

# Elections Calendar

## June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election

Days Prior to Election	Date	Election Calendar for June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election Action Taken
158	January 4, 2016	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. (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next business day on January 4, 2016, per EC §15) EC §12103
158	January 4, 2016	By this date, nomination papers are available for County Central Committees. Paperwork must be received by the close of business (5:00pm) on March 11, 2016. No candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy after the close of business on March 11, 2016. EC §8020, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107
158  118	January 1, 2016  February 10, 2016	Between these dates, Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions are available to County Judicial candidates. (Note: Technically the start of the period is January 1, but the Registration & Elections Division is not open until January 4, 2016, due to the holiday.) EC §§8061, 8104, 8105(b), 8106, 8023
158  103	January 1, 2016  February 25, 2016	Between these dates, Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions are available for all voter-nominated state and non-partisan countywide offices (except County Judicial candidates). (Note: Technically the start of the period is January 1, but the Registration & Elections Division is not open until January 4, 2016, due to the holiday.) EC §§8061, 8103, 8104, 8106
154	January 5, 2016	Last day that any person may register to vote and declare intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that political party to participate in the Presidential Primary Election candidate nominating process. EC §§2187(d)(1), 5100(b)
150  67	January 9, 2016  April 1, 2016	Between these dates, the Secretary of State will announce and distribute the list of the Democratic Party selected candidates that he intends to place on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next day, April 1, 2016, per EC §15) EC §§6041-6043
148	January 11, 2016	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

134	January 25, 2016	The county will prepare and send a Report of Registration to the Secretary of State, reflecting total number of voters as of January 5, 2016. (Note: Deadline falls on a Sunday. Date is moved to next day, January 25, 2016, per EC §15) EC §2187
134	January 25, 2016	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 next day, January 25, 2016, per EC §15) EC §13102(c)
131	January 28, 2016	Last day for an initiative measure, statewide constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure to qualify for the Primary Election Ballot. EC §9040; Cal. Const. Art. II §8(c)
130	January 29, 2016	(School or Special District Vacancy) Last day for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to call an election on June 3rd to fill a vacancy to be on the Ballot. GC §1780; ED §5091
130	January 29, 2016 (January 31, 2016)	Candidate and Controlled Committees shall file semiannual campaign statements no later than this date for the period ending December 31, 2015. (Note: Deadline is technically January 31, 2016, but because that date falls on a weekend and because EC §15 does not apply to the Government Code, in an abundance of caution, candidates should file the statements by January 29, 2016) GC §84200
127	February 1, 2016	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 February 16, 2016, the notice of election shall be consolidated to include candidate(s) and measure(s).
112	February 16, 2016	(Note: Deadline falls on a holiday. Date is moved to next business day on February 16, 2016, per EC §15). EC §§12101, 12111
127	February 1, 2016	Between these dates, Declaration of Intention shall be filed by judicial candidates with their county elections official. 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 February 16, 2016. Filing fee for judicial candidates must be paid at the time of filing.
118	February 10, 2016	EC §§8023, 8103, 8105(b)
125	February 3, 2016	By this date the Secretary of State shall issue a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary. EC §12103

123	February 5, 2016	(School District Vacancy) Last day for 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	February 8, 2016	(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	February 8, 2016	On or before this date the Secretary of State shall announce and distribute a list of the Republican Party, American Independent Party, and Peace and Freedom Party candidates, he intends to place on the ballot for the Presidential Primary Election. EC §§6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724
120  90	February 8, 2016  March 9, 2016	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) in a newspaper of general circulation. EC §12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
118	February 10, 2016	Last day for County Judicial Candidates to file Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions and Declarations of Intent with the Elections Officer. EC §§8023, 8061, 8104, 8105(b), 8106
118	February 10, 2016	First Candidate Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Registration and Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
117	February 11, 2016	(City Office Vacancy) Last day for city council to call a special election. The City shall immediately publish the Notice of Election (publication deadline is February 16, 2016). (Note: The deadline for calling a special election would normally fall on February 14, 2016, which is a weekend. Since EC §15 does not apply to the Government Code, in an abundance of caution, any city should call the special election by February 11, 2016, which is the last business day before February 14, 2016, for the city to act). EC §12101-02; GC §36512
112	February 16, 2016	If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a Declaration of Intent by 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2016, persons other than the incumbent may file Declarations of Intention no later than 5:00 p.m. February 16, 2016. Filing fee must be paid at the time of filing. (Note: This deadline would normally fall on February 15, 2016. Since the deadline then falls on a holiday, it has been moved to the next business day per EC §15.) EC §§8023, 8103, 8105, 8020(b)

