	
15	October 22, 2018	Voter registration closes on this date for the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election. Voters must register by this date to be eligible to vote in this election. Voter registration forms postmarked prior to or on this date are accepted. EC §§2102
14	October 23, 2018	The write-in candidate filing period ends today at 5 p.m. All potential candidates must submit all required documents by this date in order to be a qualified write-in candidate. City candidates should check the hours of their city clerk's office. EC §§8600-05

14	October 23, 2018	Processing of Vote by Mail ballots may begin on this date (10 business days before Election Day). Processing Vote by Mail ballots includes opening Vote by Mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots and preparing the ballots to be machine-read, or machine-reading them. EC §15101(b)
14 0	October 23, 2018 November 6, 2018	Between these dates, individuals who become new United States citizens on or after October 23, 2018, are eligible to register and vote at any Vote Center. A new citizen registering during this time must provide proof of citizenship and declare that he or she has established residency in California. EC §§331, 3500, 3501
14 0	October 23, 2018 November 6, 2018	Between these dates, the Elections Official shall provide Conditional Voter Registration and provisional voting for voters who missed the October 22 registration deadline at all Vote Centers. EC §§2170-73
12	October 25, 2018	Second pre-election campaign committee statement for candidates and committees is due for the period ending October 20, 2018. GC §84200.8
10 4	October 27, 2018 November 2, 2018	Between these dates, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one Vote Center is provided for every 50,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on August 10, 2018. Any voter registered in the county may visit any Vote Center in order to receive voter services or vote. EC §4005(a)(2)(A), (a)(4)(A)
7	October 30, 2018	By this date, the County shall publish a list of the polling places (Vote Centers) designated for each election precinct for this election. EC §§12105
7	October 30, 2018	Last Day for voters to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to them. EC §3001
7	October 30, 2018	By this date, each County must send the Report of Registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of October 23, 2018, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187(a), (c)(6)
7	October 30, 2018	Last day for voters to request the County Elections Official to send a Vote by Mail ballot in English, Spanish or Chinese, or a facsimile copy of the ballot printed in Filipino or Korean. EC §4005(a)(8)(B)(III)
7	October 30, 2018	Last day for voters to request the County Elections Official to send or deliver a ballot that voters with disabilities can read and mark privately and independently pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.). EC §4005(a)(8)(B)(IV)

3	November 3, 2018	Between these dates, for a minimum of eight hours per day (7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day), at least one Vote Center is provided for every 10,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, as determined on August 10, 2018. Any voter registered in the county may visit any Vote Center in order to receive voter services or vote. EC §4005(a)(2)(A), (a)(3)(A)
0	November 6, 2018	
0	November 6, 2018	Election Day. All Vote Centers open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Semifinal official canvass commences upon the closing of all polls at 8 p.m. EC §§1000, 4005, 14212, 15150, 15151
3	November 9, 2018	Vote by Mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day must be received by County Elections Officials by this day in order to be counted. EC §3020
30	December 6, 2018	Last day for County Elections Official to certify election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372
38	December 14, 2018	Last day for Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled elections returns. The Secretary of State issues to each elected candidate a certificate of election. EC §§15501, 15504

Candidate Filing Procedures Checklist

Please note: This can be used as a helpful checklist but may not be fully inclusive of every requirement for every office.

	Date Issued	Date Filed
1. Personal Information Provided to Registration & Elections Division		
a. Residence Address (<i>verify within district</i>)		_____
b. Request phone and email address		_____
c. Permission to post on internet		_____
2. Nomination Papers/Declaration of Candidacy (7/16/18-8/10/18)		
a. Required number of Nomination Signatures		_____
b. Filing Fee \$ _____ (if applicable)		_____
c. Declaration of Candidacy		_____
i. Name on Ballot (no titles or degrees)		_____
ii. Ballot Designation (If none , initial box)		_____
iii. Oath of Office taken		_____
d. Ballot Designation Worksheet		_____
e. Chinese Name or Preferred Transliteration Form		_____
f. FPPC Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests		_____
g. Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)		_____
3. Candidate's Statement (file with Nomination Papers)		
a. Word Limit _____		_____
b. Proper Format		_____
c. Candidate Statement Submission Form		_____
d. Check Payable to "San Mateo County Elections"		_____
4. Campaign Statements		
a. Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement		_____
b. Form 470 Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement or 410 Statement of Organization		_____

Offices to be Elected at the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election

Federal

U.S. Senator
U.S. Representative

Districts 14, 18

State

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
State Treasurer
State Controller
Insurance Commissioner
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Board of Equalization
State Assembly

District 2
Districts 19, 22, 24

School Districts

County Board of Education
Bayshore Elementary School District
Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
Brisbane Elementary School District
Cabrillo Unified School District
Hillsborough City School District
Jefferson Elementary School District
Jefferson Union High School District
La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District
Las Lomas Elementary School District
Menlo Park City School District
Millbrae School District
Pacifica School District
Ravenswood City Elementary School District
Redwood City School District
San Bruno Park School District
San Mateo County Community College District
San Mateo Union High School District
Sequoia Union High School District
South San Francisco Unified School District
Woodside Elementary School District

Trustee Areas 1, 2 and 3
Governing Board, 3 seats
Governing Board, 2 seats
Governing Board, 3 seats
Governing Board, 2 seats
Governing Board, 3 seats
Governing Board, 2 seats
Governing Board, 3 seats
Governing Board, 2 seats
Governing Board, 3 seats
Governing Board, 3 seats

Special Districts

Bayshore Sanitary District
Broadmoor Police Protection District
Coastside County Water District
Coastside Fire Protection District
Colma Fire Protection District
Granada Community Services District
Ladera Recreation District
Menlo Park Fire Protection District
Midcoast Community Council
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space

Board of Directors, 2 seats
Board of Directors, 2 seats
Board of Directors, 2 seats
Board of Directors, 3 seats
Board of Directors, 1 seat
Board of Directors, 3 seats
Board of Directors, 4 seats
Board of Directors, 3 seats

Offices to be Elected at the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election (continued)

Mid-Peninsula Water District	Board of Directors, 3 seats
Montara Water and Sanitary District	Board of Directors, 3 seats
North Coast Water District	Board of Directors, 3 seats
Peninsula Health Care District	Board of Directors, 3 seats
Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council	Board of Directors, 4 seats
San Mateo County Harbor District	Board of Directors, 2 seats
Sequoia Healthcare District	Board of Directors, 3 seats
West Bay Sanitary District	Board of Directors, 2 seats
Westborough Water District	Board of Directors, 3 seats

Municipalities

Atherton	Council, 3 seats
Belmont	Council, 3 seats
Colma	Council, 2 seats
Daly City	Council, 3 seats
East Palo Alto	Council, 2 seats
Foster City	Council, 2 seats
Half Moon Bay	Council, 3 seats
Hillsborough	Council, 2 seats
Menlo Park	Council, 3 seats
Millbrae	Council, 2 seats
Pacifica	Council, 3 seats
Portola Valley	Council, 3 seats
Redwood City	Council, 3 seats
San Carlos	Council, 3 seats
South San Francisco	City Clerk Treasurer
	Council, 3 seats
Woodside	Council, 3 seats

Please note that this list is subject to change after publication of this guide.

Qualifications by Offices

Generally:

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.

EC §201

- (a) A person shall not be considered a candidate for, and is not eligible to be elected to, any **state or local** elective office if the person has been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "conviction of a felony" includes a conviction of a felony in this state and a conviction under the laws of any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a felony, and for which the person has not received a pardon from the Governor of this state, the governor or other officer authorized to grant pardons in another state, the President of the United States, or the officer of the foreign government or country authorized to grant pardons in that foreign jurisdiction.

EC §20

Specifically:

School District Governing Board Member

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

ED §35107

County Board of Education Governing Member

Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district. Each member of the board shall be an elector of the trustee area which he represents and shall be elected by the electors of the trustee area. In San Mateo County, trustees shall be elected at large (countywide).

ED §§1000, 1006, San Mateo County Ordinance Code §2.116.010

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subdivision (d), no person shall file nomination papers for more than one district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election.

EC §10603(c)

Qualifications by Offices (continued)

Special District Board Member

Candidate must be a resident and qualified elector of the district.

EC §201

City Offices

A person is not eligible to hold office as councilmember, city clerk, or city treasurer unless he or she is at the time of assuming the office an elector of the city, and is a registered voter of the city at the time nomination papers are issued to the candidate as provided for in Section 10227 of the Elections Code.

GC §36502(a)

City candidates must contact their City Clerks for more information regarding candidate qualifications.

Holding Two Offices

The 1999 San Mateo County Grand Jury recommended that all candidates be made aware that individuals cannot hold incompatible offices. If a candidate is elected to an office that is incompatible with the first office, the first office becomes vacant upon the taking of the second office.

This doctrine of incompatible offices precludes public officials from holding two different public offices simultaneously if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties. Courts have summarized the doctrine as follows: “[o]ne 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.” (*Eldridge v. Sierra View Local Hosp. Dist.* (1990) 224 Cal.App.3d 311, 319 (citing *Mott v. Horstmann* (1950) 36 Cal.2d 388).)

Government Code Section 1099 provides detailed guidance on incompatible offices and specifies the defining characteristics:

Offices are incompatible when any of the following circumstances are present, unless simultaneous holding of the particular offices is compelled or expressly authorized by law:

- (1) Either of the offices may audit, overrule, remove members of, dismiss employees of, or exercise supervisory powers over the other office or body.
- (2) Based on the powers and jurisdictions of the offices, there is a possibility of a significant clash of duties or loyalties between the offices.
- (3) Public policy considerations make it improper for one person to hold both offices.

