

Candidate Filing Overview

Presidential Primary Election – March 5, 2024

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Notice to Candidates

- **THIS OVERVIEW IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE** general information for candidates and committees and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the Registrar of Voters of the County of Stanislaus is not rendering legal advice. This overview is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel for the individual, organization or candidate using it. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.
- **THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS STRONGLY** recommends that any prospective candidates obtain legal advice to assist in complying with the applicable California laws, including California Elections Code and Government Code.
- **MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES** – Information provided in this overview is intended for candidates who file directly with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters.
 - Contact the city clerk directly for all filing information regarding filing for municipal office.

Information is subject to change without notice.



Senate and Assembly Bill Updates -

This section will be updated if / when new Senate or Assembly bills take effect that impact the candidate filing process.

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Helpful links to online resources:

- [Election Calendars](#)
- [Candidate Guide](#)
- [Candidate List](#) (updated daily during candidate nomination period)
- [Signatures In-Lieu Authorization Form](#)
 - **NOTE:** Required if someone other than candidate is obtaining the SIL petition form
- [Public Notices](#) (Workshops, legal notices, canvass updates, 1% manual tally, etc.)
- [FPPC Website](#)
- [FPPC Forms Filed in Stanislaus County](#)

Helpful links to online resources:

Secretary of State Federal/State Candidate Information:

- [SOS - Qualifications for Running for Office in 2024](#)
- [SOS - Ballot Designation Regulations](#)
- [SOS - 2024 California Election Guide](#)
 - General Information
 - Nomination Requirements
 - Candidate Filing Information
 - Candidate Checklist
 - Election Calendar
 - Electors and the Electoral College
 - Independent Candidates

Primary Election Offices

- Party-Nominated offices

- U.S. President (information on voting for presidential candidates on next page)
- County Central Committee

- Voter-Nominated offices

Top two candidates from the Primary Election will move forward to a runoff in the General Election.

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Representative
- State Senate
- State Assembly

- Local nonpartisan offices

- County offices – If one candidate does not receive a 50%+1 vote in the Primary Election, the top two will move forward to a runoff in the General Election.

Voting for presidential candidates

Voting for Presidential Candidates in a Primary Election

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Do you want to vote for presidential candidates in the primary?

There are 6 qualified political parties in California holding presidential primary elections:

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| ★ American Independent | ★ Democratic | ★ Green |
| ★ Libertarian | ★ Peace & Freedom | ★ Republican |

If you are registered with one of these 6 qualified political parties:

- Your ballot will include the presidential candidates running for that party's nomination
- Your ballot will include County Central Committee contests, when applicable
- You cannot vote a ballot for a different party without changing your party registration before voting

Unaffiliated / NPP voters receive a nonpartisan ballot

If you are not registered with one of the 6 qualified political parties, you are an unaffiliated voter. There are two types of unaffiliated voters:


- Voters who registered as no party preference (NPP)
- Voters who registered with a non-qualified political party

All unaffiliated voters are listed as no party preference (NPP) voters at a presidential primary and will receive a nonpartisan ballot that includes contests for voter nominated offices, nonpartisan offices and measures. Only two contests will not appear on your ballot, President and County Central Committee.

Can NPP voters vote for presidential candidates?

Qualified political parties may choose to allow NPP voters to receive a cross-over party ballot to vote for their party's presidential candidates without changing their party registration. Not all parties choose this option, and they require voters to register with their party to receive their party's ballot.

These parties are allowing cross-over voting in their presidential primary:


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- American Independent
 - Democratic
 - Libertarian

NPP voters who want to request a cross-over ballot have these easy options:

- Fill out and mail back the cross-over request postcard mailed to you
- Visit any vote center or the county elections office
- Call 209-525-5201 or toll-free 833-772-2260
- Email your request to stanvote@stancounty.com



These parties are not allowing cross-over voting. You **MUST** be registered with their party to receive their party's ballot:

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- Green
 - Peace & Freedom
 - Republican

Update your registration before **February 20, 2024**, to receive your newly selected party's ballot in the mail. If you miss the deadline, you can update your registration at the county elections office or any vote center.

Offices scheduled for election

Offices up for Election – March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election:

This list is subject to change

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FEDERAL Party Nominated Offices	INCUMBENT – Party Preference	TERM
President	Joseph Biden – Dem	4 years
FEDERAL / STATE Voter Nominated Offices	INCUMBENT – Party Preference	TERM
U.S. Senate	Dianne Feinstein - Dem	6 years
U.S. Representative – District 5	Tom McClintock - Rep	2 years
U.S. Representative – District 9	Josh Harder - Dem	2 years
U.S. Representative – District 13	John Duarte - Rep	2 years
State Assembly – District 9	Heath Flora – Rep	2 years
State Assembly – District 22	Juan Alanis – Rep	2 years
JUDICIAL OFFICES Nonpartisan	INCUMBENT	TERM
Superior Court Judge – Office 1	Joseph R. Distaso	6 years
Superior Court Judge – Office 2	Valli K. Israels	6 years
Superior Court Judge – Office 3	Sweena Pannu	6 years
Superior Court Judge – Office 4	Maria Elena Ramos Ratliff	6 years
Superior Court Judge – Office 5	Stacy P. Speiller	6 years
Superior Court Judge – Office 6	Carrie M. Stephens	6 years
COUNTY OFFICES Nonpartisan	INCUMBENT	TERM
Board of Supervisors – District 1	Matthew “Buck” Condit	4 years
Board of Supervisors – District 2	Vito Chiesa	4 years
Board of Supervisors – District 5	Channcce A. Condit	4 years
COUNTY OFFICES Party Nominated	Number to be elected per Supervisorial District	TERM
Democratic County Central Committee	District 1 – 5 members District 2 – 4 members District 3 – 4 members District 4 – 5 members District 5 – 4 members	4 years
Republican County Central Committee	District 1 – 6 members District 2 – 5 members District 3 – 4 members District 4 – 4 members District 5 – 3 members	4 years
MUNICIPAL and DISTRICT OFFICES Nonpartisan	INCUMBENT	TERM
City of Modesto – Mayor	Sue Zwahlen	4 years
Del Puerto Health Care District – Zone 4	Vacant	2 year short term

Calendars

- Election Calendar
 - Available at www.stanvote.com under the “Officials/Candidates” tab [Election Calendars](#).

Important dates and filing deadlines:

- **September 14 – November 8** Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (optional)
- **October 30 – November 8** Declaration of Intent (required for **judicial** candidates)
- **November 13 – December 8** Candidate Nomination Period (required for **ALL** candidates)
- **December 9 – December 13** Candidate Nomination Extension Period (when applicable)
- **December 14** Randomized Alphabet Draw
- **January 8 – February 20** Write-In Candidacy Filing Period

**Presidential Primary Election – Tuesday, March 5, 2024
County of Stanislaus – Registrar of Voters (ROV)**

Code references, unless otherwise stated, refer to California Elections Code (EC), Government Code (GC) & Education Code (ED Code)

See Page 4 for Measure Consolidation Calendar	Governing Bodies Requesting Measure Consolidation Pursuant to EC 10403, measure resolutions are to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors requesting consolidation with this election by E-88; however, the Registrar of Voters has <u>administrative deadlines</u> necessary to meet vendor and print deadlines. See last page for <i>Measure Consolidation Calendar</i> for ROV administrative deadlines.
Prior to Soliciting or Accepting Contributions for Campaign Purposes	All candidates must file FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement Form 501 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer before soliciting or accepting contributions to a campaign. GC 85200
Financial Disclosure	Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) For election specific FPPC filing schedules go to www.fppc.ca.gov and view Filing Deadlines
www.stanvote.com Officials/Candidates tab	Candidate Filing Overview Presentation An informative candidate filing overview to provide prospective candidates with important information regarding the complex candidacy filing process. www.stanvote.com - Candidate Filing Overview
All Candidates September 14 – November 8 (E-173 to E-118)	Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (SIL) Forms may be obtained from the county elections official during this period. Petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in-lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in-lieu petitions will also be applied to meet the nomination signature requirements. The candidate will be notified of any deficiency within 10 days of filing. EC 8061, 8105, 8106
September 29, 2023 (E-158)	Secretary of State to Prepare Notice of Offices on the Primary Ballot At least 158 days before the primary, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each county elections official a notice designating all of the state offices for which candidates are to be nominated for this election. EC 12103
September 29, 2023 (E-158)	County Central Committee Nomination Petition Form Nomination petition forms are available for county central committee candidates 158 days prior to the primary election. Completed nomination petition forms must be filed prior to the close of the candidate nomination period on December 8, 2023. EC 8020 (b)
October 26 – November 15 2023 (E-131 to E-111)	Statewide Candidates – Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal Deadline Statewide candidates who opt to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the state voter information guide provided to voters by the Secretary of State must submit the appropriate documents and payment to the Secretary of State by this deadline. Forms available from your county elections official or the Secretary of State.
October 30 – November 8 2023 (E-127 to E-118)	Declaration of Intent – Required for Judicial Candidates Every candidate for a judicial office must file a Declaration of Intent with the county elections official. All incumbent judges seeking re-election to the same office must file during this period. The Declaration of Intent will include the seat number designated by the ROV. <u>Nonrefundable filing fees</u> (money, signatures or any prorated combination of both) must be paid at the time the Declaration of Intent is filed. EC 8023, 8105
October 30 – November 13 2023 (E-127 to E-113)	Municipal Notice of Election For cities consolidating with this election, the city clerk shall publish the Notice of Election between these dates. This notice shall contain the date of the election, polling hours and offices to be filled. EC 12101
November 6 – December 6 2023 (E-120 to E-90)	County Notice of Election The county elections official shall publish a Notice of Election between these dates. The notice shall contain the date of the election, name of the offices for which candidates may file, qualifications required for each office, location where Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed and the deadline for filing these forms. EC 12112

