



# CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK

**February 25, 2025**  
**Senate District 36**  
**Special Primary Election**



**VOTE EASY.**  
**VOTE SECURE.**

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

**THE CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK FOR THE 36TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, AND DOES NOT HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW, REGULATION OR RULE. IT IS DISTRIBUTED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE IS NOT RENDERING LEGAL ADVICE. THEREFORE, THE HANDBOOK IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR CANDIDATE USING IT.**

**THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ANY PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE, TO ASSIST IN COMPLYING WITH APPLICABLE CALIFORNIA LAWS, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE.**

## **Orange County Registrar of Voters**

### **Mission Statement**

**“To provide election services for the citizens of Orange County to ensure equal access to the election process, protect the integrity of votes, and maintain a transparent, accurate and fair process.”**

### **Vision Statement**

**“To ensure excellence in the administration of elections to inspire confidence and trust in the democratic process.”**

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read the information on the following subjects before continuing through this handbook.

1. Online Candidate Filing
2. Credit card payments not accepted for State filing fees
3. Character-Based Name Form
4. Electronic Candidate's Statements

### ONLINE CANDIDATE FILING:

A custom online Candidate Filing feature on the Registrar of Voters' website will be available on **December 19, 2024**, at [ocvote.gov](http://ocvote.gov) for candidates wishing to obtain Nomination documents.

This portal allows candidates to start the Candidate Filing process and download many of the required documents, prior to filing the documents at the Registrar of Voters' office.

This service will benefit you, the candidate. **Candidate filing cannot be totally completed online due to State law**, but it should make your filing process simpler and easier to understand. Benefits to the candidate include:

- Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions and Nomination Papers may be downloaded and circulated prior to candidates filing these documents at the Registrar of Voters' office;
- The Candidate's Statement of Qualifications Fee may be paid online by credit card;
- Draft Candidate's Statements of Qualifications may be electronically submitted, allowing Registrar of Voters' staff to format the statements prior to the candidates coming to the office to sign the final documents; and
- The Ballot Designation Worksheet, Code of Fair Campaign Practices form, and Campaign Finance Reporting forms may be downloaded prior to candidates filing them at the Registrar of Voters' office.



### CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOT ACCEPTED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES' FILING FEE

The Secretary of State no longer accepts credit card payment to pay the filing fee of State Offices. Candidates may pay for the filing fee by check, money order or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of State.

### **CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM**

If a candidate that has a character-based name by birth, that can be verified by birth certificate or other valid identification, the candidate may use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration. A candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate to the local elections official that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, may use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration. This only applies to character-based languages, including, but not limited to, Chinese and Korean.

**§ 13211.7**

### **ELECTRONIC CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS**

In addition to the statement prepared pursuant to §13307(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.

**§ 13307(c)(1)**

A statement prepared pursuant to §13307(c), shall be posted on the Internet Web site of the elections official, and may be included in a voter's guide that is electronically distributed by the elections official pursuant to Section 13300.7, but shall not be included in a voter's guide that is printed and mailed to voters pursuant to §13307(b).



**36TH STATE SENTATE DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR**

**February 25, 2025**

**December 10, 2024  
(E-77)**

**GOVERNOR’S PROCLAMATION – ISSUANCE:** On this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the Special Election and shall state the time of the election and the office to be filled. A copy of the proclamation shall be sent to the board of supervisors of each affected county **§ 10700**

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held. **§ 10705**

**December 10, 2024  
through  
December 16, 2024  
(E-77 – 71)**

**SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS:** Period between which State Senate candidates can obtain from the Registrar of Voters’ office petitions for securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the Filing Fee for the office. **§§ 8061, 8106(b), (d), 8106.5**

Only registered voters who are qualified to vote for the candidate may sign the petition. **No voter shall sign more petitions for candidates than there are offices to be filled.** **§ 8106(b)(2)**

For voter-nominated offices, signers shall be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. **Signers do not need to be affiliated with the same party as the candidate or have disclosed a preference for any party on their registration affidavits.** **§ 8068**

The Registrar of Voters’ office will issue petitions for obtaining the minimum number of Signatures-in-Lieu of paying the Filing Fee. If the candidate requires an additional quantity of petitions, the candidate may duplicate a blank petition to obtain the desired quantity. **§ 8106**

Signatures on Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions may be applied to and combined with the valid number of signatures on Nomination Papers to satisfy the signature requirement for the office. **§ 8061**

The last day to file Signatures in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions is **December 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** **§ 8106(b)(3)**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 – 54)**

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION**

**PAPERS:** Nomination Papers and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained from and must be delivered for filing to the Registrar of Voters' office from **December 19, 2024 through January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** No person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate for any office unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy. **§§ 8040, 8041, 8062, 10704, 13107.3**

For voter-nominated offices, a candidate shall indicate the party preference, or lack of party preference, as disclosed upon the candidate's most recent registration affidavit, upon their Declaration of Candidacy. A candidate's party preference, or lack of party preference, shall appear on the Primary and General Elections' ballots in conjunction with the candidate's name and shall not be changed between the Primary and General Elections. A candidate designating a party preference for a voter-nominated office shall not be deemed to be the official nominee of the party designated as preferred by the candidate. The party preference is shown for the information of the voters only. **§§ 8002.5, 13105**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 – 54)**

**FILING FEE:** Filing Fee must be paid at the time the Nomination Papers are obtained from the Registrar of Voters. This fee is nonrefundable. Signatures appearing on a filed Petition-in-Lieu of Filing Fee can be counted toward the number of signatures required for the candidate's Nomination Papers. If the candidate's Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures required for his/her Nomination Papers, the Registrar of Voters shall not require the candidate to circulate Nomination Paper **§§ 8105, 8106**



**Note:** The filing fee for Federal and State candidates **cannot** be paid by credit card. The fee may be paid by check, money order or cashiers check, made payable to the Secretary of State.

Candidates who submit Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions that do not contain the requisite number of signatures for the Nomination Papers are still entitled to file Nomination Papers during the nomination period provided the Filing Fee has been paid. **§§ 8061, 8106**

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through  
January 2, 2025  
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**CANDIDATE PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY:** Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act (Proposition 14) which was approved by California voters in June of 2010, the Secretary of State is required to provide the political party preference history for the preceding 10 years for voter-nominated office candidates. A candidate for voter-nominated office is responsible for providing his/her party preference history on the Declaration of Candidacy filed by **January 2, 2025, 5:00p.m.** **§ 8121(b)**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 - 54)**

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Every candidate for an office specified in Government Code section 87200, other than a Justice of an Appellate or the Supreme Court, shall file with the Registrar of Voters, no later than **January 2, 2025**, a Form 700 statement, disclosing his/her investments and his/her interests in real property and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. **Gov't §§ 87200, 87201, 87500**

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through  
January 2, 2025  
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**CHALLENGING A BALLOT DESIGNATION:** Ballot Designations will be available for public examination as candidates file them. These ballot designations will be available for review at the Registrar of Voters' office on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. **§ 13107**

A person may challenge the Ballot Designation of a State candidate in Sacramento County. A person may file a writ of mandate or injunction to require the Ballot Designation to be amended. Contact the Secretary of State for further information. **§ 13313**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 - 54)**

**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICES:** A candidate for State Senate who accepts the voluntarily expenditure limits set forth in Government Code section 85400, may purchase space to place a Candidate's Statement in the County Voter Information Guide that does not exceed 250 words. The statement must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2025. All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county election official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates. **Gov't § 85601(c), § 13307.7**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 - 54)**

**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS MAY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE:** In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 13307, a Candidate's Statement for any office submitted pursuant to Section 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and **shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.** The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section. **§ 13308**

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 - 54)**

**COST OF A CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:** The Registrar of Voters will require each candidate filing a candidate's statement to pay in advance as a condition of having his/her statement included in the Voter Information Guide. The cost is

calculated to recover expenses for translation into the required languages, typesetting, printing and labor in the processing of candidate's statements.

§ 13307

**December 19, 2024  
through  
January 2, 2025  
(E-68 - 54)**

**CONFIDENTIALITY OF CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS:**

The Candidate's Statement is confidential until after the expiration of the filing period, **January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** Copies of all Candidates' Statements will be available for public inspection at the Registrar of Voters' office and on its website after the candidate filing period.

§§ 13311, 13313

**December 30, 2024  
through  
February 11, 2025  
(E-57 - 14)**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** First day the Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers are available for a write-in candidate. They must be filled with the Registrar of Voters' office by **February 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** A person seeking a voter-nominated office may become a write-in candidate only for Primary Election; there are no write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices on the General Election ballot.

§ 8601

**January 2, 2025  
(E-54)**

**DEADLINE TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS,  
DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY, BALLOT  
DESIGNATION WORKSHEETS, AND CANDIDATES'**

**STATEMENTS:** Last day to circulate and to file Nomination Papers, Declarations of Candidacy, Ballot Designation Worksheets, and Candidates' Statements with the Registrar of Voters' office, by 5:00 p.m. §§ 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8106, 13107.3, 13307

**January 2, 2025  
(E-54)**

**CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT – DEADLINE IF  
PURCHASING SPACE FOR CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT  
IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE:**

Last day for the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) to be filed in order for State Senate candidates accepting the voluntary expenditure limits to qualify to purchase space for a 250-word Candidate's Statement in the voter information portion of the County Voter Information Guide.

Gov't §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601

**January 2, 2025  
(E-54)**

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Last day for specified candidates in an election to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months.

Gov't §§ 87200-87203, 87500

**January 2, 2025  
(E-54)**

**POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS:** Last day for a State Chair of a qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for this 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 official voter guide. § 13302(b)

**January 3, 2025  
(E-53)**

**PUBLIC REVIEW FOR CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS**

Candidates' Statements of Qualifications will be available for public examination. These Candidates' Statements will be available at the Registrar of Voters' office and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. Due to the condensed timeframe of the Special Election, any person who intends to file a writ of mandate or an injunction, in court, to require any or all the material in a Candidate's Statement to be amended or deleted, should do so immediately. §§ 13313, 13314

**January 3, 2025  
(11:00 a.m.)  
(E-53)**

**RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING:** On this day, the Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, the result of which shall be known as the randomized alphabet, to determine the order in which candidates appear on the residential Special Primary Election ballot § 13112(d)

**January 8, 2025  
(E-48)**

**CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST:**

The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the Registrar of Voters a certified list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on **January 3, 2025**. This list will show the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the Special Primary Election, their addresses, their Ballot Designations, and the offices for which each person is a candidate. With respect to candidates for voter-nominated offices, the party preference designation indicated on his/her Declaration of Candidacy shall be listed. § 8120

**January 11, 2025  
(E-45)  
(Saturday)  
(Date fixed by law)**

**MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS – BALLOTS:** Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots to military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. If a military or overseas voter ballot application is received after 5 p.m. on this date, the county elections official shall transmit a ballot and ballot materials as soon as practicable.