A number of legal opinions issued by the Office of the California Attorney General offer additional guidance in determining whether or not certain offices are incompatible. Here are five examples of offices that the Attorney General’s Office has deemed to be incompatible:

- (1) the offices of city councilman and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
- (2) the positions of fire chief of a county fire protection district and member of the board of supervisors of the same county;
- (3) the offices of trustee of a high school district and trustee of an elementary school district which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
- (4) a water district director and a city council member; and
- (5) a water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common.

Nomination Papers

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With a prudent regard for strict deadlines and eligibility requirements for signers, we strongly encourage candidates to proceed without delay in gathering signatures and submitting them. By filing in advance of the deadline, you will allow yourself time to gather additional signatures. You may need to obtain additional signatures based on the number that are disqualified during the examination of your papers.

Who is a qualified signer to a Petition or Paper?

Any registered voter may sign a Petition or Paper for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. Each voter shall at the time of signing the Petition or Paper **personally affix** his or her signature, printed name and place of residence, giving street and number, and if no street or number exists, then a designation of the place of residence which will enable the location to be readily ascertained.

EC §100

Candidates may also sign their own Papers, and the signature will be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer.

EC §106

Voters May Sign Only One Paper Per Open Position

No signer shall, at the time of signing a certificate, have his or her name signed to any other Nomination Paper for any other candidate for the same office or, in case there are several places to be filled in the same office, signed to more Nomination Papers for candidates for that office than there are places to be filled.

EC §8069

No more signers shall be secured for any candidate than the maximum number required. If, however, through miscalculation or otherwise, more signers are secured than the maximum number, the officer with whom the nomination papers are filed shall, with the written consent of the candidate, withdraw the excess number.

EC §8067

Who can circulate Nomination Papers?

A circulator must be 18 years of age or older. A candidate may serve as a circulator of his or her own Nomination Paper. Candidates may also sign their own Paper, and the signature will be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer.

EC §§102, 106

Petitions and Papers Must Include Declaration of Circulator

(a) Where any petition or paper is submitted to the Elections Official, each section of the petition or paper shall have attached to it a declaration signed by the circulator of the petition or paper, setting forth, in the circulator's own hand, the following:

- (1) The printed name of the circulator.
- (2) The residence address of the circulator, giving street and number, or if no street or number exists, adequate designation of residence so that the location may be readily ascertained.
- (3) The dates between which all the signatures to the petition or paper were obtained.

Nomination Papers (continued)

- (b) Each declaration submitted pursuant to this section shall also set forth the following:
- (1) That the circulator circulated that section and witnessed the appended signatures being written.
 - (2) That according to the best information and belief of the circulator, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
 - (3) That the circulator is 18 years of age or older.
- (c) The circulator shall certify to the content of the declaration as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, with the signature of his or her name. The circulator shall state the date and the place of execution on the declaration immediately preceding his or her signature.

EC §104

Circulating Within 100 Feet of Polling Place

Signatures for nomination papers shall not be obtained within 100 feet of a polling place, satellite location or Elections Official's office.

EC §18370

Registering Voters at Time of Nomination Papers

Candidates may register voters at the same time as the voter signs the candidate's nomination paper. For purposes of verifying signatures on a petition or paper, a properly executed affidavit of registration shall be deemed effective for verification purposes if both (a) the affidavit is signed on the same date or a date prior to the signing of the petition, and (b) the affidavit is received by the Elections Official on or before the date on which the petition is filed.

EC §2102(b)

Validation of Signatures

The County Elections Official shall verify the signatures of the signers on the petition or paper with the registration affidavits on file in the office of the County Elections Official. The County Elections Official shall mark "not sufficient" any signature that does not appear in the same handwriting as appears on the affidavit of registration in his or her office, or that is accompanied by a declaration of party preference that is not in accordance with the declaration of party preference in the affidavit of registration. The County Elections Official may cease to verify signatures once the minimum requisite number of signatures has been verified.

EC §8081

No defect in any nomination document presented shall prevent the filing of another nomination document within the period allowed for presenting the nomination document.

EC §8102

Nomination Papers (continued)

The following guidelines will be used when validating signatures on nomination papers. A signature can be challenged for any of the following reasons. If the signer:

- is not registered to vote;
- provides a signature on the petition that does not compare to the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration;
- does not reside in the appropriate district;
- uses a P.O. Box number or a mail drop number for residence address;
- omits residential address;
- provides an address that is different from the voter's residential address on the affidavit of registration on the voter's record;
- prints his or her name for the signature, unless registered as such;
- lists and signs his/her name using spouse's name, such as "Mrs. John Jones";
- uses ditto marks for an address previously listed.

The following pages show a sample Nomination Paper, available from the Registration & Elections Division and City Clerks' Offices.

Official Filing Form

Mark Church

 County Elections Official

By: _____

Date Issued: _____

Filed in County of _____

County Elections Official

By: _____

Date Received: _____

(Secretary of State Use Only)

Nomination Paper

For use in **STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS** for
 Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices
 (Elections Code §§ 100, 104, 8041, 8062, 8068, 8069, 8140; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

I, the undersigned signer for _____, for nomination/election to the
 office of _____, to be voted for at the **Statewide General
 Election** to be held on **November 6, 2018**, hereby assert as follows:

I am a resident of _____ County and am registered to vote at the
 address shown on this paper. I am not at this time a signer of any other Nomination Paper of any
 other candidate for the above-named office.

My residence is correctly set forth after my signature hereto:

PRECINCT (To be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE	VERIFICATION (To be entered by Elections Official)
	Print 1..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 2..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 3..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 4..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 5..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	

Please Complete Affidavit of Circulator on Reverse Side

PRECINCT (To be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE	VERIFICATION (To be entered by Elections Official)
	Print 6..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 7..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 8..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 9..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	
	Print 10..... Sign	Residence Address ONLY City or Town	

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

(To be completed in circulator's own hand)

I, _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:
Print Name

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
2. That my residence address, including street and number, is _____
 (If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is _____.)
3. That the signatures on this section of the Nomination Paper were obtained between _____, 20____, and _____, 20____; that I circulated the petition and
Month and Day Month and Day

I witnessed the signatures on this section of the Nomination Paper being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

_____ Date Circulator's Signature

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

County Elections Official

(TO BE ENTERED BY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL AFTER VERIFICATION)

Number of Valid Signatures on this Section: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any Nomination Paper in his or her possession which is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (*Elections Code § 18202.*)

Declaration of Candidacy

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Elections Code Section 13 states:

- (a) A person shall not be considered a legally qualified candidate for an office, for party nomination for a partisan office, or for nomination to participate in the general election for a voter-nominated office, under the laws of this state unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy or Statement of Write-in Candidacy with the proper official for the particular election or primary, or is entitled to have his or her name placed on a general election ballot by reason of having been nominated at a primary election, or having been selected to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot as provided in Section 8807 or having been selected as an independent candidate pursuant to Section 8304.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any qualified voter of this state from casting a ballot for a person by writing the name of that person on the ballot, or from having that ballot counted or tabulated, nor shall this section be construed as preventing or prohibiting a person from standing or campaigning for an elective office by means of a "write-in" campaign. However, nothing in this section shall be construed as an exception to the requirements of Section 15341 or to permit a person to be a write-in candidate contrary to Sections 8600 and 8606.
- (c) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this section, to enable the Federal Communications Commission to determine who is a "legally qualified candidate" in this state for the purposes of administering Section 315 of Title 47 of the United States Code.

Elections Code Section 13.5 states:

- (a) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 13, no person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate for any of the offices set forth in subdivision (b) unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, or Statement of Write-in Candidacy, accompanied by documentation, including, but not necessarily limited to, certificates, declarations under penalty of perjury, diplomas, or official correspondence, sufficient to establish, in the determination of the official with whom the declaration or statement is filed, that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office by the provision referenced in subdivision (b).
- (2) The provision of "documentation," for purposes of compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1), may include the submission of either an original, as defined in Section 255 of the Evidence Code, or a duplicate, as defined in Section 260 of the Evidence Code.
- (b) This section shall be applicable to the following offices and qualifications therefor:
 - (1) For the office of county auditor, the qualifications set forth in Sections 26945 and 26946 of the Government Code.
 - (2) For the office of county district attorney, the qualifications set forth in Sections 24001 and 24002 of the Government Code.
 - (3) For the office of county sheriff, the qualifications set forth in Section 24004.3 of the Government Code.

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- (4) For the office of county superintendent of schools, the qualifications set forth in Sections 1205 to 1208, inclusive, of the Education Code.
- (5) For the office of judge of the superior court, the qualifications set forth in Section 15 of Article VI of the California Constitution.
- (6) For the office of county treasurer, county tax collector, or county treasurer-tax collector, the qualifications set forth in Section 27000.7 of the Government Code, provided that the board of supervisors has adopted the provisions of that section pursuant to Section 27000.6 of the Government Code.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for all district offices shall be obtained from and filed with the office of the County Elections Official. Candidates seeking elective city offices are required to obtain and file all nomination documents with the City Clerk, respective to the office they seek.

Ballot Designation

Name on Ballot

The candidate's name as provided by the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy or Declaration of Intention is the way it will appear on the ballot.

No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name, either before or after the candidate's name, in the case of any election to any office.

EC §13106

If the candidate has changed his or her name within one year prior to the election, the new name will not appear on the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or by Decree of Court.

EC §13104

Ballot Designation

Candidates have the option of using a ballot designation. The ballot designation that a candidate may use is governed by Elections Code Section 13107 which states the following:

- (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.