113	February 15, 2016	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 March 11, 2016 (candidates filing at the Registration and Elections Division have until 5:00 p.m.; municipal candidates should check the hours of their city clerk's office). No candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy <b>after the close of business</b> on March 11, 2016. The candidate statement may be withdrawn but not changed during this period, ending on 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2016). (Note: The Registration & Elections Division is closed on Monday, February 15, 2016, which is a holiday.) EC §§8020, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	March 11, 2016	
110	February 18, 2016	Second Candidate Seminar to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
103	February 25, 2016	Data Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
103	February 25, 2016	Last day for all voter-nominated state and non-partisan countywide candidates to file Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for voter-nominated and county non-partisan offices with the Elections Officer. (The deadline for judicial candidates is Feb. 10, 2016.) EC §§8061, 8103, 8104, 8106, 8020(b)
90	March 9, 2016	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 §§82036, 84203, 84101, 84108
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88	March 11, 2016	(School District Measure) Last day for a school governing board to deliver a resolution (the "specifications of the election order") to the County Superintendent and the Elections Officer calling for an election on a measure. ED §5322
88	March 11, 2016	For bond issues proposed by a county, city and county, city, district, or other political subdivision, or by any agency, department, or board thereof, the Tax Rate Statement must be filed by this date. EC §§9400-9401
88	March 11, 2016	Last day for a local entity to request election services and consolidation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for the June 7th election by filing with the Board of Supervisors and submitting a copy of the resolution of its governing board requesting the consolidation to the Elections Officer. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403, 12001
88	March 11, 2016	Last day to submit nomination documents (declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, and ballot designation worksheets) – due by 5:00 p.m. to the Registration and Elections Division. EC §§8020(b), 10510(a)

88	March 11, 2016	Except as otherwise stated by law, today is the last day for most candidates to withdraw their declaration of candidacy prior to the general district election – due by 5:00 p.m. to the Registration and Elections Division. EC §§10224, 10510(a), 10603.
88	March 11, 2016	10-Calendar-day public review period begins March 11 at 5:00 p.m. and ends March 21 at 5:00 p.m. for all documents filed as of the filing deadline of March 11. 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 misleading or inaccurate. Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations, and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
78	March 21, 2016	
85	March 14, 2016	Last day (until 5:00 p.m.) for a candidate who has qualified for the ballot to withdraw (but not change) their candidate statement. (Note: This deadline would normally fall on March 12, 2016. Since the deadline falls on a weekend, it has been moved to the next business day per EC §15.) EC §13307(a)(3)
85	March 14, 2016	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 periods, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, and the central ballot counting location. EC §§9502, 12109, 12112, 10242; GC §6061; ED §5363
84	March 15, 2016	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5:00 p.m. Such arguments may be changed until and including today. For city measures that are not consolidated, consult the city election official/clerk. EC §§9162-63, 9282-83, 9286, 9315-16, 9501-03
84	March 15, 2016	10-Calendar-day public review period begins March 15 at 5:00 p.m. and ends March 25 at 5:00 p.m. for Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against 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 misleading or inaccurate. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
74	March 25, 2016	
83	March 16, 2016	Candidate Filing Period closes at the close of business today (5:00 p.m.) 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, 10225, 10407(b), 10516, 10604

83	March 16, 2016	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	March 16, 2016	Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed Superior Court Judicial Candidate who has filed nomination papers. 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, 8600-8604
82	March 17, 2016	Randomized Alphabet Drawings are conducted by both the Secretary of State and County Elections Official today at 11:00 a.m. 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	March 17, 2016	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)
74	March 25, 2016	The 10-Calendar-day public review period ends at 5:00 p.m. for all documents filed by March 15, 2016 and for all Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against measures. Writs of Mandate and Injunctions cannot be sought after this date on documents filed as of the close of candidate filing (March 11, 2016) EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
74	March 25, 2016	Rebuttal Arguments for measures where a primary argument was filed both in favor and against are due on this date by 5:00 p.m. Such arguments may be changed until and including today. EC §§9163, 9167, 9285-86, 9316-17, 9501-04
74	March 25, 2016	Impartial Analyses for measures are due on this date by 5:00 p.m. EC §§9160, 9163, 9280, 9286, 9313-14, 9500-2
74 64	March 25, 2016 April 4, 2016	10-Calendar-day public review period begins March 25th at 5:00 p.m. and ends April 4th at 5:00 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against 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 misleading or inaccurate. EC §§9167, 9190, 9285, 9295, 9317, 9380, 9504, 9509