§ 3114, 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)

**January 16, 2025  
(E-40)**

**FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

**STATEMENT DUE:** Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending **January 11, 2025**. Gov't § 84200.8

**January 27, 2025  
(E-29)**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL MAILING:** Beginning 29 days before the day of the election, the Registrar of Voters will mail to each registered voter

a vote-by-mail ballot packet that includes a postage-paid return envelope with instructions for the use and return of the ballot. This will also include the County Voter Information Guide.

**§ 4005(a)(8)(A)&(B)**

**January 27, 2025  
(E-29)**

**BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:** Beginning 29 days before the day of the election and through election day, all ballot drop-off locations open.

**§ 4005(a)(1)(B)**

**January 27, 2025  
(E-29)**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BOARDS COMMENCE TO PROCESS**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS:** Processing of vote-by-mail ballots may begin on this date. Processing vote-by-mail ballots includes signature verification, opening vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, preparing ballots to be scanned and scanning them. But under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

**§ 15101**

**January 31, 2025  
(E-25)  
(Date fixed by law)**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

**DUE:** Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements, if required, for all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers for the period ending **December 31, 2024.**

**Gov't §§ 84200, 84218**

**February 10, 2025  
(E-15)**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN PRIMARY**

Last day to register to vote in the Special Primary Election. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.

**NOTE:** Last day for military or overseas voters to register to vote, to request a vote-by-mail ballot, and to send it to the county elections official. A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration. When a county elections official receives and approves an application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with vote-by-mail ballots for each subsequent election in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

**52 U.S.C. §§ 20301, 300(b), 321, 2102, 3102**

**February 11, 2025  
(E-14)**

**DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE:**

Last day for write-in candidates to file the Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers by 5:00 p.m. with the Registrar of Voters' office.

**§ 8601**

**February 11, 2025**

**CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** The last

**(E-14)**

day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the Registrar of Voters a certified list of write-in candidates. **Date set by the Secretary of State.**

**February 11, 2025**

**(E-14)**

**PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE:**

Secretary of State to post on its website the party preference history of each write-in candidate for the preceding 10 years. **§8121**

**February 11, 2025**

**through**

**February 25, 2025**

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**CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD:**

During the period 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office of his/her county elections official and to any Vote Center, when open, to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot. **§ 2170**

**February 15, 2025**

**(E-10)**

**SELECT VOTE CENTERS OPEN:** Beginning 10 days before the day of the Election and continuing daily up to the day before Election Day, at least one vote center for every 60,000 voters will be open to the public. **§§ 4005(b)(3)(A)**

**February 19, 2025**

**through**

**February 24, 2025**

**(E-6 - 1)**

**MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER – RECALLED TO**

**MILITARY SERVICE:** A registered military or overseas voter recalled to service **after February 18, 2025, but before 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2025**, may appear before the county elections official in the county in which the military or overseas voter is registered or, if within the state, in the county in which the voter is recalled to service. The elections official shall deliver to the voter a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in or outside the elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on Election Day, **February 25, 2025, 8:00 p.m.**, and returned in the same manner as other voted vote-by-mail ballots. **IMPORTANT:** A mailed, voted ballot will count only if the identification envelope is signed and dated no later than Election Day, **February 25, 2025**, and it is received no later than seven (7) days after Election Day, **March 4, 2025, 8:00 p.m.**

If the military or overseas voter appears in the county in which the voter is recalled to service, rather than the county to which the voter is registered, the elections official shall coordinate with the elections official in the county in which the military or overseas voter is registered to provide the ballot containing the appropriate measures and races for the precinct in which the military or overseas voter is registered. **§§ 3110, 3111**

**February 25, 2025**

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**ADDITIONAL VOTE CENTERS OPEN:** On the day of the Election, at least one vote center for every 30,000 voters will be open to the public. **§4005(b)(2)(A)**

**February 25, 2025  
(E-0)**

**ELECTION DAY:** Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ballots will be centrally counted at the Registrar of Voters' office. **§§ 1000(a), 14212, 4005**

Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and who have not re-registered may complete and sign a change of address form at a vote center and vote. **§ 4005(a)(2)(A)**

**February 25, 2025  
(E-0)**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED:** A vote-by-mail ballot hand-delivered to the office of the elections official, a vote center, a vote-by-mail drop-off location, or a drop box must be received by the county elections official by the close of the polls on Election Day. If a vote-by-mail voter is unable to return the ballot, he/she may designate any person to return the ballot. **§§ 3017, 14212**

Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for military service within the United States on or after **February 18, 2025**), may return their ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission must be received by the elections official no later than Election Day, 8:00 p.m. and must be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed Oath of Declaration. **§ 3106**

**IMPORTANT:** A mailed, voted ballot will count only if the identification envelope is signed, dated and postmarked no later than Election Day, **February 25, 2025**, and it is received no later than seven (7) days after Election Day, **March 4, 2025**, 8:00 p.m. **§§ 3011, 3017, 3020**

**February 25, 2025  
(E-0)**

**SEMI-OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:** Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the Registrar of Voters shall conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State starting at 8:05 p.m., at 9:30 p.m., and then each half hour until all precincts have been reported on election night. The updates will continue each weekday at 5:00 p.m. during the canvass period until the last official results are posted. **§§ 15150, 15151**

**February 25, 2025  
(E-0)**

**MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS – LATE CONDITIONS:** Any registered military or overseas voter who has returned to his or her county of registration on or before this day, and to whom a vote-by-mail ballot has been mailed but not voted, may apply for a second vote-by-mail ballot. The elections official shall require him or her to sign an authorization to cancel the vote-by-mail ballot previously issued, and shall then issue another vote-by-mail ballot to the voter or certify to the precinct board that the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct polling place of his or her residence. **§§ 300(b), 321, 3109**



An unregistered military or overseas voter who was released from service after the close of registration, and who has returned to his or her county of residence may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service is required. On or before the day of the election, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code Section 3108. **§ 3108**

A military or overseas voter who returns to the county after **February 18, 2025** may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on Election Day and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots. **§ 3110**

**February 26, 2025  
through  
March 6, 2025  
(E+1 – +9)**

**COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION**

**RETURNS:** The Registrar of Voters will begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than **March 6, 2025 (Date designated by the Secretary of State)**. **§ 15301**

**March 4, 2025  
(E+7)**

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MAILED, VOTE-BY-MAIL**

**BALLOTS:** Any mailed, vote-by-mail ballot shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: (1) The signed, identification envelope is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day; or (2) If the identification envelope has no postmark, has a postmark with no date, or has an illegible postmark, but is signed and dated by the voter on or before Election Day, the ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide mail delivery company. **§§ 3011, 3017, 3020**

**Remember:** All vote-by-mail identification envelopes must be signed.

**March 4, 2025  
(E+7)**

**DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO CURE A CHALLENGED**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS:** Last day for an elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope did not compare with their signature on their voter record, a "signature verification statement" or combined

statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, fax, or mobile application. **§ 3019(d)(4), (f)**

Last day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the elections official or complete and submit an "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, fax, , or mobile application. **§ 3019(e)(1), (f)**

**March 6, 2025  
(E+9)**

**COMPLETE CANVASS OF OFFICIAL RETURNS AND CERTIFY RESULTS BY THIS DATE:** No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the Secretary of State, the Board of Supervisors, and other local agencies. **§ 15372**

**March 6, 2025  
(E+9)**

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE:** By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the returns for all candidates voted for at the Special Primary Election. **§§ 15374, 15375**

## POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN ORANGE COUNTY

38th Congressional District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
40th Congressional District (Portions of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties)  
45th Congressional District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
46th Congressional District  
47th Congressional District  
49th Congressional District (Portions of Orange and San Diego Counties)

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30th Senatorial District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
32nd Senatorial District (Portions of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties)  
34th Senatorial District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
36th Senatorial District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
37th Senatorial District  
38th Senatorial District (Portions of Orange and San Diego Counties)

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59th Assembly District (Portions of Orange and San Bernardino Counties)  
64th Assembly District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
67th Assembly District (Portions of Orange and Los Angeles Counties)  
68th Assembly District  
70th Assembly District  
71st Assembly District (Portions of Orange and Riverside Counties)  
72nd Assembly District  
73rd Assembly District  
74th Assembly District (Portions of Orange and San Diego Counties)

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4th State Board of Equalization District (Orange, Imperial, Riverside, San Diego, and San Bernardino Counties)

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5 Supervisorial Districts

5 County Board of Education Trustee Areas



**OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE  
NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**VOTER-NOMINATED\***

**STATE SENATE**

Member of the Senate  
36th District

**FILING FEE  
THE FILING FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE**

**STATE OFFICES**

Member of the State Senate	\$1,327.03	1%
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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOT ACCEPTED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICE  
CANDIDATES' FILING FEE**

Credit cards will not be accepted to pay the Filing Fee of **Federal and State Offices**. Candidates may pay for the filing fee by check, money order or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of State.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE** - The Filing Fee must be paid at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Check must be made payable to the SECRETARY OF STATE.

**NOTE:** Any of the above Filing Fees can be paid in whole or in part by Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee. **§§ 8103, 8104, 8105, 8106**

**NUMBER OF NOMINATION SIGNATURES REQUIRED**

<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED</u></b>
<b>Member, State Senate (§ 8062)</b>	<b>40-60</b>

**In all cases, it is suggested that more than the minimum number of signatures be obtained (but not to exceed the maximum) so in case any are marked "Not Sufficient", there will be enough "Sufficient" signatures remaining to validate the petition. Signatures to a candidate's Nomination Papers may not be withdrawn.**

**SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u># OF SIGS REQUIRED IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</u>	<u>VALUE PER SIG</u>
Member of the State Senate	250	\$5.30812
		<b>§ 8106</b>

**THE FILING FEE OR PORTION THEREOF IS NON-REFUNDABLE!**

**SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITION INFORMATION**

Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions can be obtained from the Registrar of Voters beginning **December 11, 2024 through December 16, 2024.**

The Registrar of Voters will issue forms for obtaining the minimum number of Signatures-in-Lieu of paying a Filing Fee. If the candidate requires an additional quantity of forms, the candidate may duplicate a blank form to obtain the desired quantity.