Ballot Designation (continued)

- (B) The word “incumbent” if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.
 - (C) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.
- (2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:
- (A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.
 - (B) One of the following ballot designations: “Attorney,” “Attorney at Law,” “Lawyer,” or “Counselor at Law.” The designations “Attorney” and “Lawyer” may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.
- (3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:
- (A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words “City of.”
 - (B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words “County of.”
 - (C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words “City and County.”
 - (D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.
- (c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of his or her principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as his or her ballot designation: “Attorney,” “Attorney at Law,” “Lawyer,” or “Counselor at Law.” The designations “Attorney” and “Lawyer” may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.
- (d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

Ballot Designation (continued)

- (e) The Secretary of State and any other elections official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:
 - (1) It would mislead the voter.
 - (2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
 - (3) It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.
 - (4) It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
 - (5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
 - (6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
 - (7) It refers to any activity prohibited by law.
- (f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet.
 - (1) The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date he or she receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).
 - (2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate’s name.
- (g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.
- (h) **The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.**
- (i) In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in 8-point roman uppercase and lowercase type except that, if the designation selected is so long that it would conflict with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211, the elections official shall use a type size for the designation for each candidate for that office sufficiently smaller to meet these requirements.

Ballot Designation (continued)

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

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 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 that 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.

Use of the term "Community Volunteer" as a Ballot Designation

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 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.

Secretary of State's Ballot Designation Regulations

The California Secretary of State has adopted regulations (Chapter 7 of Division 7 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations) relating to ballot designations for certain offices. The San Mateo County Elections Official has opted to refer to those regulations to provide guidance in addressing issues which arise relating to ballot designations for local offices; however, the San Mateo County Elections Official retains full discretion to interpret the regulations and to make decisions based on other considerations. The regulations are available online at www.oal.ca.gov/publications/ccr or at www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations/elections/ballot-designations.

The following pages show a sample Declaration of Candidacy form, available from the Registration & Elections Division and City Clerks' offices.

Official Filing Form

Mark Church
County Elections Official

By: _____
Date Issued: _____

Filed in County of San Mateo

Mark Church
County Elections Official

By: _____
Date Received: _____

(Secretary of State Use Only)

Declaration of Candidacy

For use in **STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS** for Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices
(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8040, 8121, 8140, 13105)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for nomination/election to the office of _____,
to be voted for at the **Statewide General Election** to be held on **November 6, 2018**, and declare the following
to be true:

My name is _____.

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

<p>_____</p> <p>Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Print Designation Requested</p> <p><small>A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested a completed BALLOT DESIGNATION worksheet must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write in the word "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3.)</small></p>	<p>Candidate initials if preferring no designation:</p>
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NOTE: The Secretary of State (SOS) will publish one of the addresses below in the certified list of candidates and on the SOS website. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for this purpose. If no box is checked, the first address listed below will be published. If a business telephone, residence telephone, FAX number, e-mail address, or website are provided, that information will also be published.

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Residence Address: _____
(Required)

City State Zip Code

Business Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Telephone: () ()
Area Code Business Area Code Residence

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

Website: _____

Important: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed

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

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

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

A candidate for voter-nominated office shall also complete all of the following:

1. I hereby certify that:

(a) At the time of presentation of this declaration, as shown by my current affidavit of registration, I have disclosed the following political party preference, if any: _____.

(b) My complete voter registration and party affiliation/preference history, from 2008 through the date of signing this document* is as follows:

Party Registration	County	Timeframe by Year (e.g., 2008-2009) 2008 –
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*Please note that only 10 years of party affiliation/preference history will be provided on the Secretary of State's website. Any information provided regarding affiliation/preference history prior to 2008 will not be included.

2. Pursuant to Section 8002.5 of the Elections Code, select one of the following:

_____ Party Preference: _____ (insert the name of the qualified political party as disclosed upon your affidavit of registration).

_____ Party Preference: None (if you have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party upon your affidavit of registration).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Candidate

State of California
County of _____ } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public (or other official)

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

County Elections Official

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

Oath of Office

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

Signature of Candidate

State of California
County of _____ } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public (or other official)

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

County Elections Official

Other Forms

The entire set of official forms relating to becoming a candidate and operating an election campaign will be provided by the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division at the time of your candidate filing appointment. Candidates for elective city offices must obtain the appropriate forms from the City Clerk.

Ballot Designation Worksheet (Required)

As a supplement to the ballot designation indicated on a candidate's Declaration of Candidacy, a Ballot Designation Worksheet (in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State) is required of all candidates. The Ballot Designation Worksheet provides verification and supporting information as to the validity of the candidate's proposed designation as well as alternate designations, should the Elections Official find the proposed designation to be invalid.

EC §13107.3

Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)

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

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

EC §20400

At the time an individual is issued his or her Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the Elections Official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of Chapter 5, Division 20, of the Elections Code. The Elections Official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is **voluntary**. The Elections Official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a public record open for public inspection. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

EC §§20440 – 20444

Other Forms (continued)

Chinese Name or Preferred Transliteration Form (Required)

As of July 2002, all election information that is provided in English about voter registration, elections and voting, including information provided in polling places and the voting booths, must be provided in Chinese and Spanish to the extent needed to allow effective participation of all individuals in the electoral process and all voting-related activities.

Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.1973aa-1a

The Voting Rights Act applies to all elections conducted within San Mateo County, which includes cities, special districts and school districts. This is a federal mandate that is not funded; therefore, the election costs will be divided amongst the jurisdictions holding elections and the candidates submitting candidate statements. As a result of these requirements, costs for printing and handling of candidate statements have increased. Further information can be found through the Department of Justice website at www.justice.gov/crt/about-language-minority-voting-rights.

Candidate names are listed in English along with a Chinese transliteration in the Chinese version of the Sample Ballot and Official Ballot. Each candidate must complete a Chinese Transliteration form designating one of three options with respect to how his/her name appears on the Chinese version of the Sample Ballot and Official Ballot. The three options are as follows:

- (1) provide his/her own Chinese transliteration of his/her name;
- (2) use our certified translator provided and performed by the County of San Mateo; or
- (3) choose to have his/her name printed only in English.

Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests (Required)

All **state and local** candidates are required to file a statement disclosing personal investments and his or her interest in real property. Forms must be filed by the final date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy (August 10, 2018).

GC §§87100, 87200, 87302.3

Other Forms (continued)

Permission to Post Personal Information Form (Required)

- No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.
- No person shall knowingly post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official, or of the official's residing spouse or child on the internet knowing that person is an elected or appointed official and intending to cause imminent great bodily harm that is likely to occur or threatening to cause imminent great bodily harm to that individual. A violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor. A violation of this subdivision that leads to the bodily injury of the official, or his or her residing spouse or child, is a misdemeanor or a felony.
- For purposes of this section "elected or appointed official" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
 - (1) State Constitutional Officers;
 - (2) Members of the Legislature;
 - (3) Judges and Court Commissioners;
 - (4) District Attorneys;
 - (5) Public Defenders;
 - (6) Members of a City Council;
 - (7) Members of a Board of Supervisors;
 - (8) Appointees of the Governor;
 - (9) Appointees of the Legislature;
 - (10) Mayors;
 - (11) City Attorneys;
 - (12) Police Chiefs and Sheriffs;
 - (13) A Public Safety Official as defined in Section 6254.24;
 - (14) State Administrative Law Judges;
 - (15) Federal Judges and Federal Defenders;
 - (16) Members of the United States Congress and Appointees of the President.

GC §6254.21

Extended Filing and Withdrawal of Candidacy

Extension of the Filing Period if an Eligible Incumbent Does Not File and/or Qualify

August 10, 2018 – August 15, 2018

If an eligible incumbent does not file Nomination Documents by 5 p.m. on August 10, 2018, the filing period is extended for that office for five calendar days until 5 p.m. on August 15, 2018, for any person other than the incumbent. This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

EC §§10225, 10407, 10516, 10604

Withdrawal of Candidacy

No candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after 5 p.m. on August 10, 2018. If the filing period is extended, as explained above, a candidate may withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy by 5 p.m. on August 15, 2018.

EC §§10224, 10225(b), 10510, 10516(b), 10603(b), 10604(b)

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Elections Code Section 13307 lists the following requirements regarding the candidate statement:

- (a)
 - (1) Each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in any local agency, including any city, county, city and county, or district, 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 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.
 - (2) The statement authorized by this subdivision 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.
 - (3) Except as provided in Section 13309, the statement may be withdrawn, **but not changed**, during the period for filing Nomination Papers and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.
- (b)
 - (1) The Elections Official shall send to each voter a county voter information guide that contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to subdivision (a). The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.
 - (2) The Elections Official shall provide a Spanish translation to those candidates who wish to have one, and shall select a person to provide that translation who is one of the following:
 - (A) A certified and registered interpreter on the Judicial Council Master List.
 - (B) An interpreter categorized as "certified" or "professionally qualified" by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
 - (C) From an institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education.
 - (D) A current voting member in good standing of the American Translators Association.
 - (E) A current member in good standing of the American Association of Language Specialists.
- (c)
 - (1) In addition to the statement prepared pursuant to subdivision (a), if the Elections Official who is conducting the election permits electronic distribution of a candidate's statement, the governing body of a local agency may permit each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in the local agency to prepare a candidate's statement for the purpose of electronic distribution pursuant to this subdivision.
 - (2) A statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision shall be posted on the internet website of the Elections Official, and may be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed by the Elections Official pursuant to Section 13300.7, but shall not be included in a voter's pamphlet that is printed and mailed to voters pursuant to subdivision (b).

