



OFFICE OF
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER & ELECTIONS
REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS DIVISION
 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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 takes precedence 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 March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election Action Taken
173 118	Thursday, September 12, 2019 Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Between these dates, Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions are available for all voter-nominated state and nonpartisan countywide offices. EC §§8061, 8105, 8106
158	Friday, September 27, 2019	By this date, the Secretary of State shall issue a notice designating the offices, except those of county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated in the Direct Primary Election. EC §12103
158 88	Friday, September 27, 2019 Friday, December 6, 2019	Between these dates is the candidate filing period for County Central Committee candidates. Nomination Papers and Declarations of Candidacy are available during this time. Paperwork must be received by the Registration & Elections Division by the close of business at 5 p.m. on December 6, 2019. No candidate may withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after the close of business at 5 p.m. on December 6, 2019. EC §§8020, 10510, 13107
148	Monday, October 7, 2019	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
146	Wednesday, October 9, 2019	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 Candidate Seminar at the same location.
134	Monday, October 21, 2019	Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that allows a person who has no party preference to vote on the ballot of that political party for party-nominated offices in the Primary Election. (Note: Deadline falls on a Sunday. Date is moved to the next day, October 21, 2019, per EC §15) EC §13102(c)
131	Thursday, October 24, 2019	Last day for an initiative measure, statewide constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure to qualify for the Presidential Primary Election ballot on March 3, 2020. EC §9040; Cal. Const. Art. II §8(c)
130	Friday, October 25, 2019	(School or Special District Vacancy) Last day for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to call for an election on March 3, 2020 to fill a vacancy. GC §1780; ED §5091(b)
127 118	Monday, October 28, 2019 Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Between these dates, Declaration of Intentions shall be filed by judicial candidates. If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a Declaration of Intention by the end of this period, persons other than the incumbent may file Declarations of Intention no later than November 12, 2019 . (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to the next day, November 12, 2019, per EC §15) EC §§8020, 8023

127	Monday, October 28, 2019	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 placed on the ballot prior to the Notice of Election's publication. (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next day, November 12, 2019, per EC §15) EC §§12101, 12111
112	Tuesday, November 12, 2019	
125	Wednesday, October 30, 2019	By this date, Secretary of State shall issue a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the Presidential Primary Election. EC §12103
125	Wednesday, October 30, 2019	(Special District Vacancy) Last day for Special Districts to deliver notice of offices to be filled, decisions regarding payment of candidate statements, and a map of the District boundaries. EC §§10509, 10522
125	Wednesday, October 30, 2019	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 Candidate Seminar at the same location.
123	Friday, November 1, 2019	(School District Vacancy) Last day for a school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Elections Official calling for an election of governing board members. ED §5322
120	Monday, November 4, 2019	(School District Vacancy) Last day for the County Superintendent of Schools to deliver a copy of the official order and formal notice of election of governing board members to the County Elections Official. ED §5325(b)
120	Monday, November 4, 2019	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
90	Wednesday, December 4, 2019	
118	Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Last day to file Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for all voter-nominated state and nonpartisan countywide offices. EC §§8061, 8105, 8106
118	Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Last day for judicial candidates to file a Declaration of Intention. If the incumbent judicial candidate fails to file a Declaration of Intention by this date, persons other than the incumbent may file Declarations of Intention no later than November 12, 2019 . (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to the next day, November 12, 2019, per EC §15) EC §§8020, 8023
114	Sunday, November 10, 2019	(City Vacancy) For a vacancy in a city elective office, this is the last day for the city council to call for a special election for March 3, 2020 to fill the vacancy. The City shall immediately publish the Notice of Election. (NOTE: Because the deadline E-114 falls on a Sunday, the safest option is for the City to take this action by E-116, Friday, November 8, 2019) EC §§12101(b); GC §36512
113	Monday, November 11, 2019	Between these dates is the candidate filing period. Nomination Papers and Declarations of Candidacy are available during this time. A non-refundable filing fee (if applicable) and optional candidate statement are due at the time of filing. Paperwork must be received by the close of business on December 6, 2019. Candidates filing at the Registration & Elections Division have until 5 p.m.; city candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office. No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. The candidate statement may be withdrawn but not changed during this period and until 5 p.m. of the next working day (December 9, 2019) after the close of the nomination period. EC §§8020, 8061, 8105, 8800, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	Friday, December 6, 2019	

