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**CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER &  
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**  
REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS DIVISION

# CANDIDATE SEMINAR

June 24 & July 22, 2026



Your Guide to  
Running for Office



Statewide General Election  
November 3, 2026

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**Candidate Guide**



<https://smcacre.gov/elections/november-3-2026-statewide-general-election>



# Seminar Agenda

- Election Overview
- Offices & Deadlines
- Important Filing Documents
- Election Night & Certification
- Wrap-up & Questions



## Election Overview



Over 140 Federal, State and Local Offices



49 Vote Centers



~57 Ballot Dropbox Locations



~445,000 registered voters



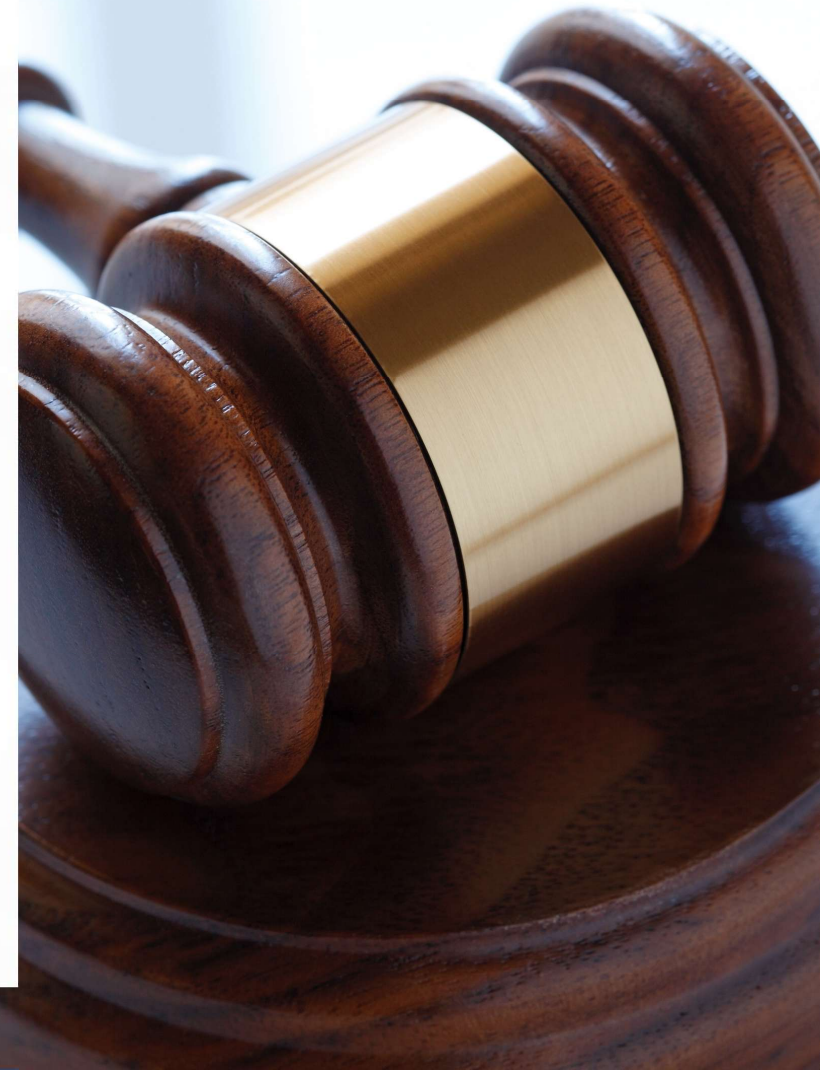
~72% turnout



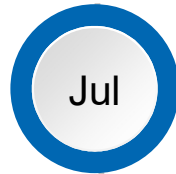
# Elected Officials and Voter Registration

## **\*NEW LAW\* Elections Code 2166.9**

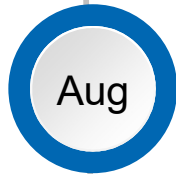
- All elected officials and candidates will now have their residence address, telephone number, and email address appearing on their affidavit of registration made confidential
  - Nothing changes for individuals already registered as confidential voters
  - Confidential Voters cannot vote normally at a voter center and the Vote-by-Mail ballot arrives in a different envelope
- Candidates / Elected Officials may elect to opt out of the confidentiality by filing a letter with our office or when filing as a candidate
- Above information shall remain confidential until:
  - Elected Official: No longer holds office
  - Candidate: Winning candidate takes office



# Important Filing Deadlines



**Candidate Filing Period:**  
July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026  
*(E-113 to E-88)*



**Extended Candidate Filing Period:**  
August 8, 2026 – August 12, 2026  
*(E-87 to E-83)*



**Write-in Candidate Filing Period:**  
September 7, 2026 – October 20, 2026  
*(E-57 to E-14)*



# Important Filing Documents

- ✓ Candidate Registration Form
- ✓ Permission to Post Campaign Information on County Website
- ✓ Nomination Papers
- ✓ Declaration of Candidacy
- ✓ Ballot Designation Worksheet
- ✓ Character-Based Name Form
- ✓ Code of Fair Campaign Practices (*Voluntary*)
- ✓ Statement of Economic Interests (*Form 700*)
- ✓ Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form  
(If the candidate publishes a candidate statement.)