Candidate Statement Guidelines (continued)

- (3) A statement that is printed in the voter's pamphlet and mailed to voters pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be included with the statement that is prepared and electronically distributed pursuant to this subdivision.
 - (4) A statement that is prepared and electronically distributed pursuant to this subdivision shall be displayed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.
 - (5) The Elections Official shall provide a Spanish translation to those candidates who wish to have one, and shall select a person to provide that translation who is one of the persons listed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).
- (d) The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing 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 county voter information guide or electronically distributed. 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 that, 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.
- (e) This section shall not be deemed to make any statement, or the authors of any statement, free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing electronic distribution pursuant to this section or contained in the county voter information guide.
- (f) Before the nominating period opens, the local agency for that election shall determine whether a charge shall be levied against that candidate for the candidate's statement sent to each voter and, if authorized pursuant to subdivision (c), for the electronically distributed candidate's statement. This decision shall not be revoked or modified after the seventh day before the opening of the nominating period. A written statement of the regulations with respect to charges for handling, packaging, mailing, and electronic distribution shall be provided to each candidate or his or her representative, at the time he or she picks up the Nomination Papers.
- (g) For purposes of this section and Section 13310, the board of supervisors is the governing body of judicial elections.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (continued)

Guidelines for All Candidates

It is strongly recommended that the statement be filed personally by the candidate. If the statement is filed by someone other than the candidate, that person should have the authority to make corrections or deletions to the statement in the event that errors or an excess number of words are detected prior to filing the statement. Statements received by mail prior to the deadline will be filed provided that they meet the statutory requirements and county policies regarding candidates' statements. **Statements may be withdrawn but not changed after filing.**

Format and Non-Conformity

In order to ensure uniformity of all candidates' statements, each candidate **must** prepare the statement according to the following guidelines:

- Type the statement exactly as you wish it to appear. Attach printed copy to the form provided to you.
- In addition to hard copy, please provide the statement on a flash drive, CD or by email (myue@smcacre.org) in plain text format or attachment of a word document, if possible.
- One signed hard copy must be filed by the deadline. If there are any discrepancies between the hard copy and the electronic copy, the hard copy will prevail.
- Do not use formats that are underlined, **bolded**, *italicized* or ALL CAPITALIZED.
- Do not use any unusual spacing, punctuation, indentations, bullets or an outline format.
- Check your statement for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Remember, statements cannot be changed once they are filed, and the County Elections Official is not responsible for correcting these errors.
- Confine the statement to the applicable word number limit.
- Do not include any party affiliation (applies to nonpartisan offices).
- Do not include membership or activity in partisan political organizations (applies to nonpartisan offices).

All statements will be formatted to fit within a quarter-page space. If a statement is submitted and found non-compliant in format, the Elections Official will make the necessary changes to create compliance.

In the case where a candidate submits a statement which is not in conformance with the guidelines provided (i.e., typed in all caps, underscoring, unusual spacing, outline form or capitalization of some words for emphasis purposes), the Registration & Elections Division will instruct the printer to ignore any special emphasis placed on words or phrases, and to typeset the statements utilizing a uniform format.

The heading includes the candidate's name (required), age (optional) and occupation (optional). All statements will be formatted to begin with the words: **"Education and Qualifications:"** followed by the text filed by the candidate. These words, as well as the heading, are standardized and included in the space provided. The words "Education and Qualifications" do not count toward the number of words allowed for the statement.

The **"Occupation"** field in the candidate's statement is NOT governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to the ballot designation that appears underneath the candidate's name on the ballot. Therefore, it may be different from the candidate's ballot designation. However, if its length exceeds one line, the candidate may be asked to modify words. In addition, the statement of "Occupation" must otherwise conform to all applicable laws and regulations.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (continued)

Word Counting

Pursuant to the interpretation of Section 9 of the Elections Code by the San Mateo County Elections Official, each word in candidate statements, ballot questions, measure arguments, and impartial analyses will be counted as one word **except as specified below**:

- Punctuation is **not** counted. This refers to the following symbols: *, . : ; ! ? () [] ' ”*
- Symbols such as \$, #, *, and % are **not** counted as separate words.
- All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be counted as one word. Examples include: *City and County of San Francisco, San Mateo County Charter, or John Charles Fremont.*
- Each abbreviation or acronym for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word, such as *Feb.* (February), *Wed.* (Wednesday), *NASA*, *e.g.*, *i.e.*, *J.D.*, *PhD.* and *K-8*.
- 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 counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word. The Chief Elections Officer retains discretion to determine whether a word is included in a standard reference dictionary for these purposes.
- Dates shall be counted as one word, whether purely numeric (*06/14/1846*) or otherwise (*July 4, 1776; September Eighth, Nineteen Sixty-Six*).
- Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be counted as one word (*100; 3; 525,600*). Any number which is spelled shall be considered as a separate word or words. Thus, for example, “*One*” will be counted as one word, while “*One Hundred*” will be counted as two words and “*Five Hundred Thousand*” as three words.
- Telephone numbers will be counted as one word.
- Website addresses and email addresses will be counted as one word.
- In an itemized list, headers such as “A.)” or “1)” will be counted as one word. Bullet points will not be counted as a separate word.
- Name, age and occupation located in the **header of a candidate statement only** are **not** counted towards the word count.
- If the text exceeds the word limit, the author will be asked to rewrite the text to bring the total number of words within the required word limit. If the author refuses to alter the text in this manner, any words after the total number of permitted words, as determined by the Elections Office, shall be omitted.

NOTE that these rules do **not** apply to ballot designations.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (continued)

Withdrawal

Any candidate may withdraw his or her candidate statement, either in person or by a signed statement of withdrawal, no later than 5 p.m. on August 13, 2018 (the next business day following the close of the nomination period) or no later than 5 p.m. on August 16, 2018 for extended offices. **Candidates may withdraw but may NOT change his or her statement.**

EC §13307(a)(3)

Confidentiality

Notwithstanding the California Public Records Act, the statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code shall remain confidential until expiration of the filing deadline.

EC §13311

Public Examination of Candidate Statements

Statements are available for public examination in the County Elections Official's office during the 10-calendar-day review period (commencing at 5 p.m. August 10, 2018, or at 5 p.m. August 15, 2018 for extended races) prior to submission for printing. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is to be held, or the County Elections Official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the statement to be amended or deleted. Venue for such a proceeding shall be the county in which the statement is filed. If the statement is filed in more than one county, the writ or injunction must be sought in each county in which amendments or deletions to the statement are sought. (City candidates' statements are reviewed at the City Clerk's Office.)

EC §13313

Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet Sign-Off Process

Final copies of how candidate statements will appear in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet will be sent to each individual for "sign-off" approval. Changes will only be made if the finalized version differs from the hard copy submitted or if a gross error was made on the part of the Registration & Elections Division.

The same "sign-off" process is used for the Chinese and Spanish translations of candidate statements. Statements are translated by certified translators and then proofed against the original English hard copy. Changes will only be made to the Chinese and Spanish versions of a candidate's statement if the finalized version differs from the hard copy or if a gross error was made on the part of the translators.

A 24-hour turnaround time is required to meet printing deadlines. Any delay in signing-off jeopardizes the printing schedule.

The Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet mailing period for this election is September 27, 2018 through October 16, 2018.

Candidate Statement Fee Calculations (Example)

Candidate statement costs are based on the actual printing cost of the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlets. The estimated fee collected for the candidate's statement of qualifications is based upon the following three costs:

- (1) Printing
- (2) Postage
- (3) Translation of statement into Chinese and Spanish

The Registration & Elections Division does its best to provide the most accurate estimated fee, but final costs can vary according to the number of submitted statements appearing on one page, the number of pages required for a particular office, as well as the number of different pamphlets in which your statement will appear.

An example of how the candidate statement fee is calculated is provided on the following page.

Candidate Statement Guidelines (continued)

Here's a step-by-step example of how the cost is calculated:

1. **Determine** the total number of pages ordered for ALL booklets in the election.
2. **Calculate** the cost of one page by dividing the total printing and mailing cost by total number of pages ordered, rounding up to the nearest cent (\$0.01):

Example: $\$161,730.23 / 9,464,120 \text{ pages} = \$0.02 \text{ printing cost per page.}$

3. **Multiply** each jurisdiction's total booklet order (registered voters) by the cost of one page:

Example: $30,041 \text{ voters} \times \$0.02 = \$600.82 \text{ cost per page (round up).}$

4. **Multiply** the cost per page by the number of pages needed for all statements for the jurisdiction:

Example: $\$600.82 \times 2 \text{ pages} = \$1,201.64 \text{ total cost for statement pages.}$

5. **Divide** this cost (total for statement pages) by total number of statements appearing:

Example: Two pages containing five total statements = $\$1,201.64 / 5 = \$240.33 \text{ per statement.}$

6. **Add** the individual costs of translating candidates' statements in Spanish and Chinese.

Example: John Doe's statement into Spanish - \$100
John Doe's statement into Chinese - \$85

7. In our Example, the printing cost for each of the four candidates was \$240.33, and John Doe's total cost was \$425.33 ($\$240.33 + \$100 + \85). However, if only one candidate chooses to file a candidate statement, the cost will increase as they will have to pay for the whole page instead of splitting it with others.

Fictitious Samples of Candidate Statements

Below are fictitious samples of 200-word statements as they would appear in the voter information portion of the sample ballot pamphlet. Statements will appear in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot, except for offices elected throughout the county (which are rotated on the ballot by Supervisorial district, but not rotated in the Sample Ballot).

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL	
<p>JOSEPH W. CANDIDATE Occupation: Businessman/Community Volunteer</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us.</p> <p>I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs.</p> <p>Please support me. Jcandidate@email.com or www.joecandidate.com /s/</p>	<p>JANE CAMPAIGNER Age: 41 Occupation: Educator</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be.</p> <p>If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us. I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs. Please support me. Jcampaigner@email.com /s/</p>
<p>FRED BUSINESSMAN Age: 38 Occupation: Health Director</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention. I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us. I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs. Please support me. You may find more information about my campaign at www.fredbusinessman.com /s/</p>	<p>MARGARET "PEG" VOTER Age: 45 Occupation: Real Estate Agent/Mother</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I have lived here my entire life and I love this community. I would like to get more involved in our community affairs. I believe that I am the best person for this position and I am willing to work very hard to make our lovely little community the best that it can possibly be. If you elect me I promise that I will dedicate all of my spare time to fulfilling the requirements of this position and pushing forward the special projects that are in desperate need of my time and attention.</p> <p>I believe that by improving our community we can provide a safe and secure environment for our children and families to enjoy a quality of life that is no longer available in the big overgrown metropolis to the west of us. I have years of experience in planning and organizing, and I am willing to use all of this experience and all of my training and education to do the best job that I can. I will make myself readily available to the public for all needs. Call me anytime (650.555.5555). Please support me. /s/</p>

June 2018

Dear Candidate:

We write to invite you to participate in Voter's Edge California, an online voter guide produced by the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund in partnership with MapLight. The site provides voters with all the candidates and measures on their ballot, along with general election information. It's unbiased and easy to read, with an intuitive, modern interface.