November 9 – November 13 2023 (E-117 to E-113)	Extension of Declaration of Intent Period – Judicial Offices Only If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intent to succeed to the same office by the end of the Declaration of Intent filing period, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intent for that office during this extension period. Nonrefundable filing fees must be paid at the time the Declaration of Intent is filed. EC 8023, 8105
November 12, 2023 (E-114)	Municipal Calling of Special Election to Fill Vacancy Last date for a city council to call a special election to fill a vacancy on the next regularly established election date, to be held not less than 114 days from the call of the election. If the election is not called by this date, the vacancy cannot go to election on this established election date. GC 36512 (b)
November 13 – December 8 2023 (E-113 to E-88)	Candidate Nomination Period – ALL CANDIDATES All candidates, including incumbents, must file nomination documents with the appropriate elections official during this period. If applicable, the <u>nonrefundable filing fee</u> (money, signatures or a prorated combination of both) shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms. No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for a primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. EC 8020-8021, 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811 Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal Deadline All candidates who opt to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the county voter information guide provided to voters by the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office must submit a statement and pay the deposit when the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy is filed. Statements may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. EC 13307-13308 Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest Filing deadline for candidates who have not submitted a Form 700 within the previous 60 days. U.S. Senate, congressional and central committee candidates are exempt. GC 87100-87314
December 8, 2023 5:00 p.m. (E-88)	Close of Candidate Nomination Period Candidate nomination documents are due. Incumbents who wish to file as a candidate for their own office must file by this date. Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest are due. EC 8020, 8022, GC 87200
December 9 – December 18 2023 (E-87 to E-78)	10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications Public examination period for offices that close during the nomination period. Any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may file a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. EC 13313
December 9 – December 13 2023 (E-87 to E-83)	Candidate Nomination Extension Period – If Applicable For anyone other than the incumbent if the incumbent did not file by E-88. This provision does not apply if there is no eligible incumbent to be elected or if the incumbent has met a term limit. EC 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604
December 13, 2023 (E-83)	Unopposed Superior Court Judge Write-In Campaign Deadline Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed incumbent Superior Court judicial candidate who has filed Nomination Petitions. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1% (at least 100 but no more than 500) qualified registered voters. Once the petition is complete, write-in candidates must file their write-in statement and Nomination Petitions between E-57 and E-14. EC 8203, 8800-8806
December 14, 2023 11:00 a.m. (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing Conducted by the Secretary of State to determine candidate name order as it will appear on the ballot. The county elections official will also hold a public drawing at 11:00 a.m. for multi-county legislative offices. EC 13112
December 28, 2023 (E-68)	Certified List of Candidates for Federal and State Offices This certified list will be issued by the Secretary of State. EC 8147-8150
January 5 – January 20 2024 (E-60 to E-45)	Military / Overseas Vote by Mail Ballot Delivery Period Mailing and processing period for military and overseas voters. EC 300, 3101-3123

January 8 – February 20 2024 (E-57 to E-14)	Write-In Candidacy Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Petitions must be filed with the appropriate elections official. EC 8800-8806
January 25 – February 13 2024 (E-40 to E-21)	State Voter Information Guide (SVIG) Mailed by the Secretary of State to households in which voters were registered by E-80. <i>Supplemental mailing of SVIG completed before E-10 for voters registered by E-28.</i> EC 9084
January 25 – February 24 2024 (E-40 to E-10)	County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) Mailed by the county elections official to voters who are registered at least 29 days before the election. EC 13303
February 5 – February 27 2024 (E-29 to E-7)	Vote by Mail Ballot Mailing Period Mailing and processing period for vote by mail ballots. Ballots will be available at the county elections office. EC 3001, 3200-3206
February 5, 2024 (E-29)	Ballot Drop Boxes Will Be Deployed A list of ballot drop box locations is printed in the county voter information guide and is posted at www.stanvote.com - Vote Center / Drop Box
February 19, 2024 (E-15)	15-Day Close of Registration Last day to register for this election. Postmarks, DMV submissions and elections office delivery/drop off are acceptable.
February 20 – March 5, 2024 (E-14 to E)	Conditional Registration Period Eligible persons who missed the 15-day close of registration may appear in person at the county elections official's office or any vote center and register to vote provisionally for this election. EC 2170
February 24, 2024 (E-10)	Vote Centers Open A portion of the vote centers will begin opening 10 days prior to Election Day. A list of vote centers is printed in the county voter information guide and posted at www.stanvote.com - Vote Center / Drop Box
February 27, 2024 (E-7)	Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot
March 2, 2024 (E-3)	Additional Vote Centers Open Additional vote centers will begin opening 3 days prior to Election Day. A list of vote centers is printed in the county voter information guide and posted at www.stanvote.com - Vote Center / Drop Box
March 5, 2024 (E)	ELECTION DAY Vote centers and the county elections office are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. EC 1000, 14212
March 7, 2024 (E+2)	1% Manual Tally Random Draw The random draw will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. at the county elections office. The manual tally is conducted to verify accuracy of vote tabulation machines. The random draw is open to the public. EC 15360 <i>5-Day public notice with specific dates will be posted at www.stanvote.com - Public Notices</i>
March 7 – April 4, 2024 (E+2 to E+30)	Official Canvass of the Vote The official canvass of precinct returns shall commence and be completed during this time. The county elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results and submit it to the governing bodies consolidated with this election. If a judicial or county office candidate does not receive a majority of the vote in the primary election, there will be a run-off in the general election between the top two candidates for that office. EC 15301, 15372

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day. EC 15, GC 6700, 6701, 6707

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Candidate Guide



Stanislaus County Candidate Guide

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
March 5, 2024



Prepared by the office of Donna Linder, County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

- Review electronic copy online.
- Posted on stanvote.com in the “Officials/Candidates” tab.
- [Candidate Guide](#)
- Hard copy provided during candidate filing **upon request**.
- Candidate qualification information for federal and state offices is available on the Secretary of State website: [SOS - Qualifications for Running for Office in 2024](#)

Registration and Election Data

- Contact our Tech Team at (209) 525-5201 for all data requests:
 - Walking list
 - Indexes
 - Mailing labels
 - GIS printed maps
 - Vote by mail voter lists
- Allow 2 working days for all data requests.
- Details on **Page 40** of the Candidate Guide.



REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA (EC 2187, 2188, 2194)



VOTER FILES

Voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase or use voter registration information must be submitted in person and with identification on an application available at the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office.

PERMISSIBLE USAGE

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files. Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to, using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election; sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings that campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election; sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or on behalf of any political party; provided however, that the content of such communications shall be devoted to news and opinions of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters; sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative or referendum petition; sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office; conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign; conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes; conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud; soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure; any official use by any local, state or federal governmental agency.

PROHIBITED USAGE

Prohibited usage includes: Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose; solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support or opposition of a ballot measure; conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by California Code of Regulations Section 19003. EC 18109 states: "(a) It is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with EC 2183) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law. (b) It is a misdemeanor for a person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information from the Secretary of State or a County Elections Official without first complying with EC 2188."

PRICE LIST

Allow 2 working days for all data requests.

(Price list subject to change, check with ROV office for current prices.)