**NOTE:** If a candidate wishes to designate another person to obtain and/or file his/her Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions, he/she may do so **without this designation being in writing.**

A candidate may submit the appropriate number of signatures to cover all or any portion of the Filing Fee.

Candidates may OBTAIN Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions from any Registrar of Voters' office. They may CIRCULATE the petitions in any county in the district, but must FILE them in the county where the signatures were obtained. **§ 8106(b)(4)**

A circulator of Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions must be 18 years of age or older. He or she does not need to be a registered voter, be affiliated with the same political party as the candidate, or live in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on.

**§§ 102, 8106(b)(4)**

**The elections official shall not accept for filing any Nomination Paper unless all blanks in the certificate of circulator section are completed.** **§ 8065**

Any registered voter may sign a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition for any candidate for whom the voter is eligible to vote. **For voter-nominated and nonpartisan offices, the signer does not need to be affiliated with the same political party as the candidate.** All signatures on a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition may be counted toward the number of voters required to sign a candidate's Nomination Paper for vote-nominated and nonpartisan offices. **§§ 8106(b)(1), 8061, 8068**

No voter shall sign more petitions for candidates than there are offices to be filled. If a voter signs more candidates' petitions than there are offices to be filled, the voter's

signature will be valid only on those petitions which, taken in the order they were filed, do not exceed the number of offices to be filled. **§ 8106(b)(2)**

**IMPORTANT: Each signer shall, at the time of signing the Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition, personally affix his/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. **§ 100**

All valid signatures obtained on a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition may be counted toward the number of voters required to sign a Nomination Paper. If a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition contains the number of valid signatures required on a Nomination Paper, the candidate is not required to file Nomination Papers, but may request the Registrar of Voters to accept the Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition signatures instead of filing Nomination Papers. **The candidate must still file a Declaration of Candidacy.** If a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition does not contain the number of valid signatures required on a Nomination Paper, the candidate must file, within the time period allowed for filing Nomination Papers, a Nomination Paper in order to obtain the requisite number of valid signatures. A candidate who submits a Nomination Paper to supplement the number of valid signatures filed on a Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition need only submit enough signatures on the Nomination Paper when combined with the signatures appearing on the Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition equals the number of signatures required for nomination. **§ 8061**

**IMPORTANT:** It is suggested that more than the minimum number of signatures be obtained (**but not to exceed the maximum**) in case any are marked “Not Sufficient”, there will be enough “Sufficient” signatures remaining to validate the Nomination Paper.

**Remember, if the petition is circulated for an office in more than one county, the candidate shall submit the signatures to the Registrar of Voters in the county in which the signatures were obtained.** **§ 8106(b)(4)**

**Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions do not need to be filed at the same time.** They may be filed throughout the Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions filing period: **December 10, 2024 through December 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** The signatures will be verified by our office by December 18, 2024. **§ 8106**

## GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR AND HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE

### A candidate must be:

1. 18 years old by Election Day;
2. a citizen of the state;
3. a registered voter at the time Nomination Papers are issued, and, unless otherwise specifically provided, qualified to vote for the office; and
4. eligible to take the oath of office and be able to be bonded in the amounts provided for by statute.

A candidate may not have been convicted of designated crimes specified in the Constitution and laws of the State.

A person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to a county or district office unless he/she is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time that Nomination Papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. **Gov't Code § 24001**

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. **§ 201**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public officer who is a minor shall have the rights and liabilities of an adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to his/her official duties, and a candidate for nomination or election to public office who is a minor shall have the rights and liabilities of an adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to his/her activities as a candidate. **Gov't Code § 275.2**

Successful candidates must qualify for office by taking the oath of office and be able to be bonded in the amounts provided for by statute, by the presiding judge of the Superior Court, and/or by judges of the Superior Court. **Cal. Const., Art. XX, § 3**

A person is incapable of holding a civil office if at the time of his/her election or appointment he/she is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. **Gov't Code § 1020(a)**

A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State. **Gov't Code § 1021**

The Declaration of Candidacy which each candidate must file states that the candidate meets the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office (including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, and party preference, if required) and that the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw if nominated. **§ 8040**



## SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR AND HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE

### VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE

- must:
- be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time Nomination Papers are issued to the person\*;
  - be a United States citizen\*;
  - not have served more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during his or her lifetime, if he or she was first elected to the Legislature after June of 2012 and has not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly;
  - not have served two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected to the State Senate before June of 2012;
  - not have served three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected to the Assembly before June of 2012; and
  - not have 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. §§ 20, 201, Cal. Const. Art. IV, § 2(a)(4), 2(c)

\*Article IV, §2(c) of the California Constitution states that a person is ineligible to be a member of the Legislature unless the person is an elector and has been a resident of the legislative district for one year\*\*, and a citizen of the United States and a resident of California for three years\*\*, immediately preceding the election.

\*\***NOTE:** In October 1975, the California Supreme Court ruled that residency requirements of more than 30 days for local candidates are unconstitutional. On February 4, 1976 the California Secretary of State issued an opinion which stated that a prospective candidate for local office, State Assembly or State Senate must be a resident at the time Nomination Papers are filed for at least 30 days immediately preceding such date of filing. On January 3, 1990, the California Secretary of State's office clarified that it is the legal opinion of that office that these provisions violate the U.S. Constitution and are unenforceable. Therefore, it believes no residency requirement exists for legislative candidates beyond the date their Nomination Papers are issued.

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS

Between December 19, 2024 and January 2, 2025, all candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers. §§ 8040, 8041, 8062, 10704, 13107.3

The Filing Fee must be paid at the time the Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers are obtained from the Registrar of Voters unless:

The candidate filed Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions to meet the Filing Fee requirement. §§ 8106, 8106.5

**ALL FILING FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE!**

**December 19, 2024** is the first date that candidates may obtain, circulate and leave for filing or examination and certification, the Declaration of Candidacy and nomination documents. Upon request of a candidate, the county elections official shall provide the candidate with a Declaration of Candidacy. The county elections official shall not require the candidate to sign, file, or sign and file a Declaration of Candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers. § 8020(d)

The Registrar of Voters shall supply all forms required for nomination and election to all congressional, state, and county offices and shall imprint a stamp which reads "Official Filing Form" and affix his/her signature. The forms shall be distributed without charge to all candidates applying for them, upon the pre-payment of the Filing Fee provided for in Elections Code §§ 8103-8106. The Filing Fee will not be refunded in the event the candidate fails to qualify as a candidate. §§ 8101, 8105

Information to be completed by the candidate on the Declaration of Candidacy form includes the candidate's name, principal occupational (ballot) designation, residence address, business address, mailing address, phone number, party preference (if applicable), and includes a statement that he/she meets the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office and that, **if nominated, he/she will accept the nomination and not withdraw.** § 8040

**NOTE: The residence address must be completed on the Declaration of Candidacy for all contests except judicial offices.** § 8040(b)

A candidate for a voter-nominated office (United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate, and Member of the State Assembly) shall indicate their party preference, or lack of party preference upon their Declaration of Candidacy, as disclosed upon the candidate's most recent statement of registration. A candidate's party preference as stated on their Declaration of Candidacy shall appear on the Primary and General Elections ballots in conjunction with the candidate's name. **The candidate's designated party preference on the ballot shall not be changed between the Primary and General Elections.** § 8002.5(a)(b)

A voter-nominated office candidate designating a party preference shall not be deemed to be the official nominee of the party designated as preferred by the candidate and is only shown for the information of the voter. A candidate's designation of party preference shall not be construed as an endorsement of that candidate by the party designated. It does

not constitute or imply an endorsement of the candidate by the party designated, and no candidate nominated by the qualified voters for any voter-nominated office shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. § 8002.5(d)

It is mandatory that candidates for voter-nominated office list their party preferences/voter registration histories for the preceding ten years. **It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide accurate information. The candidate must account for the full ten years. If located out-of-state for a portion, state this. If not registered for a portion, provide this information.** This information will be posted on the Secretary of State's website and the Registrar of Voters' Voter Information Guide and website. § 8121(a)(b)

If a candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office submits a Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition pursuant to section 8106, any valid signatures appearing on the petition will, if the signatures are those of registered voters and eligible to vote for the candidate, be counted toward the number of voters required to sign Nomination Papers. If a Signatures- in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures needed on Nomination Papers, the candidate is not required to file Nomination Papers, but may request the Registrar of Voters to accept the petition instead of filing Nomination Papers. § 8061

**NOTE:** When using the Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee process, the candidate is still required to file a Declaration of Candidacy during the nomination period. § 8020

**(See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND THEIR CIRCULATORS for information on signing Nomination Papers.)**

All nomination documents which are required to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State shall, within five days after being left with the Registrar of Voters, be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who shall receive and file them. The Registrar of Voters shall forward with the nomination documents a statement showing the total number of signatures on the nomination documents which have not been marked "not sufficient." § 8082

All nomination documents must be filed with the Registrar of Voters or left for examination and forwarding to the Secretary of State by **January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m. All Nomination signatures do not need to be filed at the same time and may be filed before the Declaration of Candidacy is filed.** If after verification, the minimum number of nomination signatures has not been attained, supplemental signatures may then be obtained until the filing deadline. § 8020(b)

**NOTE: There is no extension of the filing period for any office where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.** § 8022

**Every candidate must sign with a wet signature and file a Declaration of Candidacy during the nomination period, whether or not a Nomination Paper is filed. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be obtained from and filed with the Registrar of Voters' office in the candidate's county of residence.** § 8020, 8064

A candidate may, in a dated, signed, written statement designate a person to obtain a Declaration of Candidacy form from the Registrar of Voters' office and deliver it to the

candidate. Such statement shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the Registrar of Voters' office of the county of the candidate's residence by the 88th day prior to the Presidential Primary Election, **January 2, 2025**. **Any person may return the completed Declaration of Candidacy.** § 8028

In the event that the Declaration of Candidacy form is being returned to the Registrar of Voters' office by a person other than the candidate, the Declaration of Candidacy form/the Oath of Office **must be notarized** prior to filing with the Registrar of Voters' office. **(See back of Declaration of Candidacy form drafted by the Secretary of State and Elections Code section 8028)**

**NOTE:** A person does not need to be designated in writing by the candidate to obtain or file Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions and Nomination Papers; this is only necessary to obtain and/or file the Declaration of Candidacy.

### **CANDIDATE'S NAME**

If a candidate changes his/her name within one year of any election, the new name shall not appear upon the ballot unless the change was made by either of the following:

(a) Marriage; or (b) Decree of any court of competent jurisdiction. § 13104

For candidates with long names, there is a possibility that the Registrar of Voters' system may split the name. Due to space limitations of the ballot, the Registrar of Voters' office is unable to change column size, font size, etc., to accommodate long names. **A candidate should keep this in mind as he/she designates on his/her Declaration of Candidacy how he/she want his/her name to appear on the ballot.**

Assembly Bill 1316 was signed into law by Governor Brown in August of 2013 and went into effect on **January 1, 2014**. It eliminates the practice of permitting candidates to select a number to be printed alongside their name on ballot materials if a candidate with a similar name files for the same office. The bill requires the elections official to assign each such candidate a number based on the order in which the candidates filed their nomination papers. It requires that the first candidate be assigned the number "1", with each subsequent candidate with a similar name being assigned the next number in numerical sequence until each candidate with a similar name has been assigned a distinguishing number. The law also requires the elections official to conduct a drawing of the numbers assigned to the candidates in a similar manner as provided for by existing law to determine the order on the ballot for candidates with similar names.

Assembly Bill 57 requires that any ballot providing a translation of a candidate's name, in jurisdictions required to provide translated ballot materials pursuant to a specified provision of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), to contain a phonetic transliteration of the candidate's name unless certain conditions are met and as specified:

- Permits a candidate who has a character-based name by birth, which can be verified by birth certificate or other valid identification, to use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration.
- Permits a candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate that the candidate has been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, to use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

Candidates with a character-based name will be required to fill out a Character-Based Name Form and submit supporting documents. **§ 13211.7**

Translations apply to character-based languages in Chinese and Korean.

## **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND THEIR CIRCULATORS**

(Please read carefully before obtaining signatures)

### **CIRCULATORS**

Circulators (whether the candidate himself/herself or another person) perform the important duty of obtaining signatures of properly registered voters on the Nomination Papers. If the signatures are not obtained in accordance with law, the candidate's right to be placed on the ballot could be challenged.

All candidates should endeavor to obtain the required number of signatures as soon as possible, in order that their Nomination Papers may be returned to the Registrar of Voters' office for examination and filing or certification to the Secretary of State, as the case may be. **All Nomination Papers do not need to be filed at the same time.**

A circulator (whether the candidate himself/herself or another person) must make a sworn statement that all the signatures he/she obtained on the Nomination Papers were made in his/her presence and that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Accordingly, Nomination Papers may not be handed to someone else to obtain the signatures. Only one person may obtain signatures to a section of a Nomination Paper. **§ 8041**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who is a candidate for any office may obtain signatures to and sign his/her own Nomination Papers. His/her signature will be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer. **§ 106(a)**

Any person engaged in obtaining signatures to the Nomination Papers of a candidate for any office may, if otherwise qualified to sign the papers, sign the papers. The signature shall be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer. **§ 106(b)**

**Appointed circulators shall be 18 years of age or older. §§ 102, 8066**

The elections official shall not accept for filing any Nomination Paper unless all blanks in the certificate of circulator are filled. **§ 8065**

A candidate running for an office contained in more than one county is encouraged to obtain more than the minimum number of qualified signers of the county of his/her residence in order to obtain the required minimum.

### **SIGNERS**

For voter-nominated offices, signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. **The signer does not need to be affiliated with the same political party as the candidate.** **§§ 100, 8068**

## **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND THEIR CIRCULATORS**

**IMPORTANT: Each signer shall, at the time of signing Nomination Papers, personally affix their 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. **§ 100**

**IMPORTANT:** If a person who is a "Confidential Voter", a Superior Court Judge or a candidate for Superior Court Judge, signs a Nomination Paper, **they must**

**personally affix their place of residence.** Nomination Papers are public documents; after signing the document, the residence address would then become public record. "Confidential Voters", Superior Court Judges, and candidates for Superior Court Judge are **not exempt** from having to disclose their residential addresses on this document.

**§ 8041**

Signatures to a Nomination Paper shall not be obtained by the Registrar of Voters, or by the deputies in the office of the Registrar of Voters, nor within 100 feet of any election booth or polling place.

**§§ 6123, 6383, 6592, 8452**

No signer shall, at the time of signing a Nomination Paper, have his/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 offices to be filled.

**§ 8069**

**Any candidate may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own Nomination Papers.**

**§ 106(a)**

**NOTE: Candidates MUST OBTAIN Nomination Papers from their county of domicile. They may CIRCULATE the papers in any county in the district but must FILE the Nomination Papers in the county where the signatures were obtained.**

Before filing or forwarding for filing any Declaration of Candidacy or Nomination Papers, the Registrar of Voters will verify the signatures on the Nomination Papers with the registration affidavits on file in the office of the Registrar of Voters. **Party preferences do not need to be verified for signatures on voter-nominated and nonpartisan offices.** The Registrar of Voters will mark "not sufficient" any signature which does not appear in the same handwriting as appears on the affidavit of registration in his/her office. The Registrar of Voters may cease to verify signatures once the minimum requisite number of signatures has been verified.

**§ 8081**

**BALLOT DESIGNATIONS FOR CANDIDATES**  
**(§13107; Secretary of State Ballot Designation Regulations,**  
**Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), § 20710, et seq.)**

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, 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/she was elected by vote of the people, or to which he/she was appointed, in the case of a Superior Court Judge. **There is no word limit for the official title of the office.** A candidate may choose to include the name of his/her elective office with another profession, vocation, or occupation, but that Ballot Designation is limited to no more than three words. **§ 13107(a)(1)**

(2) Proposed ballot designations indicating a position of legislative leadership or leadership in another elected body, such as “Majority Leader of the California Senate”, “Speaker of the California State Assembly”, and “City of Long Beach Mayor Pro Tem” are not elective offices as described in Elections Code § 13107 (a)(1). Such Ballot Designations are improper, pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(1). They may, however, subject to the three-word limit, be considered under the provisions of § 13107(a)(3). Examples of acceptable Ballot Designations under this section include, but are not limited to, “Assembly Minority Leader”, “California Assembly Speaker”, and “Mayor Pro Tem”. **CCR § 20712(d)**

Proposed ballot designations indicating that the candidate is a member of the state or county central committee of a political party, or an officer of a state or county central committee of a political party, are improper, as such positions do not constitute elective county or state offices as specified in Elections Code section 13107(a)(1). **CCR § 20712(e)**

(3) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he/she holds at the time of filing the Nomination Papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people. **The word “incumbent” must be used as a noun and must stand alone.** **§ 13107(a)(2)**

(4) The phrase “appointed incumbent” may be used if the candidate holds an office other than a judicial office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office. **§ 13107(a)(4)**

If the candidate is a candidate for **election to another office**, but wants to use the title of his/her current appointed office, he may use the word “appointed” and the title of his/her current office. He/she may not use “appointed **incumbent**” in this case.

In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word “incumbent” or any words designating the office unmodified by the word “appointed.” **The words “appointed incumbent” must stand alone.**

**NOTE:** The phrase “appointed incumbent” shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which he/she holds and to which he/she was appointed as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election pursuant to Education Code Sections 5326 and 5328 or Elections Code Sections 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515.

(5) **The names of special districts, school districts, and political subdivisions are not geographical names. For purposes of this section, all California**



**geographical names shall be considered to be one word and shall be limited to the names of cities, counties and states.** CCR § 20714(f)(3)

- (6) Punctuation shall be limited to the use of a comma (e.g., Governing Board Member, Anaheim Union High School District) and a slash (e.g., Physician/Rancher/Legislator). 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 not in the dictionary shall be counted as a separate word.

**CCR § 20714(f)(2)**



- (7) **No more than three words** designating the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate may be used as a Ballot Designation. **YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR PRINCIPAL PROFESSION, VOCATION, OR OCCUPATION IN YOUR BALLOT DESIGNATION.** However, in the event the candidate does not have a current principal profession, vocation or occupation at the time he/she files his/her nomination documents, the candidate may use a Ballot Designation consisting of his/her principal professions, vocations, or occupations which the candidate was principally engaged in during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of the candidate's nomination documents.

**CCR § 20714(d)**

**“Principal”**, as that term is used in Elections Code § 13107(a)(3), means a substantial involvement of time and effort such that the activity is one of the primary, main or leading professional, vocational or occupational endeavors of the candidate. **The term “principal” precludes any activity which does not entail a significant involvement on the part of the candidate. Involvement, which is only nominal, pro forma, or titular in character does not meet the requirements of the statute.** The Ballot Designation must accurately state the candidate's principal professions, vocations, or occupations and must be factually accurate and descriptive, and neither confusing nor misleading.

**CCR § 20714(b)**

**“Profession”** means a field of employment requiring special education or skill and requiring specific knowledge of a particular discipline. The labor and skill involved in a profession is predominantly mental or intellectual, rather than physical or manual. Recognized professions generally include, but are not limited to: Law, medicine, education, engineering, accountancy, and journalism. Examples of an acceptable designation of a “profession”, as defined in Elections Code § 13107 (a)(3) include, but are not limited to: Attorney, physician, accountant, architect, and teacher.

**CCR § 20714(a)(1)**

**“Vocation”** means a trade, a religious calling, or the work upon which a person, in most but not all cases, relies for his/her livelihood and spends a major portion of his/her time. As defined, vocations may include, but are not limited to: Religious ministry, child rearing, homemaking, elderly and dependent care, and engaging in trades such as carpentry, cabinetmaking, plumbing, and the like. Examples of an acceptable designation of a “vocation”, as defined in Elections Code § 13107(a)(3) include, but are not limited to: Minister, priest, mother, father, parent, homemaker, dependent care provider, carpenter, plumber, electrician, and

cabinetmaker. **NOTE:** Husband and wife are not acceptable designations.

**CCR § 20714(a)(2)**

**“Occupation”** means the employment in which one regularly engages or follows as the means of making a livelihood. Examples of an acceptable designation of an “occupation” as defined in Elections Code § 13107(a)(3) include, but are not limited to: Rancher, restaurateur, retail salesperson, manual laborer, construction worker, computer manufacturing executive, military pilot, secretary, and police officer.

**CCR § 20714(a)(3)**

If a candidate is licensed by the State of California to engage in a profession, vocation or occupation, the candidate is entitled to consider it one of his/her “principal” professions, vocations, or occupations if (a) the candidate has maintained his/her license current as of the date he/she filed his/her nomination documents by complying with all applicable requirements of the respective licensure, including the payment of all applicable license fees and (b) the status of the candidate’s license is active at the time he/she filed his/her nomination documents.

**CCR § 20714(b)(1)**

A candidate who holds a professional, vocational, or occupational license issued by the State of California may not claim such profession, vocation or occupation as one of his/her “principal” professions, vocations, or occupations if (a) the candidate’s licensure status is “inactive” at the time the candidate files his/her nomination documents; or (b) the candidate’s license has been suspended or revoked by the agency issuing the license at the time the candidate files his/her nomination documents.

**CCR § 20714(b)(2)**

**Multiple Principal Professions, Vocations, or Occupations:** A candidate may engage in multiple principal professions, vocations or occupations. However, if a candidate proposes a Ballot Designation including multiple principal professions, vocations or occupations, the proposed Ballot Designation must comply with the following provisions: (1) The three-word limitation specified in Elections Code § 13107(a)(3); (2) Each such proposed profession, vocation or occupation shall be separately considered and must independently qualify as a “principal” profession, vocation, or occupation; and (3) When multiple professions, vocations or occupations are proposed as a ballot designation, they shall be separated by a slash (“/”).

**CCR § 20714(e)(1)(2)(3)**

- (8) **“Community Volunteer”** means a person who engages in an activity or performs a service for or on the behalf of, without profiting monetarily, one or more of the following: (1) A charitable, educational, or religious organization as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3); (2) a governmental agency; or (3) an educational institution.

The activity or service must constitute substantial involvement of the candidate’s time and effort such that the **activity or service is the sole, primary, main, or leading professional, vocational or occupational endeavor of the candidate.**

**The words “Community Volunteer” must stand alone.**

**CCR § 20714.5**

**Remember:** The candidate must use his/her principal profession, vocation, or occupation as his/her Ballot Designation. “Community Volunteer” will not be allowed if the candidate does have a principal profession, vocation, or occupation.

If the volunteer work is considered an “avocation” (see below under “Unacceptable Ballot Designations”), then “Community Volunteer” may not be used as the Ballot Designation.

- (9) The use of the word “**retired**” is generally limited for use by individuals who have permanently given up their chosen principal profession, vocation or occupation. These factors will be taken into consideration: (a) Prior to retiring from his/her principal profession, vocation or occupation, the candidate worked in such profession, vocation or occupation for more than five years; (b) The candidate is collecting, or eligible to collect, retirement benefits or other type of vested pension; (c) The candidate has reached at least the age of 55 years; (d) The candidate voluntarily left his/her last professional, vocational, or occupational position; (e) If the candidate requests a Ballot Designation that he/she is a retired public official, he/she must have previously voluntarily retired from public office, not have been involuntarily removed from office, not have been recalled by voters, and not have surrendered the office to seek another office or failed to win reelection to the office; (f) The candidate has not had another more recent, principal profession, vocation, or occupation; and (g) The candidate’s retirement benefits are providing him/her with a principal source of income. **CCR § 20716(h)(1)(2)(3)(4)**
- (10) 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: (2)(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument. (3) A designation made pursuant to this subparagraph shall also contain relevant qualifiers as follows: 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. **§ 13107(c)**

### **UNACCEPTABLE BALLOT DESIGNATIONS:**

- (1) The following types of activities are distinguished from professions, vocations, and occupations and **are not acceptable** as ballot designations pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(3):
- (a) **Avocations:** An avocation is a casual or occasional activity, diversion or hobby pursued principally for enjoyment and is in addition to the candidate’s principal

profession, vocation or occupation. The Secretary of State's Ballot Designation Regulations state that avocations may include, but are not limited to: Hobbies, social activities, volunteer work (except as set forth in section 20714.5), and matters pursued as an amateur. **CCR § 20716(b)(1)**

**Example:** (a) If a person is a PTA President (not a paid position), and does not have a principal profession, vocation, or occupation, then that person could use "Community Volunteer" as his/her ballot designation but could not use "PTA President". "PTA President" is considered a "status (see "c: Statuses"); (b) If the person is a PTA President (not a paid position), and also has a principal profession, vocation, or occupation, he/she must use his/her principal profession, vocation, or occupation as his/her ballot designation; (c) If the person is a PTA President (not paid position) and also has a principal profession, vocation, or occupation, he/she **could not** use both the principal profession, vocation, or occupation and "Community Volunteer" (even if the designation meets the three-word requirement) because "Community Volunteer" must stand alone.

- (b) **Pro Forma Professions, Vocations, and Occupations:** Pro forma professions, vocations or occupations are positions held by the candidate which consume little or none of the candidate's time and which, by their nature, are voluntary or for which the candidate is not compensated, except as set forth in section 20714.5. The Secretary of State's Ballot Designation Regulations state that pro forma professions, vocations and occupations may include, but are not limited to: Honorary peace officer, honorary chairperson, honorary professor, goodwill ambassador, official host or hostess and the like. **CCR § 20716(b)(2)**

Example: An unpaid position on a city advisory "commission" that meets no more than once a month and only requires nominal involvement of less than two hours over the course of a month will not constitute a principal profession, vocation, or occupation, because "principal" means a substantial involvement of time and effort as opposed to involvement that is only nominal, pro forma, or titular in character.

- (c) **Statuses:** A status is a state, condition, social position or legal relation of the candidate to another person, persons or the community as a whole. A status is generic in nature and generally fails to identify with any particular specificity the manner by which the candidate earns his or her livelihood or spends the substantial majority of his or her time. The Secretary of State's Ballot Designation Regulations state that examples of a status include, but are not limited to: Veteran, proponent, reformer, scholar, founder, philosopher, philanthropist, activist, patriot, taxpayer, concerned citizen, Kiwanis Club President, PTA President, husband, wife, and the like. **CCR § 20716(b)(3)**

- (2) A Ballot Designation which abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words which it modifies. Examples of impermissible designations include, but are not limited to: Ret. Army General; Major USAF, Retired; and City Attorney, Retired. **CCR § 20716(f)**

- (3) No degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name, either before or after the candidate's name per Elections Code § 13106. Examples include, but are not limited to: Ph.D., M.A., B.A., B.S., and M.D. **§ 13106**
- (4) A Ballot Designation may not comprise or include commercial identification information, such as a trademark, service mark, trade name, or the specific name of a business, partnership, corporation, company, foundation, or organization. Examples of an improper use of commercial identification information include, but are not limited to: Acme Company President, Universal Widget Inventor, Director, Smith Foundation, UCLA Professor, and the like. **CCR § 20716(d)**
- (5) Pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(2), a Ballot Designation which would suggest an evaluation of the candidate's qualifications, honesty, integrity, leadership abilities or character. Any laudatory or derogatory adjectives which would suggest an evaluation of the candidate's qualifications shall not be permitted. Such impermissible adjectives include, but are not limited to: Senior, emeritus, specialist\*, magnate, outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, eminent, best, exalted, prominent, famous, respected, honored, honest, dishonest, corrupt, lazy, and the like. **\*NOTE:** If the word "specialist" is part of a person's job classification and proof is provided, the word "specialist" may be used in the Ballot Designation. **CCR § 20716(e)**
- (6) A ballot designation which uses a word or prefix to indicate a prior profession, vocation, occupation or elected, appointed, or judicial office previously held by the candidate. These include, but are not limited to: Ex-, former, past, and erstwhile. The Secretary of State's Ballot Designation Regulations state that impermissible designations include: Former Congressman, Ex-Senator, and Former Educator. **CCR § 20716(g)**
- (7) A Ballot Designation indicating that a candidate is a member of the **state or county central committee of a political party**, or an officer of a state or county central committee of a political party, **are improper, as such positions do not constitute elective county or state offices as specified in Elections Code § 13107(a)(1)**. A Member of the Central Committee may not use "Member of the Central Committee". **CCR § 20712(e)**
- (8) A ballot designation which uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for recognized ballot status. **§ 13107(e)(5)**
- (9) A ballot designation which uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group or implies any ethnic or racial slurs or ethnically or racially derogatory language. **CCR § 20716(j)(1)**
- (10) If the candidate is a member of the clergy, the candidate may not make reference to his/her specific denomination. However, the candidate may use his/her clerical title as a ballot designation (e.g. Rabbi, Pastor, Minister, Priest, Bishop, Deacon, Monk, Nun, Imam, etc). **CCR § 20716(j)(2)**
- (11) Pursuant to section 13107(b)(7), the Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which refers to any activity prohibited by law. Unlawful activity includes any activities, conduct, professions, vocations, or occupations prohibited by state or federal law. **CCR § 20716(k)**

Neither the Secretary of State nor any other election official shall 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 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. § 13107(e)

### **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**

Each candidate who submits a ballot designation **shall file a Ballot Designation Worksheet** that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate.

**§ 13107.3, CCR § 20711**

**The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters at the same time that the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy.**

**§ 13107.3, CCR § 20711**

The Ballot Designation Worksheet is public record and shall be available for inspection and copying.

**CCR § 20711**

If a candidate requests a change of his or her ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(e), that request shall be accompanied by a new Ballot Designation Worksheet.

**CCR § 20711**

**IN THE EVENT THAT A CANDIDATE FAILS TO FILE A BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET, NO DESIGNATION SHALL APPEAR UNDER THE CANDIDATE'S NAME ON THE BALLOT.**

**§ 13107.3**

The purpose of the Ballot Designation Worksheet is for the candidate to give information to substantiate his/her Ballot Designation. **It must be completed in its entirety. Do not leave any response spaces blank.** The candidate signs this worksheet attesting that the Ballot Designation and the provided back-up information are accurate. **It is not the responsibility of the Registrar of Voters' staff to investigate if the facts indicated by the candidate are valid.** The Ballot Designation Worksheet is used as back-up for his/her Ballot Designation in the event the Ballot Designation is challenged.

In the space provided on the Ballot Designation Worksheet, you must describe why you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation. You may attach any documents or

exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. If using the title of an elective office, you may attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment. **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINALS.** These documents will not be returned to you.

If the proposed ballot designation includes the word “volunteer”, indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of any entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do, and the approximate amount of time involved. **NOTE:** You may only use the ballot designation “Community Volunteer” if you do not have a principal profession, vocation, or occupation. You must volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency, or an educational institution.

**Remember:** It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.

In reviewing the nomination documents, the Registrar of Voters’ staff will verify that the Ballot Designation meets the **basic restrictions set forth in this section**, such as the three-word limitation and the use of “Incumbent”. If the designation is found 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 appearing on the candidate's nomination documents. **§ 13107(f)**

The candidate shall, within three days from the date of receipt of the notice, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide an alternate designation. **In the event the candidate fails to provide an alternate designation, no designation will appear after the candidate’s name.** **§ 13107(f)(1)**

**The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both Primary and General Elections, unless the candidate, at least 54 days prior to the General Election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request. The written request must be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.** **§ 13107(h)**

In all cases, 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 Elections Code 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. **§ 13107(i)**

Whenever a foreign language translation of a candidate’s designation is required under the 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. **§ 13107(j)**

## **CHALLENGING A BALLOT DESIGNATION**

Ballot Designations will be available for public examination as candidates file them. These ballot designations will be available for review at the Registrar of Voters' office and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. **§ 13107**

A person may challenge the Ballot Designation of a State candidate in Sacramento County. A person may file a writ of mandate or injunction to require the Ballot Designation to be amended. Contact the Secretary of State for further information. **§ 13313**

No Ballot Designation given by a candidate shall be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, **January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**, except as specifically requested by the elections official or mandated by the court to change an unacceptable designation. **§ 13107(g)**

## **BALLOT ORDER OF CANDIDATES**

### **RANDOMIZED ALPHABET:**

The State Senate District 36 contest will be determined by a random draw. The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, the result of which shall be known as a randomized alphabet. **§ 13112(d)**

The procedure shall be as follows: Each letter of the alphabet shall be written on a separate slip of paper, each of which will be folded and inserted into a capsule. Each capsule shall be opaque and of uniform weight, color, size, shape, and texture. The capsules shall be placed in a container, which shall be shaken vigorously in order to mix them thoroughly. The container then shall be opened, and the capsules removed at random one at a time. As each is removed, it shall be opened and the letter on the slip of paper read aloud and written down. **§ 13112**

The resulting random order of letters constitutes the randomized alphabet, which is to be used in the same manner as the conventional alphabet in determining the order of all candidates in all elections. For example, if two candidates with the surnames Campbell and Carlson are running for the same office, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letter M and R were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing. The drawing shall be open to the public. A drawing will take place for each election date. **The date of the drawing for the Special Primary Election will be January 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** **§ 13112(d)**



## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county elections official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. The candidate must submit the statement to the office of the Registrar of Voters when his/her Nomination Papers are returned for filing. **§ 13307**

**Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates.** The statement **may be withdrawn, but not changed**, during the period for filing Nomination Papers and until **5:00 p.m. of January 3, 2025**, the next working day after the close of the nomination period. **§ 13307(a)(3)**

In addition to the statement prepared pursuant to §13307(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. **§ 13307(c)(1)**

**A statement prepared pursuant to §13307(c), shall be posted on the Internet Web site of the elections official, and may be included in a voter information guide that is electronically distributed by the elections official pursuant to Section 13300.7, but shall not be included in a voter information guide that is printed and mailed to voters pursuant to §13307(b).**

**NOTE:** A statement that is printed in the voter's information guide and mailed to voters pursuant to §13307(b), shall be included with the statement that is prepared and electronically distributed pursuant to §13307(c).

### **VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES:**

**State Senate Candidates:** Pursuant to Proposition 34 adopted by the voters in November of 2000, all candidates for **State elective offices** as specified in Government Code section 82053 who have voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits may prepare a Candidate's Statement. **A candidate for State Senate who has not voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits will not be allowed to file a Candidate's Statement.**

**NOTE:** Once the voluntary expenditure limits are accepted (or rejected), the spending-limits decision applies to both the Primary and General Elections. However, a state/statewide candidate who has not exceeded the voluntary spending limits may revoke and change his/her acceptance or rejection of the voluntary spending limits no more than two times after the initial filing of the Candidate Intention Form (Form 501), provided that the amendment to the filer's Form 501 is received by this office, before the deadline for filing the candidate's Nomination Papers.

At the top of a Candidate's Statement by a candidate for State Senate (voter-nominated office), the following may be included: The name, age, occupation, and party preference (mandated) of the candidate. The Candidate's Statement shall contain a brief description, of no more than 250 words of the candidate's education and qualifications (expressed by the candidate himself/herself). The name, age, occupation, and party preference at the top of the statement will not be included in the word count.



**IMPORTANT: A Candidate's Statement may make no reference to another candidate.** In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 13307, any Candidate's Statement submitted pursuant to Section 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and **shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.** The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section. **§ 13308**

The Registrar of Voters will send to each voter a Voter Information Guide that contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. **The statement of each candidate will be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.** **§ 13307(b)**



**IMPORTANT: All Candidates' Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.** **§ 13311**

**All Candidate's Statements written in the third person must also include the name of the candidate at the end of the statement and must be included in the word count.**

The Registrar of Voters will require each candidate filing a Candidate's Statement to pay in advance as a condition of having his/her statement included in the Voter Information Guide. The cost is calculated to recover expenses for translation into the required languages, typesetting, printing and labor in the processing of candidate's statements. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, certified check, and credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover). **§ 13307(d)**

The candidate must also sign a Candidate's Statement Agreement at the time the statement is filed. A copy of the signed Agreement and signed Statement will be given to the candidate. **§ 13307(d)**

In the event that a candidate pays for a statement by check and the check is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds, the candidate will have 24 hours to pay for the statement by cash, money order, certified check, and credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover). If payment is not received by the deadline, the statement will not be printed in the Voter Information Guide. **§ 13307**

**NOTE: Pursuant to minority language provisions of the Federal Voting Rights Act, Orange County is required to provide election materials in the Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese languages in addition to English. The materials covered by this Act include Candidates' Statements. Therefore, all costs include translating and printing of Candidates' Statements in the Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese languages. These materials will be provided to voters who have requested Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese language election materials.**

Nothing in the foregoing shall be deemed to make any statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's guide. **§ 13307(e)**

Before the nomination 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 for the electronically distributed Candidate's Statement. This decision shall not be revoked or modified after the seventh day prior to the opening of the nominating period. A written statement of the regulations with respect to charges for handling, packaging, and mailing shall be provided to each candidate or his/her representative at the time he/she picks up the Nomination Papers. **§ 13307(f)**

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** For all Candidates' Statements filed on or before **January 2, 2025**, the public review period begins **January 3, 2025** at the Registrar of Voters' office and on its website. **§ 13313**

**CHALLENGING A CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:** A person may challenge a Candidate's Statement in court during the Public Review Period. A person may file a writ of mandate or injunction to require the Candidate's Statement to be amended. **§ 13314**

No Candidate's Statement may be changed by the candidate after the statement has been filed except as specifically requested by the elections official or mandated by the court to change an unacceptable Candidate's Statement. **§ 13307(a)(3)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATES IN DISTRICTS THAT ENCOMPASS MORE THAN ONE COUNTY:** All candidates running for office in a district located in more than one county must file Nomination Papers with the county elections official where he/she is domiciled (**§10540**). **HOWEVER**, if a candidate in a multi-county district would like his/her Candidate's Statement (if applicable) to be included in the Voter Information Guide distributed in each county of the district, the statement **must** be filed in the office of **each** county's election official. In addition, the cost of printing and handling the Candidate's Statement in each county must be paid to each county elections official. If you desire a statement in Orange County's Voter Information Guide, you **MUST** submit your statement and payment at the Orange County Registrar of Voters' office. The fee will vary in each county depending on many factors, including the number of registered voters within that portion of the district. **It is the candidate's responsibility to contact each county to obtain the appropriate information from each county. Failure to do so may jeopardize the printing of the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications. (California Association of Clerks & Election Officials' Candidate Statement Guidelines)**

Contest ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate ID : \_\_\_\_\_  
# Words: \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] 250  
February 25, 2025

## Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

PARTY:

(Required for Voter Nominated)

AGE:

(Optional)

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** (Elections Code § 13307)

1. Signed and dated statement must be filed in the Registrar of Voters office at the time final nomination documents are filed. A copy will be given to the candidate.
2. This statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FORMATTING GUIDELINES

The Registrar of Voters' office has a semi-automated system for Voter Information Guide input/layout of a Candidate's Statement. Due to the volume of statements and printing deadlines, it is necessary to have a standardized format for a Candidate's Statement. We have prepared the following guidelines to assist candidates in the preparation of their statements.

1. The following paragraph styles are acceptable with this system.

### INDENTED PARAGRAPHS:

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### BLOCK PARAGRAPHS:

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**DO NOT USE ANY PARAGRAPH/FORMAT STYLE OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.**

2. All statements may be submitted on our template or typed and printed by automated equipment and submitted electronically in Word format. **DO NOT PRINT ANY STATEMENT ON LINED PAPER. HANDWRITTEN STATEMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

3. NOTE: Name, age and occupation at the top of the statement are not included in the word count. In addition, for voter-nominated candidates, the party preference at the top of the statement will not be included in the word count if they desire to have it included in the statement. **The words reflected in the "occupation" field must follow the Ballot Designation Guidelines listed in this handbook.**

4. Do not underline or **bold** WORDS. § 13307(b)

5. Words may NOT be all CAPITAL letters. § 13307(b)

6. Do not use *italics* or type styles to highlight portions of the statement. § 13307(b)

7. Do not use different type sizes. § 13307(b)



8. A 250-word statement must fit on one quarter of a Voter Information Guide page. If your statement exceeds this limitation, we will be forced to adjust your format to fit in the space allowed.

9. You may block indent within a paragraph. However, you MAY NOT use bullet points, stars, asterisks, or numbers that function as bullet points to off-set the paragraphs.



**Excessive number of paragraphs or block-indentation in a Candidate's Statement may cause the statement to not fit in the allotted space even though the word count hasn't exceeded the maximum number of words. If the statement does not fit into the box, you will be asked to edit your statement. Keep this in mind as you write and format your statement.**

10. All statements are printed in the Voter Information Guide with the following titles which are not included in the word count:

**NAME OF CANDIDATE  
OCCUPATION**

Use these general guidelines to assist you in the preparation of your statement. There are other requirements regarding the content of your statement that are outlined in this Candidate's Handbook.



**CHECK YOUR STATEMENT CAREFULLY FOR ERRORS IN SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, AND GRAMMAR BEFORE FILING. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS, YOUR STATEMENT WILL BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED.**

## PRINTED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT COST

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>200 words</b>	<b>250 words</b>	<b>400 words</b>
36 <sup>th</sup> Senate District*	N/A	\$7,375.23**	N/A



## **ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT COST**

One – 250 word	\$ 541.07**
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**Electronically Distributed Candidate's Statements of Qualification will NOT be printed in the Voter Information Guide.**

Any candidate needing information applicable to indigents should check with the Registrar of Voters' office.

**\*REMEMBER:** Only those State Legislative candidates who have voluntarily agreed to expenditures limits may prepare a Candidate's Statement, not to exceed 250 words.

**Proposition 34**

\*\*The District is shared by more than one county. This cost is only for the Orange County portion. If a candidate desires to have his/her Candidate's Statement printed in another county's Voter Information Guide, he/she must also file his/her statement and pay the cost at that county's elections office. It is possible that the cost may differ from Orange County's

**IMPORTANT:** A candidate may withdraw his/her Candidate's Statement by signing and submitting a cancellation notice at the bottom of the Candidate's Statement Agreement or in writing to the Registrar of Voters no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. **§ 13307(a)**

**WORD COUNT STANDARD FOR CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
(§9 – entire page)**

Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified on this page.

The following are the guidelines for computing the word count:

The title of the office, name, district, age, and occupation lines are not included in the word count –only the text is counted. For voter-nominated offices, the party preference line is also not included in the word count.

Punctuation marks are not included in the word count.

Symbols such as “&” (and), and “#” (number/pound) are not considered punctuation..... each symbol is counted as one word

Dictionary words.....one word

The words "a", "the", "and", and "an" are counted as individual words.



All proper nouns including geographical names and names of persons.....one word  
Examples: County of Orange, Orange County, San Juan Capistrano, City of Brea, Gus Enright, Jane Smith.

Abbreviations - UCLA, U.C.L.A., PTA, P.T.A., USMC, U.S.M.C.....one word

Acronyms.....one word

Regularly hyphenated words appearing in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the United States within 10 years preceding the election. (Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word).....one word

Dates.....one word

Whole numbers - Digits (1 or 10 or 100, etc.).....one word  
Spelled out (one or ten or one hundred).....each word counts as one word

Names of things.....each word counts as one word  
L.A. basketball team (three words)

Numeric combinations (1973, 18 1/2, 1971-73, 5%).....one word

Monetary amounts (if the dollar sign is used with figures - \$1,000).....one word  
Spelled out (one thousand dollars).....each word counts as one word

Telephone/fax numbers.....one word

E-mail and website addresses.....one word

If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must delete or change a sufficient number of words, or a sentence, to put the statement within the required word limit before the statement is filed. The candidate should correct any misspellings before the statement is filed. **Other than formatting requirements, your statement will be printed as filed.**

**The submitted statement must be typed. No word will be printed in "ALL CAPS", bolding or underlining. Do not use bullet points, stars, asterisks, or numbers that function as bullet points to block-indent paragraphs.**



*Reminder!*

**Excessive number of paragraphs or block-indentation in a Candidate's Statement may cause the statement to not fit in the allotted space even though the word count hasn't exceeded the maximum number of words. If the statement does not fit into the box, you will be asked to edit your statement. Keep this in mind as you write and format your statement.**

**IMPORTANT**: The Candidate's Statement may make no reference to another candidate. The statement may include a description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself/herself. **§ 13308**

**THE PRECEDING INFORMATION SHALL NOT APPLY TO COUNTING WORDS FOR BALLOT DESIGNATIONS UNDER SECTION 13107**

The candidate must sign and date the statement when it is filed. The candidate is required to pay for the statement and complete a Candidate's Statement Agreement form at the time the statement is filed. A copy of the signed statement and the Agreement will be given to the candidate.

**The statement must be filed at the same time that the Declaration of Candidacy is filed.** The statement **may be withdrawn, but not changed**, during the period for filing nomination documents and until **5:00 p.m.** of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. **§ 13307(a)(2)**

**All statements are confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.** **§ 13311**

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Every person who desires to be a write-in candidate and have his/her name as written on the ballot of an election counted for a particular office shall file:

(a) A Statement of Write-in Candidacy that contains the following information:

- (1) Candidate's name;
- (2) Residence address;
- (3) A declaration stating that he/she is a write-in candidate;
- (4) The name of the office for which he/she is running;
- (5) For voter-nominated offices, the candidate's 10-year political party preference history;
- (6) The date of the election;

**§§ 8600, 8601, 10704(a)**

(b) The requisite number of signatures on the Nomination Papers, if any, required pursuant to section 8062, 10220, or 10510.

**§ 8600(b)**

In order to be nominated at the special primary election, the write-in candidate must receive the highest number of votes cast for this office or the second highest number of votes cast for this office, unless there is a tie or a vacancy, or unless another candidate has been elected to the office by winning a majority of the votes. **§§ 8142, 8605, 10705**

No fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate.

**§ 8604**

The Statement of Write-in Candidacy form and Nomination Papers shall be available from the Registrar of Voters' office on **December 30, 2024**. The Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers shall be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside no later than the 14th day prior to the election, **February 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

**§ 8601**

The required number of signers to a write-in candidate's Nomination Paper for the respective offices are as follows:

- Member of the State Senate: **Not less than 40 nor more than 60;**

Signers of Nomination Papers for write-in candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. If the candidate is running for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office, the signers do not need to be affiliated with the party of the candidate.

**§ 8603**

The write-in candidate may appoint persons to circulate the Nomination Papers. Circulators must be 18 years or older.

**§§ 102, 8066**

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING REQUIREMENTS

For detailed information on Campaign Disclosure Statements, see Campaign Disclosure Manual 1 or 2. The manual is prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission, and can be found on its website at [fppc.ca.gov](http://fppc.ca.gov).

Any individual who intends to be a candidate for elective office shall file a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) for the specific office sought. Candidates are not required to file a Form 501 for the same office in a connected General Election after filing a Form 501 for the Primary Election. A separate Form 501 must be filed for each future election, including re-election to the same office. This statement shall be signed under penalty of perjury and filed prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, including expenditures made from personal funds used for campaign purposes.

**Gov't. Code § 85200**

If you plan on spending two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in a calendar year, you will receive a campaign reporting kit when you file for office. The kit contains all the necessary forms and instructions for filing your required campaign disclosure statements. A Statement of Organization-Recipient Committee (Form 410) shall be filed with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division within 10 days of qualifying as a committee by receiving contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

**Gov't. Code §§ 82013(a), 84101**

If you plan on spending less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year, you will receive a form 470 (short form) when you file for office. Every candidate or officeholder who has filed a short form and who thereafter receives contributions or makes expenditures totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in a calendar year, shall send written notification to the Secretary of State, the local filing officer, and each candidate contending for the same office within 48 hours of receiving or expending a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The written notification shall revoke the previously filed short form statement. For additional filing obligations, refer to Manual 1 for State office candidates or Manual 2 for local office candidates.

**Gov't. Code § 84206**

If you have questions concerning campaign disclosure reporting, call (714) 567-7558 for assistance or additional filing forms or contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at its website: [fppc.ca.gov](http://fppc.ca.gov) or call its toll-free number: (866) 275-3772\*1

## ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

An electronic filing system is now available for you to file your Campaign Disclosure Statements. The system is a web-based data entry filing system. It allows candidates and campaign committees to submit disclosure reports as mandated by the California Political Reform Act. **This system is available free of charge.**

**State Legislative Candidates:** All candidates for legislative offices who raise or spend \$25,000 or more must file their contribution and expenditure disclosure statements electronically and on paper. Log-on instructions and approved electronic filing vendors are posted on the Political Reform Division's page on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov/prd/electronic-filing-info](http://www.sos.ca.gov/prd/electronic-filing-info).

**NetFile Requirements:** The NetFile Campaign Admin System is a web-based service allowing anyone with internet access to use the system.

**System Requirements:** Because the system is web-based, any computer with Internet access will work. **Software Requirements:** You will need the following software to use the NetFile Campaign Admin System. The latest version of any of the following web browsers: Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, Google Chrome, and Opera.

## California Fair Political Practices Commission

# Where to File Campaign Reports

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### Filing campaign reports is easy!

- The **Secretary of State** receives each committee's incorporation form, Form 410.
- The **Filing Officer** of the jurisdiction where the committee spends money receives the standard campaign disclosure statements (Forms 425, 450 or 460).
- The FPPC provides free assistance on how to complete forms, but file the forms as indicated below.

**State** Elected officials, candidates (including Supreme Court justices, appellate court justices, and superior court judges), and all other state committees file with:

- **Secretary of State's Office**
- **Election office in the county of domicile – *Only applies to state candidate controlled committees that are not E-filers.***

**Multi-County** Elected officials, candidates, and all other committees in jurisdictions that contain parts of two or more counties file with:

- **Election office in the county with the largest number of registered voters.**
- **Election office in the county of domicile - *Only applies to multi-county candidate controlled committees, if different from the county with the largest number of registered voters.***

**County** Elected officials, candidates, and all other committees in a single county file with:

- **Election office**

**City** Elected officials, candidates, and all committees in a single city file with:

- **City Clerk - *This includes elections that may be conducted by the county, but the voting jurisdiction is within a single city.***

## CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

At the time an individual is issued his/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 of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of Chapter 5 of Division 20 of the Elections Code. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that **subscription to the code is voluntary.** § 20440

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure as defined in section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of the provisions of Chapter 5 of Division 20 of the Elections Code to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9, (commencing with section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee. § 20440

The Registrar of Voters 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. § 20442

Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to Chapter 6 of Division 20 of the Elections Code is a public record open for public inspection. § 20443

In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code. § 20444

## STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - FORM 700

**Candidates for State Senate must file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) before or at the same time as the filing of his/her Declaration of Candidacy or no later than January 2, 2025. Gov't Code § 87201**

The following candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) during the period for filing a Declaration of Candidacy. This article is applicable to elected state officers, Judges and Commissioners of courts of the Judicial Branch of government, Members of the Public Utilities Commission, Members of the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, Members of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Members of the California Coastal Commission, Members of planning commissions, Members of the Board of Supervisors, District Attorneys, County Counsels, County Treasurers and Chief Administrative Officers of counties, Mayors, City Managers, City Attorneys, City Treasurers, and Chief Administrative Officers and Members of City Councils of cities, other public officials who manage public investments, and to candidates for any of these offices at any election. **Gov't. Code § 87200**

Every candidate for an office specified in Government Code section 87200 other than a Justice of an Appellate Court or the Supreme Court shall file no later than the final filing date of a Declaration of Candidacy, a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) with the county elections official, disclosing his/her investments, his/her interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months pursuant to the requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended.

The statement shall not be required if the candidate has filed, within 60 days prior to the filing of his/her Declaration of Candidacy, a statement for the same jurisdiction pursuant to Government Code sections 87202 or 87203. **Gov't. Code § 87201**

### **FILING DATE**

Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) is to be completed and returned to the Registrar of Voters' office **prior to the deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy.** Each candidate will receive a Statement of Economic Interests form and instructions when issued the Declaration of Candidacy. Any questions regarding your Form 700, contact the following:

Orange County Registrar of Voters  
1300 South Grand Avenue, Building C  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
PO Box 11298  
(714) 567-7558

For technical questions regarding completion of the Form 700, please contact:

Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050  
Sacramento, California 95811  
1-866-275-3772 \*2; fppc.ca.gov

## POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any paid political advertisement which 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. **§ 20008**

## SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

Every simulated ballot or simulated voter information guide shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type of 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:

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### NOTICE TO VOTERS (Required by law)

This is not an official ballot or an official voter information guide 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).

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

No simulated ballot or simulated voter information guide shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.

The Superior Court, in any case brought before it by any 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 thereof. **§ 20009**





**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**

ODA-0027 (REV 10/2022)

Election Date:  March  November Other:

Candidate's Name:

Office sought or Proposition Number:

County where sign(s) will be placed:

Number of signs to be placed:

**RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number (Include Area Code):

Email (Optional):

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

**Mail Statement of Responsibility to:**

Department of Transportation  
Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942873, MS-38  
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001  
Email: [ODA@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ODA@dot.ca.gov)

## OBSERVER GUIDELINES

The election process is a public affair and anyone who wishes may observe. However, the vote of the individual citizen is secret, and no one may interfere with a voter's right to cast a secret ballot. Members of the precinct boards are sworn election officials of the County of Orange and have complete responsibility for conducting all phases of the election in their precinct. Certain standards are expected of observers:

- Any person who in any manner interferes with the officers holding an election or conducting a canvass, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years. **§ 18502**
- The election must be orderly. Do not talk in a loud voice, cause confusion, or congregate inside the Vote Centers. Do not ask to use the telephone or other facilities.
- Only voters engaged in receiving, preparing, or depositing their ballots and persons authorized by the precinct board to keep order and enforce the law may be permitted to be within the voting booth area before the closing of the polls. **§ 14221**
- (a) Only members of the precinct board, and persons while signing their names on the roster, shall be permitted, during the hours within which voting is in progress, to sit at the desk or table used by the precinct board.  
  
(b) Any person may inspect the roster while voting is in progress and while votes are being counted. However, this shall not be done at a time or in a manner which will impede, interfere, or interrupt the normal process of voting. **§ 14223**
- No person on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a Vote Center or an elections official's office, a curbside voting area, or a ballot drop box:
  - (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 voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240; and
  - (d) Do any electioneering. Electioneering is defined as the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot.

"Vote Center 100 Foot" signs are posted outside vote centers, indicating the 100 foot boundary for electioneering. As used in this section, **"100 feet" means a distance 100 feet from the entrance of a facility containing a Vote Center, curbside voting location or ballot drop box.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. **§ 18370**

- (a) Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace

officer, guard, or security personnel, who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

(b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his/her vote;
- (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his/her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his/her vote;
- (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official; and
- (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held.

**§ 18544**

- The Precinct Board will attempt to respond to any reasonable, lawful requests from observers. The Registrar of Voters' office has instructed Precinct Officers to ask unruly observers to leave, and to ask for assistance from the local law enforcement agency, if necessary.

### **ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS**

Orange County uses a central location for tallying votes. All ballots are tabulated in the Registrar of Voters' Tally Center located at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Building C, Santa Ana.

The vote counting procedure is open to public viewing. Unofficial results are available throughout the evening of the election in the Registrar of Voters' office beginning at approximately 8:05 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and continuing each half hour thereafter until all precinct ballots have been tallied. Results may also be obtained by visiting our web site at [ocvote.gov](http://ocvote.gov) or calling the Registrar of Voters' office at (714) 567-7600.

## PENAL PROVISIONS

- (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the voters of California are entitled to accurate representations in materials that are directed to them in efforts to influence how they vote.
- (b) No person shall publish or cause to be published, with intent to deceive, any campaign advertisement containing a signature that the person knows to be unauthorized.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "campaign advertisement" means any communication directed to voters by means of a mass mailing as defined in Section 82041.5 of the Government Code, a paid television, radio, or newspaper advertisement, an outdoor advertisement, or any other printed matter, if the expenditures for that communication are required to be reported by Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 84100) of Title 9 of the Government Code.
- (d) For purposes of this section, an authorization to use a signature shall be oral or written.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person from publishing or causing to be published a reproduction of all or part of a document containing an actual or authorized signature, provided that the signature so reproduced shall not, with the intent to deceive, be incorporated into another document in a manner that falsely suggests that the person whose signature is reproduced has signed the other document.
- (f) Any knowing or willful violation of this section is a public offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail, or by a fine not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (g) As used in this section, "signature" means either of the following:
  - (1) A handwritten or mechanical signature, or a copy thereof.
  - (2) Any representation of a person's name, including, but not limited to, a printed or typewritten representation, that serves the same purpose as a handwritten or mechanical signature.

**Penal § 115.1**

Every person who subscribes to any nomination petition a fictitious name, or who intentionally subscribes thereto the name of another, or who causes another to subscribe such a name to such a petition, is guilty of a felony and is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years. **§ 18200**

Any person who falsely makes or fraudulently defaces or destroys all or any part of a Nomination Paper, is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years or by both such fine and imprisonment. **§ 18201**

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 or Declaration of Candidacy in his/her possession, entitled to be filed under the provisions of this code. **§ 18202**

## PENAL PROVISIONS

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Any person who files or submits for filing a Nomination Paper or Declaration of Candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years or by both such fine and imprisonment. **§ 18203**

Any person who willfully suppresses all or any part of a Nomination Paper or Declaration of Candidacy either before or after filing is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years or by both such fine and imprisonment. **§ 18204**

A person shall not directly or through any other person advance, pay, solicit, or receive or cause to be advanced, paid, solicited, or received any money or other valuable consideration to or for the use of any person in order to induce a person not to become or to withdraw as a candidate for public office. Violation of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years. **§ 18205**

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, prepared pursuant to Sections 11327 or 13307, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his/her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). **§ 18351**

- No person on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a Vote Center or an elections official's office, a curbside voting area, or a ballot drop box:
  - (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 voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240; and
  - (d) Do any electioneering. Electioneering is defined as the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot.

"Vote Center 100 Foot" signs are posted outside vote centers, indicating the 100-foot boundary for electioneering. As used in this section, **"100 feet" means a distance 100 feet from the entrance of a Vote Center, curbside voting location or ballot drop box.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. **§ 18370**

(a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a vote-by-mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time he/she knows the vote-by-mail voter is voting. **§ 18371(a)**

(b) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. **§ 18371(b)**

## PENAL PROVISIONS

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(c) This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by Section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

**§ 18371(c)**

No one who holds, or who is seeking election or appointment to, any office shall, directly or indirectly, offer or arrange for any increase in compensation or salary for an employee of a state or local agency in exchange for, or a promise of, a contribution or loan to any committee controlled directly or indirectly by the person who holds, or who is seeking election or appointment to, an office. A violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not exceeding one year, a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine. **Gov't § 3205.5**

## SERVICES TO CANDIDATES

### REGISTRATION FORMS

For candidates and committees wishing to conduct registration drives to register voters, registration forms are available at the Registrar of Voters' office from the Voter Registration Specialist. You may obtain the quantity of registration forms you deem necessary, upon availability. You will be asked to complete a Statement of Distribution form at the time the forms are issued to you. For further information, please call (714) 567-7569.

### COMPUTER PRODUCTS

**Registered Voter File:** Candidates may purchase the registered voter file on a USB drive. The file is in alphabetical sequence and can be ordered with the names of all voters in Orange County or just the voters in a particular city or district. Call (714) 834-7116 for more information or go to [ocvote.gov](http://ocvote.gov) to make a purchase online. Click on "Data & Research" at the top of the page and click on "Purchase Voter Data". The Registrar of Voters' office does not provide technical support. The candidate must also fill out a written request form containing a wet signature.

### INDICES (WALKING LISTS)

All candidates are entitled to purchase indexes. These are printed lists of registered voters by precinct, listed by address with the street names arranged alphabetically and street numbers in numerical order for a given street name.

Each candidate may purchase up to two copies (sets) of indexes for his/her own use or the use of his/her committee. These may be a complete set, including all precincts within the district in which the candidate is running, or a partial set, including some of the precincts in the district. Indexes sell for \$1.50 per thousand names or portion thereof. Indexes may be ordered by filling out the proper form at the Registrar of Voters' office or by writing a letter to the Registrar of Voters' office requesting indexes for a certain district. The cost of the product is payable in advance at the time the product is requested. For further information, please call (714) 834-7116.

The candidate must fill out a written request form containing a signed declaration that the data purchased will be used only for election purposes.

Products are usually available within 3-4 days of placing the order (depending on job scheduling). For further information, please call (714) 834-7116.



## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/WEBSITES

### ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

GENERAL INFORMATION	(714) 567-7600
FAX	(714) 567-7556
WEBSITE	<a href="http://ocvote.gov">ocvote.gov</a>
VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER DIVISION (Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications, Information)	(714) 567-7560
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE DIVISION (Financial Disclosure Statements, Information)	(714) 567-7558
CAMPAIGN MATERIALS DIVISION (Maps, Precinct Information) (Voter List, Street Index)	(714) 567-7610 (714) 834-7116
CANDIDATE FILING DIVISION (Filing Requirements for Office)	(714) 567-7600
VOTER REGISTRATION DIVISION (Voter Registration Forms, Information)	(714) 567-7569

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTIONS DIVISION	(916) 657-2166
FAX (General Information, Filing for State/Federal Offices)	(916) 653-3214
WEBSITE	<a href="http://sos.ca.gov">sos.ca.gov</a>
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