# Candidate Registration Form



OFFICE OF  
**ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-  
 RECORDER & ELECTIONS**  
 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

**MARK CHURCH**  
 CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER &  
 ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

## San Mateo County Candidate Registration Form

<b>NAME AS REGISTERED (PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPS)</b>			
FIRST	MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL	LAST	PREFERRED PRONOUNS
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP CODE
MAILING STREET ADDRESS (if different from above)		CITY	ZIP CODE
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO.	EVENING TELEPHONE NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS	
OFFICE TITLE (Include District, Division or Office No.)		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF FULL TERM <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF UNEXPIRED TERM	
ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT?	IF "YES" SELECT ONE		APPOINTMENT DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTED <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTED		
<b>PHONETIC SPELLING OF NAME (REQUIRED)</b>			
In the area below, please <i>spell your name phonetically</i> , exactly as you wish it to be recorded and heard by voters using the audio ballot. This must match your official ballot name on the Declaration of Candidacy.			
<b>Example Name:</b> Ryan Nunez			
First Name ( <i>Rye – in</i> )	Middle Name	Last Name ( <i>Noon – Yez</i> )	
<b>Authorization to Deliver Candidate Filing Documents (Choose One)</b>			
I elect to receive and file my candidate filing documents during the <b>Candidate Filing Period (113 to 88 days before the Election)</b> :			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>By Email</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>In Person (Please make an appointment)</b>			
I understand that all filing documents must be properly executed and delivered to the Elections Officials by <b>88 days before the Election</b> .			
I understand that I, as a candidate, may electronically submit my completed documents to the Elections Official so that the Elections Official may begin the review and verification process as soon as is practicable. However, in order to be a qualified candidate for the office in which they seek, <b>the hard copies of the completed documents with original signatures must be received by the Elections Official by the date outlined above.</b>			
<b>"I am aware of the qualifications for office and understand this is not an official filing document."</b>			
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE (Agent allowed for in-person filing)			DATE

40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402  
 P (650) 312-5222 F (650) 312-5348 email registrar@smcacre.gov web www.smcacre.gov



# Permission to Post Campaign Information on San Mateo County's Website



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## Procedures for Permission to Post Personal Information on San Mateo County's Website

### Government Code §7928.205

(a) No state or local agency shall publicly post the home address, telephone number ... of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

### Elections Code §2166.9:

- As an elected official or candidate for elected office, Elections Code §2166.9 automatically makes your residence address, telephone number, and email address confidential on your voter registration record, and such information may only be disclosed for journalistic or governmental purposes under specified conditions.
- An elected official or candidate's residence address, telephone number, and email address shall remain confidential until, for an elected official, the official no longer holds the office or, for a candidate, the winning candidate takes office.
- You may, however, provide written confirmation of opting out of this confidentiality and choose to make your residence address, telephone number, and email address public.

Whether or not you choose to opt out of these confidentiality provisions, your name and ballot designation will appear on the Candidate Roster which is posted on [www.smcacre.gov](http://www.smcacre.gov).

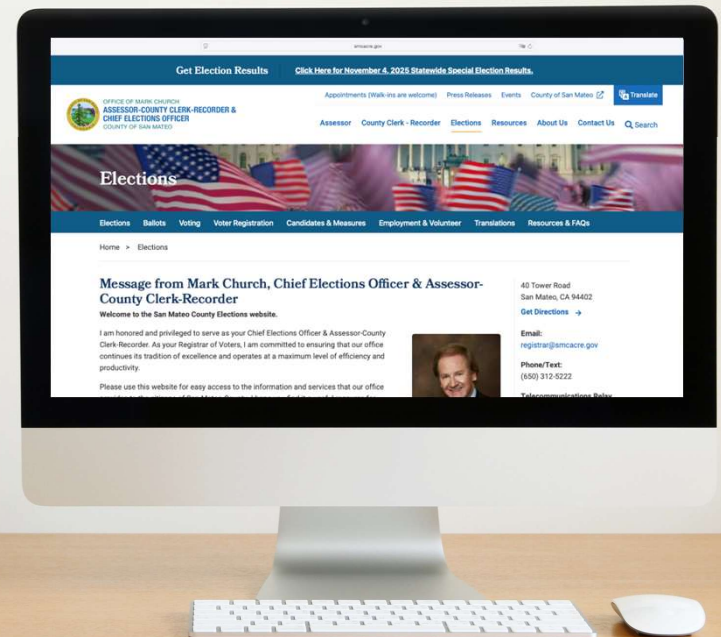
- I GRANT permission to the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division to post my campaign information as listed below.** Please list all the information that you want to post on the internet in the space below. Leave blank anything you want kept private. Your information will be posted on the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's internet site for the Election.
- I DENY permission to San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division to post any of my information.** We will only post your name and ballot designation on the Candidate Roster. Please print your name on the form below, sign and date the form.

