

Election Calendar

November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election

Days Prior to Election	Date	Election Calendar for November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election
148	June 13	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
140	June 21	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 is rejected in the primary election, but not exceeded during that election. The filing of an amended Form 501 allows State Senate and Assembly candidates to qualify to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. GC §§85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
131	June 30	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	July 1	(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 4	Between these dates, a city may 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 18	
125	July 6	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
123	July 8	(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 11	(School District Vacancy) Last day for a 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 11	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). EC §12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
90	August 10	
118	July 13	First Candidate Seminar to be held at 2 p.m. at the Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
118	July 13	First Data Seminar to be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
116	July 15	(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 8 to fill the vacancy. (Technically the last day falls on Sunday, July 17; Friday, July 15 is the last business day.) The City shall immediately publish the Notice of Election. EC § 12101-02; GC §36512
113	July 18	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 changed during this period (until 5 p.m. on August 15, 2016). Paperwork must be in by 5 p.m. on August 12, 2016. No candidate may withdraw declaration of candidacy after 5 p.m. on August 12, 2016. In-lieu-filing-fee petitions should be filed by July 28, 2016. EC §§8020, 8028, 8040-8041, 8061, 8100, 8105-8106, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	August 12	
113	July 18	Period in which United States House of Representatives, 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 12	

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110	July 21	Second Candidate Seminar to be held at 10 a.m. at the Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
110	July 21	Second Data Seminar to be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
102	July 29	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of July 7, 2016, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
99	August 1	Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees and slate mailer organizations. (Note: The July 31, 2016, deadline falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended to Monday, August 1, 2016, by GC §6707.) GC §§84200, 84218
98	August 2	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, State Senate and Assembly candidates, this request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the County Elections Official. EC §13107(e)
88	August 12	Last day for a local entity to request election services and consolidation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for the November 8th 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. A copy of the exact form of the question, proposition, or office to appear on the ballot must be submitted. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403, 12001
88	August 12	(School District Measure) Last day for the 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 12	Last day to submit nomination documents (declaration of candidacy and nomination papers) to Elections Official - due by 5 p.m. EC §§8020(b), 10510(a)
88	August 12	Last day for a candidate who has qualified for the ballot to withdraw their candidacy (until 5 p.m.). EC §§10510(a), 10603
88	August 12	10-Calendar day public review period begins August 12 and ends August 22 at 5 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 false.
78	August 22	Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
85	August 15	Except as provided in EC §13309, 5 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 15	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 17	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 17	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. The extension only applies to non-incumbent candidates for such an office. EC §§8022, 8024, 10407

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83	August 17	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 18	Randomized Alphabet 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 §§13111, 13112, 13116
82	August 18	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 p.m. EC §13307(a)(3)
81	August 19	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 Elections Official by this date. EC §10403(c)
81	August 19	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5 p.m. EC §§9162-9163, 9282-9283, 9286, 9315-9316, 9501-02
81	August 19	10-Calendar day review period begins August 19 at 5 p.m. and ends August 29 at 5 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 false.
71	August 29	EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
71	August 29	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, 9504
71	August 29	10-Calendar day review period begins August 29 at 5 p.m. and ends September 8 at 5 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against measures and for Impartial Analyses. 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 false.
61	September 8	EC§ 9190, 9295, 9380, 9509
61	September 8	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 12	During this time write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Elections Division.
14	October 25	EC §§8600, 8601
50	September 19	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of September 9, 2016, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
40	September 29	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.
21	October 18	EC §§13303-13304, 13306
40	September 29	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending September 24, 2016. GC §§ 84200.5, 84200.8
21	October 18	Last Day for County to mail Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Pamphlets to voters registered at least 29 days before the election. EC §13303
29	October 10	Between these dates, any registered voter may request a Vote by Mail Ballot. Any requests received prior to October 10, 2016 will be kept until this period and then processed.
7	November 1	EC §3001
16	October 23	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.
1	November 7	GC §84203

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15	October 24	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 25	New California residents who established California residency on or after October 25, 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	November 1	
14	October 25	Between these dates, those who become new United States citizens on or after October 25, 2016, are eligible to register and vote at the 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	November 8	
12	October 27	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending October 22, 2016. 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, 84200.8
10	October 29	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	November 1	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of October 24, 2016, to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
7	November 1	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 24, 2016. EC §§12105, 12105.5, 12106
0	November 8	Election Day. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Semifinal official canvass commences upon the closing of all polls at 8 p.m. At 8:05 p.m. San Mateo County issues the first report of election results and continues to issue updates until all precincts have reported. EC §§1000, 1001, 14212, 15150, 15151
28	December 6	Last day for County Elections Official to post an updated list of the precinct board members who actually served on Election Day. The list will remain posted for 30 days after completion of canvass EC §12105.5
30	December 8	Last day for County to certify election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372

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