

Candidate Filing Overview

General Election – November 5, 2024

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Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder
& Registrar of Voters

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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. Information is subject to change.
- **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.

Information is subject to change

Important Note!

Information provided in this candidate filing overview is intended only for **candidates who file directly with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters.**

Candidates for municipal offices should **contact their city clerk** for information, instructions and deadlines.

Municipal candidates may have different rules, laws and filing requirements.

City of Ceres City Clerk: Fallon Martin 2220 Magnolia Street Ceres, CA 95307	Telephone: (209) 538-5731
City of Hughson City Clerk: Ashton Gose 7018 Pine Street Hughson, CA 95326	Telephone: (209) 883-4054
City of Modesto City Clerk: Diane Nayaes-Perez 1010 10 th Street, 6 th Floor Modesto, CA 95354	Telephone: (209) 577-5396
City of Newman City Clerk: Mike Maier 938 Fresno Street Newman, CA 95360	Telephone: (209) 862-3725
City of Oakdale City Clerk: Rouze Roberts 280 N. 3 rd Avenue Oakdale, CA 95361	Telephone: (209) 845-3573
City of Patterson City Clerk: Aracely Alegre 1 Plaza Patterson, CA 95363	Telephone: (209) 895-8014
City of Riverbank City Clerk: Gaby Hernandez 6707 3 rd Street Riverbank, CA 95367	Telephone: (209) 863-7198
City of Turlock City Clerk: Julie Christel 156 S. Broadway, Ste 230 Turlock, CA 95380	Telephone: (209) 668-5540
City of Waterford City Clerk: Patricia Krause 101 "E" Street Waterford, CA 95386	Telephone: (209) 874-2328

Helpful links to online resources:

- [Election Calendars](#)
- [Candidate Guide](#)
- [SOS Ballot Designation Worksheet](#)
- [Candidate List](#) (updated daily during candidate nomination period)
- [FPPC Website](#)
- [FPPC Forms Filed in Stanislaus County](#)
- [City Clerk Contact Information](#)
- [Public Notices](#) (Workshops, legal notices, canvass updates, 1% manual tally, etc.)

Contests on November Ballot

- **Voter-Nominated Offices**

- Top two candidates from the Primary Election will have a runoff in the General Election.

- **Local Offices**

- Schools and special districts – offices where more candidates file than the number of seats available.
- There is no filing fee or nomination signature requirement for schools and special districts who file directly with the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters.
- County office only if no candidate obtained a 50%+1 majority in the Primary Election.

- **City Offices**

- City elected officials (all municipal offices) – contact the city clerk for information.
- Modesto City Schools District candidates – contact the city clerk for information.
- Filing fees and nomination signature requirement – contact the city clerk for information.

Top Two Offices Moving Forward

Candidates moving forward are responsible for meeting all filing deadlines in the ensuing General Election. An information packet will be mailed to each candidate moving forward.

- Voter-Nominated offices: The top two candidates from the Primary Election will move forward to a runoff in the General Election.

Calendars

- Election Calendar
 - Available at www.stanvote.com under the “Officials/Candidates” tab [Election Calendars](#).
 - Important dates and filing deadlines:
 - **July 15 – August 9** Candidate Nomination Period (required for **ALL** candidates)
 - **August 10 – August 14** Candidate Nomination Extension Period ([when applicable](#))
 - **August 15** Randomized Alphabet Draw
 - **September 9 – October 22** Write-In Candidacy Filing Period
 - **November 7** – 1% Manual Tally Random Batch Draw

**Presidential General Election – Tuesday, November 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	Measure Consolidation Deadline Information The administrative deadlines provided in the measure consolidation calendar have been implemented and are necessary to meet vendor and print deadlines for the County Voter Information Guide. Resolutions requesting election services and measure consolidation with this scheduled election must be filed IN PERSON with the Registrar of Voters and by email submission to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024.
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 for this election. 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 Click Here For FPPC Filing Schedule
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
July 1 – July 15 (E-127 to E-113)	Municipal Notice of Election Publication 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, any offices to be filed and / or measures to be voted on, the 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 12101, 12111
July 3 (E-125)	District Office Confirmation and Boundary Lines Form Districts consolidating with this election must complete and return the district confirmation of offices and boundary lines form by E-125. EC 10509
July 5 (E-123)	Specifications of the Election Order School boards to deliver this document to the county superintendent of schools and the county elections official. ED Code 5322
July 8 – August 7 (E-120 to E-90)	County Notice of Election Publication 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, state the 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
July 14 (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)
July 15 – August 9 (E-113 to E-88)	Candidate Nomination Period – ALL CANDIDATES All candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election, must file nomination documents with the appropriate elections official during this period. If applicable, a nonrefundable filing fee (money, signatures or a prorated combination of both) shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms. EC 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811
View the current Candidate Guide	Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal Deadline All candidates who choose to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the Stanislaus County Voter Information Guide must submit their statement and pay the required deposit prior to the close of the nomination period. Once 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

