

# Office of Mark Church

Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
40 Tower Road, San Mateo, California 94402

Days Prior to Election	Date	Election Calendar for November 6, 2012 Presidential Election
148	June 11, 2012	By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the General Election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. EC §12000
131	June 28, 2012	Last day for an initiative measure, statewide constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure to qualify for the Ballot. EC §9040; Cal. Const. Art. II §8(c)
130	June 29, 2012	(School or Special District Vacancy) Last day for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to call for an election to fill a vacancy to be on the Ballot. GC §1780; ED §5091(b)
127	July 2, 2012	Between these dates, the City Elections Official shall publish a Notice of Election including time of election and City office(s) to be filled. If a City measure is placed on the ballot before July 16, 2012, the notice of election shall be consolidated to include candidate(s) and measure(s). EC §§12101, 12111
113	July 16, 2012	
125	July 5, 2012	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.(NOTE: The deadline is extended one day pursuant to EC §15 as it would otherwise fall on a holiday.) EC §§10509, 10522
123	July 6, 2012	(School District Vacancy) Last day for the school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the County Superintendent and Elections Officer calling for an election of governing board members. ED §5322
120	July 9, 2012	(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 Elections Official. ED §5325(b)
120	July 9, 2012	Between these dates, the County shall publish the Notice of Election (date of election, identification of offices to be filled, statement of required qualifications, where nomination papers are available, deadline for filing required forms, statement regarding appointment, and related information). The notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice. EC §12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
90	August 8, 2012	
118	July 11, 2012	First Candidate Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
114	July 16, 2012	(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 to fill the vacancy. The City shall immediately publish the Notice of Election. (NOTE: The deadline is extended one day pursuant to EC §15 as it would otherwise fall on a Sunday) EC § 12101-02; GC §36512
113	July 16, 2012	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. The candidate statement may be withdrawn but not change during this period (until 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2012). Paperwork must be in by the close of business on August 10, 2012 (for candidates filing at the County Elections Office they have until 5:00 p.m., city candidates should check the hours of their city clerk's office). No candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy after the close of business on August 10, 2012. Write-in Candidates and Independent Nominations will not be allowed for Voter Nominated Offices. EC §§8020, 8028, 8040-8041, 8061, 8100, 8105-8106, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	August 10, 2012	
113	July 16, 2012	Period in which United States House of Representatives and State Senate and Assembly candidates who will appear on the November ballot may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the official sample ballot. GC §85601(c);EC §13307.5
88	August 10, 2012	
110	July 19, 2012	Second Candidate Seminar to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
102	July 27, 2012	Data Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.

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98	July 31, 2012	Last day that candidates may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the primary election. The written request shall be accompanied by a ballot designation worksheet. For United States House of Representatives and State Senate and Assembly candidates, this request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the county elections official. EC §13107(e)
98	July 31, 2012	Last day to file semiannual campaign statements; if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailer organizations. GC §§84200, 84218
88	August 10, 2012	Last day for a local entity to request election services and consolidation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for the November 6th election by filing with the Board of Supervisors and submitting a copy to the Elections Officer a resolution of its governing board requesting the consolidation. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403, 12001
88	August 10, 2012	(School District Measure) Last day for a school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the Elections Officer calling for an election on a measure. ED §5322
88	August 10, 2012	Last day to submit nomination documents (declaration of candidacy and nomination papers to Elections Official - due by 5:00 p.m.). EC §§8020(b), 10510(a)
88	August 10, 2012	Last day for a candidate who has qualified for the ballot to withdraw their candidacy (until 5:00 p.m.). EC §§10510(a), 10603
88	August 10, 2012	10-Calendar day public review period begins August 10 and ends August 20 at 5:00 p.m. for all documents filed as of the filing deadline of August 10. Between these dates any registered voter or the Elections Officer may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate. Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
78	August 20, 2012	
85	August 13, 2012	Except as provided in EC §13309, 5:00 p.m. today is the last day for a candidate to withdraw the candidate's statement. Candidates may withdraw, but not change their statements. EC §13307(a)(3)
85	August 13, 2012	County to publish a notice regarding County, School District & Special District measures, the dates for submitting primary arguments and rebuttals, the 10 day public examination period, and the central ballot counting location. EC §§9502, 10242; GC §6061; ED §5363
83	August 15, 2012	Last day for any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office 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 sample ballot. EC § 13302(b)
83	August 15, 2012	Candidate Filing Period closes at the close of business for extended offices. Extended filing periods occur when a non-term limited incumbent does not file for re-election, and the extension only applies to non-incumbent candidates for such an office. EC §§8022(b), 8024, 10407
83	August 15, 2012	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 withdrawal a ballot measure. EC §9605
82	August 16, 2012	Random Alpha Drawing is conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the ballot and letters that will be assigned to each ballot measure. EC §§13112, 13116
82	August 16, 2012	Last day for a candidate whose filing period ended on the 83rd day to withdraw candidate statement. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5:00 p.m. EC §13307 (a)(3)