The following information will be posted on the candidate roster on the San Mateo County Elections' website.

Name (Please print clearly)			
Campaign or Mailing Address (Do not list your Residence Address)			
City	Slate	Zip	
Campaign Telephone			
Campaign E-mail		Campaign Website	
Signature			Date

40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402  
P (650) 312-5222 F (650) 312-5348 email registrar@smcacre.gov web www.smcacre.gov

Information will appear in  
Candidate Roster on  
[www.smcacre.gov/elections](http://www.smcacre.gov/elections)  
under Current Election



# Sample Roster of Candidates



**MARK CHURCH**  
**CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER & ASSESSOR - COUNTY CLERK - RECORDER**  
**STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**JUNE 2, 2026**  
**ROSTER OF CANDIDATES**

All Contests  
 Qualified Candidates Only  
 All Qualified Dates

Website: <https://www.smcacre.gov>

Contest						Vote for 1	On Ballot: Yes
2000	Governor						
Qualified:	1	RAMSEY ROBINSON PF	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		School Social Worker Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	2	PATRICIA DE LUCA BASUALDO REP	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Real Estate Broker Not Authorized to Release	Mail: 1017 El Camino Real #433 Redwood City, CA 94061	Day: (408) 313-5637 Eve:	Website: Email: vote@patriziaforgovernor.com		
Qualified:	5	DON J. GRUNDMANN NPP	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Doctor of Chiropractic Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	6	ERIC SWALWELL DEM	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		U.S. Representative Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	7	SERGE FIANKAN NPP	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Real Estate Broker Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	8	STEVE HILTON REP	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Small Business Owner Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	10	ERIN "ZEZ" ZEZULAK DEM	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Consultant / Nurse / Businesswoman Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	11	SOPHIA EDUM-A-SAM DEM	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			
Res:		Project Manager Not Authorized to Release	Mail: Not Authorized to Release	Day: Not Auth to Release Eve: Not Auth to Release	Website: Email: Not Authorized to Release		
Qualified:	12	TOM STEYER DEM	Candidate Stmt Filed?	No			

CFMR009 - Qualified Candidate List  
 Print Date and Time: 5/5/2026 1:27:14PM

\*Qualified candidates have completed the candidate filing process and have met all the requirements for the office he or she is running for .

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# Nomination Papers

July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026

## County/Local Offices:

- City Council: Contact City Clerk
- San Mateo Harbor District: 25-50
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: Contact District Clerk
- Other Special Districts: Not Required
- School Districts: Not Required

 **County of San Mateo**  
**NOMINATION PAPER**  
**Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections**  
November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election (Elections Code §§ 100, 104, 8020.5, 8041, 8062, 8068, 8069, 8140; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

**Official Filing Form**      Filed in: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**For Elections Officials USE ONLY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_      By: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_      Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Name, Office, and Signer's City/County of Residence**      1

I, the undersigned signer for «CandFullName», for nomination to the office of «OfficeTitle», to be voted for at the Statewide General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, hereby assert as follows:  
 I am a resident of «CountyName» County and am registered to vote at the address shown on this paper. I am not at this time a signer of any other nomination paper of any other candidate for the above-named office.

My residence is correctly set forth after my signature hereto:

PRECINCT <small>(to be entered by Elections Official)</small>	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION <small>(to be entered by Elections Official)</small>
Print: 1 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 2 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 3 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 4 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 5 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 6 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 7 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	
Print: 8 Signature: _____		Residence Address ONLY: City or Town: _____	

**Please Complete Affidavit of Circulator on Reverse Side**


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For guidelines on gathering signatures, refer to the Candidate Guide.



# Declaration of Candidacy



**County of San Mateo  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY  
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections  
November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8020.5, 8040, 8121, 13105)**

**For Elections Officials USE ONLY**

Official Filing Form

Filed in \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Elections Official  
Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Elections Official  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Elections Official

**Candidate Name and Office**

1 I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of «OfficeTitle», to be voted for at the Statewide General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, 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:

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot  **Candidate initials box if NO ballot designation is preferred.**

Print Ballot Designation Requested \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable in your City/County) I have a character-based name I would like to use instead of a phonetic transliteration. (You must complete Character-Based Name Form.) \_\_\_\_\_

[This IMPORTANT NOTE can be modified to meet your local election requirements] **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The [City/County] will publish your name and proposed ballot designation. You may also have a mailing address, residential address, email and/or phone number published on the election official's website.