On Voter's Edge California, you can reach thousands of voters with a direct, unfiltered message - **at no charge**. You populate your profile with in-depth information like priorities, a biography, achievements, endorsements, a political vision, and goals. And highlight your candidacy with a photo, videos, and links to social media.

In 2016 Voter's Edge California reached over 1.8 million voters, partnered with 78 media and community organizations across the state, and determined that 92% of users surveyed found the site extremely or very helpful.

We level the playing field for candidates through a source that voters trust.

Soon after the close of the candidate filing period you will receive an email with information about getting started on votersedge.org. If you do not receive an invitation within three weeks after the close of filing, feel free to send an inquiry through join.votersedge.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your message with voters! To see examples of candidate profiles check this link: <http://bit.ly/SanMateoHarborDistrict2016>.

If you have questions, please feel free to get in touch. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Sharon Stone

Membership & Technology Manager
League of Women Voters of California
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Campaign Disclosure Information

California's Political Reform Act of 1974 (*GC §§ 81000-9101*) requires candidates to file periodic campaign statements which disclose contributions received and expenditures made. The Act is administered and enforced by California's Fair Political Practices Commission. You may contact the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at: 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811; phone 916.322.5660 (toll-free 1-866-ASK-FPPC) or visit FPPC's Candidate Toolkit at www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/candidate-toolkit-getting-started.html.

Electronic Filing

The Registration & Elections Division provides a web-based data entry filing system for candidates to electronically file campaign finance disclosure forms.

Vendor offers a 30-minute one-on-one phone training session for all campaign committees. For more information, please visit netfile.com/Content/CampaignTraining.

Selected FPPC Campaign Disclosure Forms

CANDIDATES RECEIVING OR SPENDING <u>OVER</u> \$2,000 MUST FILE FORMS 501 + 410 + 460
CANDIDATES RECEIVING OR SPENDING <u>UNDER</u> \$2,000 MUST FILE FORMS 501 + 470

Form 501 — Candidate Intention Statement

Must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before making expenditures of personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. State Candidates (including judges) file with the Secretary of State. Local candidates file with the County Elections Official or the City Clerk.

Form 410 — Statement of Organization

Form 410 is used when organizing a campaign committee and must be filed within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. The form includes a space to indicate the campaign's bank account information. File the original and one copy with the Secretary of State. County and city committees also file a copy with the County Elections Official or the City Clerk.

Form 460 — Consolidated Campaign Statement Form

Form 460 is a Recipient Committee Campaign Statement, for use by a candidate or officeholder who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2,000 or more during a calendar year in connection with an election to office, or holding office.

State committees, including state candidates and judicial candidates, file with the Secretary of State. A copy of this form must also be filed with a state candidate's county of domicile's filing officer, if the state candidate does not file Form 460 electronically with the Secretary of State. Local committees file an original and one copy with the County Elections Official or the City Clerk.

Campaign Disclosure Information (continued)

Form 470 — Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement — Short Form

This form is used by candidates who do not have a controlled committee and do not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year. If a Form 470 is filed on or before the filing deadline for the first pre-election campaign statement, no additional campaign statement need be filed in connection with the election, so long as total receipts/expenditures remain less than \$2,000.

State and judicial candidates must file the original and one copy with the Secretary of State and one copy with the candidate's county of domicile's Elections Official. Local candidates must file an original and one copy with the County Elections Official or the City Clerk.

Form 470 Supplement

A candidate who has filed Form 470 in connection with an election and subsequently receives contributions or makes expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more during the same calendar year is required to file a written notification within 48 hours. Use the Form 470 Supplement or follow the instructions for preparing the notice. The notice must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service, personal delivery, fax or email to the Secretary of State, the local filing officer, and to each of his or her opponents seeking the same office. (Contact your filing officer for candidate addresses.) Regular mail may not be used.

Form 496 — 24-hour Independent Expenditure Report

Any committee that makes independent expenditures totaling in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate or single ballot measure during the 90 days immediately prior to the election in which the candidate or measure is being voted must file a report within 24 hours of the expenditure.

State committees file Form 496 electronically with the Secretary of State. No paper copies are required, and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers. Local candidates file Form 496 with the County Elections Officials or the City Clerk by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery or personal delivery. Regular mail may not be used. A local ordinance also may require this form to be filed electronically.

Form 497 — 24-hour Contribution Report

Any committee that makes or receives contribution(s) totaling in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more from a single source during the 90 days immediately prior to the election in which the candidate or measure is to be voted must file a report within 24 hours of the time the contribution was made or received.

State committees file this form electronically with the Secretary of State. Local committee file Form 497 with the County Elections Official or the City Clerk by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery service or personal delivery. Some jurisdictions require electronic submissions. Check with your local elections office.

Campaign Statements

All candidates with qualified committees are required to file semi-annual campaign statements no later than July 31 and January 31. In addition, all committees that have made or received contributions of \$2,000 or more or made expenditures of \$2,000 or more in connection with an election and during the periods specified in the chart to follow must file campaign statements on the required dates.

For all FPPC forms and complete instructions, please visit FPPC website www.fppc.ca.gov/forms.html.

Basic Campaign Filing Guidelines for Candidates

Please review the full instruction for each form and applicable state regulation on the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov).

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Form 501 – Candidate Intention
Who: All Candidates
When: Before raising or spending any money, including personal funds.
With: State and judicial candidates file with Secretary of State. Local candidates with Local Filing Officer.

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Form 470 – Campaign Statement Short Form
Who: Candidates who do not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 or more for their campaign, and do not have an open committee.
When: Any time, but no later than the date the first pre-election statement is due. Statement covers entire calendar year.
With: State and judicial candidates file original and one copy with Secretary of State and one copy with Local Filing Officer. Local candidates file an original and one copy with Local Filing Officer.

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Form 470 Supplement
Who: Candidates who filed form 470 but subsequently raised or spent \$2,000 or more for their campaign.
When: Within 48 hours of raising or spending \$2,000.
With: Secretary of State, Local Filing Officer, every other candidate seeking the same office.
MUST ALSO FILE FORM 410

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Form 410 – Statement of Organization
Who: State and local candidates who raise \$2,000 or more.
When: Anytime, but required to be filed within 10 days of reaching \$2,000 in contributions (or within 24 hours if \$2,000 level is reached in final 16 days before Election Day).
With: File the original and one copy with Secretary of State. County and city committees also file a copy with the Local Filing Officer.

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Form 460 – Campaign Statement
Who: All campaign committees formed via filing of a Form 410.
When: Two pre-election statements due before election, and semi-annual statements thereafter until committee is terminated.

- *Exception for officeholders earning under \$200/yr. from the office and having inactive committees. (GC §84200).*

With: State and judicial candidate committees file with Secretary of State. A copy must also be filed with Local Filing Officer, if the state candidate does not file electronically with Secretary of State. Local committees file original and one copy with Local Filing Officer

After the Election	
Successful Candidates	Defeated Candidates
<p>Form 470 Filers: No additional filing obligations during the current election year as long as less than \$2,000 was raised or spent. Must be filed by July 31 of each subsequent non-election year.</p> <p>Form 460 Filers: Must continue to file semi-annually until the committee terminates.</p>	<p>Form 470 Filers: No further reporting obligations as long as less than \$2,000 was raised or spent during the calendar year.</p> <p>Form 460 Filers: Must continue to file semi-annually as long as the committee remains open. A state candidate controlled committee that has no “net debt outstanding” must terminate no later than 24 months after the election.</p>
Terminate a Committee	
<p>A committee may terminate only if it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has ceased receiving contributions or making expenditures; • Has no remaining funds; • Has filed all required campaign statements disclosing all reportable transactions, including the disposition of leftover funds; and • Has eliminated all debts and loans, or has no intention or ability to discharge debts and loan 	<p>How to terminate: A committee must file a Form 410 and a final Form 460 or form 450.</p> <p>Where to File: Form 410: All committees file the original and a copy with Secretary of State. A local committee must also file a copy with Local Filing Officer. Form 460/450: State committees file with Secretary of State and local committees file with the Local Filing Officer.</p>

Campaign Statement Filing Calendar

Fair Political Practices Commission Filing Schedule for Candidates and Controlled Committees for *Local Office Being Voted on November 6, 2018*

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2018 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460.
Within 24 Hours Contribution Reports	8/8/18 – 11/6/18	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to <i>another</i> candidate or measure being voted upon November 6, 2018. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, fax or online, if available.
Sep 27, 2018 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/18 – 9/22/18	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 25, 2018 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/23/18 – 10/20/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460. File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service or online, if available.
Jan 31, 2019 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/21/18 – 12/31/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2018.

Additional Notes:

- ***Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check on whether additional local rules apply.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to the deadline for a Form 497 due the weekend before the election, or to any Form 496. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Statements filed after the deadline are subject to a \$10 per day late fine. Statements filed after the deadline are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a report may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- **Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions
- **Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file the Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2018 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before September 27, 2018. If, later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- **After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for additional information.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on Learn, then Campaign Rules.
- **Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - 462: This form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
 - 496: This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
- A video on basic information for candidates and committees can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/training-and-outreach/candidates-treasurers-committees.html.