July 30 (E-98)	Ballot Designation Change Deadline Last day that a candidate can submit a written request to change the ballot designation as used in the primary election. EC 13107(h)
July 31	FPPC Semiannual Campaign Statement Due For period covering 1/1/24 – 6/30/24. GC 84200, 84218
August 7 – November 5 (E-90 to E)	Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or More Within 24 hours of the transaction, FPPC Form 462, Form 496 or Form 497 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer. GC 82036, 82036.5, 84200.6
August 9 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. Last day to withdraw Declaration of Candidacy papers except when there is an extension to that office. Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest are due. EC 8020, 8022, GC 87200
August 10 – August 19 (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 in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted. EC 13313
August 10 – August 14 (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
August 14 (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 800) 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, 8600-8606
August 15 – August 24 (E-82 to E-73)	10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications Public examination period for offices that close during an extended 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 in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted. EC 13313
August 15 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
September 6 – September 21 (E-60 to E-45)	Military / Overseas Vote by Mail Ballots Mailing and processing period for military and overseas voters. EC 300, 3101-3206
September 9 – October 22 (E-57 to E-14)	Write-In Candidacy Statement of Write-In Candidacy must be filed with the appropriate elections official to be a qualified write-in candidate for offices appearing on the ballot. Write-in candidates are not allowed for a voter nominated office at a general election. EC 8600-8606
September 26 – October 15 (E-40 to E-21)	County Voter Information Guide Mailed by the county elections official to each registered voter. EC 13303
September 26 – October 15 (E-40 to E-21)	State Voter Information Guide Mailed by the Secretary of State to each household in which voters were registered by E-60. EC 9094
October 7 – October 29 (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
October 7 (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

October 21 (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.
October 22 – November 5 (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
October 26 (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
October 29 (E-7)	Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot
November 2 (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
November 5 (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
November 7 (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 stanvote.com - Public Notices</i>
November 7 – December 5 (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
December 6	Elected and Appointed Special District Officials Will Take Office At noon on the first Friday in December following this election. EC 10554
December 13	Elected and Appointed School District Officials Will Take Office Governing board members of a school district or community college district take office on the second Friday of December. Ed Code 1007, 1009, 5017

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

This calendar is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulations or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.

Candidate Guide



***Stanislaus County
Candidate Guide***

**GENERAL ELECTION
November 5, 2024**



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

- Review electronic copy online.
- Posted under “Officials/Candidates” tab.
- [Candidate Guide](#)
- Hard copy provided during candidate filing **upon request.**

Registration and Election Data

- Contact our Tech Team at (209) 525-5201 for all data requests:
 - Walking list
 - Indexes
 - Mailing labels
 - GIS printed maps
- Allow 2 working days for all data requests.
- Details on **Page 36** 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 Candidacy
 - Ballot Designation Worksheet (if requesting a ballot designation)
 - FPPC Campaign Finance Disclosure Forms
 - Candidate Document Checklist
- Optional Documents:
 - Code of Fair Campaign Practices
 - Candidate Statement of Qualifications

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

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.

Stanislaus County
County of Stanislaus
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections
November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 201, 10510, 10511, 8020, 8040, 8140)

Official Filing Form
Filed in the County of Stanislaus

For Elections Officials USE ONLY

Elections Official Use Only

Voter Registration and Residency Requirements Verified
By: _____

Entered in DIMS
 Listed on website
 Notify shared county

By: _____
Elections Official

Candidate Name and Office 1 I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of _____ Full Term Short Term

to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on **November 5, 2024**, and declare the following to be true:
My name is _____
First Middle/Initial (optional) Last

Ballot Information 2 **IMPORTANT NOTE:** A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:
_____ Candidate initials box if NO ballot designation is preferred.
Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters will publish your name and proposed ballot designation on the Candidate List posted on stanvote.com under the Officials/Candidates tab. To include candidate contact information on the Candidate List, check the "Publish" box next to the contact information to be published.
Checking the "Publish" box authorizes the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters to publish the specified information on the Candidate List posted on its website pursuant to Government Code 6254.21.