**ONLY CHECK ONE BOX.** Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for publishing purposes.

**Addresses, Telephone, Internet Website and Email**

3 **Publish**  → Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. or Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Residence Address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. or Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. or Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Telephone (Business): \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Telephone (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Internet Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publish**  → Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed**

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Qualifications 4 I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). 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.

If nominated/elected, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw, except as permitted by state law.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

Oath of Office 5 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.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

**Notary Public or Other Officer**

6 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.

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public (or other officer)

(Notary Public Seal)

Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
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 the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 16202.)

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City, School, and Special District Candidates **CAN** withdraw candidacy up to August 7th at 5 p.m. by filing a statement of withdrawal with our office / Clerk



# Ballot Designation

## A Ballot Designation will appear under the candidate's name on the official ballot.

A candidate can use his or her elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which he or she was elected by vote of the people as his or her Ballot Designation. A candidate can also use not more than three words describing his or her current principal profession, vocation or occupation as his or her Ballot Designation.

## The ballot designation will not be accepted if it:

- ⊗ misleads the voter.
- ⊗ suggests an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous or eminent.
- ⊗ abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words which it modifies.
- ⊗ uses a word or prefix such as "former" or "ex-," which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word "retired."
- ⊗ uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- ⊗ uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious or ethnic group.
- ⊗ refers to any activity prohibited by law.

# Ballot Designation Worksheet

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**  
 (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)  
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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 are volunteering, 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 term "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an entity. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.

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

Justification for use of Proposed Ballot Designation(s) if you are proposing alternate ballot designations, please provide justification for use of those on Page 3.

Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for use of 3<sup>rd</sup> PVO:

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

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 to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)).

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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**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 DOCUMENT.

**Candidate Information**

1 Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorney or Other Authorized Person 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.

**Proposed Ballot Designation(s)**

3 Proposed Ballot Designation(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: \_\_\_\_\_

If your proposed ballot designation is pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(3):

The professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support my proposed ballot designation(s) constitute my primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Translation of Proposed Designation: Gender specific translations will default to the masculine form for uniformity in translation unless you specify otherwise: ( ) Masculine ( ) Feminine

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. (Note: It is not necessary to provide copies of Certificates of Election if you are currently a seated member for a voter-nominated office).
- (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.

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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET**  
 (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)  
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Complete ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, please initial:

**A**

Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for use of 3<sup>rd</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**B**

Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
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Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person who can verify this information:  
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# Character-Based Name Form

- 1 Character-based name given at birth.
- 2 Adopted character-based name.  
The name has to be used for at least two years.
- 3 No character-based name. A transliteration of your name in Chinese will be provided.

***Candidates need to provide copies of proof of their character-based names.***



 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
CHARACTER-BASED NAME FORM  
November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election (Elections Code § 13211.7)

State Candidate Name, Character-based name and language, and Office

1 Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Character-based Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Character-based Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Character-based name Attach supporting documents

2 Check one box below and attach supporting documents

I would like to use a character-based name given by birth (please provide a birth certificate or valid identification for verification). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I do not have a character-based name by birth, but I identify by a particular character-based name (please provide proof you have been known and identified within the public by that character-based name for the past two years). Attach supporting documentation and provide a description:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ X   
Signature of Candidate

For your reference, attached is Elections Code section 13211.7.

Rev: 6/2025



# Code of Fair Campaign Practices



California Secretary of State  
**CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**  
(Elections 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 that 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



Voluntary to sign for all State and Local candidates.



# Statement of Economic Interests (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) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**  
Agency Name (Do not use acronyms) \_\_\_\_\_  
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Your Position \_\_\_\_\_  
► 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)**  
 Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020  
-or- The period covered is \_\_\_\_\_ through December 31, 2020  
 Assuming Office: Date assumed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate: Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leaving Office: Date Left \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one circle.)  
 The period covered is January 1, 2020, through the date of leaving office.  
-or-  The period covered is \_\_\_\_\_ through the date of leaving office.

**4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Schedules attached**  
 Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached  
 Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached  
 Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached  
 Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached  
 Schedule D - Income - Gifts - 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)  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS  
( )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, year) (File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

Print Clear

FPPC Form 700 - Cover Page (2020/2021)  
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# Candidate Statement

- Candidate Statement is **optional**
- When to file:
  - When filing your nomination papers
  - If no nomination requirement: 5 p.m. on August 7 is last day to file
- How to file:
  - Submit both hardcopy and an electronic Word document.
- Withdrawal deadline:
  - August 10, 2026** (Next working day after the close of the nomination period.) August 13 for extended offices

**Candidate CANNOT CHANGE Candidate Statement once filed.**

## Fictitious Samples of Candidate Statements

Below are fictitious samples of 200-word statements as they would appear in the County Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. Statements will appear in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot, except for offices elected throughout the county (which are rotated on the ballot by Supervisorial district, but not rotated in the County Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet).