Campaign Statement Filing Calendar (continued)

Fair Political Practices Commission Filing Schedule for *State Candidate Controlled Committees Listed on the November 6, 2018 Ballot*

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2018 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing – file any time other than 90-day election cycle	497	<p>Only e-filers file this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. No paper copy is required.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/8/18 – 11/6/18	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made in connection with a candidate or ballot measure being voted on the November 6 ballot, or made to a political party committee. The recipient of an in-kind contribution must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the in-kind or non-monetary contribution is received. E-file only – no paper copy is required.
Sep 27, 2018 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/18 – 9/22/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report.
Oct 25, 2018 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/23/18 – 10/20/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report. Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.
Jan 31, 2019 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/21/18 – 12/31/18	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report.

Additional Reports

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

- **Payments Related to a State Ballot Measure (E-Filers only):** File Form 496 (24-hour Independent Expenditure Report) or Form 497 (24-hour Contribution Report) within 10 business days of making payments totaling \$5,000 or more in connection with a single state ballot measure. No paper copy is required.
- **Form 511:** 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 (i.e., nurse, doctor, firefighter). E-Filers also file online.
- **Form E-530:** File within 48 hours of making a payment of \$50,000 or more during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. 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.
- **E-File:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper reports.
- **Paper Filings:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Forms 496 and 497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Only candidate controlled committees that are **not** e-filers file paper copies with the elections official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour Independent Expenditure Reports (Form 496) or to a 24-hour Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week.
- **Penalties:** Failure to file a statement on time subjects a committee to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.

Filing Calendar (continued)

- **State Contribution Limits:** Refer to the contribution limits chart on the FPPC website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/state-contribution-limits.html
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on Learn, then Campaign Rules.
- **Multiple Committees:** All committees controlled by a state candidate listed on the June ballot must file statements on the pre-election filing deadlines, in addition to the committee formed for this election. For example, a candidate for Senate listed on the November 6, 2018 ballot who maintains an Assembly officeholder committee must file pre-election reports for both committees even if the Assembly committee has not received or made payments.
- Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - **Form 462:** This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
 - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.



Fast Facts/Getting Started

For candidates spending \$2,000 or more

CAMPAIGN RULES PAGE:

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

TWO IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER:

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

FORMS TO START:

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

ID NUMBER:

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

FILING SCHEDULES & DEADLINES:

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

MOST COMMON CAMPAIGN REPORTS:

- Form 460
- Form 497

MANUALS:

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

CANDIDATE/TREASURER VIDEO:

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to the video above, you may learn more by registering for webinars and workshops. FPPC Home Page > Learn > Campaign Rules > Training & Outreach > Candidate, Treasurer, or Committee?

QUESTIONS?

- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 a.m.

This fact sheet is informational only, and contains only highlights of selected provisions of the law. It does not carry the weight of the law. EAED 05/17

County Contribution Limits

San Mateo County Ordinance Code

Chapter 2.03 – Campaign Contributions

2.03.010 – Definitions

- a. The definitions and other provisions of the applicable provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code sections 81000 et seq.) and any amendments thereto and the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission shall govern the interpretation and application of this section to the extent practicable.
- b. “County office” means the office of member of the Board of Supervisors, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, Controller, District Attorney, Sheriff, Coroner, Treasurer-Tax Collector.
Ord. 4324, 08/15/06

2.03.020 – Limitation of campaign contributions to candidates in County elections.

1. No person or entity shall make to any candidate for County office or the candidate’s controlled committee and no candidate or the candidate’s controlled committee shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each election in which the candidate is attempting to be on the ballot or is a write-in candidate.
2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a candidate’s contributions of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign.
Ord. 4324, 08/15/06.

Note: Other local campaign finance ordinances can be found online at:
www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/local-campaign-ordinances.html

California State Contribution Limits

Effective January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

Candidates seeking a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits from a single source. (GC §§85301-85303.) Contributions from affiliated entities are aggregated for purposes of the limits. (2 C.C.R. §18215.1.) The chart below shows the current limits per contributor for state offices. The primary, general, special, and special run-off elections are considered separate elections. Contribution limits to candidates apply to each election. Contribution limits to officeholder and other committees apply on a calendar year basis. For additional information, please visit www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/state-contribution-limits.html.

Contribution Limits to State Candidates Per Election

Candidate or Officeholder	Contributor Sources		
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	Small Contributor Committee (see definition on page 2)	Political Party
Senate and Assembly	\$4,400	\$8,800	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$7,300	\$14,600	No Limit
Governor	\$29,200	\$29,200	No Limit

Contributions to Other State Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)
Committee (Not Political Party) that Contributes to State Candidates (PAC)	\$7,300
Political Party Account for State Candidates	\$36,500
Small Contributor Committee	\$200
Committee Account NOT for State Candidates (Ballot Measure, PAC, Political Party)	No Limit*

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

Contributions to State Officeholder Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Any Source (Person, Small Contributor Committee or Political Party)	Aggregate from All Sources
Senate and Assembly	\$3,600	\$60,600
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$6,000	\$121,100
Governor	\$24,200	\$242,300

California State Contribution Limits (Continued)

Effective January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

The contribution limits are effective for elections held between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018. (2 C.C.R. § (“Regulation”) 18545.) These limits do not apply to contributions made to elections in previous years. Such contributions are subject to the limits in place for that year - see previous charts.

Legal Defense Funds

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

Recall Elections

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

Ballot Measure Committees

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

Contributions from State Candidates and Officeholders

A state candidate or state officeholder may not contribute more than \$4,400 to a committee controlled by another state candidate or state officeholder (including a state or local election committee, legal defense fund, officeholder account, or ballot measure committee).

This limit applies on a per election basis and includes, in the aggregate, contributions made from the candidate’s or officeholder’s personal funds and from campaign funds. (GC §85305; Regulation 18535.) This limit does not apply to a committee controlled by a state candidate to oppose his or her recall.

Communications Identifying State Candidates

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

1. Clearly identifies a state candidate; but
2. Does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate; and
3. Is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, may not receive a

contribution from any single source of more than \$36,500 in a calendar year if the communication is made at the behest of the candidate featured in the communication. (GC §85310.)

Officeholder Committees

Officeholder contributions must be cumulated (in full) with any other contributions from the same contributor(s) for any other future elective state office for which the officeholder maintains a controlled committee during the term of office in which the contribution is received.

Contributions to candidates for future elections and to their officeholder account are cumulated for purposes of contribution limits. (Regulation 18531.62.)

Contributions from State Lobbyists

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

Local Elections

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

Definitions

Person: An individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert. (GC §82047.)

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

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

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

Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates

Effective January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

Proposition 34 established voluntary spending limits for candidates running for statewide offices, the state Senate and the state Assembly. Candidates, who accept the spending limits, are allowed to purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in either the State Voter Information Guide (State Offices) or in the County Voter Information Guide (State Legislative Offices).

To accept the spending limits, candidates running for statewide office or state Senate or state Assembly, must file a Candidate Statement of Intention (Form 501) with the Secretary of State indicating whether they intend to abide by the spending limits prior to submitting a Candidate Statement.

Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates

Office	Primary/Special Election	General/Special Runoff Election
Member of the State Assembly	\$584,000	\$1,021,000
State Senator	\$875,000	\$1,313,000
Board of Equalization	\$1,459,000	\$2,188,000
Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Controller, Secretary of State, Supt. of Public Instruction, Treasurer	\$5,835,000	\$8,753,000
Governor	\$8,753,000	\$14,588,000

Selected State Laws Governing Campaign Practices

The following are selected laws from Divisions 18 and 20 of the California Elections Code, Title 9 of the Government Code (Political Reform Act) and accompanying regulations regarding campaign activities. For a complete listing of restrictions on campaign practices and accompanying regulations, please refer to the Divisions and Titles in their entirety.

Restrictions on Campaign Literature and Certain Other Campaign Activities

Candidate Statement and Qualifications

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

EC §18351

Use of a Simulated Ballot

The publication of a "simulated ballot" in relation to elections is regulated by Elections Code Section 20009 which states:

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

NOTICE TO VOTERS
(Required by Law)

This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the County Elections Official 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).

This section shall not be construed as requiring this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

- (b) A simulated ballot or simulated county voter information guide referred to in subdivision (a) shall not bear an official seal or the insignia of a public entity, and that seal or insignia shall not appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.
- (c) The superior court, in a case brought before it by a registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition of cases of this nature.

Campaign Advertising or Communication Defined

Elections Code Section 304 states: "Campaign advertising or communication' means a communication authorized by a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee, [...] or by a committee making independent expenditures, [...] or by a committee formed primarily to support or oppose a ballot measure, [...] for the purpose of advocating the election or defeat of a qualified candidate or ballot measure through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, or any other type of general, public, political advertising."

Selected State Laws Governing Campaign Practices

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Mass Mailing

A “mass mailing” is defined as over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.
GC §82041.5

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

Selected State Laws Governing Campaign Practices

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- (2) “Sender” means the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84217, inclusive.
- (3) To “pay for” a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment: (A) to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or (B) as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.

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

GC §84305

Political Advertising

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

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

EC §20008

Libel and Slander

“The provisions of Part 2 (commencing with Section 43) of Division 1 of the Civil Code, relating to libel and slander, are applicable to any campaign advertising or communication.”

EC §20500

Persons Liable

- (a) A candidate or state measure proponent is liable for any slander or libel committed by a committee that is controlled by that candidate or state measure proponent as defined by Section 82016 of the Government Code if the candidate or state measure proponent willfully and knowingly directs or permits the libel or slander.
- (b) A person who is a sponsor of a sponsored committee, as defined by Section 82048.7 of the Government Code, is liable for any slander or libel committed by the sponsored committee if the sponsor willfully and knowingly directs or permits the libel or slander.

EC §20501

Selected State Laws Governing Campaign Practices

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Electioneering on Election Day

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 Elections Code 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 voter's qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering, as defined by Section 319.5.