Addresses, Telephone, Website and Email 3 **Publish** → Mailing Address (Optional): _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Publish → Residence Address (Required): _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Publish → Telephone (Day): _____
Publish → Telephone (Evening): _____
Publish → Website: _____
Publish → Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed 51-2019-Nov-24

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

You will list any elective offices currently held in the space provided.

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

Qualifications	4	<p>I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency and voter registration requirements). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): _____</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If elected, I will qualify and accept the office and serve to the best of my ability.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Candidate Date</p>
Oath of Office	5	<p>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.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Candidate Date</p>
Notary Public or Other Officer	6	<p>A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.</p> <p>State of California County of _____</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.</p> <p>(Notary Public Seal) Signature of Notary Public (or other officer) _____</p> <p>Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____. County Elections Official _____</p> <p>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 the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202)</p>

Candidate Contact Information

Stanislaus County
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections
November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 201, 10510, 10511, 8020, 8040, 8140)

For Elections Officials USE ONLY

Official Filing Form
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Elections Official Use Only

Voter Registration and Residency Requirements Verified

By: _____

Entered in DWS
 Listed on website
 Notify shared county

By: _____

I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of _____ Full Term Short Term

to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on **November 5, 2024**, and declare the following to be true:

My name is _____
First Middle/Initial (optional) Last

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

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

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot _____ Candidate Initial's box if NO ballot designation is preferred.

Print Ballot Designation Requested _____

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters will publish your name and proposed ballot designation on the Candidate List posted on stanvote.com under the Official's/Candidates tab. To include candidate contact information on the Candidate List, check the "Publish" box next to the contact information to be published.

Checking the "Publish" box authorizes the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters to publish the specified information on its website pursuant to Government Code 6254.21.

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Addresses, Telephone, Website and Email

Publish → Mailing Address (Optional):
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish → Residence Address (Preferred):
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish → Telephone (Day): _____

Publish → Telephone (Evening): _____

Publish → Website: _____

Publish → Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed 51-2019-Nov-24

- Candidate name and ballot designation provided on the Declaration of Candidacy form will automatically be posted on the [Candidate List](http://www.stanvote.com) on www.stanvote.com as public information.

- Candidate contact information is only posted on the candidate list with authorization from the candidate. You must check the "Publish" box next to the contact information you choose to have posted on the Candidate List.

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.
- 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 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. Since this form is also available directly from the Secretary of State website, you may complete the form 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.
- [SOS Ballot Designation Worksheet – Fillable](#)


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.”

 **California Secretary of State**
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET
(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.
- “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. The section of the form refers to ballot designations as “PVO”s 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.**

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: _____

2 → 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: _____

3 → 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: _____

4 → **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 occupation?	<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 Designation(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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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 38-39** of the Candidate Guide.

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

- Candidate Statements are **OPTIONAL**.
- Review **Pages 27-33** of the Candidate Guide.
- Submit by email 24-48 hours prior to your visit to file candidacy.
- Deposit collected at time you sign the candidate statement authorization form.
- The candidate statement must be finalized prior to the close of the candidate nomination period.

New Rules
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 31**. Your statement will be reviewed prior to your visit to the ROV to officially file and pay the candidate statement deposit. This review provides an opportunity for corrections to formatting, word count, documentation needed, etc. A candidate statement submission packet is available on www.stanvote.com under the Officials/Candidates drop down menu.

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 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 33** 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 Registrar of Voters where the candidate files their Declaration of Candidacy and candidate statement will forward an electronic version of the candidate statement to all jurisdictions in the shared district boundaries. The candidate is responsible for delivering a hard copy of the statement and deposit payment to each county in the shared district prior to the candidate nomination period filing deadline.

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 29** 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.

Candidate Statements for Multi-County Offices

Pursuant to EC 13307.7

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (ROV) where you originally file your Declaration of Candidacy and Candidate Statement form will forward an electronic version of your candidate statement to the ROV in each county of the shared jurisdiction for the office sought.