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81	August 17, 2012	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 Elections Official by this date. EC §10403
81	August 17, 2012	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5:00 p.m. EC §§9162-9163, 9282-9283, 9286, 9315-9316, 9501-03
81	August 17, 2012	10-Calendar day review period begins August 17 at 5:00 p.m. and ends August 27 at 5:00 p.m. for Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against measures. Between these dates any registered voter or the Elections Officer may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	August 27, 2012	
71	August 27, 2012	Rebuttal Arguments for measures where a primary argument was filed both in favor and against are due. Impartial Analysis for city measures are also due. EC §§9163, 9167, 9285-86, 9316-17, 9501-9504
71	August 27, 2012	10-Calendar day review period begins August 27 at 5:00 p.m. and ends September 6 at 5:00 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against measures. Between these dates any registered voter or the elections official may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate. EC§ 9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	September 6, 2012	
68	August 30, 2012	By this date the Secretary of State will provide a certified list of Federal and State candidates, including a ballot rotation list to each County. EC §8120-8125
61	September 6, 2012	Any city that requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the Elections Official to prepare the city's election materials shall supply the Elections Official with a list of its precincts, or consolidated precincts, as applicable, no later than this date. EC §10002
57	September 10, 2012	During this time write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Elections Office. EC §§8600, 8601
14	October 23, 2012	
50	September 17, 2012	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of September 7, 2012, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
40	September 27, 2012	Between these dates, the County Sample Ballot and 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. EC §§9094, 13303-13304, 13306
21	October 16, 2012	
32	October 5, 2012	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending September 30, 2012. GC §§ 84200.5,84200.7(b)
29	October 8, 2012	Between these dates, any registered voter may request a Vote by Mail Ballot. Any requests received prior to October 8, 2012 will be kept until this period and then processed. EC §3001
7	October 30, 2012	
16	October 21, 2012	Contributions made by or received by a candidate or committee of \$1,000 or more per source must be reported within 24 hours during this period. GC §84203
1	November 5, 2012	
15	October 22, 2012	Voter Registration closes on this date for the November Presidential General Election. Voters must register by this date to be eligible to vote in this election. Postmarked voter registration forms with this date are accepted. EC §§2102, 2107
14	October 23, 2012	New California residents who established California residency on or after October 22, 2012, can register to vote during this time to receive a "New Resident's" ballot containing options to vote only for the office of President and Vice President at the Elections Office. EC §§332, 3400
7	October 30, 2012	

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14	October 23, 2012	Between these dates, those who become new United States citizens on or after October 22, 2012, are eligible to register and vote at the Elections Office. 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
0	November 6, 2012	
12	October 25, 2012	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending October 20, 2012. Candidates being voted upon, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file the second pre-election statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery. GC §§84200.5, 84200.7
10	October 27, 2012	Last Day for County to mail Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Pamphlets to voters registered less than 29 days before the election. EC §13303
10	October 27, 2012	On or before this date, a notice shall be published by the county elections official at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots. EC §12109
7	October 30, 2012	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of October 23, 2012, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
7	October 30, 2012	By this date, the County shall publish a notice listing the polling places for this election and precinct board members appointed for this election by October 22, 2012. EC §§12105, 12105.5, 12106
0	November 6, 2012	<b>Election Day. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.</b> Semifinal official canvass commences upon the closing of all polls at 8:00 p.m. At 8:05 p.m. San Mateo County issues first report of election results and continues to issue updates until all precincts have reported. EC §§1000, 1001, 14212, 15150, 15151
28	December 4, 2012	Last day for County elections official to certify election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372
28	December 4, 2012	Last day for County elections official to post an updated list of the precinct board members who actually served on election day. EC §12105.5

**Footnotes**

EC: California Elections Code

ED: California Education Code

GC: California Government Code

All above California Codes may be referenced online at: [www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html)