- Printed Indexes / Walking Lists: \$20.00 plus \$0.50 per 1,000 names. (CD add \$0.35)
- Voter Labels: \$26.00 plus \$0.005 per label, contact the Registrar of Voters office for a quote.
- Statement of Vote: Online version is available free at www.stanvote.com starting with the November 6, 2007 Consolidated District Election.
- Statement of Vote: Printed copy version is \$20.00 plus \$0.10 per page.
- GIS Precinct Maps: Price varies by size. Contact the Registrar of Voters office for a quote.
- Master Voter File: \$155.00

To obtain voter registration and election data, call (209) 525-5201 and ask for the Tech Team.

Candidacy Forms

- Required Documents:

- Declaration of Intent – Judicial candidates only
(judicial candidates pay non-refundable filing fee when Declaration of Intent is filed)
- Nomination Petition Signatures (pay non-refundable filing fee to obtain)
- Declaration of Candidacy
- Ballot Designation Worksheet (if requesting a ballot designation)
- FPPC Campaign Finance Disclosure Forms
- Candidate Document Checklist

- Optional Documents:

- Signatures In-Lieu Petition (receive credit toward nomination signature requirement and filing fee)
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices
- Candidate Media Release and Contact Information
- Candidate Statement of Qualifications
(for Primary Election: must be filed when filing the Declaration of Candidacy form)

Nomination Petition:

Some offices require a candidate to obtain and file nomination signatures as part of the qualification process. The number of required signatures depends on the office sought. The non-refundable filing fee is paid when the candidate requests the official Nomination Petition form, see calendar for filing period. *Note: Candidates for judicial office pay the filing fee when the Declaration of Intent form is filed.*

Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition (SIL):

For offices that have a filing fee, candidates have the option to obtain signatures in-lieu of the filing fee. SIL petition forms are available at no cost, see calendar for filing period. Each valid signature will count toward the nomination signature requirement. Additionally, a monetary credit for each valid signature will be applied toward the filing fee. The amount is based on the office sought. If the entire filing fee is not covered by signatures in-lieu, the remaining balance will be collected when you file your Declaration of Candidacy form or upon requesting a Nomination Petition Form.

Guidelines for gathering signatures on your candidacy petitions are provided on **Pages 24-27** of the Candidate Guide.

The following information is detailed on **Page 19** of the Candidate Guide. Some information was not available at the time the Candidate Guide was prepared. This page will be updated in the electronic version of the Candidate Guide as soon as information is available for each office:

- Filing fee (based on annual salary of office)
- Nomination signature requirement
- Number of signatures in-lieu needed to cover entire filing fee

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election Filing Fee and Nomination Signature Requirement Chart

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The table below sets forth the salary, the filing fee, the number of signatures in lieu of filing fees and their respective monetary value, as well as the required number of nomination signatures for federal, state constitutional, legislative, judicial and local candidates.

Office	Annual Salary	Filing Fee (% of salary)	In-Lieu Signatures (Optional)	Value of each Signature	Nomination Signatures Required
U.S. Senate	\$174,000.00	\$3,480.00 (2%)	7,000	\$0.497143	65 to 100
U.S. Representative	\$174,000.00	\$1,740.00 (1%)	2,000	\$0.87000	40 to 60
State Assembly	\$122,694.00	\$1,226.94 (1%)	1,000	\$1.22694	40 to 60
Judge, Superior Court	\$231,174.00	\$2,311.74 (1%)	6,936	\$0.333333	20 to 40
Board of Supervisors	\$103,750.40	\$1,037.50 (1%)	3,113	\$0.333333	20 to 40
Central Committee	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	20 to 40

***update when available** This information is calculated closer to the filing period to ensure accurate/current information is reflected. For state/federal offices, the information is provided to counties by the Secretary of State. Information will be made available, and this page will be updated in the electronic version posted on starvote.com as soon as the data is final. Revision dates will be noted above. Additional information may be available on the Secretary of State website at www.sos.ca.gov.

FILING FEES (EC 8103 – 8105, 8106(b))



When the filing fee is paid:

Candidates for offices that require a filing fee are required to pay the filing fee at the time the Nomination Petition Form is requested. If the candidate meets the nomination signature requirement using signatures in-lieu of filing fee, the filing fee will be required at the time the Declaration of Candidacy form is filed.

Judicial Office - Candidates are required to pay the filing fee at the time you file a Declaration of Intent Form.

Where the filing fee is paid:

Pay the filing fee in the county elections office where you will file your Declaration of Candidacy form. If filing in Stanislaus County, the fee will be paid at the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office.

Who the filing fee is paid to:

For state and federal offices: Checks are made payable to the Secretary of State and paid at the county where candidacy papers are filed. Counties will forward the fee to the Secretary of State.

Superior Court Judge / County Offices: Checks are made payable to the Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder.

Amount of the filing fee:

The filing fee is a percentage of the annual salary for the office sought. Refer to the chart above. No filing fee is required for offices with no fixed compensation or those receiving an annual salary of \$2,500 or less. Write-in candidates are not required to pay filing fees.

The filing fee is not refundable. If, for any reason, the candidate fails to qualify, the filing fee is forfeited.


Returned checks:

If the filing fee is paid with a check that is returned without payment due to insufficient funds, the county elections official will contact the candidate. The candidate must make payment by money order or cashier's check by 4:00 p.m. on the next business day. Failure to do so will invalidate the individual's candidacy, and the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A returned check fee may apply. Candidates for state and federal offices will be contacted by the Secretary of State to make arrangements for payment of funds.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for nonpartisan judicial and county offices will be similar to this sample.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for state and federal office are provided to county elections officials by the Secretary of State. That form will look similar but will include party preference information for use on the ballot. Forms for voter-nominated office will require disclosure of the previous 10 years of political party registration history.

This form is where you will list your name and ballot designation for use on the official ballot. If you are not using a ballot designation, you will initial the box indicating no designation will appear under your name on the ballot.



Voter Registration and Residency
Requirements Verified

By _____

☐ Entered in DIMS
☐ Listed On Website
☐ Notify shared county

Filed in County of: Stanislaus
Date Filed: _____

Donna Linder
Elections Official

By: _____

Declaration of Candidacy Official Filing Form - Nonpartisan

(Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 201, 10510, 10511, 8020, 8040, 8140)

I, _____ do hereby declare myself a
Name of Candidate

candidate to the office of _____ ☐ Full Term ☐ Short Term
Office Sought - District (if applicable)

to be voted for at the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held on June 7, 2022, and declare
the following to be true:

Check If Applicable: ☐ Incumbent ☐ Appointed Incumbent

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Print your name for use on the ballot _____

Print Designation Requested _____

Candidate initials
if preferring no designation: _____

This occupational designation is true and in conformance with Section 13107 of the Elections Code.

A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested a completed BALLOT DESIGNATION worksheet must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write in the word "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

Enter all information and then check the box next to the information to be made public:

☐ Residence Address: _____
(Required)
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

☐ Mailing Address: _____
(If different than residence)
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____
Area Code _____ Daytime _____ Area Code _____ Evening _____

FAX and E-mail: _____
(Optional) Area Code _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Website: _____
(Optional)

IMPORTANT: REVERSE SIDE OF PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED

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The back of the Declaration of Candidacy form will look like this sample for local candidates.

The form provided by the Secretary of State for state and federal candidates will be similar but will provide space to disclose the previous 10 years of political party history.

The elections official will perform the Oath of Office with the candidate upon completion of this form.

Since this is a primary election, if you intend to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the County Voter Information Guide, you must submit it to the elections official for approval PRIOR to filing this form. The law requires the candidate statement to be filed at the same time you file your Declaration of Candidacy for primary elections. More on candidate statements provided later in this overview.

I am a registered voter and meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, and voter registration requirements). If elected, I will qualify and accept the office and serve to the best of my ability.

I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): _____

I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes, or for being an official interested in contracts, or becoming a vendor or purchaser at sales, or purchasing scrips or other evidences of indebtedness, in which the official has a financial interest.

I am aware that any person who files or submits for filing a declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, as set forth in Section 18203 of the Elections Code.
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

State of California
County of Stanislaus

} ss.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Taken by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

County Elections Official

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in his or her possession which is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202)

Oath of Office

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature of Candidate

Date

State of California
County of Stanislaus

} ss.

Taken and Subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 2022. I hereby certify that I have examined this declaration pursuant to Election Code Section 10513 and find it to be sufficient.

County Elections Official

All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless stated otherwise.