"100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an Elections Official's office" means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

EC §18370

Compelling Another in Voting

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

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 for refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

EC §18540

Selected State Laws Governing Campaign Practices

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Solicitation Dissuading Persons from Voting

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

EC §18541

NOTE: For purposes of *EC §18541(a)(3)*, the photographing, videotaping, or recording of a voter must be in order to dissuade the person from voting. This does **not** apply to situations where newspaper photographers are photographing a polling place for journalistic purposes.

Challenging a Vote Without Probable Cause

- (a) Every person who knowingly challenges a person's right to vote without probable cause or on fraudulent or spurious grounds, or who engages in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting, or who fraudulently advises any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote when in fact that person is eligible or is registered, or who violates Elections Code Section 14240, is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 12 months or in the state prison.
- (b) Every person who conspires to violate (a) above is guilty of a felony.

EC §18543

Fine for Solicitation Requesting Voter Disclosure of his or her Ballot

Any person other than an Elections Official or a member of the precinct board who receives a voted ballot from a voter or who examines or solicits the voter to show his or her voted ballot is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to persons returning a vote by mail ballot pursuant to Elections Code Sections 3017 and 3021 or persons assisting a voter pursuant to Elections Code Section 14282.

EC §18403



OFFICE OF
**ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-
RECORDER & ELECTIONS**
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

MARK CHURCH
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER &
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

Fall 2018

Dear Candidate:

Every campaign season our office receives a number of calls from property owners complaining of uninvited campaign signs being placed on private property. This letter serves as a reminder of California Penal Code Section 556.1, which requires the property owner's prior consent for such advertising activity:

“It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain or cause to be placed or maintained upon any property in which he has no estate or right of possession any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising, or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of such property before such sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device is placed upon the property.”

Also, I am enclosing copies of letters from the Department of Transportation describing current regulations for the placement of political signs. For your convenience, you will also find a listing of City Clerks within San Mateo County, whom you may contact about specific city ordinances.

I request that you review these materials, and that you inform anyone who is posting materials on your behalf of these requirements.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Church

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING BRANCH



Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either an 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 (California Business & Professions Code §§ 5200) 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 not sooner than 90 days prior to the schedule 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 the appropriate district office according to the county location of the temporary political sign(s).

Temporary political signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of 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 to you and your supporters. Please pass this information along to those assisting in your campaign.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the Outdoor Advertising Office.

Department of Transportation, District 4

Division of Traffic Operations
Bay Area Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
(916) 654-6230
(916) 654-4463 FAX

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (ODA) DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION
 ODA-0002 (REV 01/2017)

PERSONAL INFORMATION NOTICE		DO NOT WRITE IN SHADED AREAS				
Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579) and the Information Practices Act of 1977 (IPA) (Civil Code Sections 1798, et seq.), notice is hereby given for the request of personal information by this form. The requested personal information is voluntary. The principal purpose of the voluntary information is to facilitate the processing of this form. The failure to provide all or any part of the requested information may delay processing of this form. No disclosure of personal information will be made unless permissible under Article 6, Section 1798.24 of the IPA of 1977. Each individual has the right upon request and proper identification, to inspect all personal information in any record maintained on the individual by an identifying particular. Direct any inquiries on information maintenance to your IPA Officer.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	ROUTE	POST MILE	PERMIT NUMBER	
	ROAD / STREET / ADDRESS					
	CSR NUMBER	APPLICATION NUMBER				
	PERMIT ISSUE DATE	PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE				

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS. ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT WILL BE DELAYED UNLESS ALL ITEMS ARE FILLED IN AND THE PROPER FEES REMITTED. IF APPROVED, A COPY WILL BE RETURNED FOR YOUR RECORDS. www.dot.ca.gov/oda/

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Division of Traffic Operations, Office of ODA MS-36, P.O. Box 942874, Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

SECTION 1 - FEES (NO CASH ACCEPTED BY MAIL)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW TO APPLICABLE CREDIT CARD.

APPLICATION (non-refundable)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	PERMIT FEES:	
PENALTY (required if display was placed prior to obtaining permit)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	2017 - 2018.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 The Department operates on a 5-year billing cycle: 2014-2018.
PRELIMINARY REVIEW REQUEST (If approved, \$100 will be applied towards the application fee per CA Code of Regulations Section 5486)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	2017**.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 **Companies that have more than 10 permitted displays may pay on an annual basis.

TOTAL FEES PAID (Application + Permit Fees): \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHECK NUMBER _____ VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER Expiration Date: _____

CHARGE ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL FEES CHARGED	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
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SECTION 2 - DISPLAY TYPE (CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

STATIC DISPLAY TRI-VISION/MESSAGE CENTER DISPLAY PRIVATE DIRECTIONAL DISPLAY PUBLIC DIRECTIONAL DISPLAY

SECTION 3 - APPLICANT

PERMIT APPLICANT (Please print or type name of firm or individual desiring permit)	ODA LICENSED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	LICENSE NUMBER
STREET ADDRESS (CANNOT be a Post Office Box)	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE BUSINESS PHONE NO.
MAILING ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT (Street Address or P.O. Box)	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE

SECTION 4 - PROPERTY

PROPERTY OWNER (Person in control of property upon which display is situated)	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.	ZONING
STREET ADDRESS / P.O. BOX	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE BUSINESS PHONE NO.

SECTION 5 - DISPLAY LOCATION INFORMATION

COUNTY NAME	CITY NAME (If incorporated)	ON THE _____ (circle) SIDE OF	STATE ROUTE NUMBER OR ROAD/STREET NAME
FEET/MILES (circle)	NAME OF NEAREST CROSSROAD, OVER/UNDERPASS		

IDENTIFY A BUSINESS ACTIVITY BY THE NAME THAT IS WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE DISPLAY LOCATION STREET ADDRESS OF THE BUSINESS ACTIVITY

SECTION 6 - DISPLAY CONFIGURATION

NOTE: V-Shaped structures are separate displays and require separate applications.

COPY ONE SIDE BOTH SIDES 1/2 OF A V-SHAPED DISPLAY

PANEL: HEIGHT	LENGTH	DISPLAY NUMBER (optional)
UPRIGHTS: NUMBER	SIZE	MATERIAL <input type="checkbox"/> METAL <input type="checkbox"/> WOOD <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
ILLUMINATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	INDICATE FACING	DISTANCE FROM BOTTOM PANEL TO GROUND

MESSAGE CENTER: ELECTRONIC BOARD L.E.D. TRI-VISION

SECTION 7 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applications submitted without ALL of the following documents will be returned:

- Building Permit (City or County written permission)
- Detailed plot map of the proposed display location
- Evidence of Property Owner's Consent
- Assessor's Parcel Map
- Assessor's Property Ownership Information

CHECK ONE An imprint is placed at the location.
 An imprint will be placed by: _____ (Date)
 Display is in place (upgrade)

An imprint is a flag, or some type of marker, at the exact location of the desired display.

SECTION 8 - SIGNATURE

NAME (Please print)	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT	BUSINESS PHONE NO.	DATE
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

The applicant hereby agrees to place and maintain the advertising display described above in accordance with the provisions of the Outdoor Advertising Act, State Regulations, and local zoning ordinances. The applicant certifies that the statements made in this application are true, and understands that an incorrect statement of fact may be grounds for permit denial or for permit revocation.

For outdoor advertising information, contact the Office of Outdoor Advertising at (916) 654-6473.



Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Branch MS-36
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Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

JANUARY 2017

ADA Notice For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in alternate formats. For alternate format information, contact the Forms Management Unit at (916) 445-1233, TTY 711, or write to Records and Forms Management, 1120 N Street, MS-89, Sacramento, CA 95814.

City Clerks within San Mateo County

Each city may have its own ordinances regarding posting political signs and conducting campaign activities. The Registration & Elections Division strongly recommends that you consult with the City Clerk to determine rules and regulations that you must follow.

<p>Atherton Ms. Theresa DellaSanta 91 Ashfield Road Atherton, CA 94027 650.752.0529 tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us</p>	<p>Belmont Honorable Terri Cook One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375 Belmont, CA 94002 650.595.7413 tcook@belmont.gov</p>	<p>Brisbane Ms. Ingrid Padilla 50 Park Place Brisbane, CA 94005 415.508.2113 cityclerk@ci.brisbane.ca.us</p>
<p>Burlingame Ms. Meaghan Hassel-Shearer 501 Primrose Road Burlingame, CA 94010 650.558.7203 mhasselshearer@burlingame.org</p>	<p>Colma Ms. Caitlin Corley 1198 El Camino Real Colma, CA 94014 650.997.8311 caitlin.corley@colma.ca.gov</p>	<p>Daly City Honorable Annette Hipona 333 90th Street Daly City, CA 94015 650.991.8078 ahipona@dalycity.org</p>
<p>East Palo Alto Ms. Maria Buell, Deputy 2415 University Avenue East Palo Alto, CA 94303 650.853.3127 mbuell@cityofepa.org</p>	<p>Foster City Ms. Priscilla Tam 610 Foster City Boulevard Foster City, CA 94404 650.286.3250 clerk@fostercity.org</p>	<p>Half Moon Bay Ms. Jessica Blair 501 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 650.726.8271 jblair@hmbcity.com</p>
<p>Hillsborough Ms. Miyuki Yokoyama 1600 Floribunda Avenue Hillsborough, CA 94010 650.375.7412 myokoyama@hillsborough.net</p>	<p>Menlo Park Ms. Judi Herren 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, CA 94025 650.330.6621 jaherren@menlopark.org</p>	<p>Millbrae Ms. Elena Suazo 621 Magnolia Avenue Millbrae, CA 94030 650.259.2414 esuazo@ci.millbrae.ca.us</p>
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<p>San Bruno Ms. Vicky Hasha, Acting 567 El Camino Real San Bruno, CA 94066 650.616.7058 vhasha@sanbruno.ca.gov</p>	<p>San Carlos Ms. Crystal Mui 600 Elm Street San Carlos, CA 94070 650.802.4219 cmui@cityofsancarlos.org</p>	<p>San Mateo Ms. Patrice Olds 330 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403 650.522.7042 polds@cityofsanmateo.org</p>
<p>South San Francisco Honorable Krista Martinelli 400 Grand Avenue P.O. Box 711 South San Francisco, CA 94083 650.877.8518 krista.martinelli@ssf.net</p>	<p>Woodside Ms. Dora Wong 2955 Woodside Road P.O. Box 620005 Woodside, CA 94062 650.851.6790 dwong@woodsidesidetown.org</p>	

Voter File Data

Our database of voter registration information is available to qualified purchasers, subject to submission and approval of the required application form and payment of the required fee. Inquiries and applications should be directed to Hillary O'Connor at 650.312.5294 or hoconnor@smcacre.org.