67	April 1, 2016	Certified List of Candidates. The California Secretary of State will provide a certified list of qualified Federal and State Legislative candidates, including ballot rotation lists to the County Election Offices. (Note: This deadline would normally fall on March 31, 2016. Since the deadline falls on a holiday, the Secretary of State may opt to extend the deadline to the next business day per EC §15.) EC §§8120-8125
64	April 4, 2016	The 10-Calendar-day public review period ends at 5:00p.m. today for all Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against measures and Impartial Analyses. Writs of Mandate and Injunctions may not be sought after this date on documents filed by March 25, 2016. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	April 7, 2016	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
60	April 8, 2016	Military and Overseas Voters' ballot application period begins. Applications received before this date will be kept and processed on or after April 8, 2016. EC §§300(b), 3105
57	April 11, 2016	During this time write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Registration and Elections Division. EC §§8600, 8601
14	May 24, 2016	
50	April 18, 2016	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of April 8, 2016 to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
45	April 23, 2016	All Military and Overseas Voters' ballots must be sent out by this date for applications received by April 7, 2016. EC §3105
40	April 28, 2016	First Pre-election campaign statements (for the period ending April 23, 2016), if applicable, are due. All candidates for elective state office and their controlled committees, committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected state officer or a state candidate, state or county general purpose committees, a city general purpose committee, and any other entity that must submit periodic reports should consult the Government Code to determine whether a statement is due. GC §§84200.5, 84200.8
40	April 28, 2016	Between these dates, the San Mateo 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.
21	May 17, 2016	EC §§9094, 13303-04, 13306

29	May 9, 2016	Between these dates, Vote by Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters who are permanent vote by mail voters or who requested a vote by mail ballot for this election. Individuals interested in voting by mail should make their request by May 31, 2016 to ensure that they are able to return their ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. EC §§3001, 3003
7	May 31, 2016	
15	May 23, 2016	Voter Registration closes on this date for the June Presidential Primary Election. Voters must register by this date to be eligible to vote in this election. Voter registration forms postmarked prior to or with this date are accepted. EC §§2102, 2107
15	May 23, 2016	Processing of Vote by Mail ballots may begin on this date. 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	May 24, 2016	The write-in candidate filing period ends today at 5:00 p.m. All potential candidates must submit all required documents by this date in order to be a qualified write-in candidate. EC §8601
14	May 24, 2016	New California residents who established California residency on or after May 24, 2016, 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	May 31, 2016	
14	May 24, 2016	Between these dates, those who become new United States citizens on or after May 24, 2016, are eligible to register and vote at the Registration and Elections Division. 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	June 7, 2016	
12	May 26, 2016	Second Pre-election campaign committee statement (for the period ending May 21, 2016) is due. All candidates for elective state office and their controlled committees, committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected state officer or a state candidate, state or county general purpose committees, a city general purpose committee, and any other entity that must submit periodic reports should consult the Government Code to determine whether a statement is due. GC §§84200.5, 84200.8
8	May 30, 2016	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



7	May 31, 2016	By this date, the County shall publish a notice listing the polling places for this election and precinct board members appointed for this election. EC §§12105, 12105.5, 12106
7	May 31, 2016	By this date each County must send the report of registration reflecting the total number of voters as of May 24, 2016 to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
7	May 31, 2016	Last Day to request a Vote by Mail ballot EC §3001
0	June 7, 2016	<b>Election Day. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.</b> EC §§1000, 1100, 14212 Semifinal official canvass commences upon the closing of all polls at 8 p.m. EC §§15150, 15151
28	July 5, 2016	Last day for County Elections Official to post a list of the precinct board members who actually served on election day. EC §12105.5
30	July 7, 2016	Last day for County Elections Official to certify election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372

Footnotes

§ or §§: Section or Sections

EC: California Elections Code

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GC: California Government Code

All above California Codes may be referenced online at:

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