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# Candidate Statement Costs

## Estimated before the election

- Estimate includes cost of printing the entire page and translation in Spanish, Chinese and Filipino.
- Estimate based on multiple candidates sharing the cost of a full page printing.
- If only one candidate submits a statement, that candidate will be required to pay for the entire page.
- **Make check payable to “San Mateo County Elections”**
- **City candidates pay directly to City Clerk**

## Final cost determined after the election

- If more than the deposit, then invoice will be issued to candidate.
- If less than the deposit, then refund will be issued.

# Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form



OFFICE OF  
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-  
RECORDER & ELECTIONS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

MARK CHURCH  
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER &  
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

## Candidate Statement of Qualifications (Elections Code §13307)

**Word Count Limit:**  200 words  250 words  400 words

Submit a hard copy and a Word document of your statement. Statements must be prepared in paragraph format and must not go over the word limit. Email candidate statement to [candidateservices@smcacre.gov](mailto:candidateservices@smcacre.gov)

**Statements cannot be changed once filed.** Nonpartisan office candidate statements shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

As a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Office Sought)

at the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election, I submit the following statement of qualifications:

Candidate Statement of Qualification
<b>Name</b> (same as ballot name):
<b>Age</b> (optional):
<b>Occupation</b> (optional, not to exceed 40 characters including spaces):
<b>Statement of Qualifications:</b> Statement must be attached to this form

### Content:

- **Statements will be printed as submitted.** Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors **will not** be corrected by the Elections office
- Elections Code §13308 prohibits any reference to other candidates for the office sought or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
- Only a cursory review of the candidate's statement will be done at the time of filing to ensure that the statement is acceptable in content and formatting. If a candidate statement is filed that is not in compliance with Elections Code, the Elections Official may strike any language not in compliance.

### Size and Format:

- Statements **CANNOT** include the following:
  - Special characters
  - Non-standard fonts
  - **Underline, bold, italics, or ALL CAPITALIZED**
  - Non-standard spacing, including indentations
  - Bullets or numbered lists
- Statement will be printed in uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.
- Statements will be formatted to fit within 1/4 or 1/2 page.
- Statements will be printed in Times New Roman font.

40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402

P (650) 312-5222 F (650) 312-5348 email [registrar@smcacre.gov](mailto:registrar@smcacre.gov) web [www.smcacre.gov](http://www.smcacre.gov)

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## Word Count

- 200 words
- Name, occupation and age are not counted
- General word count guidelines can be found in California Elections Code §9 and in the Candidate Guide

## Translation

Translated into Spanish, Chinese and Filipino

Candidate Statements

Declaraciones de los Candidatos

候選人聲明

Mga Pahayag ng Kandidato

# Word Count Guidelines

- ✓ Punctuation is not counted. This refers to the following symbols: , . : ; ! ? ( ) [ ] ' ”
- ✓ Symbols such as \$, #, \* and % are not counted as separate words.
- ✓ All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be counted as one word. Examples are: City and County of San Francisco, San Mateo County Charter and John Charles Fremont.
- ✓ Each abbreviation or acronym for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word, such as Feb. (February), Wed. (Wednesday), NASA, e.g., i.e., J.D., PhD. and K-8.
- ✓ Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary published in the United States at any time within the ten calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online, shall be counted as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word. The Chief Elections Officer retains discretion to determine whether a word is included in a standard reference dictionary for these purposes.
- ✓ Dates shall be counted as one word, whether purely numeric (06/14/1846) or otherwise (July 4, 1776; September eighth; nineteen sixty-six).



# Word Count Guidelines (continued)

- ✓ Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be counted one word (*100*; *3*; *525,600*).
- ✓ Any number which is spelled, such as “one,” shall be counted as a separate word or words. *One* will be counted as one word, while *one hundred* will be counted as two words and *five hundred thousand* as three words.
- ✓ Telephone numbers will be counted as one word.
- ✓ Website addresses and email addresses will be counted as one word.
- ✓ In an itemized list, headers such as “A.)” or “1)” will be counted as one word. Bullet points will not be counted as a separate word.
- ✓ Name, age and occupation located in the header of a candidate statement only are not counted towards the word count.
- ✓ If the text exceeds the word limit, the author will be asked to rewrite the text to bring the total number of words within the required word limit. If the author refuses to alter the text in this manner, any words after the total number of permitted words, as determined by the Elections Office, shall be omitted.