What is Available

You may obtain our current database file of active status voters, encompassing the entire county or limited to the cities, districts or precincts that you specify. This file will contain:

- Voter name
- Residence and mailing address
- Precinct number and portion
- Birth date and birth place
- Telephone number
- Date of registration
- Vote by Mail voter status
- Political party
- Email address
- Date last voted
- Voting history for last five countywide elections unless otherwise specified

Products and Prices

- Electronic file: \$125
- On CD-ROM: Add \$1 for copying; add \$2 for mailing
- Printed list: \$0.50 per 1,000 voter names; add \$0.10 per page for photocopy or print

Maps

Digital maps are available in PDF format on www.smcacre.org, CD-ROM or via FTP download. File size prohibits email transmission.

Permissible Uses and Limitations

The data files we provide shall be used solely for election, political, scholarly, journalistic or governmental purposes. Permissible uses of information obtained from San Mateo County shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- Using registration information for purposes of communicating with voters in connection with any election.
- Sending communications, including, but not limited to, mailings which campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election.
- Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or on behalf of any political party; provided however, that the content of such communications shall be devoted to news and opinions of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters.

Voter File Data (continued)

- Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative or referendum petition.
- Sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office.
- Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign.
- Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any governmental agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes.
- Conducting an audit of voter registration list for the purpose of detecting voter registration fraud.
- Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure.
- Any official use by any local, state or federal governmental agency.

Voter Registration Information

Registration Deadline for This Election

To vote in any election, a citizen must be properly registered **15 days** prior to the election date. San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division encourages all voters to be properly registered well before that 15-day deadline to ensure enough time for our office to complete postal delivery of correct and complete election materials prior to an election.

For the November 6, 2018 election, voters must be registered at their current residential address on or before **Monday, October 22, 2018**.

EC §2102

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)

Voters who miss the October 22, 2018 deadline may come to the Registrations & Elections Division at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo or any operating Vote Centers in the county to complete a Voter Registration and be issued a Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) provisional ballot on or before Election Day.

EC §2170

Important Information Regarding Voter Registration

To be eligible to register to vote in California, a person must be:

- A United States citizen and a California resident
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day. (Pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds.)
- Not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

EC §2101

In order to remain eligible to vote, voters must re-register following these events:

- Change of residential address
- Change of name (first, middle or last name) and/or signature
- Change of political party affiliation

Postage-paid voter registration forms are available at these locations:

- U.S. Post Offices
- Public libraries and colleges
- City Halls
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices
- San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division
- 555 County Center, Redwood City

Register online: registertovote.ca.gov

Voter Registration Information (continued)

If you have any questions about voter registration or wish to launch a voter registration drive during the upcoming election season, please call 650.312.5222. Forms for distribution (at no cost) are available at the Registration & Elections Division.

For voters who may need assistance and information in Spanish and Chinese, you may provide the translated information below:

Nuestra oficina esta equipada para proveer ayuda en español. Para más información favor llamar al 650.312.5222, y oprima 2.

如果你需要聖馬刁縣公室的協助，請致電選務處辦公室 650.312.5222, 選擇 3。

California Voter's Choice Act

The State Legislature has selected San Mateo County as one of 14 counties statewide that can conduct All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center elections under Senate Bill 450, the California Voter's Choice Act.

On September 12, 2017, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chief Elections Officer to implement the California Voter's Choice Act in future elections. The June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election is the County's first election conducted under the Act.

How does this affect me?

All registered voters in San Mateo County will be mailed their ballot 29 days before the election. You can choose one of three methods to cast your ballot:

Mail

You can vote and mail your ballot in the postage-paid return envelope on or before Election Day.

Drop-off Box

You can return your voted ballot to a secure Ballot Drop-off Box. Ballot Drop-off Boxes will be available throughout San Mateo County starting 28 days before the election.

Vote Center

Vote Centers look and feel like polling places, but provide additional services and options for voters. You can go to any Vote Center in San Mateo County to:

- Vote on an accessible voting machine
- Vote on a paper ballot
- Access election materials in a range of languages
- Receive assistance from staff fluent in English, Spanish, Chinese, Filipino or Korean
- Drop off your ballot
- Receive a replacement ballot
- Register to vote or update registration information through Election Day

Number of Vote Centers	Dates Open	Days Open	Business Hours Before Election Day	Business Hours on Election Day
Four Vote Centers	Weekdays October 8 to November 6 Weekends October 27-28 & November 3-4	30	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Five Vote Centers	October 27 to November 6	11		
30 Vote Centers	November 3-6	4		

Check our website, www.smcacre.org/current-election, for a complete list of names and locations of Vote Centers and Drop-off Boxes in San Mateo County.

Important Vote by Mail Information

Vote by Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Registration & Elections Division no later than three days after Election Day in order to be counted.

EC §3020

A Vote by Mail voter who is unable to return the ballot may designate any person to return the ballot to the Elections Official who issued the ballot, to the precinct board at a polling place or Vote Center within the state, or to a Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-off Location within the state that is provided pursuant to Election Code Section 3025 or 4005. The ballot must, however, be received by the Elections Official who issued the ballot, the precinct board, or the Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-off Location before the close of the polls on Election Day. The designated person needs to sign on the voter's Vote by Mail return envelope and write their relationship to the voter.

If a Vote by Mail ballot is returned to a precinct board at a polling place or Vote Center, or to a Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-off Location, that is located in a county that is not the county of the Elections Official who issued the ballot, the Elections Official for the county in which the Vote by Mail ballot is returned shall forward the ballot to the Elections Official who issued the ballot no later than eight days after receipt.

EC §3017

A Vote by Mail ballot may be delivered to the voter, his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, or a person residing in the same household as the Vote by Mail voter, except that in no case shall the ballot be delivered to an individual under 16 years of age. The County Elections Official shall deliver the Vote by Mail ballot to the Vote by Mail voter's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, or a person residing in the same household as the voter only if that person signs a statement attested to under penalty of perjury that provides the name of the voter and his or her relationship to the applicant, and affirms that he or she is 16 years of age or older, and is authorized by the voter to deliver the Vote by Mail ballot.

EC §3009

A voter's signature on the Vote by Mail return envelope must match the voter's signature appearing on the affidavit of registration records in order for the ballot to be counted.

EC §3019

No person shall solicit the vote of a Vote by Mail voter, or do any electioneering while in the residence of or immediate presence of the voter during the time the Vote by Mail voter is voting. Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

EC §18371

Election Day

All Vote Centers are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election Day Observing

The Registration & Elections Division has procedures in place for election observers at the Voter Centers. It is important that activities at the Voter Centers are organized, operationally smooth and hassle-free for both the voters and the Election Officers.

- Observers are welcome to watch all proceedings at the polls, including Election Officers while opening up the polls, citizens preparing to vote, and, more commonly, to observe the closing activities.
- Observers have the right to raise questions to the Election Officer, and may direct their questions about procedures to the Lead Election Officer, or in the absence of the Lead Election Officer, to other Election Officers who are in charge.
- Observers may not go near a voting booth while occupied and may not approach voters during the voting process. Observers may talk to voters outside the Vote Center, beyond the “no-electioneering zone.”
- Observers may not directly challenge a voter. Election law provides that only the Election Officer holds the right to challenge a particular vote.
- Observers may not interfere in any way with the voting process.

Election Night Results: Semi-Official and Official Canvass

The semi-official canvass will commence immediately upon the close of the polls at 8 p.m., November 6, 2018. Votes are extracted and cumulated at the secure, central counting location within the Registration & Elections Division at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402.
(EC §15150)

Generally, the election night results will be released as follows:

- **8:05 p.m.:** Vote by Mail Ballots Only
- **9 p.m.:** All Vote Center Electronic Voting Results (Updated every 30 minutes until completion)

There are two different ways you may obtain Election Night Semi-Official results:

- View the results as they are posted on our website at www.smcacre.org
- Subscribe to emailed reports, via subscription form posted on www.smcacre.org one week prior to the election.

Upon completion of the regular vote count, we publish a Precinct Turnout Report.

Election Day (continued)

Final Official Canvass

The purpose of the Official Canvass is to thoroughly audit, account for and validate every ballot and vote cast in the election, so that the Elections Official may derive and certify the final vote counts. This process tests the accuracy and validity of partial vote counts derived in the Semi-Official Canvass, and goes beyond those preliminary processes to validate and count additional Vote by Mail ballots, provisional ballots and write-in votes, and to account for unused and damaged paper ballots.
EC §15300-15360

During the Official Canvass, any interested person may choose to observe the Registration & Elections Division procedures. To observe this process, please feel free to contact 650.312.5222 or visit the office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A press release detailing the Official Canvass will be available on the Registration & Election Division's website: www.smcacre.org.

Election Certification

Official results must be certified no later than 30 calendar days following an election. A certified "Statement of the Vote" will be available on the Elections website at www.smcacre.org and for purchase or viewing at the Registration & Elections Division, located at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo.
EC §15372