CANDIDATE must deliver a hard copy of the signed candidate statement form and required deposit to the ROV of each county where they intend to submit a statement for inclusion in the County Voter Information Guide. The statement and payment must be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the candidate nomination period for the office sought.

IN PERSON: We highly recommend in person filing to ensure filing deadlines are met.

BY MAIL: Use overnight delivery service within 3 days to mail a hard copy of the signed candidate statement form and the required deposit to each county.

We recommend you contact each county to obtain submission instructions, formatting guidelines and required deposit amount as statement costs and guidelines will vary by county.

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	stanvote@stancounty.com	One
Geographical name	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.stanvote.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.



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 50-67** 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 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 the candidate and treasurer email address for activation!

All FPPC documents 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

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About Us

Who We Are

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters ensures that voters determine the leaders and laws that govern the community. The Registrar of Voters, part of the County Clerk-Recorder Department, plays a vital role by registering voters, accepting candidate nominations and conducting elections. Each election, the Registrar of Voters recruits and trains over 700 poll workers who get an interesting look behind the scenes at election time. This is especially valuable for high school students, who may qualify for school credits and earn a monetary stipend as they learn about the democratic process. The Registrar of Voters also verifies petition signatures; some petitions help candidates qualify for the ballot and others call for a change in the law.

- 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 67** 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 a.m.

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 61 for state contribution limit chart.

NEW - State contribution limits now apply to candidates running for city and county offices. Carefully review **Page 61** 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 for assistance.

The FPPC provides helpline staff to answer questions through its toll-free helpline and through an 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.

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.

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			
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: _____ (Name of Multi-County Jurisdiction)	2020	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL / RUNOFF	
			(Year of Election)		
2. State Candidate Expenditure Limit Statement:					
<small>(CalPERS and CalSTRS candidates, judges, judicial candidates, and candidates for local offices do not complete Part 2.)</small>					
(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	XX XX 20XX	Signature	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](#)

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)
Natomas 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 December 31, 2019. The period covered is January 1, 2019, through the date of leaving office.
 Assuming Office: Date assumed / / -or- The period covered is / / through the date of leaving office.
 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 STAT 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)
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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 current FPPC filing schedules available at: [When to File Campaign Statements: State & Local Filing Schedules](#).

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 November 5, 2024 ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
7/31/24 Semi-Annual	thru – 6/30/24	460	• Form 460: All committees must file Form 460.
Within 24 Hours Contribution Reports	8/7/24 – 11/5/24	497	• File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. • File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with another candidate or measure listed on the November 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 via CampaignDocs.
9/26/24 1 st Pre-Election	7/1/24 – 9/21/24	460 or 470	• Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
10/24/24 2 nd Pre-Election	9/22/24– 10/19/24	460	• All committees must file this statement. • File by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service or online via CampaignDocs only.
1/31/25 Semi-Annual	10/20/24 – 12/31/24	460	• All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 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.
- **Local ordinance:** By default - State contribution limit in place for municipal and county offices.
 - State Contribution Limits: Refer to the contribution limits chart on the FPPC website
- **Deadline extensions:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to the deadline for a Form 497 due the weekend before the election, or to any Form 496. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Statements filed after the deadline are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **Method of delivery:** All paper filings are filed by personal delivery or first-class mail unless otherwise noted. A paper copy of a report 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 the Form 460. The Form 410 (Statement of Organization) must also be filed once \$2,000 or more has been raised/spent.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who did not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in 2024 and who did not have an open committee must file Form 470 by September 26, 2024. If, later during the calendar year, the candidate raises or spends \$2,000 or more, 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:
 - 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.
 - 462: This 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 forms are public documents.
- **Resources:** Campaign manuals and other instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on Learn > Campaign Rules.

www.fppc.ca.gov 1-866-ASK-FPPC Email Advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov

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.

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

Conditional Voter Registration

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

- Available at county elections office or any vote center.
- Must appear IN PERSON.

Voters should update voter registration when:

- Name change.
- Address change.
- Political party change.

Vote Center Implementation

- Vote center locations, dates and times of operation will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and posted on www.stanvote.com.
- Vote centers will be available beginning 10 days prior to Election Day with additional vote centers opening 3 days prior to Election Day.

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.
- Register to vote and vote conditionally for this election.
- Receive accessibility and language assistance.

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 will be deployed 29 days prior to Election Day.
- 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 Tech Team (voter data)
209-525-5201 Front Desk