# Candidate Statement Printing Format

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YES ✓

NO ✗

## Submitted

- Text document
  - Paragraph format
- 
- Special characters
  - Non-standard fonts
  - Underline, **bold** or *italics*
  - Non-standard spacing
  - Bullets or numbered lists

## Printed

- Times New Roman
- Uniform font size
- Formatted to fit within ¼ or ½ page
- Translated into Spanish, Chinese and Filipino



# 10-Day Public Review Period

## August 7 – August 17, 2026 (E-88 to E-78)

- Starts at 5 p.m. the day filing closes
- Public can view Candidate Statements at filing office
- If statement is found to be misleading or inaccurate, statement can be challenged



# 24-Hour Candidate Review Period

## 24-hour candidate review for each language

- One business day to review documents
- Will only make corrections when there is a content (not including format and layout) difference between our PDF file and your **submitted** hard copy statement
- Documents are translated by certified translators

If we do not hear from candidates, we will proceed as though everything is correct

Layout may change depending on page consolidation



# Mailing of Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet



- The County Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet will be mailed to each voter who is registered at least 29 days prior to the election by **October 13, 2026 (E-21)**.
- Voters with Spanish, Chinese, Filipino language preference will receive English pamphlets first and then the language ones.

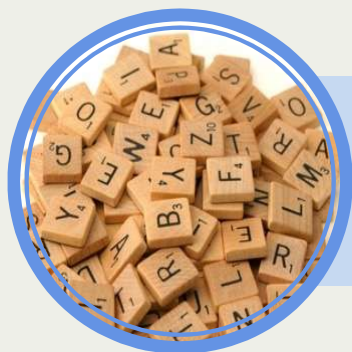


# Official Ballot – SOS Random Alphabet Drawing

Secretary of State Drawing Determines  
Order of Names on Ballot

Randomized Alphabet Drawing  
**August 13, 2026** (E-82) at 11 a.m.

# Randomized Alphabet Drawing



## Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Order of Candidates' Names on Ballot

1	<b>G</b>	2	<b>C</b>	3	<b>M</b>	4	<b>R</b>	5	<b>I</b>	6	<b>O</b>
7	<b>L</b>	8	<b>F</b>	9	<b>H</b>	10	<b>W</b>	11	<b>Y</b>	12	<b>V</b>
13	<b>Z</b>	14	<b>K</b>	15	<b>S</b>	16	<b>B</b>	17	<b>P</b>	18	<b>X</b>
19	<b>T</b>	20	<b>E</b>	21	<b>D</b>	22	<b>J</b>	23	<b>A</b>	24	<b>N</b>
25	<b>U</b>	26	<b>Q</b>								

1. Sue **M**iller
2. Jack **K**owalski
3. Tom **S**mith
4. Maggie Hu **S**tern (indicated Stern as last name during filing period)
5. Mary **D**iaz



## FPPC

## Fair Political Practices Commission

- FPPC Advice Line: 1 (866) ASK-FPPC (275-3772)  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Monday through Thursday
- FPPC Advice Email: [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov)
- San Mateo County Netfile: <https://netfile.com/public/MAT/campaign>

## Form 501

## Candidate Intention Form

- **State and Judicial Candidates file the original with the Secretary of State.**
- **Local Candidates file with County Elections Official or relevant City Clerk**
- File every election.
- Must be filed before you raise or spend money including personal funds in connection with a new election even if you are seeking re-election for the same office.

# Forming a Campaign Committee

## Form 410

## Statement of Organization

- File if you spend or receive \$2,000 or more.
- **File the original and one copy with the Secretary of State.**
- **Local candidates file a copy with the County Elections Office or relevant City Clerk**
- After you file Form 410, the Secretary of State will assign your committee an FPPC ID number. You will use this number on your campaign finance reports.



- **Electronic Filers:** Electronically file with the Elections Office via Netfile, and send the Secretary of State one copy.
- **Non-Electronic Filers:** Send the original and one copy to the Secretary of State, and send the County Elections Official one copy.
- **Local Candidates:** File with the County Elections Office or relevant City Clerk

### File twice pre-election:

**September 24, 2026 (E-40) and October 22, 2026 (E-12) AND**

### File twice semi-annually:

**January 31 and August 1**

# Candidates Without a Committee

## Form 470

## Candidate/Officeholder Statement

- File if you spend or receive under \$2,000
- **State and Judicial Candidates file the original and a copy with the Secretary of State.**
- **Local Candidates file a copy with the County Elections Official or relevant City Clerk**
- Filed during Candidate Filing period or as a first pre-election statements (E-40)

## Form 470

## Supplement

- Send written notice within 48 hours if you spend or receive \$2,000 or more after filing Form 470 to the Secretary of State, the County Elections Official/City Clerk and every other candidate seeking the same office. (Contact us for candidate addresses.)
- The notice must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service, personal delivery, fax or email. Regular mail may not be used.
- Also file **Form 410**.

## Form 497

## 24-Hour Contribution Report

- File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source within the 90 days before an election.
- File within 24 hours.
- **File electronically with the Secretary of State.**
- **Local candidates file with the County Elections Office or relevant City Clerk**
- Contributions listed on Form 497 must also be reported on the next regular campaign statement (Form 460).