Ballot Designation

A ballot designation appears directly below the candidate's name on the ballot and should be your current principal profession, vocation or occupation. EC 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5 and California Code of Regulations 20711

You may use **ONLY ONE** of the following 6 options:

- 1. Incumbent:** If you are running for the same elective office you currently hold you may use Incumbent as your ballot designation. The designation Incumbent cannot be used with any other words. Alternate ballot designations are typically not needed when using Incumbent as your first choice proposed ballot designation. See "**Note**" on the bottom of the following page regarding use of Incumbent for specified offices.
- 2. Appointed Incumbent:** If you are running for the same elective office to which you were appointed to fill a vacancy you may use Appointed Incumbent. The designation Appointed Incumbent cannot be used with any other words. Alternate ballot designations are typically not needed when using Appointed Incumbent as your first choice proposed ballot designation.
- 3. Elective Office:** Words that designate the elective office you hold at the time of filing the nomination documents.
Example: Sunshine Community College District Trustee
- 4. 3-word Profession/Vocation/Occupation (PVO):** No more than three words designating your current principal profession(s), vocation(s) or occupation(s) or your principal profession(s), occupation(s) or vocation(s) within the preceding calendar year. If using more than one PVO, separate each designation using a slash mark, but you must still use no more than three words total and each section must be a complete designation.
Examples: A) Certified Public Accountant B) Certified Accountant / Farmer C) Accountant / Farmer / Teacher
- 5. Community Volunteer:** A person whose substantial involvement of time and effort performing service for or on behalf of a governmental agency, educational institution or charitable, educational or religious organization as defined by Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) without profiting monetarily. The activity or service is the sole, primary, main or leading professional, vocational or occupational endeavor. This designation cannot be used with any other designation and the candidate cannot be engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation.
- 6. Judicial Office:** See specific code related to judicial office - EC 13107(b) and EC 13107(c) [Ballot Designations - EC 13107](#)

Ballot Designation Worksheet

- If you are using a ballot designation, you are required to complete and file a ballot designation worksheet created by the Secretary of State.
- This form will be provided in your candidate packet upon filing for office.
The form will also be available on the Secretary of State website if you would like to complete it in advance and bring it with you when you file for office.
- If you are choosing not to use a ballot designation, this form will not be required. You will be asked to initial a section on the Declaration of Candidacy form stating you are not using a ballot designation.


Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5 and California Code of Regulations § 20711 govern which ballot designations are acceptable.

All sections of this form MUST be completed. If you are not entering information in a field, use “N/A” so there are no blank spaces.

This form allows for you to submit up to three ballot designations. Your first choice should be listed in the “Proposed Ballot Designation(s)” line.

In the event the proposed designation is not acceptable, elections officials will default to the “Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1.”

In the event both are rejected, elections officials will default to the “Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2.”

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(Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

This entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted and you will **not** be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.** If information requested is not applicable, please write “N/A” in the space provided, otherwise the information **MUST** be provided. **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC RECORD.**

Candidate Information 1

Candidate Name: _____ Gender (optional, for translation use only): _____
Office: _____ Email: _____
Home Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Business Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Home/Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Attorney Information 2

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): _____
Address: _____
Phone Number(s) Business: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash (“/”).]
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- (c) “Appointed [full title of public office]” if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- (d) “Incumbent” if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
- (e) “Appointed Incumbent” if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

Ballot Designation(s) 3

Proposed Ballot Designation(s): _____
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: _____
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: _____

In the spaces provided on the next page(s):

- (a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes (“/”) separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as “PVOs”), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation.
- (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

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

If your proposed ballot designation includes the word “volunteer,” indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation “community volunteer” if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use “community volunteer” together with another designation.

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The back of the form is where you provide required information for justification of the ballot designation(s) you are listing as your first choice in the “Proposed Ballot Designation” line on the official Declaration of Candidacy form.

The form allows for justification of up to three different designations. This section of the form refers to a ballot designation as a “PVO” which means Profession Vocation or Occupation (PVO).

For example, if you used “**Farmer / Teacher / Accountant**” you are using three separate designations and would need to provide justification for each one individually.

1. You would complete the “Justification for use of 1st PVO” section to explain why you are eligible to use “Farmer.”
2. You would complete the Justification for use of the 2nd PVO” section to explain why you are eligible to use “Teacher.”
3. You would complete the “Justification for use of the 3rd PVO” section to explain why you are eligible to use “Accountant.”
4. Read each question, mark yes or no and initial each question before signing and dating the form.

If you provided only one designation, For example “Farmer” you would only need to complete the “Justification for use of 1st PVO” section to explain why you are eligible to use “Farmer” and you would write “N/A” in the other two sections.

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If your proposed ballot designation contains **one or more slashes (“/”)** separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as “PVOs”), **complete a justification section for each separate PVO.**

Justification for use of 1st PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Justification for use of 2nd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Justification for use of 3rd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

1) Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
2) Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word “incumbent” for an elective office to which you were appointed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
3) Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
4) Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
5) Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
6) Abbreviate the word “retired”?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
7) Place the word “retired” after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
8) Use an word or prefix (except “retired”) such as “former” or “ex-” to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
9) Use the word “retired” along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
10) Use the name of a political party or political body?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
11) Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____
12) Refer to any activity prohibited by law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Initial _____

If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

X _____

Candidate’s Signature Date Signed: Month Day Year

For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 2, section 20711. You also may wish to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at www.sos.ca.gov).

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The next page of the ballot designation worksheet is completed in the same manner as the previous page. This is where you provide justification for the Alternate Ballot Designations, if you listed any.

Section **A** is completed for justification of what you listed in Alternate Ballot Designations(s) 1.

Section **B** is completed for justification of what you listed in Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2.

If you are not providing any alternate ballot designations, you will initial at the very top right corner of this form to acknowledge the form is being left blank.

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COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, **please initial:** _____

A

Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1

Justification for use of 1st PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

Justification for use of 2nd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

Justification for use of 3rd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

B

Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2

Justification for use of 1st PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

Justification for use of 2nd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

Justification for use of 3rd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: Start/End Dates:

Employer Name or Business:

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Phone Number(s): Email:

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Candidate Contact Information

Candidate Media Release and Contact Information

ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION YOU WANT RELEASED

ALL PAPERS FILED FOR CANDIDACY ARE A
MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD

This candidate contact information is available to any and all customers, vendors and media.
Please print.

1.

Candidate's Name

2.

Office Sought (including District, Division or Trustee Area Number, if applicable)

3.

Campaign Mailing Address

Street / PO Box

City or Town

Zip

4.

Campaign Telephone Number

5.

Campaign E-mail Address

Signature

Date

No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.
(Government code 6254.21)

By my signature below, I give Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters (ROV) permission to post the information provided on the ROV website.

Signature

Date

51-2003-Jun-22

- Candidate name and ballot designation will automatically be posted on the [Candidate List](http://www.stanvote.com) on www.stanvote.com as public information.
- Although optional, it is suggested that you provide contact information on this form. Organizations and media often review our candidate list in hopes of inviting prospective candidates to forums, community meetings and interviews. We will only post and release authorized contact information submitted on this form.

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

Election Code 20440



There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties which merit this criticism.
- (2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.
- (3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.
- (4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
- (5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.
- (6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- (7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Office Sought _____

ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 20400

Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

20400. Intent of legislature. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters. 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.

Article 2. Definitions

20420. Definition of "Code". As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

20440. Subscription to code; form. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary. In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

20441. Supply of forms. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

20442. Retention of forms; public inspection. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

20443. Public record. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

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

- This is an optional form that states that you intend to run a fair campaign.
- Government Code requires us to provide this form to candidates, but it is **OPTIONAL** for candidate to sign.
- Review **Pages 42-43** of the Candidate Guide.

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

- Candidate statements are **OPTIONAL**.
- Review **Pages 32-39** of the Candidate Guide.
- Submit by email 24-48 hours prior to your visit to file candidacy.
- Deposit collected at time you file candidacy forms.
- If filing in a Primary Election, statement **MUST** be filed at the same time you file your Declaration of Candidacy form.



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

(EC 13307-13317, 18350, 18351)

A statement by the candidate describing his or her education and qualifications is optional and can be printed in the voter information pamphlet section of the County Voter Information Guide. The candidate statement and full deposit must be submitted at the same time and must be received by the Registrar of Voters office prior to the close of the nomination filing period. The candidate's statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for the office he/she is seeking.

Pursuant to EC 13308, a candidate statement shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates, their qualifications, character or activities.

Statements should not contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements.

The candidate is responsible for the content of the statement submitted for inclusion in the County Voter Information Guide. It is a misdemeanor for a candidate to knowingly make a false statement of a material fact in a candidate statement with intent to mislead voters in connection with his or her campaign for election to a nonpartisan office.