112	Tuesday, November 12, 2019	If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a Declaration of Intention by 5 p.m. on November 6, 2019, persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention by 5 p.m. on this date. Filing fee must be paid at the time of filing. EC §§8023(b)
90 0	Wednesday, December 4, 2019 Tuesday, March 3, 2020	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
88	Friday, December 6, 2019	Last day for the Secretary of State to publicly announce and distribute lists of Democratic Party, Republican Party, American Independent Party, and Peace and Freedom Party candidates for the President of the United States that the Secretary of State intends to place on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. EC §§6041, 6340, 6520, 6720-22
88 83	Friday, December 6, 2019 Wednesday, December 11, 2019	Between these dates is the <i>extended</i> candidate filing period. If an eligible incumbent does not file Nomination Documents by December 6, 2019 at 5 p.m., the filing period is extended for that office until December 11, 2019 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 §§8022, 8024, 10407
88	Friday, December 6, 2019	(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	Friday, December 6, 2019	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 March 3, 2020 Election. A copy of the resolution of the governing board requesting the consolidation shall be submitted to the County Elections Official. A copy of the exact form of the question, proposition, or office to appear on the ballot must also be submitted. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403(a)(b), 12001
88	Friday, December 6, 2019	Last day for candidates to submit Nomination Documents (Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers) and candidate statement (optional), due by 5 p.m. to the Registration & Elections Division. City candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office. EC §§8020, 10220, 10224, 10407(a), 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	Friday, December 6, 2019	Last day for city, school or special district candidates who have qualified for the ballot to withdraw their candidacy. School and special district candidates have until 5 p.m.; city candidates should check the hours of their City Clerk's office. EC §§10510(a), 10603(b).
88 78	Friday, December 6, 2019 Monday, December 16, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins December 6, 2019 at 5 p.m. and ends December 16, 2019 at 5 p.m. for all documents filed as of the filing deadline of December 6, 2019. 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 ordinances, measures, candidate filing documents and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
88 78	Friday, December 6, 2019 Monday, December 16, 2019	Between these dates, anyone seeking to run as a write-in candidate for a Superior Court judge office where only the incumbent has filed Nomination Documents must file a petition indicating a write-in campaign will be conducted. The petition must be 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. EC §§8203
85	Monday, December 9, 2019	Except as provided in EC §13309, this date is the last day (until 5 p.m.) for a candidate to withdraw the candidate's statement. Candidates may withdraw, but not change their statements. EC §13307(a)(3)

85	Monday, December 9, 2019	The County Elections Official shall publish a notice regarding county, school district and special district measures, the dates for submitting Primary Arguments and Rebuttals, 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
83	Wednesday, December 11, 2019	Extended candidate filing period closes at 5 p.m. on this date. 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 §§8022, 8024, 10407(b), 10225, 10516, 10604
83	Wednesday, December 11, 2019	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 this date in order to amend or withdraw a ballot measure. EC §9605
83	Wednesday, December 11, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins December 11, 2019 at 5 p.m. and ends December 21, 2019 at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by the extended filing deadline of December 11, 2019. 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 ordinances, measures, Nomination Documents and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
73	Saturday, December 21, 2019	
82	Thursday, December 12, 2019	Randomized Alphabet Drawings are conducted by both the Secretary of State and County Elections Official on this date 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 §§13111-113, 13116
82	Thursday, December 12, 2019	Last day for candidates for offices with extended filing deadline of December 11, 2019 to withdraw their candidate statement. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5 p.m. EC §§13307(a)(3)
81	Friday, December 13, 2019	For consolidated elections, the names of the candidates to appear on 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(c)
81	Friday, December 13, 2019	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5 p.m. on this date. Such arguments, if already submitted, may be changed until and including this day. Arguments for city measures must be filed with the City Clerk's office. Contact the City Clerk's office for deadline. EC §§9162-63, 9282-83, 9286, 9315-16, 9501-03
81	Friday, December 13, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins December 13, 2019 at 5 p.m. and ends December 23, 2019 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 the Elections Code. Arguments for city measures are reviewed at the City Clerk's office. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	Monday, December 23, 2019	
78	Monday, December 16, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by December 6, 2019. 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 December 6, 2019. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
78	Monday, December 16, 2019	Last day for anyone seeking to run as a write-in candidate for a Superior Court judge office where only the incumbent has filed Nomination Documents to file a petition indicating a write-in campaign will be conducted. The petition must be 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. EC §§8203