# Terminating a Committee

## When

## To Terminate

- Filed all required campaign statements
- Final campaign statement has a \$0 balance
- Do not anticipate receiving further contributions
- Do not anticipate making further expenditure
- Not expecting a refund for candidate statement paid from committee funds

## How

## To Terminate

- File Form 410 Termination – Original with the Secretary of State and a copy with the County Elections Office / City Clerk
- Form 460 Termination – File original with County Elections Office / City Clerk



## San Mateo County ELECTIONS OFFICE

Office of **Mark Church**  
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
& Chief Elections Officer



If you have questions about or are interested in purchasing Voter Data, please contact Hillary O'Connor

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Elections Specialist  
data@smcacre.gov  
(650) 312-5294  
(650) 312-5348 Fax

40 Tower Road  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
www.smcacre.gov



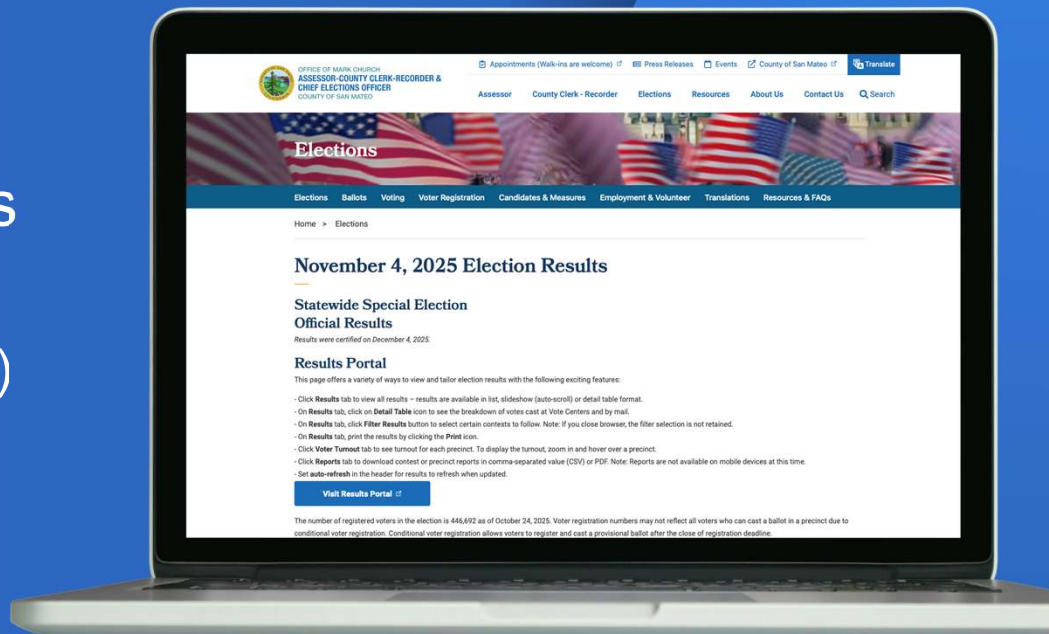
# Election Night Results Reporting

## Semi-Official Results

- 8:10 p.m. Vote by Mail results
- 9:00 p.m. Vote Center Votes (Updated every hour until completion)

Sign up to receive email alerts on  
[www.smcacre.gov](http://www.smcacre.gov)

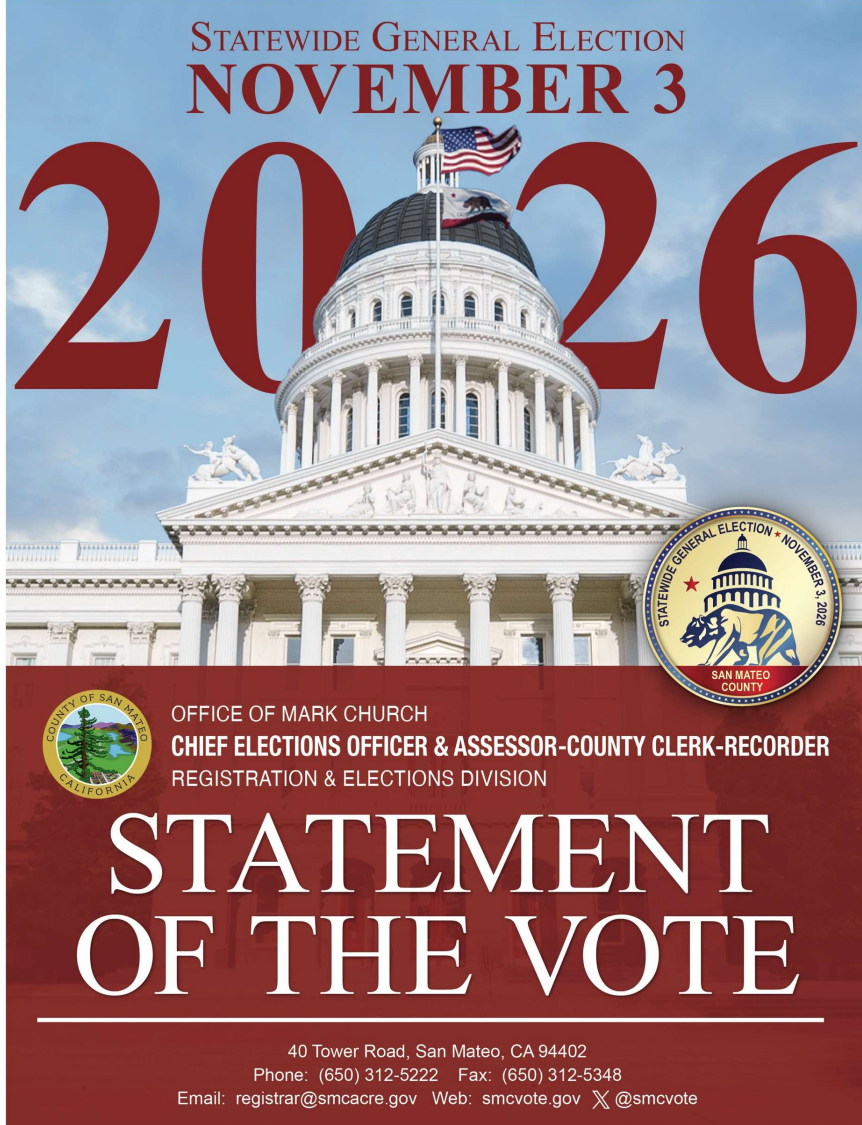
Get Election Results






## Certification

December 3,  
2026 (E+30)



STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION  
**NOVEMBER 3**  
**2026**



OFFICE OF MARK CHURCH  
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER & ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER  
REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS DIVISION

**STATEMENT  
OF THE VOTE**

40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402  
Phone: (650) 312-5222 Fax: (650) 312-5348  
Email: [registrar@smcacre.gov](mailto:registrar@smcacre.gov) Web: [smcvote.gov](http://smcvote.gov) X [@smcvote](https://twitter.com/smcvote)

# New AI Threats



## Emergence of AI Attacks

- Demonstrate the ability to perform professional level penetration of networks and systems
- Analyze network architectures and identify potential weaknesses.
- Network enumeration and mapping.
- Identification of exposed services and misconfigurations.
- Correlation of publicly available information for targeting purposes.

## Impact to Candidates/Candidate Filing?

- Exposure of sensitive information (PII, financial disclosures, campaign-related records)

## What can you do?



Protect your information, use strong passwords (123password not recommended!)



Don't share your password



Use multifactor authentication (okta verify, google authenticator etc)



# Questions





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**Thank You!**

Austin Smith  
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Candidate Guide  
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# Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee

December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026  
*E-165 to E-118*



A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of paying a filing fee to run for office. Any registered voter may sign a Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote.



All validated signatures on a Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petition shall be credited towards the number of voters required to sign the candidate's Nomination Paper.

# Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee

December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026  
E-165 to E-118



**California Secretary of State**  
**PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – For Use Only During the Signature in Lieu Filing Fee Period (Sept. 14 - Nov. 8, 2023)**  
**Viewer-Nominated Office**

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election (Elections Code §§ 100, 104, 8041, 8061, 8106, 8106.5; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

For County  
Elections and  
Secretary of  
State Officials  
USE ONLY

Official Filing Form    County Elections Official By: _____ Date Issued: _____	Filed in County of: _____    County Elections Official By: _____ Date Received: _____	_____    Secretary of State Official
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Candidate  
Name, Office,  
and Signer's  
County of  
Residence

I, the undersigned signer for \_\_\_\_\_, for nomination to the \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Candidate  
office of \_\_\_\_\_, to be voted for at the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024, hereby assert  
as follows:  
I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County and am registered to vote at the address  
shown on this paper. I am not at this time a signer of any other nomination paper of any other candidate for the above-named office.  
My residence is correctly set forth after my signature herefo:

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
Print: 1		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 2		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 3		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 4		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 5		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 6		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 7		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 8		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	

Please Complete Affidavit of Circulator on Reverse Side

NOTE: Valid signatures on this form shall be applied toward nomination signature requirements pursuant to Elections Code section 8061, if submitted by November 8, 2023.

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
Print: 9		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	
Print: 10		Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:		City or Town:	

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:

Print Name

- That I am 18 years of age or older.
- That my residence address, including street and number, is \_\_\_\_\_  
[If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is: \_\_\_\_\_]
- That the signatures on this section of the nomination paper were obtained between \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
Month and Day  
and \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; that I circulated this section and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the  
Month and Day  
nomination paper being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person  
whose name it purports to be.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Circulator

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.

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public Seal) Signature of Notary Public  
(or other officer)

Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
County Elections Official \_\_\_\_\_

(TO BE ENTERED BY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL AFTER VERIFICATION)  
Number of Valid Signatures on this Section:  
Date:  
By:

**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 nomination paper in the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202.)