Stanislaus County candidate statements are required by the Voting Rights Act to be in the English and Spanish languages.

Time Period for Filing: The Candidate Statement of Qualifications is optional and must be filed during the candidate nomination period.

Primary Elections: Candidate statement must be filed at the same time the candidate files their official Declaration of Candidacy.

General Elections: Candidate statement must be filed prior to the close of the candidate filing period.

Submitting Statement: Submit your candidate statement following the **TO SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT** instructions provided on the top of **Page 34**. Your statement will be reviewed prior to your visit to the ROV to officially file and pay for the candidate statement. This review provides an opportunity for corrections to formatting, word count, documentation needed, etc.

Authorized Agent: If the candidate is sending an authorized agent to complete the candidate statement process, a letter of authorization is required. The letter should include the candidate's name, election date, office sought, the name of the authorized agent and should be specific in stating the agent is authorized to submit, approve and pay the required deposit on behalf of the candidate. The letter must include the candidate's signature. The letter of authorization will be attached to the official Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form to be signed by the authorized agent.

Restrictions: Candidate statements are limited to the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates. The elections official shall not print or circulate any statement that the elections official determines does not meet this restriction. (EC 13308)

Candidate statements for local nonpartisan office shall not include the political party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. Candidate photographs are not permitted. (13307(a)(1))

Contents:

The statement may contain the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The spacing for the statement is to be uniform and conform to the current guidelines provided in this guide. Statements not in compliance will not be accepted.

Withdrawal:

The statement may be withdrawn **but not changed** during the candidate nomination and until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. Any request for withdrawal of a candidate's statement must be in writing and signed by the candidate. (EC 13307(a)(3))

Endorsements:

If your statement contains endorsements you must file written authorization with your statement from the person(s) giving you the endorsement. Letters must be signed and dated.

Confidentiality of Statements: Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, candidates' statements filed pursuant to EC 13307 shall remain confidential until the close of the nomination period for the office sought. (EC 13311)

Public Examination:

During the 10-calendar day period commencing the day after the close of the nomination period, anyone may examine a candidate's statement and may purchase copies. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in a candidate's statement to be amended or deleted. (EC 13313-13314)

Word Count:

Candidates for local nonpartisan elective office may file a statement of no more than 200 words. Candidates for State Senate and State Assembly who have accepted the voluntary spending limits and candidates for U.S. Representative may file a statement of no more than 250 words.

Cost:

An estimated printing cost deposit is required when a candidate statement is filed. Candidates will be invoiced for the difference if the actual cost exceeds the deposit and will receive a refund if the actual cost is less than the deposit. The deposit table is located on **Page 37** of this guide.

For shared county districts, it is the responsibility of the candidate to contact other counties for their prices and formatting restrictions. The candidate is responsible for submitting his or her statement with each county involved in the shared district.

It is recommended that a candidate not wait until the last minute to draft and submit a candidate statement! Check the statement carefully for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Neither the candidate nor the elections official can make any corrections to a statement once the candidate statement is filed.



PREPARATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
FORMATTING GUIDELINES
(EC 13307)



TO SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT

- Candidate statement **MUST** be emailed **PRIOR** to visiting the elections office to officially file candidate statement and pay the required deposit.
- Submit the statement to CampaignDocs@stancounty.com with "Candidate Statement" in the email subject line.
- Submit the statement in a WORD or text format copied into the email or attach the WORD or text document to the email. Statements cannot be accepted in pdf format.
- Candidate Services will respond to the email to acknowledge receipt of the statement and will respond again with results of the manager review process.
- Contact us at 209-525-5237 if you are having difficulty submitting the statement as required or if you did not receive an email to confirm receipt of the statement within 24 hours of submission.

The candidate statement is not considered "filed" until the content and format have been approved by an elections manager, the required deposit is paid and the candidate statement authorization form is signed.

You **MUST** complete the entire process before the filing deadline.

To ensure uniformity of all candidate statements, all candidates must prepare their statements using the following guidelines:

- Brief statement of not more than 200 words (250 for Congressional, State Senate and Assembly). See "How to Count Words" in the following pages.
- Block paragraph format in Arial 10 font.
- Limit your statement to **6 paragraphs or less** to ensure it will fit within the allotted ¼ page space.
- Statement is limited to recitation of candidate's own education, qualification and background and should make no reference to other candidates or their activities.
- The statement must be written in the first person.
- **Do not use any of the following:**
 - *Italics*
 - **Bold type**
 - Underlines
 - ALL CAPS (exception: acronyms and abbreviations)
 - Indents
 - "Quotation marks"
 - Bullet points or numbering
 - Lists or tables
 - Repetitive punctuation!!!
 - Unusual spacing

The following standard header format of the statement will include the district office, candidate name, age (optional) and occupation. This standard header will appear above all candidate statements and is **not** counted as part of the word limit:

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR CONSOLIDATED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT – AREA 4	
Fred Businessman	Age: 38
Occupation: Health Facility Director	
Education and Qualifications: (Your word count starts here)	

The format of your statement may need to be changed by the Registrar of Voters office to conform to these formatting guidelines for inclusion in the County Voter Information Guide.

Submit the candidate statement following the instructions on **Page 34** of the Candidate Guide.

Candidate statements must conform to the formatting guidelines to be included in the County Voter Information Guide. The statement should be in standard paragraph format with no bullets, numbering or lists.

Review the formatting guidelines and check your statement before submission. Once approved and filed, the statement cannot be changed.

HOW TO COUNT WORDS (EC 9)

Listed below are the guidelines specified in Elections Code 9 for counting the number of words submitted on any document whose content is limited by statute, such as candidate statements:

Count as one word:

Punctuation: Punctuation is not counted.

Proper Nouns: All proper nouns, including geographical names, will be counted as one word. For example, "County of Stanislaus" will be counted as one word.

Abbreviations: Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression will be counted as one word.

Hyphenations: Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary will be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words will be counted as a separate word.

Dates: Dates will be counted as one word.

Numbers: Any number consisting of a digit or digits will be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled will be considered as a separate word. "100" will be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" will be counted as two words.

Telephone & Internet: Website addresses and telephone numbers are one word.

Percent, Etc.: It is department policy to count numbers consisting of a digit or digits used with a dollar sign (\$), cent sign (¢), percentage sign (%) or number sign (#) as one word.

Examples:

Category	Example	Word Count
Acronyms and abbreviations	CSUS, C.S.U.S., Nov., etc.	One
Dates	01/01/2014 or January 1, 2014	One
E-Mail	starvote@stancounty.com	One
Proper nouns	Stanislaus County or City of Modesto	One
Hyphenated words - Published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years	Mother-in-law	One
Hyphenated words - <u>Not</u> published in U.S. dictionary within the past 10 years	Taxpayer-advocate	One for each (Two)
Internet address	www.starvote.com	One
Numbers using digits	1, 10, 100, etc.	One
Numbers spelled out	One Hundred Thousand	One for each (Three)
Numerical computations	50%, 1/2, 2.3, etc.	One
Telephone numbers	209-525-5200	One

ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (EC 13307(d))

The required deposit is an estimation of the total prorated cost of printing, handling, translating and mailing the 1/4 page candidate statements. This estimated cost is due upon filing the statement. Cost of the statement will double if the candidate statement extends beyond the allotted 1/4 page space. Make checks payable to: Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder.

If the actual cost is less than the deposit you will receive a refund. If the actual cost is more than the deposit, you will receive an invoice for the difference and are required to pay the balance upon receipt of the invoice. It can take up to 3 months to produce a refund or invoice. In the case of a shared county district it is the responsibility of the candidate to contact each county involved and establish their costs and formatting restrictions. The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters does not accept candidate statements or statement fees on behalf of other counties.

COST TABLE FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS


(This cost estimate includes printing charges for both the English and Spanish languages.)

Number of Registered Voters in District	Deposit Amount Required
1 - 5,000	\$750
5,001 - 25,000	\$1,000
25,001 - 50,000	\$1,250
50,001 - 100,000	\$1,500
100,001 - 150,000	\$2,250
150,001 - 200,000	\$2,750
201,000 and over	\$3,250

The estimates quoted above are based on a 200-word statement formatted to fit within the allotted 1/4 page space. Costs may vary depending upon the number of candidates who file a statement for the same office, number of ballot types in the district, number of pages in the various County Voter Information Guides and number of registered voters who will be receiving the various County Voter Information Guides. These variables may cause actual costs to vary significantly from estimated costs.