73	Saturday, December 21, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. for all documents filed by the extended filing deadline of December 11, 2019. 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 on December 11, 2019. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
71	Monday, December 23, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends at 5 p.m. on this date 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 December 13, 2019. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	Monday, December 23, 2019	Rebuttal Arguments for measures where a Primary Argument was filed both in favor of and against are on the date due by 5 p.m. Such arguments may be changed until and including this date. Rebuttal Arguments for city measures must be filed with the City Clerk's office. Check with the City Clerk's office for deadline. EC §§9163, 9167, 9285-86, 9316-17, 9504
71	Monday, December 23, 2019	Impartial Analyses for measures are due on this date by 5 p.m. EC §§9160, 9280, 9313-14, 9500
71	Monday, December 23, 2019	The 10-calendar-day public review period begins December 23, 2019 at 5 p.m. and ends January 02, 2020 at 5 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor of 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. Contact the City Clerk's office for deadline. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	Thursday, January 2, 2020	
68	Thursday, December 26, 2019	Last day for a candidate to withdraw his or her name from the Secretary of State list of recognized Democratic Party, Republican Party, American Independent Party, and Peace and Freedom Party candidates for the President of the United States by filing with the Secretary of State an affidavit. EC §§6042 6341, 6521, 6723
68	Thursday, December 26, 2019	Certified List of Candidates. By this date, the Secretary of State shall provide a certified list of qualified Federal and State Legislative candidates, including ballot rotation lists, to the County Election Offices. EC §§8120-8125
61	Thursday, January 2, 2020	The 10-calendar-day public review period ends on this date at 5 p.m. 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 than this date on documents filed by December 23, 2019. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	Thursday, January 2, 2020	Any city that requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the 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	Friday, January 3, 2020	Between these dates, the County Elections Official must send ballots and balloting materials to all Military and Overseas Voters who filed ballot applications by January 18, 2020.
45	Saturday, January 18, 2020	EC §§300(b), 3105, 3114
57	Monday, January 6, 2020	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.
14	Tuesday, February 18, 2020	EC §§8600-05
45	Saturday, January 18, 2020	County Elections Official must send ballots and balloting material to all Military and Overseas Voters who filed ballot applications by January 18, 2020. EC §§300(b), 3105, 3114
40	Thursday, January 23, 2020	Between these dates, the County Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet and the State Voter Information Guide will begin mailing to each voter who is registered at least 29 days prior to the election.
21	Tuesday, February 11, 2020	EC §§9094, 13303-04

40	Thursday, January 23, 2020	First pre-election campaign committee statement for candidates and committees is due for the period ending January 18, 2020 (which is 45 days before the election). GC §§84200.5, 84200.8
Fixed Date	Friday, January 31, 2020	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 this date for the period ending December 31, 2019. GC §§82013, 84200, 84218
29 7	Monday, February 3, 2020 Tuesday, February 25, 2020	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 February 25, 2020 to ensure the ballots arrive on or before Election Day. EC §§3001, 4005(a)(8)(A)
29	Monday, February 3, 2020	Early voting period starts on this day, with four Vote Centers opening in San Mateo, Redwood City, South San Francisco and East Palo Alto.
28 0	Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Tuesday, March 3, 2020	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 December 6 (i.e., 88 days before Election Day). 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)
14	Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Voter registration closes on this date for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary 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. (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next day, February 18, 2019, per EC §15) EC §2102
14	Tuesday, February 18, 2020	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, including processing write-in votes so that they can be tallied by the machine, but under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8 p.m. on Election Day. EC §15101(b)
14	Tuesday, February 18, 2020	The Candidate Filing Period for write-in candidates ends on this date 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 must file their paperwork with their City Clerk's office. City candidates should contact their City Clerk's office for deadline. EC §§8601-05
13 0	Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Between these dates, individuals who become new United States citizens on or after February 19, 2020, are eligible to register and vote at the 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. (Note: Voter Registration deadline falls on a holiday and is moved to next day per EC §15. As a result, the starting date for this period is also moved from February 18 to February 19, 2019.) EC §§331, 3500, 3501
13 0	Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Between these dates, the County Elections Official shall provide Conditional Voter Registration and provisional voting at all Vote Centers for voters who missed the February 18, 2020 deadline. (Note: Voter Registration deadline falls on a holiday and is moved to next day per EC §15. As a result, the starting date for this period is also moved from February 18 to February 19, 2019.) EC §§2170-71
12	Thursday, February 20, 2020	Second pre-election campaign committee statement for candidates and committees is due for the period ending February 15, 2020 (which is 17 days before the election). GC §§84200.5, 84200.8
10 4	Saturday, February 22, 2020 Friday, February 28, 2020	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 December 6, 2019 (i.e., 88 days before Election Day). Any voter registered in the county may visit any Vote Center in order to receive voter services or vote. EC §4005(a)(2), (a)(4)(A)

7	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	By this date (one week before Election Day), the County shall publish a list of the polling places (Vote Centers) designated for each election precinct for the election. EC §12105
7	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Last day for voters to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to them. EC §3001
7	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Last day for voters to request the County Elections Official to send a Vote by Mail ballot in Spanish or Chinese, or a facsimile copy of the ballot printed in Filipino or Korean. EC §4005(a)(8)(B)(III)
7	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	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	Saturday, February 29, 2020	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 December 6, 2019 (i.e., 88 days before Election Day). 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	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	
0	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	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(a), 14212, 15150, 15151
Days Following Election	Date	Action Taken
3	Friday, March 6, 2020	Vote by Mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day must be received by the County Elections Officials by this date in order to be counted. EC §3020
30	Thursday, April 2, 2020	Last day for the County Elections Official to certify the election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372
Reference § or §§ Section or Sections EC California Elections Code ED California Education Code GC California Government Code All above California Codes may be referenced online at: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml		