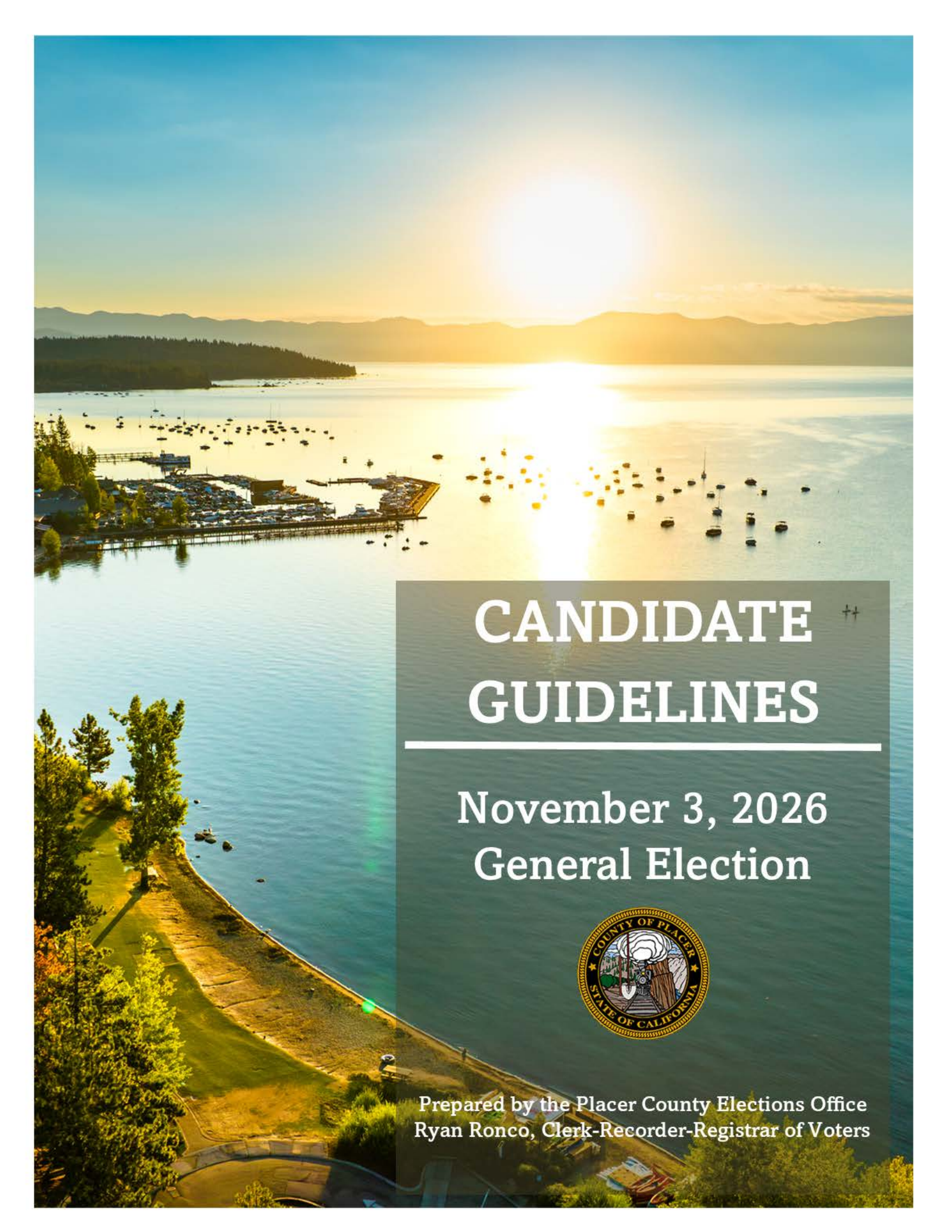




CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

November 3, 2026
General Election



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Notice to Candidates

The information included in this guide is not all-encompassing. In the event there is a conflict between this guide and a law, regulation or rule, the statutory requirements shall apply. This content is being distributed with the understanding that neither the Secretary of State, nor the Placer County Elections Office, is rendering legal advice, and that this information is not to be a substitute for legal counsel. As such, candidates, committees and campaign staff should also examine the applicable laws and regulations. (Candidates can access and review all codes, laws and regulations cited in this document by visiting the California Legislative Information website at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov and the Placer County Code of Ordinances website at ecode360.com/43632250.)

Candidates who do not meet every filing requirement of the nomination filing process will not be eligible to appear on the ballot, as there are no extensions or provisions for missed or late filings.

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Quick Reference Calendar

November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial General Election – Candidate Calendar

July 1 (E-125)	Last day resolution and boundary maps can be presented to the Elections Office to guarantee placement on the ballot.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 10509, 10522, 10524</i>
July 13 (E-113)	Candidate filing period begins.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041</i>
July 18 (E-108)	Candidate Workshop - Clerk-Recorder-Elections Training Room at Atherton Road.	
July 28 (E-98)	Last day that a candidate from the Primary Election may request a different ballot designation for use in the General Election.	<i>Elec. Code § 13107(h)</i>
July 31 (E-95)	Last day to file semi-annual campaign statements.	<i>Gov. Code § 84200</i>
August 7 (E-88)	Close of regular candidate filing period. This period is extended if an incumbent fails to file.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 8020(b), 8063, 8064, 8403, 8550, 13107.3</i>
August 12 (E-83)	Close of extended candidate filing period.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 8022, 8024</i>
August 13 (E-82)	Random alphabet draw to be held at 11AM to determine the ballot order of candidates' names.	<i>Elec. Code § 13112 (b)(1)(C)</i>
September 7 (E-57)	Write-in candidate filing period begins.	<i>Elec. Code § 8601</i>
September 19 (E-45)	Federal deadline to mail military and overseas ballots.	<i>52 U.S.C. § 2302 (MOVE Act)</i>
September 24 (E-40)	Last day to file 1 st pre-election campaign statements.	<i>Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84200.5, 84200.8</i>
October 5 (E-29)	Ballots mailed to all active registered voters by this date. First day to begin processing ballots.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 3001, 15101</i>
October 5 (E-29)	County voter information guides will be mailed to voters by this date.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 13303(a), 13305</i>
October 19 (E-15)	Registration deadline for this election (to be mailed voting materials by mail).	<i>Elec. Code § 2102</i>
October 20 (E-14)	Close of write-in candidate filing period. First day for conditional registration for this election.	<i>Elec. Code §§ 8601, 8604, 2170 (a)</i>
October 22 (E-12)	Last day to file 2 nd pre-election campaign statements.	<i>Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84200.5, 84200.8</i>
October 27 (E-7)	Last day to request a ballot by mail.	<i>Elec. Code § 3001</i>
November 3	ELECTION DAY	<i>Elec. Code §§ 1000(e), 1200</i>

Federal, State and Local Agency Contact Information

PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE	Website: www.placercountyelections.gov Telephone: 530-886-5650 or toll-free 800-824-8683 Address: 3715 Atherton Road, Rocklin, CA 95765 - Contact our office with questions regarding the elections process or information in this handbook.
SECRETARY OF STATE	Website: www.sos.ca.gov Address: 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 Political Reform Division's Telephone: 916-653-6224 - Contact SOS for questions concerning Form 501, Form 410, political reform, committee ID numbers and termination of recipient committees. Elections Division's Telephone: 916-657-2166 - Contact for questions concerning the CA Elections Code, a certified list of candidates and election results for state and federal offices.
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION	Website: www.fppc.ca.gov Telephone: 916-322-5660 or 866-275-3772 Address: 1102 Q Street, Suite #3050, Sacramento, CA 95811 - Contact FPPC for questions regarding Form 700. - Contact the technical assistance division regarding campaign disclosure, conflict of interest disclosure and state contribution limits. - Contact the legal division regarding any conflict-of-interest disqualification or concerns about the proper use of campaign funds. - Contact the enforcement division regarding a complaint under the Political Reform Act. Email complaints to complaint@fppc.ca.gov.
FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION	Website: www.fec.gov Telephone: 800-424-9530 Address: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20463 - Contact regarding federal campaign disclosure requirements or contributions from national banks, national corporations and foreign nationals.
STATE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD	Website: www.ftb.ca.gov Telephone (toll-free): 800-852-5711 or 800-338-0505 (automated help) Address: P.O. Box 942857, Sacramento, CA 94257 Location: 3321 Power Inn Rd, Suite #250, Sacramento, CA 95826 - Contact the Franchise Tax Board with questions concerning committee tax status, tax ID numbers, charitable non-profit groups or other tax-related questions.
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	Website: www.irs.gov Telephone: 877-829-5500 (tax-exempt organizations) or 844-545-5640 (Sacramento Office) - Contact the IRS for information on federal taxpayer ID numbers or other tax-related questions.

Reporting Election Violations or Fraud

Occasionally, our office receives calls regarding election violations or fraud. We have created the following list of resources regarding whom to contact for the various types of violations.

Placer County Elections Office is not an enforcement agency, so we are unable to respond to most complaints. Reports of violations should be referred to the agencies listed below.

- **False or misleading campaign materials:** No agency enforcement; these issues are dealt with in court.
- **Violations of the Political Reform Act** (i.e., mass mailing requirements, slate mailers, campaign disclosure, proper use of campaign funds and/or disclosure of economic interests): Contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov or call 866-275-3772.
- **Election fraud:** Alert the Placer County Elections Office at 530-886-5650 and contact the Placer County District Attorney's office at 916-543-8000 or the California Secretary of State at www.sos.ca.gov or 916-653-6814.
- **Unlawful use of public funds, or violations of the CA Elections Code, the Penal Code or any laws other than the Political Reform Act:** Contact the Placer County District Attorney's office at 916-543-8000, or the California State Attorney General at oag.ca.us or 916-210-6276.
- **Federal campaigns** (i.e., Congress, U.S. Senate, President of the United States, etc.): Contact the Federal Elections Commission at www.fec.gov or 800-424-9530.
- **Open meeting laws** (Brown Act): Contact the Placer County District Attorney's office at 916-543-8000, or the California State Attorney General at oag.ca.us or 916-210-6276.
- **Local Ordinances:** Contact your local city attorney or the Placer County District Attorney's office at 916-543-8000.
- **Vandalism:** Contact your local police department or the Placer County Sheriff's office at 530-889-7800.
- **Requirements concerning campaign signs:** Each jurisdiction (including state, county and cities) has different sign requirements; contact the city/county/state directly with any concerns or complaints.
- **Mail Fraud:** Contact the US Postal Inspection Service at www.uspis.gov/report (select Option 4 for election mail issues) or the local postmaster.

To file a complaint, see the list of Federal, State and Local Agencies on the previous page and the list of enforcement offices above with their respective contact information.

Appearing on the Ballot

General Elections

Federal, State and County

During the general election, voters choose their elected officials from the candidates who were nominated in the primary. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the general election will serve in the office for which he or she filed.

City, School District and Special District Offices

Voters elect representatives for most of their local districts in the general election. These offices will only appear on the ballot if the number of candidates exceeds the number of seats available. If the district race appears on the ballot, the candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to fill the vacant seats. If a district office does *not* have more candidates than there are seats to be filled, the candidates will be appointed in lieu of election, and the office will not appear on the ballot.

State Propositions and Local Measures

State propositions and local measures may appear on general election ballots. In the case of local measures, all registered voters living in the applicable district may vote in these contests, regardless of party preference. Depending on the type of proposition or measure, the threshold for proposition or measure passage may be a simple majority (50% + 1), more than 55%, or a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Judicial Offices

There are significant differences between how California conducts elections for State Supreme and State Appellate Court candidates and County Superior Court candidates. State Supreme Court elections and State Appellate Court elections are confirmation elections, meaning that the incumbent judge's name appears on the ballot and voters are asked if they wish to reconfirm that judge to the bench. A simple majority of votes will allow the incumbent judge to retain the seat.

County Superior Court judges are elected at the general election from the candidates who qualified by being the top two vote getters at the primary election OR by petition from voters demanding an unopposed incumbent appear on the general election ballot so that a write-in challenger can qualify and run against the incumbent. In either case, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the general election will be elected.

Offices to Appear on the Ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election

Voter-Nominated Offices

STATE		
Office Title	Length of Term	New Term Begins
Governor	4 years	January 4, 2027
Lieutenant Governor		
Secretary of State		
Controller		
Treasurer		
Attorney General		
Insurance Commissioner		
State Board of Equalization, District 1		
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE		
Office Title	Length of Term	New Term Begins
United States Representative, District 3	2 years	January 3, 2027
United States Representative, District 4		
United States Representative, District 6		
STATE SENATOR		
Office Title	Length of Term	New Term Begins
State Senate, District 4	4 years	December 7, 2026
State Senate, District 6		
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY		
State Assembly, District 1	2 years	December 7, 2026
State Assembly, District 3		
State Assembly, District 5		

Nonpartisan Offices

JUDICIAL			
CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA			
OFFICE TITLE	LENGTH OF TERM	NEW TERM BEGINS	
California Supreme Court Judge, 1 seat	12 years	January 4, 2027	
PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL			
OFFICE TITLE	LENGTH OF TERM	NEW TERM BEGINS	
Court of Appeal Judge, 3 rd District, 4 seats	12 years	January 4, 2027	
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT			
OFFICE TITLE	LENGTH OF TERM	NEW TERM BEGINS	
Superior Court Judge Seats 1-3	6 years	January 4, 2027	
SCHOOL			
STATE			
OFFICE TITLE	LENGTH OF TERM	NEW TERM BEGINS	
Superintendent of Public Instruction	4 years	January 4, 2027	
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Placer County Board of Education* Trustee Area 1	1		December 11, 2026
Trustee Area 4	1		
Trustee Area 6	1		

*Trustees are qualified and elected by trustee area

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Los Rios Community College District* Trustee Area 1	1		December 11, 2026
Sierra Joint Community College District* Trustee Area 1	1		
Trustee Area 2	1		
Trustee Area 5	1		
Trustee Area 6	1		
Yuba Community College* Trustee Area 1	1		
UNIFIED DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Rocklin Unified School District* Trustee Area 2	1		December 11, 2026
Trustee Area 4	1		
Trustee Area 5	1		
Tahoe Truckee Unified School District** Trustee Area 1	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		
Trustee Area 5	1		
Western Placer Unified School District* Trustee Area 1	1		
Trustee Area 2	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
East Nicolaus Joint Union High School District	2		December 11, 2026
Placer Union High School District* Trustee Area 2	1		
Trustee Area 3	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		
Roseville Joint Union High School District* Trustee Area 2	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		

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** Trustees are qualified and elected at large

ELEMENTARY DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Ackerman Charter District	2		December 11, 2026
Alta-Dutch Flat Union Elementary School District	3	1	
Auburn Union School District	3	1	
Colfax Elementary School District	3	1	
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District Trustee Area 1	1		
Trustee Area 5	1		
Elverta Joint Elementary School District	3		
Eureka Union School District	3		
Foresthill Union School District	3		
Loomis Union School District** Trustee Area 1		1	
Trustee Area 3	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		
Trustee Area 5	1		
Newcastle Elementary School District	3		
Placer Hills Union School District	3	1	
Pleasant Grove Joint Union School District	2		
Roseville City School District* Trustee Area 2	1		
Trustee Area 3	1		
Trustee Area 4	1		

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CITY AND TOWN			
CITY OF AUBURN			
OFFICE TITLE	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
City Council	3		December 14, 2026
CITY OF COLFAX			
OFFICE TITLE	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
City Council	3		November 24, 2026
CITY OF LINCOLN			
OFFICE TITLE (Councilmembers are qualified and elected by district)	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
City Council, District 1	1		December 8, 2026
City Council, District 2	1		
TOWN OF LOOMIS			
OFFICE TITLE	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Town Council	3		December 8, 2026
CITY OF ROCKLIN			
OFFICE TITLE	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
City Council	2		December 8, 2026
CITY OF ROSEVILLE			
OFFICE TITLE (Councilmembers are qualified and elected by district)	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
City Council, District 2	1		Upon Certification of Results
City Council, District 4	1		

DISTRICT			
AIRPORT DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Truckee Tahoe Airport District	2		December 4, 2026
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Auburn Valley Community Services District	2		December 4, 2026
Christian Valley Park Community Services District	3		
Heather Glen Community Services District	3	1	
Northstar Community Services District	3	1	
San Juan Water District* Division 1	1		
Suburban Pines Community Services District	3	2	
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Alta Fire Protection District	2	1	December 4, 2026
Foresthill Fire Protection District	2		
North Tahoe Fire Protection District	3		
Penryn Fire Protection District	3		
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District* Division 1	1		
South Placer Fire Protection District* Division 1	1		
Division 2	2		
Truckee Fire Protection District	3		
HOSPITAL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	3		December 4, 2026

*Directors are qualified and elected by division

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Citrus Heights Water District* Division 3	1		December 4, 2026
Nevada Irrigation District* Division 4	1		
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
South Placer Municipal Utility District* Ward 2	1		January 1, 2027
Ward 3	1		
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Donner Summit Public Utility District	2		January 1, 2027
Foresthill Public Utility District	3		
North Tahoe Public Utility District	2		
Tahoe City Public Utility District	2		
Truckee Donner Public Utility District	2		
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District	2		December 4, 2026
Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District	3		
RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Talmont Resort Improvement District	2		December 4, 2026
SANITARY DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Truckee Sanitary District	3		December 4, 2026

*Directors are qualified and elected by division/ward

WATER AGENCY			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Placer County Water Agency* Division 1	1		December 4, 2026
Division 2	1		
COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	SEATS		NEW TERM BEGINS
	4-YEAR	2-YEAR	
Alpine Springs County Water District	3	1	December 4, 2026
Meadow Vista County Water District	3		
Midway Heights County Water District	3		
Sierra Lakes County Water District	3		
Olympic Valley Public Service District	2	1	

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Please note: The information in this document was up-to-date at the time of printing. For the most current information, please contact the Placer County Elections Office by calling 530-886-5650 (toll-free 1-800-824-8683), emailing election@placer.ca.gov or visiting our website at <https://www.placercountyelections.gov>.

Incompatibility of Offices

Per California Elections Code, candidates are not allowed to file for more than one district office or term of office for the same district, or for more than one school district office (including community college districts and county boards of education), during an election. Additionally, there may be situations where certain offices are deemed incompatible, even if the Elections Code does not explicitly forbid a candidate from running for multiple offices. If a candidate is elected to incompatible offices, they must resign from all but one of those incompatible offices (*Elec. Code §§ 10510(b), 10603(c)*).

In 2005, the California State Legislature passed Senate Bill 274 to establish the definition of incompatible offices according to common law. This bill introduced Government Code Section 1099, which outlines the situations where two public offices are considered incompatible. These include situations where one office has the power to audit, overrule or supervise the other, where there is potential for significant conflicts of duties or loyalties, or where public policy concerns make it inappropriate for one person to hold both offices. It is important to note that this law does not prevent a candidate from running for a public office that conflicts with an office they already hold. However, if the candidate wins the second office, they forfeit the first one (*Gov. Code § 1099*).

The Office of the California Attorney General has issued many opinions on specific compatibility questions. Here are four examples of incompatible offices:

- The offices of city council member and school district board member when the city and the school district share territory in common
- The offices of high school district trustee and elementary school district trustee when the elementary school district is wholly contained within the geographic boundaries of the high school district
- The offices of a water district director and a city council member
- The offices of a water district director and a school district trustee when the two districts share territory in common

If you have questions about the incompatibility of offices, please call the Attorney General's Office at 916-210-6276 or 800-952-5225 or visit their website at www.oag.ca.gov.

Candidate Qualification Information

To hold public office, certain qualifications must be met. Although all offices share minimum requirements, some may have additional ones. The Elections Office can only offer information on specific office qualifications and verify candidate eligibility to the best of their ability. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure their eligibility.

General Qualifications To Run for and Hold Public Office

Age/Citizenship

To hold an elective civil office, an individual must be a citizen of the state and at least 18 years old at the time of election or appointment (*Gov. Code § 1020*).

Registered Voter/District Resident

Unless otherwise stated, a person must be a registered voter and meet all qualifications to vote for a particular office at the time they receive nomination papers or are appointed in order to be eligible for election or appointment to that office (*Elec. Code § 201*).

Residence and Domicile

To qualify for most offices, a candidate must be a registered voter of the district or division thereof. Please view Appendix B at the conclusion of this guide to review code sections which assist in determining residence.

Conviction of Crimes

A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State (*Gov. Code § 1021*).

Filing for More Than One Seat

No person may file for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election (*Elec. Code § 10510(b)*).

Voter-Nominated Races

A candidate for a voter-nominated race is not required to belong to a party. However, the candidate will have to list the past 10 years of their party preference on their Declaration of Candidacy. The candidate's party preference shall be consistent with what is listed on their voter registration form and shall not change between the primary and general election (*Elec. Code § 8002.5*).

Filing for Office

All candidates are required to complete the nomination process to have their name appear on the ballot. Candidates should pay close attention to filing deadlines, as they cannot be waived under any circumstances. Nomination papers must be filed by 5 p.m. on the last day of candidate filing. If an incumbent fails to file before the deadline, then the filing period for that office extends five calendar days for everyone *except* the incumbent; the filing extension does not apply for those offices where the boundaries for the district have changed, or the incumbent has termed out of office. Please refer to the “Quick Reference Calendar” on page 3 to see dates for the last day of candidate filing, the extension period and other deadlines.

Where To Obtain Nomination Documents

Prospective candidates have two available options to obtain nomination papers through the Elections Office: in person or via an authorized representative. It is highly recommended to schedule an appointment. Appointments can be made online on the Placer County Elections website at www.placercountyelections.gov/candidate-filing, via email or by phone.

Nomination documents must be issued and filed during regular business hours. Candidates with appointments will be served at their scheduled time. Please allow for 30 minutes to obtain the documents and note that walk-ins may experience longer wait times. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend our hours due to election law. If you need to contact our office, email candidates@placer.ca.gov or call 530-886-5650 during regular business hours.

Appointments to obtain nomination paperwork are highly recommended.

Allow for 30 minutes for obtaining or filing documents.

Filing in Person

To submit the paperwork required to run for office, you must visit the Placer County Elections Office at 3715 Atherton Road in Rocklin during the candidate filing period. We are also hosting candidate filing days in Auburn and Tahoe. Candidate filing in Auburn will take place 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2954 Richardson Drive on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 13-22, and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 27-Aug. 7 (potential extended filing date Aug. 12). Candidate filing in Tahoe City will be available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tahoe Customs House at 775 North Lake Boulevard on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 28-Aug. 6. Please visit www.placercountyelections.gov/candidate-filing, call 530-886-5650 (toll-free 800-824-8683) or email candidates@placer.ca.gov to schedule an appointment time at any of our candidate filing locations.

July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

 = Auburn Filing Dates

 = Tahoe Filing Dates

Authorization for Candidate's Representative

If a candidate is unable to visit the Elections Office during regular business hours, they can authorize someone else to submit their paperwork on their behalf. This representative must provide elections staff with a completed authorization form signed by the candidate. The candidate authorization form is available at the Elections Office or on our website at www.placercountyelections.gov.

Candidate Filing Packet

Complete all forms in the candidate filing packet before filing with the Elections Office. The filing packet includes the following paperwork:

Required Forms:

- Candidate Worksheet/Authorization Form
- Declaration of Candidacy Form (must be signed in office or in front of a notary public)
- Nomination Petition Papers (when applicable)
- Ballot Designation Worksheet
- Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form
- Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)
 - *Please note that some offices might have a requirement to file this form online.*
- Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501)
- Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460) or Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement (Form 470)

Optional Forms:

- Code of Fair Campaign Practices Agreement
- County & Department of Transportation Political Sign Statement of Responsibility

To be included on the ballot, all candidate filing documents with **original signatures** must be received in our office on or before the close of candidate filing, whether by mail or in person; a postmark does not count. (*Please refer to the "Quick Reference Calendar" on page 3 for applicable deadlines.*)

Nomination Document Overview

Candidate Filing Forms

OFFICE	DECLARATION OF INTENTION (REQUIRED)	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (REQUIRED)	BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET (REQUIRED)	NOMINATION PETITION (REQUIRED)	CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (OPTIONAL)	CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (OPTIONAL)
Statewide Offices		*	*	*	SOS	*
U.S. Representative		*	*	*	X	*
State Senate		*	*	*	X	*
State Assembly		*	*	*	X	*
Superior Court Judge	*	*	*	*	X	*
County Offices		*	*	*	X	*
City Offices		CITY	CITY	CITY	CITY	CITY
School Districts		X	X		X	X
Special Districts (Except MUD)		X	X		X	X
MUD		X	X	X	X	X

* Indicates paperwork for that office that was filed in the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election

X Indicates paperwork that must be filed for that office/district

A blank field indicates paperwork is not required for that office/district

For helpful online tutorials, please visit our website at www.placercountyelections.gov/candidate-filing.

Declaration of Candidacy

The Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) is a form that individuals use to announce their candidacy for a specific office. It does not typically leave the Elections Office. On it, you will:

- Identify how you would like your name to appear on the ballot.
- Provide your ballot designation.
- Confirm your eligibility for the office you seek.
- Confirm you will accept the nomination and not withdraw if elected (*Elec. Code §§ 8028, 8040, 10510*).

The Oath of Office on the DOC form must be taken and signed by the candidate before a person authorized to administer oaths. Election officials and notaries public are so authorized.

If the candidate is unable to file the paperwork in person, they should contact the Elections Office for further instructions.

Ballot Name

When completing the DOC, a candidate will indicate how their name should appear on the ballot. There are several ways a candidate can choose to display their name:

- First and last name
- First, middle and last name
- Initials only and last name
- A nickname, based on review and approval from the Registrar of Voters (proof may be requested)
- A familiar version of the first name, such as Bill for William or Sue for Susan
- A character-based name

When running for office, it is not permissible for a candidate to use their title or degree in their ballot name. For instance, a candidate can use “John Doe” as their name, but they cannot list themselves as “Dr. John Doe” or “John Doe, M.D.” (*Elec. Code § 13106*).

Ballot Designation

A ballot designation is a word or group of words that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name, designating the principal profession, vocation or occupation of the candidate. All candidates who want a ballot designation printed under their name must complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet (BDW). This form allows a candidate to indicate their preferred ballot designation and provide alternatives to be used if their preferred designation is determined to be noncompliant with the Elections Code (*Elec. Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5*).

If a candidate chooses a ballot designation, the designation should describe the individual (e.g., accountant) and not the industry in which the individual works (e.g., accounting). Guidelines for ballot designations are set forth in California Elections Code Section 13107 and the California Code of Regulations.

When To File

The BDW is filed at the same time as the DOC (*Elec. Code § 13107.3(b)*).

When Required

The BDW is only required if a candidate wishes to have a ballot designation appear under their name on the ballot. If the candidate chooses not to list a ballot designation or fails to file the BDW, they will not have a ballot designation on the official ballot (*Elec. Code § 13107.3*).

Ballot designations for all candidates can include the following (*Elec. Code § 13107(a)*):

- No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year preceding the filing of nomination documents
- Words designating the elective city, county, district, state or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents and to which they were elected by vote of the people (these designations are not limited to three words)
- The word "incumbent" if the candidate is running for the same office they held at the time of filing nomination papers and to which they were elected by the vote of the people. A candidate shall not use the word "incumbent" if the candidate was elected to their office in an at-large election and is now a candidate in a district or trustee area-based election, or if the boundaries of the district have changed since the last election
- The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment and is a candidate for the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the sole word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed." The term "appointed" shall not be required of a candidate who was appointed in lieu of election.

All California geographical names shall be considered one word. 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, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online) shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word (*Elec. Code § 13107(d)*).

Volunteer Designation

Regulations restrict the use of “Volunteer” or “Community Volunteer” on a candidate’s occupational ballot designation. A volunteer or community volunteer is a person who engages in an activity or performs a service, without profiting monetarily, for (or on behalf of) a charitable organization, educational institution, religious organization or government agency. To utilize the “volunteer” designation, the volunteer activity or service must constitute a substantial involvement of the candidate’s time and effort and be the candidate’s principal profession, vocation or occupation. The volunteer designation cannot be used in combination with another profession, vocation or occupation (*Elec. Code § 13107.5, CA Code of Regulations § 20714.5*).

Prohibited Designations

The most common prohibitions on ballot designations are (*Elec. Code § 13107(e)*):

- Any designations that would mislead or confuse the voters.
- Any suggested evaluations, such as “outstanding,” “leading,” “expert,” “specialist” or “eminent.”
- Any abbreviations of the word “retired” or placing it following any word(s) which it modifies.
- Words indicating prior status, such as “former” or “ex-,” with the exception of the word “retired,” which must come before the word it modifies.
- The name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- Word(s) referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- Any reference to activity prohibited by law.

Interpretations/Final Determinations

The interpretation of California Elections Code Section 13107 is governed by the California Code of Regulations. Elections staff can help candidates determine their occupational ballot designations by following the guidelines set forth in the California Elections Code and California Code of Regulations. However, our staff cannot choose or recommend designations for the candidate.

The Secretary of State’s office will have the final approval of ballot designations for state and federal candidates. The County Registrar of Voters has jurisdiction over local candidates and will work with the city clerk on issues regarding city candidates. If a ballot designation does not comply with the codes mentioned above, the candidate will be notified. Candidates may provide an alternative ballot designation within three business days of the notification. If no alternative ballot designation has been provided, no designation will appear on the ballot (*Elec. Code § 13107(f)*).

Ballot designations cannot be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents (*Elec. Code § 13107(g)*).

If a candidate appears on both the primary and general ballots, the ballot designation shall remain the same unless the candidate requests a different ballot designation in writing at least 98 days prior to the general election (*Elec. Code § 13107(h)*).

If a foreign language translation of a candidate's designation, in addition to the English language version, is required to appear on the ballot under the amended federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. § 10101 *et. Seq.*), it shall be as short as possible, as consistent with California Elections Code Section 13107 as possible and shall employ abbreviations and initials wherever possible (*Elec. Code § 13107(j)*).

Rejected Designations

If the candidate's proposed ballot designation is rejected and the alternate ballot designations provided on the BDW do not comply with Elections Code, the candidate will be notified and given three days (not including Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays) to choose another ballot designation (*Elec. Code § 13107(f)*).

Nomination Petition

Certain elective positions require candidates to accumulate nomination signatures in order to be listed on the ballot. The minimum number of required signatures varies based on the office for which the candidate is running. Nomination signatures are gathered and submitted during the filing period. The Elections Office issues enough petition sections to acquire the minimum number of nomination signatures required. If the candidate wishes to have more sections, they can create double-sided copies of one of the petitions provided by the Elections Office (*Elec. Code §§ 8020, 8062, 8064, 8067, 10220*).

Number of Nomination Signatures Required for Each Office

CITY OFFICE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES PERMITTED
City of Auburn	20	30
City of Colfax	20	30
City of Lincoln	20	30
Town of Loomis	20	30
City of Rocklin	20	30
City of Roseville	20	30
LOCAL OFFICE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES PERMITTED
South Placer MUD	10	20

Qualifications for Signers

A petition signer must be a registered voter in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is running. If an office is nonpartisan or voter-nominated, any voter in the district may sign the nomination petition regardless of party affiliation (*Elec. Code § 8068*).

When signing the petition, the voter needs to include, in their own handwriting, the following information:

- Printed full name (if we cannot read the handwriting or determine who the voter is, the signature is deemed invalid)
- Residential address (P.O. boxes/mailling addresses are invalid)
- Signature (spouse or an individual with power of attorney may not sign for the voter)

If a voter signs more petitions for candidates than there are offices available, only the signatures on the petitions that meet the criteria will be considered valid. Petition signatures will be validated in the order they were submitted (*Elec. Code § 8069*).

Qualifications for Circulators

A circulator obtains signatures nominating an individual to run for office on the Nomination (NOM) petition (*Elec. Code § 8041*). A person shall not circulate a NOM petition unless the person is 18 years of age or older (*Elec. Code § 102*).

To ensure the Elections Office can accept the NOM petition(s), the circulator must complete the "Affidavit of Circulator" located on the back of the form. This includes providing the date

range when the signatures were obtained, the execution date and place, and the circulator's printed name, residential address and signature. Only one circulator is allowed per petition section. Failure to complete the "Affidavit of Circulator" will result in the NOM petition being rejected by the Elections Office (*Elec. Code §104*).

Multi-County Offices

If the candidate is seeking a multi-county office, each petition section must contain signatures from voters who are registered in the same county. The Placer County Elections Office can only validate the information for voters who are registered in Placer County. If we receive a nomination petition that includes signatures of voters who reside in another county, we must deem those signatures invalid. Therefore, it is incredibly important that signatures are filed with the appropriate county.

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

The Candidate Statement of Qualifications (CSQ) is an optional statement that candidates may file to be printed in the Placer County Voter Information Guide. This statement gives candidates the opportunity to tell voters about themselves and may include the candidate's age, occupation, education and/or a brief description of the candidate. It cannot include any reference to other candidates and/or the qualifications, character or activities of other candidates. If a candidate chooses to file a CSQ, they are charged a fee that covers the cost of printing the statement (*Elec. Code §§ 13307, 13308; Gov. Code § 85601*).

**Fully proof your
Candidate Statement of
Qualifications.
They are printed
exactly as they are
submitted.**

**Spelling and
grammatical errors
cannot be corrected by
the Elections Office.**

Who May File

Candidates for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, California State Legislature and local offices may file a CSQ for inclusion in a voter information guide. Depending on the office, the statement will be filed and printed at the state or county level (*Elec. Code §§ 13307, 13307.5, Gov. Code § 85601*).

Candidates for State Constitutional and State Legislative Offices

Under the provisions of Proposition 34, adopted by voters in November 2000, all candidates for state constitutional and state legislative offices may agree to abide by voluntary expenditure limits. These limits are adjusted in odd-numbered years and only state candidates who accept the voluntary expenditure limits can publish a CSQ. Proposition 34 does not apply to candidates for the House of Representatives (*Gov. Code § 85601*).

When To File

Candidates may file a CSQ when they file their Declaration of Candidacy (DOC). With the passing of Assembly Bill 773 in 2023, counties are required to accept the electronic submission of a CSQ. If the candidate is running in a multi-county district, the elections official of each county shall accept the electronic submission of the form from the candidate's county of residence; however, the candidate must transmit a hard copy of the candidate statement, any accompanying form(s) and payment of the requisite fee to each county by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the statement electronically (*Elec. Code §§ 13307(a)(2), 13307.7(a)*).

Cost of a CSQ

The estimated fees to publish a CSQ in Placer County are identified on pages 30-37.

Nonpartisan Elective Offices

CSQs for nonpartisan elective offices shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations (*Elec. Code § 13307(a)(1)*).

Length

Local candidates are permitted to write a maximum of 200 words (*Elec. Code § 13307(a)(1)*).

Candidates for the House of Representatives and State Legislature are permitted to write a maximum of 250 words (*Elec. Code § 13307.5; Gov. Code § 85601*).

Where To File

For congressional, state legislative and local candidates, the CSQ is filed with the Placer County Elections Office or the city clerk if running for a city office. For statewide offices, candidates who wish to do so may file a CSQ with the Secretary of State's office for inclusion in the state voter information guide. Contact the Secretary of State's office at 916-657-2166 for more information.

Endorsements

Endorsements are allowed in the CSQ. The candidate may be asked to provide written authorization from the endorser.

No References To Other Candidates

The CSQ shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's personal background and qualifications. It shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for that office. In addition, candidates for offices other than U.S. House of Representatives shall not include their political party affiliation nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations (*Elec Code §§ 13307(a)(1), 13307.5, 13308*).

Formatting

CSQs must be printed in a uniform style and will be set in justified format. Generally, any characters that can be produced from a standard keyboard are acceptable. However, no paragraph or sentence may begin with a number or punctuation mark, and indentations or multiple underscoring will not be accommodated. Emphasizing words or phrases with **bolded**, CAPITALIZED, underlined, bullet-pointed and/or "quoted" words or phrases is not acceptable if done to draw attention to the word or phrase in question.

200-word CSQs are printed in a quarter-page space and 250-word CSQs are printed in a half-page space. To fit within the allocated space, items in a list will not be allowed unless the list is in paragraph form.

- **It is strongly recommended that CSQs are typed and not handwritten.** If the handwriting is illegible, the Elections Office may need to interpret the handwriting and there is a possibility the CSQ may not be typeset and printed as the candidate intended.

Candidates are encouraged to submit their CSQs as a hard copy in MS Word format; the hard copy attached to the CSQ form is the official copy that will be used for typesetting.

Withdrawing a Candidate Statement of Qualifications

A CSQ may be withdrawn during the period for filing nomination documents and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing period. However, CSQs may not be changed, so it is strongly recommended that candidates thoroughly proof their statements before filing them. The Elections Office must print the CSQs exactly as they are submitted (*Elec. Code § 13307(a)(3)*).

Public Examination Period

The CSQ is confidential until the close of candidate filing, at which time the public examination period begins. The Elections Office will have copies of the candidate statements available for public review 10 calendar days immediately following the close of candidate filing. Copies are available for \$0.50 for the first page and \$0.25 for each additional page.

During the public examination period, any voter in the district or the Placer County Registrar of Voters may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the CSQ to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request must be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar day public examination period. A preemptory writ of mandate or injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading or inconsistent with the requirements of the Elections Code (*Elec. Code §§ 13311, 13313*).

Printing Candidate Statements in Other Languages

A candidate may choose to have their CSQ translated and printed in any language available (*Elec. Code § 14201*). The translation fee for each language is paid for by the candidate at the time of filing. The Elections Office is unable to accept translations provided by the candidate.

Liability

Nothing in the Elections Code shall be deemed to make any CSQ or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, misleading or libelous statements (*Elec. Code § 13307(e)*).

Word Count Guidelines

The guidelines listed below are used by the Elections Office for counting the number of words in a CSQ. Please consult these guidelines when counting the words in your CSQ. Your computer count may not match ours.

Name, age and occupation (located at the top of the form) are not counted.

Pursuant to Elections Code § Section 9, each word is counted as one word except for the following:

- **Punctuation:** Punctuation is not counted.
- **Proper Nouns/Geographical names:** All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be counted as one word. For example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
- **Abbreviations:** Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word.
- **Hyphenations:** 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, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online) shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

**Consult these
guidelines closely.**

**A computer count may
not match our office's
count.**

- **Dates:** Dates shall be counted as one word.
- **Numbers:** Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled shall be considered as a separate word. For example, "100" shall be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words.
- **Phone and Internet:** Web site addresses and telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.

In the event a submitted CSQ goes over the word limit, the candidate will be contacted and requested to remove or modify enough words or sentences until the statement meets the necessary word limit.

Candidate Statement of Qualifications (CSQ) Fees
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FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
FEDERAL OFFICES		
United States Representative, District 3	\$1,930	\$2,005
United States Representative, District 4	\$1,170	\$1,245
United States Representative, District 6	\$3,270	\$3,345
STATE LEGISLATURE		
State Senate, District 4	\$310	\$385
State Senate, District 6	\$5,130	\$5,205
State Assembly, District 1	\$590	\$665
State Assembly, District 3	\$290	\$365
State Assembly, District 5	\$5,490	\$5,565
STATE OFFICES		
Governor	SOS	SOS
Lieutenant Governor	SOS	SOS
Attorney General	SOS	SOS
Secretary of State	SOS	SOS
Controller	SOS	SOS
Treasurer	SOS	SOS
Insurance Commissioner	SOS	SOS
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	SOS	SOS
State Board of Equalization, District 1	SOS	SOS

JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Superior Court Judge		

CITY OFFICES		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
City of Auburn: City Council	\$330	\$405
City of Colfax: City Council	\$170	\$245
City of Lincoln: City Council, District 1	\$290	\$365
City Council, District 2	\$250	\$325
Town of Loomis: Town Council	\$250	\$325
City of Rocklin: City Council	\$1,110	\$1,185
City of Roseville: City Council, District 2	\$510	\$585
City Council, District 4	\$570	\$645

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Placer County Board of Education: Trustee Area 1	\$1,110	\$1,185
Trustee Area 4	\$990	\$1,065
Trustee Area 6	\$1,030	\$1,105

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Los Rios Community College District: Trustee Area 1	\$150	\$225
Sierra Joint Community College District: Trustee Area 1	\$1,090	\$1,165
Trustee Area 2	\$610	\$685
Trustee Area 5	\$1,370	\$1,445
Trustee Area 6	\$310	\$385

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
East Nicolaus Joint Union High School District	\$150	\$225
Placer Union High School District: Trustee Area 2	\$390	\$465
Trustee Area 3	\$410	\$485
Trustee Area 4	\$410	\$485
Roseville Joint Union High School District: Trustee Area 2	\$810	\$885
Trustee Area 4	\$690	\$765

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Rocklin Unified School District: Trustee Area 2	\$330	\$405
Trustee Area 4	\$310	\$385
Trustee Area 5	\$350	\$425
Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District: Trustee Area 1	\$310	\$385
Trustee Area 4	\$310	\$385
Trustee Area 5	\$310	\$385
Western Placer Unified School District: Trustee Area 1	\$290	\$365
Trustee Area 2	\$330	\$405
Trustee Area 4	\$370	\$445

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Ackerman Charter District	\$170	\$205
Alta-Dutch Flat Union Elementary School District	\$170	\$205
Auburn Union School District	\$630	\$705
Colfax Elementary School District	\$210	\$285
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District: Trustee Area 1	\$290	\$365
Trustee Area 5	\$290	\$365
Elverta Joint Elementary School District	\$150	\$225
Eureka Union School District	\$550	\$225
Foresthill Union School District	\$230	\$305

Loomis Union School District: Trustee Area 1	\$510	\$585
Trustee Area 3	\$510	\$585
Trustee Area 4	\$510	\$585
Trustee Area 5	\$510	\$585
Newcastle Elementary School District	\$190	\$265
Placer Hills Union School District	\$370	\$445
Pleasant Grove Joint Union School District	\$150	\$225
Roseville City School District: Trustee Area 2	\$390	\$465
Trustee Area 3	\$410	\$485
Trustee Area 4	\$450	\$525

AIRPORT DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Truckee Tahoe Airport District	\$310	\$385

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Auburn Valley Community Services District	\$150	\$225
Christian Valley Park Community Services District	\$170	\$245
Heather Glen Community Services District	\$150	\$225
Northstar Community Services District	\$150	\$225
San Juan Water District: Division 1	\$250	\$325
Suburban Pines Community Services District	\$150	\$225

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Alta Fire Protection District	\$150	\$225
Foresthill Fire Protection District	\$230	\$305
North Tahoe Fire Protection District	\$270	\$345
Penryn Fire Protection District	\$190	\$265
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District: Division 1	\$150	\$225
South Placer Fire Protection District: Division 1	\$290	\$365
Division 2	\$530	\$605
Truckee Fire Protection District	\$170	\$245
HOSPITAL DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	\$310	\$385

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Citrus Heights Water District: Division 3	\$150	\$225
Nevada Irrigation District: Division 4	\$450	\$525

MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
South Placer Municipal Utility District: Ward 2	\$410	\$485
Ward 3	\$370	\$445

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Donner Summit Public Utility District	\$150	\$225
Foresthill Public Utility District	\$230	\$305
North Tahoe Public Utility District	\$210	\$285
Tahoe City Public Utility District	\$190	\$265
Truckee Donner Public Utility District	\$150	\$225

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District	\$730	\$805
Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District	\$170	\$245

RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Talmont Resort Improvement District	\$150	\$225
SANITARY DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Truckee Sanitary District	\$170	\$245

WATER AGENCY		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Placer County Water Agency: Division 1	\$1,250	\$1,325
Division 2	\$1,570	\$1,645

COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS		
OFFICE	CSQ FEE	EACH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
Alpine Springs County Water District	\$150	\$225
Meadow Vista County Water District	\$190	\$265
Midway Heights County Water District	\$170	\$245
Sierra Lakes County Water District	\$150	\$225
Olympic Valley Public Service District	\$150	\$225

A list of available languages pursuant to Elec. Code § 14201 will be provided to you during the candidate filing period. Each additional language translation fee is per language translated

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a voluntary document that candidates may sign and file to indicate they intend to follow campaign practices based upon principles of decency, honesty and fair play. California Elections Code Section 20400 states, “The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions” (*Elec. Code §§ 20400, 20440*).

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary; candidates for public office are not required to subscribe to or endorse the code. When an elections official issues nomination documents to a candidate, they will offer that candidate a blank form containing a copy of the code to sign. The elections official will also inform the candidate that subscription to the code is voluntary (*Elec. Code § 20440, 20444*).

Public Record

Every code subscribed to by a candidate is a matter of public record. The elections official will accept completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate at any time prior to the election. The forms will be kept for public inspection until 30 days after the election. The Placer County Elections Office places these forms at the counter for public viewing (*Elec. Code §§ 20442, 20443*).

When To File

Candidate filing for the November 3, 2026 General Election begins July 13, 2026 and ends August 7, 2026. Nomination papers must be filed by 5 p.m. on the last day of candidate filing.

If an incumbent fails to file, candidate filing will be extended five days to August 12, 2026 for candidates *other than* the incumbent. If a district's boundaries have changed or it has changed from "elected at large" to "elected by division," "trustee area" or "ward" since the last held election, the district does not have incumbents, and extended candidate filing will not apply. Similarly, the extension will not apply if the incumbent is unable to file for candidacy due to term limits (*Elec. Code §§ 8020, 8022, 8024*).

When the candidate is prepared to complete the filing process, a member of elections staff must witness the signature on the Declaration of Candidacy (DOC). If a candidate is unable to visit the Placer County Elections Office to complete the process during the candidate filing period, the signature must be witnessed by a notary public. The DOC *must* be witnessed by an election official or a notary to be valid (*Elec. Code § 8040*).

Candidate Cannot Withdraw

Once a candidate files the DOC, and after the close of candidate filing at 5 p.m. on August 7, 2026, they are unable to withdraw from the election (*Elec. Code §§ 8800-8801, 10224-10225, 10510, 10516, 10603-10604*).

All documents must be received in our office by 5 p.m. on the last day of filing, whether in person or by mail.

A postmark date does not count as an on-time submission.

Write-in Candidates

Write-in candidates go through a process similar to regular candidate filing. If an individual has not gone through this process, they cannot be elected even if a majority of voters write their name on the ballot.

Filing Requirements

Write-in candidates must submit a Statement of Write-in Candidacy. This form requires the candidate to provide their name, residential address, a declaration stating that they are running as a write-in candidate, the title of the office they are seeking, the date of the election, their party nomination preference (if applicable) and party affiliation history for the past 10 years (if running for a partisan office). Like the Declaration of Candidacy, they must sign the Statement of Write-in Candidacy in the presence of an election official or notary public. If the candidate is unable to visit the Elections Office during the write-in candidate filing period, they may have a notary public witness the signature and signing of the Oath of Office. If the office requires nomination signatures, they must also collect the same number of valid signatures as other candidates (*Elec. Code § 200, 8600, et seq.; Cal. Const. art. XX § 3*).

When To File

The write-in candidacy period for the November 3 2026 Gubernatorial General Election is September 7, 2026 through October 20, 2026 (*Elec. Code § 8601*).

Filing Fees

No fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate except in the case of a candidate for city office, as provided in Section 10228 (*Elec. Code § 8604*).

How Write-in Candidates Are Elected

Nonpartisan

To be elected to a county nonpartisan office, a qualified write-in candidate must receive over 50% of votes cast for that office.

Voter-Nominated

If a write-in candidate for the primary election receives the highest number of votes or the second highest number of votes, the write-in candidate will move forward to the general election. In a general election, there are no write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office (*Elec. Code §§ 8605, 8606, 15340-15342.5*).

Financial and Campaign Disclosure Information

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (the Act) mandates that all candidates for state and local elective offices, and all state and local elected officeholders and recipient campaign committees, file campaign disclosure statements listing contributions received and expenditures made. The campaign disclosure statements put this information in the public domain. In addition to making the financial activities of campaign committees available to the public, these statements help protect candidates from unfounded accusations. This program is administered by the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and local election officials.

Federal candidates fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal Elections Commission (FEC). For additional information, please contact the FEC at www.fec.gov or 800-424-9530.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 571 (AB 571), beginning January 1, 2021, a state campaign contribution limit has been applied by default to county candidates when the county has not already enacted a contribution limit.

Currently, Placer County has not created a contribution limit, and as such, the state contribution limit has been applied to county candidates. The default limit for contributions to county and some city candidates subject to AB 571 for 2025-2026 is set at \$5,900 per election. City candidates should contact their City Clerk's Office to verify if their city has set their own contribution limits or defaulted to the state campaign contribution limit. AB 571 generally does not apply to school board or special district candidates.

Common Filing Requirements

The amount of money that a candidate or committee raises or spends determines the filing requirements. Candidates and committees that stay below the \$2,000 threshold have fewer filing requirements. However, if the candidate either receives contributions of \$2,000 or more, or makes expenditures of \$2,000 or more, a committee must be formed, and more detailed disclosure statements must be filed. A list of the most common filing requirements appears below:

Candidates who receive/spend **less** than \$2,000:

- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 470 – Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement (Short Form)

Candidates who receive/spend \$2,000 or more:

- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 470 Supplement – Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement (if a Form 470 was already filed for this election)
- Form 410 – Statement of Organization (also used for termination)
- Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
- Form 497 – Late Contribution Report

Controlled committees for local candidates:

- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
- Form 410 – Statement of Organization (also used for termination)
- Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
- Form 497 – Late Contribution Report

The Form 410 Statement of Organization is filed directly with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division. For questions about Form 410, contact the Political Reform Division at 916-653-6224 or Form410@sos.ca.gov.

Campaign Disclosure Filing Schedules

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/26	460	All committees must file this statement.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/5/26 – 11/3/26	497	- File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. - File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the November 3, 2026, ballot. - The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours of receiving the contribution. - File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online if available.
Sep 24, 2026 <i>1st Pre-Election</i>	7/1/26 – 9/19/26	460 or 470	Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	460	- All committees must file this statement. - File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service. The committee may also file online if available.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/18/26 – 12/31/26	460	- All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2026. - The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.

The FPCC creates filing schedules which are available approximately one year in advance of a corresponding election. The schedules are divided between state and local elections and by committee type and can be located on the FPCC's website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

How To File: New Electronic Filing Policy

Placer County Code of Ordinances § 2.140.010 - Electronic filing of campaign statements

- Any elected officer, candidate, committee or other person required to file statements, reports or other documents required by Government Code Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 84100) shall file those statements, reports or other documents using the county's online electronic filing system for campaign statements.
- This section does not apply to an elected officer, candidate, committee or other person who receives contributions totaling less than \$5,000, or makes expenditures totaling less than \$5,000, in a calendar year.
- In any instance in which an original statement, report or other document must be filed with the California Secretary of State and a copy of that statement, report or other document is required to be filed with the county as well, the filer may elect to file the copy with the county in paper format or through the county's online electronic filing system for campaign statements.
- If the county's online electronic filing system for campaign statements cannot accept a particular type of statement, report or other document, an elected officer, candidate, committee or other person shall file that document with the county in paper format.
- Statements, reports or other documents that are filed with the county's online electronic filing system for campaign statements under this section do not also need to be filed in a paper format.
- In any instance in which the electronic filing of statements is not required, elected officers, candidates, committees or other persons may voluntarily choose to file the statement electronically.

FORM NUMBER	WHEN TO FILE	ORIGINAL & ONE COPY	OTHER COPIES
501	Before any money is raised or spent for the campaign	Placer County Elections (Multi-county committees shall file originals with the lead county)	N/A
410	Within 10 days of receiving/spending \$2,000 (or within 24 hours if the committee qualifies within 16 days of the election)	Secretary of State's Political Reform Division 1500 11 th Street, Rm #495 Sacramento, CA 95814	Placer County Elections Office
Amended 410	Within 10 days of changes being made to the information on the original 410 (or 24 hours if a change is made within 16 days of the election)		
460	According to the schedule listed on the form	Placer County Elections (Multi-county committees shall file originals with the lead county)	N/A
470	On or before the 1 st pre-election report due date		
496	During the 90 days prior to an election, Form 496 must be submitted within 24 hours of a \$1,000 independent expenditure	Placer County Elections (Multi-county committees should refer to the FPPC manual or contact the FPPC for instructions)	N/A
497	During the 90 days prior to an election, Form 497 must be submitted within 24 hours of receiving a \$1,000 contribution from a single source		

Filing procedures are different for federal and state legislative candidates. Candidates for state offices are encouraged to contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Federal candidates should contact the Federal Elections Commission at www.fec.gov.

Please note that unsigned forms are incomplete and not considered filed until they are signed.

FORM	DESCRIPTION
501	Candidate Intention Statement – A candidate for state or local office must file this form prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution, or expenditure of any personal funds, used for the election.
410	Statement of Organization – This statement is used for organizing a committee, changing information for a committee or terminating a committee.
460	Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Long Form) – This statement is used by a recipient committee which receives a cumulative contribution of \$2,000 or more, or expends \$2,000 or more, during a calendar year, by an officeholder who is ineligible to file a Form 470 or by an officeholder who files jointly with one or more controlled committees.
470	Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement (Short Form) – Form 470 may be used if less than \$2,000 has been raised or spent by or on behalf of the candidate, and he or she anticipates raising or spending less than \$2,000 for his or her candidacy for the entire calendar year.
470 Supp	Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement (Supplement Form) – This statement is used by an officeholder or candidate who files the Form 470 for an election year and later receives contributions (including monetary and nonmonetary contributions, loans and the candidate's personal funds) totaling \$2,000 or more, or makes expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more, during the same calendar year; the officeholder or candidate must send written notice within 48 hours.
496	Late Independent Expenditure Report – This report is used by individuals or groups that make independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate during the 90 days immediately before the election. The aggregated expenditure must expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate. Furthermore, this expenditure cannot be made to, or at the behest of, the affected candidate or committee. If it is, the expenditure is then an in-kind contribution.
497	Late Contribution Report – This report is used by candidates and committees to report contributions that cumulatively total \$1,000 or more from a single source received or made during the 90 days immediately before the election. A late contribution is a monetary or nonmonetary contribution, including a loan or combination of monetary and nonmonetary contributions and loans.
700	Statement of Economic Interests – This form is used by candidates and officeholders to disclose their financial interests. Candidates file it when they complete their nomination paperwork and officeholders file it annually. It discloses economic interests of the past 12 months.

For additional information on these forms, please see the instructions provided within the form packet.

Conflict of Interest

Candidates and officeholders at the state and local levels are required by the Political Reform Act to disclose their financial interests (this disclosure is not required for federal candidates and officeholders). In the past, some officeholders misused their positions for personal gain, so it is crucial for voters to verify that their elected officials do not have any conflicting financial interests.

Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests is a tool for candidates and officeholders to disclose their financial interests publicly. This disclosure helps to prevent accusations of misconduct and protects voters from officeholders who abuse their positions. For any questions about Form 700, contact the FPPC at 866-275-3772 (*2) or advice@FPPC.ca.gov (*Gov. Code § 87100, et seq.*).

Public Record

All campaign disclosure statements are a matter of public record. Any member of the public or press may inspect them at the Elections Office and copies of filed campaign disclosure statements may be made for \$0.10 a page. In addition, a retrieval fee may be charged per request for copies of reports and statements five or more years old (not to exceed \$5.00). Campaign disclosure forms are also available for viewing online; follow the links from our website at www.placercountyelections.gov/candidate-filing (*Gov. Code § 81008*).

Termination of Filing Requirements

Candidates, officeholders and committees do not automatically terminate their filing requirements when activity ceases or when an officeholder with an active committee vacates the office. An individual maintains candidate status until any potential campaign activity that may require disclosure ceases and the appropriate forms (Terminating Form 410 and Terminating Form 460) have been filed (*Gov. Code § 84214; FPPC Regulation § 18404*).

If the committee of a successful candidate is terminated before the end of the calendar year, the candidate will continue to file Form 460 for the remainder of the calendar year (please see FPPC Manual 2 for more information).

Neighboring Counties

Some financial and campaign disclosure filing obligations may require candidates to file with a neighboring county's election office. Below is a list of counties that share one or more districts with Placer County.

Sacramento County

Hang Nguyen, Registrar of Voters
7000 65th Street, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95823
916-875-6451 / 800-762-8019
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., excluding county holidays
elections.saccounty.gov

Nevada County

Armando Salud-Ambriz, Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 210
Nevada City, CA 95959
530-265-1298
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
www.nevadacountyca.gov/3446/Elections

El Dorado County

Linda Webster, Registrar of Voters	<i>Mailing Address:</i>
3883 Ponderosa Road	P.O. Box 678001
Shingle Springs, CA 95682	Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-7480	
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	
www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/County-Government/Elections	

Sutter County

Donna M. Johnston, County Clerk-Recorder
1435 Veterans Memorial Circle
Yuba City, CA 95993
530-822-7122
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
www.sutter.gov/government/county-departments/clerk-recorder/elections

Yuba County

Donna Hillegass, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters
915 8th Street, Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901-5273
530-749-7855
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
www.yuba.gov/departments/elections/current_election.php

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

Candidates seeking a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits from a single source. As of January 1, 2021, a state campaign contribution limit applies by default to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a law addressing a local contribution limit on such candidates (*Sections 85301 - 85303*). Contributions from affiliated entities are aggregated for purposes of the limits (*Regulation 18215*). The chart below shows the current limits per contributor for state offices and city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a local contribution limit on such candidates. The primary, general, special, and special run-off elections are considered separate elections. Contribution limits to candidates apply to each election. Contribution limits to officeholder and other committees apply on a calendar year basis. Contact your city or county about contribution limits for local offices.

Contribution Limits to State and Local* Candidates Per Election

Candidate or Officeholder	Contributor Sources		
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	Small Contributor Committee (see definition on page 2)	Political Party
City and County Candidates subject to Section 85301 (d)	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$5,900
Senate and Assembly	\$5,900	\$11,800	No Limit
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$5,900	\$11,800	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$9,800	\$19,600	No Limit
Governor	\$39,200	\$39,200	No Limit

*State campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county does not have laws addressing a contribution limit on such candidates.

Contributions to Other State Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	
Committee (Not Political Party) that Contributes to State Candidates (PAC)	\$9,800	
Political Party Account for State Candidates	\$49,000	
Small Contributor Committee	\$200	
Committee Account NOT for State Candidates (Ballot Measure, PAC, Political Party)	No Limit*	

*State committees (including political parties and PACs) may receive contributions in excess of the limits identified above as long as the contributions are NOT used for state candidate contributions. (Regulation 18534.)

Contributions to State Officeholder Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Any Source (Person, Small Contributor Committee or Political Party)	Aggregate From All Sources
Senate and Assembly	\$4,900	\$81,400
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$4,900	\$81,400
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$8,100	\$162,900
Governor	\$32,600	\$325,700

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Contribution Limits

(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

The contribution limits are effective for elections held between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026. (Regulation 18545.) These limits do not apply to contributions made to elections in previous years. Such contributions are subject to the limits in place for that year see previous charts.

Legal Defense Funds

Contributions raised for a legal defense fund are not subject to contribution limits or the voluntary expenditure ceiling. However, a candidate or officeholder may raise, in total, no more than is reasonably necessary to cover attorney's fees and other legal costs related to the proceeding for which the fund is created. (Section 85304; Regulation 18530.4.)

Recall Elections

A state officeholder and city or county officeholder subject to Section 85301 (d) who is the subject of a recall may set up a separate committee to oppose the qualification of the recall measure and, if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election. Neither contribution limits nor voluntary expenditure ceilings apply to the committee to oppose the recall that is controlled by the officeholder who is the target of the recall attempt. Candidates running to replace an officeholder who is the target of a recall are subject to the contribution limits and the expenditure limits applicable to the election for that office. (Section 85315; Regulation 18531.5.)

Ballot Measure Committees

Contributions to ballot measure committees controlled by a candidate for elective state office or a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) are not limited.

Contributions from State Candidates and Candidates subject to Section 85301 (d)

A state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) may not contribute more than \$5,900 to a committee controlled by another state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d). This limit applies on a per election basis and includes, in the aggregate, contributions made from the candidate's personal funds and from campaign funds. (Section 85305; Regulation 18535.) This limit does not apply to a committee controlled by a state candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) to oppose their recall or their contributions made to a legal defense fund established by a candidate for elective state office or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301(d). It also does not apply to contributions made by a candidate for elective state office or a candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) to a ballot measure committee controlled by another state candidate or candidate for elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d). Please note there are certain rules applicable to use of funds held by state officeholder committees (See Regulation 18531.62.)

Communications Identifying State Candidates

Any committee that makes a payment or a promise of payment totaling \$50,000 or more for a communication that:

1. Clearly identifies a state candidate; but
2. Does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate; and
3. Is disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, may not receive a contribution from any single source of more than \$49,000 in a calendar year if the communication is made at the behest of the candidate featured in the communication. (Section 85310.)

Officeholder Committees

Officeholder contributions must be cumulated (in full) with any other contributions from the same contributor(s) for any other future elective state office or elective city or county office subject to Section 85301 (d) for which the officeholder maintains a controlled committee during the term of office in which the contribution is received. Contributions to candidates for future elections and to their officeholder account are cumulated for purposes of contribution limits. (Regulation 18531.62.)

Contributions from State Lobbyists

A state lobbyist may not contribute to a state officeholder's or candidate's committee if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the agency of the elected officer or the agency to which the candidate is seeking election. The lobbyist also may not contribute to a local committee controlled by any such state candidate. (Section 85702; Regulation 18572.) In addition, effective January 1, 2015, lobbyists and lobbying firms may no longer take advantage of the \$500 or less home/office fundraiser exception that is available to other individuals and entities. (Section 82015(f).)

Local Elections

Many cities and counties have local contribution limits and other election rules. The FPPC posts [local campaign ordinances](#) that are provided to the FPPC on its website. Always check with your city or county about contribution limits for local elections and for the most up-to-date information. A state campaign contribution limit applies by default to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a law addressing a local contribution limit on such candidates.

Definitions

Person: An individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert. (Section 82047.)

Small Contributor Committee: Any committee that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The committee has been in existence for at least six months.
- (b) The committee receives contributions from 100 or more persons.
- (c) No one person has contributed to the committee more than \$200 per calendar year.
- (d) The committee makes contributions to five or more candidates. (Section 85203; Regulation 18503.)

Political Party Committee: The state central committee or county central committee of an organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a political party under Elections Code Section 5100. (Section 85205.)

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General Campaign Information

It is important to be aware of state and local laws that can impact political campaigns. These laws exist to safeguard citizens' right to vote and promote fair campaign practices. It is worth noting that this section doesn't cover everything and isn't a substitute for legal advice. However, the information provided in this section can serve as a useful starting point for understanding and complying with laws related to political campaigns.

Political Signs

A political sign is a posted advertisement used to campaign for or against a candidate or measure during an election. Any type of advertising viewed by the public can fall under political sign regulations. The placement of political signs is subject to regulation by the state, county and/or cities, and may require a sign deposit.

- **State:** The Division of Traffic Operations is prepared to answer questions about state regulation of campaign signs. For more information, call 916-654-6473 or visit dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda.
- **County:** Placer County Code Chapter 17 Zoning, Section 17.54.190(B) requires that:
 - Signs shall be posted no earlier than 60 days prior to the election to which they pertain.
 - Each person or organization posting such signs shall first deposit with the Placer County Elections Office a refundable \$200.00 deposit to guarantee the removal of the signs as required.
 - Signs are prohibited within any public right-of-way and must meet all county setback requirements.
 - Signs can be posted on private property pursuant to the provisions of this section.
 - Signs shall be removed no later than 21 days after the election to which they pertain.

If signs are not removed within the statutory time frame, notice shall be issued, and the responsible party will have seven days from the date of notice to remove the signs. If the signs are not removed within that time, violations are punishable under Article 17.62 of the County Code. The punishment is a fine not to exceed \$500 per violation (with each day constituting a separate violation), or not more than six months in jail.

For more information about Placer County political sign regulations, contact the Community Development Resource Agency at 530-745-3000. Complaints about signs in unincorporated portions of the county should be reported to the Placer County Code Enforcement Division at 530-745-3050. You can also find a complaint form on the Placer County Code Enforcement Division's website at www.placer.ca.gov/2309/Code-Enforcement-Services.

Cities and Towns

Each jurisdiction has its own policy regarding deposits or fees to allow for placement of political signs; the Placer County Elections Office strongly recommends that candidates consult with the city or town clerk in each city/town where they plan to place signs.

City of Auburn

Amy Lind, City Clerk
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603
530-823-4211, Ext. 112

City of Colfax

Gabrielle Christakes, City Clerk
33 South Main Street/P.O. Box 702
Colfax, CA 95713
530-346-2313

City of Lincoln

Hope Ithurnburn, City Clerk
600 6th Street
Lincoln, CA 95648
916-434-2490, Ext. 4

Town of Loomis

Carol Parker, Town Clerk
3665 Taylor Road
Loomis, CA 95650
916-824-1509

City of Rocklin

Avinta Singh, City Clerk
3970 Rocklin Road
Rocklin, CA 95677
916-625-5560

City of Roseville

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
311 Vernon Street
Roseville, CA 95678
916-774-5263

Political Sign Regulations

These figures are guidelines only. Individual ordinances should be consulted by contacting the appropriate agency before placing signs.

JURISDICTION	# OF DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION THAT SIGNS MAY BE POSTED	# OF DAYS AFTER ELECTION THAT SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED	DEPOSIT/FEE REQUIRED	SIZE LIMIT REGULATION
STATE	90	10	None	32 sq. ft.
PLACER COUNTY	60	21	\$200 refundable	32 sq. ft.
AUBURN	60	10	None	7 ft. tall w/max area of 32 sq. ft.
COLFAX	n/a	21	\$50 refundable	32 sq. ft.
LINCOLN	60	21	\$250 refundable	32 sq. ft.
LOOMIS	60	7	None	12 sq. ft.
ROCKLIN	45	5	\$500 refundable	6 ft. tall w/max area of 16 sq. ft.
ROSEVILLE	90	10	None	6 sq. ft.

Voter Registration Drives

Some candidates conduct voter registration drives or encourage individuals to register to vote while they are campaigning or collecting signatures. Anyone distributing voter registration cards in California should be familiar with the rules and regulations for conducting voter registration drives. Please note that this does not contain all laws pertaining to voter registration. For more information, please contact the Secretary of State's Office or the Placer County Elections Office.

Voter Registration Cards

Voter registration cards may be obtained from the Elections Office. If an individual requests registration cards, they will need to complete a "Voter Registration Card Statement of Distribution." Some key points to note:

- Individuals distributing voter registration cards must give a card to anyone who requests one, provided they have enough cards (*Elec. Code § 2158(b)(3)*).
- Candidates and their volunteers may not affix or write any statements urging or indicating support for, or opposition to, any candidate or measure onto the voter registration card (*Elec. Code § 18105*).
- Anyone who, without the specific written consent of the voter, willfully and with the intent to affect the voter's voting rights, causes, procures or allows for the voter's party affiliation declaration on the voter registration card to be defaced, altered or completed, may face imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years or in the county jail for not more than one year (*Elec. Code § 18106*).

Returning Voter Registration Cards

Distributors must return completed voter registration cards to the Placer County Elections Office within three business days or by the registration deadline, whichever comes first. It is against the law to delay the delivery of these forms intentionally or carelessly to the Elections Office and could result in a fine of up to \$1,000 (*Elec. Code §§ 2138, 2139, 18103*).

Confidential Information

Any driver's license number, identification card number, social security number and/or signature provided on a voter registration affidavit is considered confidential. It is strictly prohibited for any individual or organization distributing voter registration cards, or anyone entrusted with the card, to disclose this information (*Elec. Code § 2138.5*).

Political Advertisements

As used in Elections Code Section 20008, "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.

Any paid political advertisement which refers to an election, or to any candidate for state or local elective office, which 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 (*Elec. Code § 20008*).

Electioneering Near Voting Locations

It is prohibited to engage in certain activities within 100 feet of a vote center entrance or official drop box. These activities include electioneering, circulating petitions, soliciting votes, discussing with a voter how to mark their ballot, displaying signs related to a voter's eligibility to vote or discussing a voter's eligibility to vote, and recording a voter entering or exiting a vote center. The 100-foot boundary of all vote center entrances will be clearly marked with signs for easy identification (*Elec. Code §§ 18370, 18541*).

The California State Legislature has defined electioneering as the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of the entrance to a building that contains a vote center, an election official's office, a satellite location or any outdoor site, including curbside voting areas. Electioneering information or activity includes visual displays associated with a candidate or measure, paraphernalia containing electioneering information (e.g., shirts, campaign buttons) and the dissemination of audible electioneering information (*Elec. Code § 319.5*).

News Media Exit Polls

Clearly identified members of the news media are permitted to conduct voter surveys outside of voting locations on Election Day. These surveys are permitted as long as they do not interrupt voting and are 25 feet from the entrance to the building containing the voting location.

Canvassing the Election

Final results of an election cannot be released until the canvass has been completed. The election canvass process is an internal audit and is required by state law to ensure the accuracy of election results. California election law allows 30 days to conduct the official canvass of final election results. The canvass begins no later than the Thursday after the election and concludes within 30 days of the election. Placer County traditionally starts Wednesday, the day after the election.

During the canvass, vote-by-mail ballots and provisional ballots are researched to validate eligibility. The Elections Office also performs a manual count of no less than 1% of all ballots cast in each race to verify the accuracy of the election tally system. The canvass concludes with the certification and issuance of official election results. Any member of the public may observe this process (*Elec. Code § 15300, et seq.*).

Appendix A: Services to Candidates

Candidates may purchase the following voter information from the Placer County Elections Office to aid their campaigns. All requestors must complete an “Application to Access Voter Registration Information” and will be required to sign a statement verifying the information will not be used for personal or commercial purposes.

The application can be found on the Elections website at www.placercountyelections.gov/forms. Please allow at least three business days for the Elections Office to produce your report or labels. Times vary among jobs, so please coordinate your requests with the Elections Office.

A wet signature is required on the Application to Access Voter Registration Information. It must be submitted in person or by mail.

Government-issued photo ID is also required.

Precinct Index (a.k.a. “Walking List”)

Precinct indexes are printed in alphabetical order by street name, then numerically by house number. The list shows the names of voters at each address, with party preference and phone number. Each candidate may order precinct indexes at a base cost of \$5.00 per 5,000 names, rounded up to the next 5,000 names.

Registered Voter List (a.k.a. “Alpha List”)

Lists which contain more complete information for each voter record may be produced. These lists are arranged in alphabetical order by voters’ last name and may be printed by precinct, district or countywide. Many formats are available, and may include residence address, mailing address, phone number, party preference, etc. Elections staff can recommend lists based on what the requestor wishes to accomplish. Each candidate may order alpha lists at a base cost of \$5.00 per 5,000 names, rounded up to the next 5,000 names.

Registered Voter File

The voter file, countywide or by district, is charged at the following rates:

- \$100.00 – Countywide voters
- \$125.00 – Countywide voters, with voting history (may specify up to five elections for history attached to each record)
- \$25.00 – District file (per 30,000 voters)

This file format is .txt, which may be imported into most data processing software programs, such as MS Access, MS Excel, Google Sheets, etc. Test files may be requested. Prepaid files may be transmitted by downloadable link via Placer County Box (recipients must sign up for a Box account prior to accessing files).

Mailing Labels

Mailing labels addressed to every eligible voter or to family households of the same surname are available. Household labels constitute approximately 60% to 65% of the registered

voters within a district. The cost is \$0.10 per label. The labels can be ordered by district or precinct.

Precinct Maps/District Maps

Precinct or district maps are available for purchase from the Elections Office. Specialty maps using geographical information systems (GIS) technology are also available. To access the order form which details map options and pricing, please visit the Elections website at www.placercountyelections.gov/campaign-resources.

Voting Precinct Lists

This report details the regular precincts that were placed into specific voting precincts. The fee is \$5.00.

Appendix B: Residence and Domicile

To qualify for most offices, a candidate must be a registered voter of the district or division thereof. The following code sections will assist in determining residence.

Elections Code §349. Residence and Domicile

“Residence” for voting purposes means a person’s domicile. The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile. The residence of a person is that place in which the person’s habitation is fixed for some period of time, but wherein he or she does not have the intention of remaining. At a given time, a person may have more than one residence. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2020. Term of domicile

The term of domicile is computed by including the day on which the person's domicile commenced and by excluding the day of the election. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2021. Person away for temporary purposes

A person who leaves his or her home to go into another state or precinct in this state for temporary purposes merely, with the intention of returning, does not lose his or her domicile. A person does not gain a domicile in any precinct into which he or she comes for temporary purposes merely, without the intention of making that precinct his or her home. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2022. Move to another state

If a person moves to another state with the intention of making it his or her domicile, the voter loses his or her domicile in this state. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2023. Move to another state

If a person moves to another state as a place of permanent residence, with the intention of remaining there for an indefinite time, he or she loses his or her domicile in this state, notwithstanding that he or she intends to return at some future time. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2024. Intention and fact or removal

The mere intention to acquire a new domicile, without the fact of removal avails nothing, neither does the fact of removal without the intention. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2025. Employment in the service of the United States; Navigation; Institution

A person does not gain or lose a domicile solely by reason of his or her presence or absence from a place while employed in the service of the United States or of this state, nor while engaged in navigation, nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept in an almshouse, asylum or prison. This section shall not be construed to prevent a student at an institution of learning from qualifying as an elector in the locality where he or she domiciles while attending that institution, when in fact the student has abandoned his or her former domicile. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2026. Domicile of Legislative Member or Congressional Representative

The domicile of a Member of the Legislature or a Representative in the Congress of the United States shall be conclusively presumed to be at the residence address indicated on that person's currently filed affidavit of registration. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2027. Domicile of family; residence in trailer

The place where a person's family is domiciled is his or her domicile unless it is a place for temporary establishment for his or her family or for transient objects. Residence in a trailer or vehicle or at any public camp or camping ground may constitute a domicile for voting purposes if the registrant complies with the other requirements of this article. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2028. Place of family and business

If a person has a family fixed in one place, and he or she does business in another, the former is his or her place of domicile, but any person having a family, who has taken up an abode with the intention of remaining and whose family does not so reside with him or her, is a domiciliary where he or she has so taken up the abode. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2029. Domicile of spouse

The domicile of one spouse shall not be presumed to be that of the other, but shall be determined independently in accordance with this article. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2030. Marriage to a person employed in the service of the United States

A domiciliary of this state who marries a person employed temporarily in this state in the service of the United States government, may elect to retain his or her domicile for the purpose of qualifying as an elector only, except that his or her domicile in this state shall terminate if the domiciliary qualifies as an elector in any other state or any territory. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2031. Homeowner's property tax exemption; renter's tax credit; driver's license

If a person has more than one residence and that person maintains a homeowner's property tax exemption on the dwelling of one of the residences pursuant to Section 218 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the residence subject to the homeowner's property tax exemption is that person's domicile. However, this presumption shall not apply in the event any other residence is listed as the person's current residence address on any driver's license, identification card or vehicle registration issued to that person by, and on file with, the Department of Motor Vehicles. If a person has more than one residence and that person claims a renter's tax credit for one of the residences pursuant to Section 17053.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the residence subject to the renter's tax credit is that person's domicile. However, this presumption shall not apply in the event any other residence is listed as the person's current residence address on any driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration issued to that person by, and on file with, the Department of Motor Vehicles. This section shall not be applicable to state or federal elected officials. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2032. More than one residence

Except as provided in this article, if a person has more than one residence and that person has not physically resided at any one of the residences within the immediate preceding year, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that those residences in which he or she has not so resided within the immediate preceding year are merely residences as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 349 and not his or her domicile. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2033. Change of house number

Whenever the house number or the mailing address of a voter has been changed and the voter's domicile is the same, the public agency authorizing the change shall notify the county elections official in writing of the change and the county elections official shall make the change on the voter's affidavit of registration and a new affidavit shall not be required. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2034. Domicile in more than one precinct

A person domiciled in a house or apartment lying in more than one precinct shall be registered as domiciled in the precinct designated by the county elections official on the basis of the street address or other precinct the county elections official considers appropriate unless the person requests, either by letter or in person at the office of the county elections official, that he or she wishes to be domiciled for registration purposes in another precinct in which his or her house or apartment lies. In order to fulfill the requirements of this section, the letter of request shall include the name, signature, and residence address of the requester. (Added by Stats. 1994)

Elections Code §2035. Voter residence change 14 days prior to an election

A person duly registered as a voter in any precinct in California who removes therefrom within 14 days prior to an election shall, for the purpose of that election, be entitled to vote in the precinct from which the person so removed until the close of the polls on the date of that election. (Amended by Stats. 2000)

Court Cases

Voter Registration and Establishment of Domicile

Walters v. Weed (1988) AKA "UCSC Student Voting Case." 45 Cal.3d.1

In this California Supreme Court decision, the court held that voters who have moved, but have not established a new domicile, may vote in the precinct of their former domicile even though they have no intention of returning to live there.

Homeless Person's Right to Register to Vote

Collier v. Menzel (1985). AKA "Fig Tree Case." 176 Cal. App.3d 24

In this Court of Appeal decision, the court held that a homeless person may register at a location deemed by the voter to be a dwelling place or place of habitation for that voter. A mailing address needs to be provided for the voter to receive election materials.



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