- The **CANDIDATE CHECKLIST** is completed last so staff and candidates can make sure all documents are filed and candidates have been provided with the information necessary for a successful candidacy.
- If we have not covered an important topic, this checklist provides an opportunity to go over the missed item.
- This is also a great time to ask questions!



CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election



- 1) **Candidate Guide** A guide covering the candidate process. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. The ROV provides required information within this guide, the candidate is responsible for reading the information provided. []
Initials
☐ Hard copy requested ☐ Will access electronic copy online at www.stanvote.com
- 2) **Filing Fee** Judicial candidates will pay filing fee upon filing the Declaration of Intent. All other candidates will pay filing fee upon requesting Nomination Petition unless signatures in-lieu were obtained to cover all or a portion of the required filing fee. Filing fee is non-refundable. EC 8104, 8105, 8106 []
Initials
Filing Fee
- 3) **Declaration of Intent – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY** The Declaration of Intent must be filed and the filing fee must be paid in the office of the county elections official. EC 8023, 8105(b). []
Initials
Judicial Candidate - Declaration of Intent
- 4) **Nomination Petition** Candidates must obtain the required number of valid nomination signatures. Optional signatures in-lieu can be applied towards nomination signatures. EC 8020, 8041, 8062 []
Initials
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- 5) **Declaration of Candidacy / Oath of Office / Ballot Designation Worksheet** This form must be filed during the nomination period in order to become a candidate. EC 8020, 8028, 8040, 13107.3 []
Initials
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- 6) **Documentation of Qualifications** (County and judicial office) Declaration under penalty of perjury that the candidate is qualified to run for the office they are seeking. EC 13.5 []
Initials
Documentation
- 7) **Statement of Qualifications** Documents submitted by the candidate to request that a qualification statement stating his or her education and qualifications be printed within the voter information guide. (These statements are OPTIONAL.) EC 13307 GC 85601 []
Initials
Candidate Statement
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Initials
Form 470
- 10) **Forms 410* & 460* and Manuals - (Statement of Organization & Recipient Committee Statement)** Must be filed by candidates who exceed the \$2,000 threshold for contributions or expenditures. []
Initials
Form 410, Form 460 and Manuals
- 11) **Form 700* - Statement of Economic Interests** Candidates are required to file this form at the time of filing their Declaration of Candidacy. GC 87200, 87201, 87500 (US Rep., US Senate and Central Committee candidates are exempt) []
Initials
Form 700
- 12) **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Financial Campaign Disclosure** ROV staff has advised candidate of FPPC campaign finance disclosure responsibility and recommends candidate review current candidate guide and visit www.fppc.ca.gov for most current filing requirements and filing deadlines. *Pages 53-69 in 2022 Candidate Guide* []
Initials
Financial Campaign Disclosure
- 13) **Code of Fair Campaign Practices** May be voluntarily subscribed to by candidates. The oath may be made available to the press and/or public. (This form is optional.) EC 20400-20444 []
Initials
Code of Fair Campaign Practices
- 14) **Mass & State Mailing Code** Government Code 84305 dictates mass mailing requirements. GC 84218, 84305 *Pages 41-42 in 2022 Candidate Guide* []
Initials
Mass & State Mailing Code
- 15) **Sign Codes** Courtesy summary information provided for placement of political signs in Stanislaus County. *Pages 43-44 in 2022 Primary Candidate Guide* []
Initials
Sign Codes
- 16) **Media Release / Contact Information** Optional form provided by the Registrar of Voters (ROV) that allows candidates to provide contact information and authorizes the ROV to place the information on the ROV website at www.stanvote.com []
Initials
Media Release / Contact Information

Candidate's Signature _____
 Date _____


Election Official's Signature _____
 Date _____


*These financial disclosure forms are available at the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov
 or at the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voter's Office at 1021 "I" Street Modesto, CA 95354.

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Running for Superior Court Judge?

- Before the official candidate nomination period begins, **judicial candidates are required to file a Declaration of Intent** during the filing period of October 30 through November 8.
- IF an incumbent judge does not file during this period, there will be an extension period for anyone OTHER than the incumbent judge.
- The non-refundable filing fee is paid when you file this form.





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Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Election Official's Signature _____ Date _____

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Candidates for elective office are required by law to list their residence address on official candidacy forms. Most candidacy documents are considered public records and can be viewed.

Judicial candidates are exempt from this requirement. The elections official will list “**Verified by Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters**” in the residence address field unless the candidate requests their residence address to be listed. You must provide a mailing address to include on forms when the residence address is not listed.

You will still need to provide your residence address on our “internal use only” form so that we can verify voter registration status for eligibility to run for office.

Keep in mind, if you sign or circulate signature in-lieu or nomination petitions, residence address is required for signatures to be valid.

OFFICIAL FILING FORM Donna Linder COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL By: _____ Deputy		(SECRETARY OF STATE USE ONLY)
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Declaration of Intent

(Judge of the Superior Court)
(Elections Code §8023)

I, _____,

hereby declare my intention to become a candidate for the office of

Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge

Office Number: _____

at the **Statewide Direct Primary Election** to be held on **Tuesday, June, 7, 2022.**

Candidate Signature: _____

Residence Address (optional): Verified by Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters

Telephone (optional): () _____ () _____
(day) (evening)

FAX (optional): () _____ E-mail: (optional) _____

Filed in the office of the County Elections Official in the County of Stanislaus

this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Every candidate for a judicial office, not more than 14 nor less than 5 days prior to the first day on which his or her nomination papers may be circulated and signed or may be presented for filing, shall file in the office of the Election's Official in which his or her nomination papers are required to be filed or left for examination, a written and signed declaration in duplicate of his or her intention to become a candidate for that office on a form to be supplied by the Elections Official. Elections Code §8023

California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports

- **If you will spend LESS than \$2,000:**
 - Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
 - Form 470 - Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement (Short Form)
 - Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests (unless exempt)
- **If you will spend MORE than \$2,000:** (review **Pages 54-69** of the Candidate Guide)
 - Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement
 - Form 410 - Statement of Organization Recipient Committee
 - Form 460 - Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
 - Form 497 - Late Contribution Report
 - Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests (unless exempt)

Exciting News Regarding Online Campaign Finance Reporting with Stanislaus County!

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters is now using **CampaignDocs**. This online campaign finance reporting filing system provides filers with the ease and convenience of submitting campaign finance disclosure forms online!

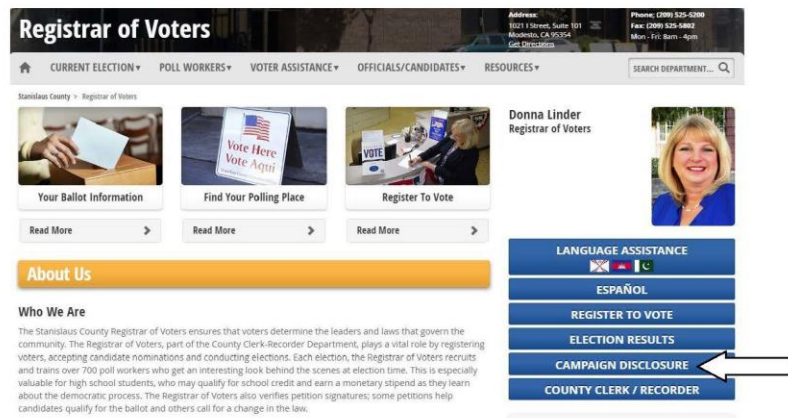
This free online filing service is available to all committees, candidates and officeholders required to file campaign disclosure documents with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters. **CampaignDocs** is an easy, convenient, and user-friendly way to file your campaign disclosure forms. With **CampaignDocs** you can track contributions and expenditures as they occur and conveniently file online when your filing is due.

All financial disclosure forms filed with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters after January 1, 2018, are posted online. Street addresses and signatures are redacted from financial disclosure forms posted online; however, unredacted copies are still available at the elections office for 10 cents per page.

To sign up for online filing with Stanislaus County **CampaignDocs** system, contact the Candidate Services Unit at (209) 525-5237 or send an email request to campaigndocs@stancounty.com and be sure to include an email address for the candidate and treasurer for activation!

All FPPC documents that are required to be filed with other jurisdictions and/or the Secretary of State must be filed in paper format with that jurisdiction. Documents required to be filed with the Secretary of State must be original wet signature forms mailed directly to the Secretary of State.

To view online campaign disclosure documents, go to stanvote.com and click the "Campaign Disclosure" blue bar on the right side of the home page



- *CampaignDocs* is a free electronic FPPC filing tool that satisfies the filing requirement for Stanislaus County, no paper copies needed!
- Fast, easy and convenient.
- Follow instructions on **Page 69** of the candidate guide to request access to free online filing.
- If you have FPPC filing requirements with the Secretary of State or other jurisdictions, paper copies with original signatures are still required to be filed with that agency.
- Candidates are responsible for ensuring filing deadlines are met.

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

Candidate and Committee

Financial Disclosure Campaign Statements

The Fair Political Practices Commission provides a Toll-Free Helpline.
Contact the FPPC directly with all questions regarding campaign finance.

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
Toll Free Helpline **1-866-ASK-FPPC**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 am

FPPC Forms and Campaign Manuals
are available at www.fppc.ca.gov under the
"Campaign Rules, Forms & Manuals" link.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 571, the state campaign contribution limit will by default apply to city and county candidates when the city or county has not already enacted a contribution limit on such candidates.

Stanislaus County has not enacted a contribution limit for candidates for county offices and will default to current state contribution limits.

See Page 63 for state contribution limit chart.

NEW - State contribution limits now apply to candidates running for city and county offices. Carefully review **Page 63** of the Candidate Guide for details and visit the FPPC website for current information.

Registrar of Voters staff is limited in answering specific questions regarding contribution and expenditure reporting and will typically refer you to the FPPC helpline staff.

The FPPC provides helpline staff to answer questions through its toll-free helpline and through the email advice line. <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice.html>

Manuals, forms, filing schedules, latest information and updates are available directly from the FPPC.

Additional FPPC resources for candidates and committees can be found here:

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules.html>

FPPC Form 501 - Candidate Intention Statement

Must file Form 501 **PRIOR** to spending/receiving money for your campaign

Instructions:

Select a box at the top of the form indicating if this is an initial filing or an amendment to a Form 501 previously filed.

A new Form 501 is required for each election.

[FPPC Form 501](#)

Section 1:

Complete each of the highlighted areas.

Additionally - For multi-county jurisdictions, list each county on the line provided.

For non-partisan county offices, check the “non-partisan office” box. For voter-nominated state/federal offices, list your party preference.

Section 2:

Local candidates will leave this section blank.

State candidates must complete this section to either accept or decline the voluntary spending limits. Candidates for State Senate and State Assembly must accept the voluntary spending limits to be eligible to submit a candidate statement to be printed in the county voter information guide.

Section 3:

Sign and date the form.

Candidate Intention Statement				Date Stamp	CALIFORNIA FORM 501 For Official Use Only
Check One: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (Explain) _____					
1. Candidate Information:					
NAME OF CANDIDATE (Last, First Middle Initial)		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (optional)	EMAIL (optional)	
Smith, John L.		(916) 555-5555	(916) 555-5555	vote4me@john.com	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
12345 First Lane		Sacramento	CA	95132	
OFFICE SOUGHT (POSITION TITLE)		AGENCY NAME	DISTRICT NUMBER, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-PARTISAN OFFICE	
School Board Trustee		Natomas Unified School District	1	PARTY PREFERENCE:	
OFFICE JURISDICTION				(Check one box, if applicable.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> State (Complete Part 2.)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY / GENERAL	
<input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-County: _____		2020		<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL / RUNOFF	
		(Year of Election)			
2. State Candidate Expenditure Limit Statement:					
(CalPERS and CalSTRS candidates, judges, judicial candidates, and candidates for local offices do not complete Part 2.)					
(Check one box)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the election stated above.					
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the election stated above.					
Amendment:					
<input type="radio"/> I did not exceed the expenditure ceiling in the primary or special election held on ____/____/____ and I accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the general or special run-off election.					
(Mark if applicable)					
<input type="checkbox"/> On, ____/____/____ I contributed personal funds in excess of the expenditure ceiling for the election stated above.					
3. Verification:					
I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.					
Executed on		Signature			
XX XX 20XX		John Smith			
(month, day, year)		(Candidate)			
FPPC Form 501 (August/2018) FPPC Advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov (866/275-3772) www.fppc.ca.gov					

FPPC Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests

Required for all state and local candidates

Instructions:

List your name (Last, First, Middle) and complete Section 1 with the name of the district. Use title of the office sought for the position.

Section 2: Check all applicable jurisdiction boxes:
State, Multi-County (list all counties), Judge, County of (Stanislaus) or other.

Section 3: Type of Statement – Check the “Candidate” box and enter the date of the election.

Section 4: If you have no schedules to attach, check the “NONE” box and enter “1” for number of pages. If schedules apply, check each appropriate box, attach the completed schedule pages and list the total number of pages being filed.

Section 5: Complete this section, sign and date.

Form and instructions available online [FPPC Form 700](#)

State Candidates: File this form directly with

CALIFORNIA FORM 700
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Date Initial Filing Received _____
Filing Official Use Only

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____ (MIDDLE) _____
Smith John

1. Office, Agency, or Court
Agency Name (Do not use acronyms) _____
Natoma Unified School District
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable _____ Your Position _____
Governing Board Member
► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)
Agency: _____ Position: _____

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)
☐ State ☐ Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
☐ Multi-County _____ ☒ County of Sacramento
☐ City of _____ ☐ Other _____

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)
☐ Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. ☐ Leaving Office: Date Left _____ / ____ / ____ (Check one circle.)
-or- The period covered is ____ / ____ / ____ through ____ / ____ / ____
☐ Assuming Office: Date assumed ____ / ____ / ____
-or- The period covered is ____ / ____ / ____ through ____ / ____ / ____
☒ Candidate: Date of Election Nov. 3, 2020 and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____

4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: 1
Schedules attached
☐ Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached ☐ Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached
☐ Schedule A-2 - Investments – schedule attached ☐ Schedule D - Income – Gifts – schedule attached
☐ Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached ☐ Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached
-or- **None - No reportable interests on any schedule**

5. Verification
MAILING ADDRESS _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)
12345 Riverdale Way Sacramento CA 95834
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
(916) 5555555 johnsmith123vote4me@yahoo.com
I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.
I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Date Signed xx/xx/2020 Signature John Smith
(month, day) (File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official)

FPPC Form 700 - Cover Page (2019/2020)
advice@fppc.ca.gov • 866-275-3772 • www.fppc.ca.gov
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FPPC filing schedules vary based on the type of committee. FPPC creates specific calendars for each type of filer and makes the filing schedule available on its website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

The filing schedule provided in our Candidate Guide applies to candidates and controlled committees for LOCAL office.

To obtain filing schedules for other types of filers, including candidates for STATE office, see the FPPC filing schedules available at:

[When to File Campaign Statements: State & Local Filing Schedules](#)

Judicial candidates should review the specific information provided by FPPC: [Judicial Candidates - Where to file Campaign Statements and Reports](#)

All FPPC Filing Schedules were obtained from the FPPC at www.fppc.ca.gov

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
Filing schedule for candidates and controlled committees for LOCAL office
Listed on the March 5, 2024, ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
1/31/24** Semi-Annual	* – 12/31/23	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. May be filed on January 25, 2024
Within 24 Hours Contribution Reports	12/6/23 – 3/6/24	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 another candidate or measure being voted on the March 5, 2024 ballot. The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, or fax. The committee may also file online, if available.
1/25/24 1 st Pre-Election	1/1/24 – 1/20/24	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
2/22/24 2 nd Pre-Election	1/21/24 – 2/17/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement. Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only. (Stanislaus County filers filing electronically via CampaignDocs do not submit paper copy)
7/31/24 Semi-Annual	2/18/24 – 6/30/24	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this statement unless the committee terminated before June 30, 2024.

Additional Notes:

- *Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Deadlines:** Due to the election being held earlier in the year, the deadline for the first pre-election statement for calendar year 2024 is earlier than the deadline for the semi-annual statement for calendar year 2023. A candidate/committee may file the 2023 semi-annual statement on January 25, 2024.
- Local Ordinance:** Always check whether additional local rules apply.
- Deadline Extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to a 24-Hour/10-Day Contribution Report (Form 497) that is due the weekend before the election, and this extension never applies to any 24-Hour/10-Day Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496). Such reports must be filed within 24 hours, regardless of the day of the week.
- Method of Delivery:** All paper filings may be filed by first-class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a statement may not be required if a local agency requires online filing pursuant to a local ordinance.
- Form 501:** All candidates must file Form 501 (Candidate Intention Statement) before soliciting/receiving contributions.
- Form 460:** Candidates who have raised/spent \$2,000 or more file Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- Form 470 (2024):** Candidates who do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more (or anticipate raising or spending \$2,000 or more) in 2024 and do not have an open committee may file Form 470 on or before January 25, 2024. If the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, later during the calendar year, a Form 470 Supplement and a Form 410 must be filed.
- Independent Expenditures:** Committees making independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose other candidates or ballot measures also file:
 - o Form 496: This form is due within 24 hours if made in the 90-day, 24-hour reporting period of the candidate's or measure's election. Refer to the applicable filing schedule. Form 496 is filed with the filing officer in the jurisdiction of the affected candidate or measure.
 - o Form 462: This verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days.
- After the Election:** Reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open. See Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 for additional information.
- Public Documents:** All statements and reports are public documents.
- Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available on the Campaign Rules page. Or, visit fppc.ca.gov > Learn > Campaign Rules.

Additional FPPC Questions?

- Candidates and committee treasurers can find forms, manuals, filing schedules, FAQs, updates and additional information on the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov.
- Review the applicable [FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual](#).
- Email: advice@fppc.ca.gov
- Phone: 866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)

This free telephone advice helpline is available 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Will you be distributing voter registration cards during your campaign?

Our staff will provide a 20–30 minute required training session to go over the Secretary of State's voter registration drive guidelines. Please bring your ID with you.

A Statement of Voter Registration Distributor form must be completed in our office during the training. Some of the legal requirements are provided on the back of the form.

Once this training has been completed, you can obtain up to 200 voter registration cards. Additional voter registration cards be obtained any time during the same calendar year, up to 200 per visit. A refresher training will be required for each calendar year.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- IMPORTANT -

All persons and/or organizations to which registration cards are issued must comply with the following requirements. Non-compliance may result in referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

RECEIPT – A person who assumes responsibility for returning another person's completed registration card to the Elections Official, must sign and date the attached numbered receipt indicating his or her address and telephone number, if any, and give the receipt to the elector. The completed receipt is not proof of registration, but may be used to ensure compliance with the requirements on return of completed cards. (2158 of the California Elections Code)

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO REGISTER – Every person who knowingly and willfully signs, or causes or procures the signing of, an affidavit of registration of a nonexistent person, and who mails or delivers, or causes or procures the mailing or delivery of, that affidavit to a county elections official is guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail for not more than one year. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonexistent person" includes, but is not limited to, deceased persons, animals, and inanimate objects. (18100-subdivision b of the California Elections Code)

RETURN OF CARDS – Persons distributing voter registration cards must return all completed cards in their possession within three (3) working days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays. Retaining completed cards for more than three (3) days, or denying the voter's right to return his or her completed card is a misdemeanor. All blank cards must be returned to the Elections Official immediately after the 15th day preceding a statewide primary or general election, and whenever instructed to do so by the Elections Official. (2139 and 18103 of the California Elections Code)

UNSOLICITED MAILING – Any mailing of a registration card to a person who did not request one must be accompanied by a cover letter or other notice with each card, instructing the recipient to disregard the card if he or she is currently registered to vote and does not wish to change name, address, political party affiliation or other registration information. (2158 of the California Elections Code)

PARTY PREFERENCE – Every person is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail for not more than one year who, without the specific consent of the affiant, willfully and with the intent to affect the affiant's voting rights, causes, procures, or allows the completion, alteration, or defacement of the affiant's party affiliation declaration contained in an executed, or partially executed, affidavit of registration pursuant to paragraph (8) of subdivision (a) of Section 2150 and Section 2151. This section shall not apply to a county elections official carrying out his or her official duties. (18106 of the California Elections Code)

FINES – Upon a conviction for any crime punishable by imprisonment in any jail or prison, in relation to which no fine is herein prescribed, the court may impose a fine on the offender not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in cases of misdemeanors or up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in cases of felonies, in addition to the imprisonment prescribed. (18001 of the California Elections Code)

NOTE: Organizations receiving completed cards for delivery to the Elections Official must ensure that all cards completed in whole or in part by prospective registrants are promptly forwarded to the Elections Official. This includes cards containing irregularities or minimal information, i.e. name, address, or signature. The Elections Official, not the organization/individual distributing or receiving cards, will determine the validity of the registration.

Section 1. Please have the required information with you. If you are working on behalf of a candidate or group, their information should be provided in the “Name of Organization” section.

Section 2. Requires a brief description for your distribution plan. Typically, when working on behalf of a candidate, committee or campaign, this is where you will provide that information.

Section 3. Sign to acknowledge you have read and understand the legal requirements provided on this form and during the training.

You will be given a copy of the Secretary of State’s Guide to Voter Registration Drives to take with you.

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Stanislaus County

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
DONNA LINDER
County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters & Commissioner of Civil Marriage

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STATEMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION DISTRIBUTOR
(Deputized to register voters under EC 2103)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Distributor's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Distributor's Street Address (NO P.O. BOX): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Distributor's Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Name of Organization: _____

Organization's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

2. PROPOSED METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (CHECK BOXES THAT APPLY)

☐ Fixed Location (ex: Office building); ☐ Mail (Blanket); ☐ Mail (Targeted); ☐ Door-to-Door; ☐ Petition; ☐ Other

Briefly, explain your distribution plan (ex: where forms will be distributed, by whom will they be distributed, etc: _____)

3. DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and understand the legal requirements on the reverse side of this form and that I will take reasonable steps to ensure that:

- 1) The person or persons deputized to register voters under EC 2103 will give a registration card to any elector requesting one.
- 2) The voter registration cards issued will not be defaced or changed in any way, other than by the insertion of a mailing address and the affixing of postage.
- 3) Prior to distribution, the affidavit portion of the registration cards will not be marked, stamped, or partially or fully completed by anyone other than an elector or by another person assisting the elector unless the person registering asks for the distributor's help.
- 4) Persons entrusted with distribution or subsequent collection of completed forms will be fully advised of the legal requirements outlined on the reverse side of this statement.
- 5) I have received instruction on how to register voters in the state of California by a Stanislaus County Elections Official.
- 6) I have received the booklet "Voter Registration in California" put out by the Secretary of State's office, from a Stanislaus County Elections Official.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(IMPORTANT: SEE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS STATEMENT)

Affidavit Numbers: _____

Posted _____ to _____

Posted _____ to _____

Posted _____ to _____

Posted _____ to _____

(Office Use Only)

Elections Official Signature _____ Date _____

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Information you can help us share to ensure every eligible person can vote!

Stanislaus County elections will mail ballots to all active registered voters 29 days before Election Day.

VOTERS HAVE 3 CHOICES TO RETURN THEIR BALLOT:

- ✓ **BY MAIL:** Place voted ballot in the envelope provided, sign the envelope, and mail it back.
- ✓ **AT ANY BALLOT DROP BOX:** Place voted ballot in the envelope provided, sign the envelope and drop it off at a secured ballot drop box available 29 days before Election Day.
- ✓ **AT ANY VOTE CENTER:** Vote centers are similar to polls but offer more services. Visit any vote center in Stanislaus County if you choose to vote in-person. At vote centers, individuals can also register for the first time, update current voter registration, or get accessibility and language assistance.



Information you can help us share
to ensure every eligible person can vote!

Conditional Voter Registration

Eligible persons who missed the 15-day close of registration deadline can still register and vote conditionally:

- Go in person to the county elections office or any vote center.

Voters should update voter registration when:

- Name changes
- Address changes
- Political party changes

Vote Center Implementation

- Vote center locations will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and posted on www.stanvote.com - [Vote Centers](#).
- Vote centers will be available beginning 10 days prior to Election Day with additional vote centers opening 3 days prior to Election Day.
- Voters can go to any vote center in their county.
- Vote centers provide a convenient location where voters can:
 - Get a replacement ballot for lost, damaged or spoiled ballots.
 - Securely drop off their voted ballot.
 - Update voter registration information prior to voting.
 - Receive accessibility and language assistance.
 - In-person voting services.

Ballot Drop Boxes

- Securely drop off your completed vote by mail ballot at the county elections office, any vote center or a secure ballot drop box.
- A complete list of ballot drop box locations will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and posted on www.stanvote.com - Ballot Drop Boxes.
- Ballot drop boxes will be deployed 29 days prior to Election Day.
- Place your voted ballot in the return envelope and remember to sign your ballot return envelope!



This overview was designed to assist you with the general process of running for office.

The Candidate Guide provides more in-depth candidacy information.

The Secretary of State website provides detailed information for state and federal offices. www.sos.ca.gov

We're always here to help!



209-525-5237 Candidate Services
209-525-5201 Front Desk