



***NOVEMBER 3, 2026  
GENERAL ELECTION***

# **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK & RESOURCE GUIDE**

# I M P O R T A N T

**This Candidate Handbook & Resource Guide provides general information to assist candidates and committees. It is not intended to provide legal advice and should not be substituted for legal counsel. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply.**

**Candidates and others using this handbook bear the full responsibility to make their own determination as to all standards and duties. Thus, the references are for convenience only. The Registrar of Voters strongly recommends any prospective candidate obtain legal advice to assist in complying with applicable laws and regulations.**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

For many candidates, the process of running for office is a new experience. For those individuals, and for returning candidates, the process can be confusing with resulting errors and misunderstandings. Although this handbook is a guide for candidates, it is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. This handbook does not contain all the information concerning elections, but a summary of major provisions related to candidates running for office. Candidates and others using this handbook must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties.

We have attempted to make this handbook as informative as possible and will make every effort to answer your questions. However, the law precludes the Registrar of Voters or staff from answering legal questions. ***This handbook is NOT a substitute for legal counsel.***

The best advice for all candidates is FILE EARLY. The filing deadlines are rigid and cannot be waived or changed. Waiting until the last minute may result in errors or omissions that cannot be corrected and may impact your right to appear on the ballot. Most errors and/or oversights can be mitigated given adequate time.

We hope you find this Candidate Handbook useful and wish you the best of luck in your campaign. Regardless of who wins, we hope you have a positive experience.

Donna Hillegass  
Yuba County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

## AN OVERVIEW – WHAT TO EXPECT

**Candidate Filing Period:** July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026

### **IMPORTANT: ELECTIONS OFFICE VISITS – ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME**

Each step of the filing process is essential and must be completed correctly. Candidates should be prepared to spend **at least 30-45** minutes to begin the filing process. Some future visits will take more time and some less, but it is important candidates are prepared to take whatever time is necessary to complete and review all appropriate documents.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments are not required but are **strongly recommended**. Individuals with an appointment will be given priority over walk-in applicants. NOTE: Beginning July 6, 2026, candidates may contact our office to schedule their candidate filing appointment. Candidate filing begins July 13, 2026.

### **THE FIRST VISIT**

During a candidate's first appointment, they will receive information regarding the entire filing process. Elections staff will provide a brief overview of required and optional documents, provide information regarding deadlines, and answer questions.

### **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

There are several steps to the filing process. It is important to remember the final step is filing a Declaration of Candidacy. **Only candidates who have filed a Declaration of Candidacy will qualify to have their name placed on the ballot.** Candidates who have not filed a Declaration of Candidacy will not be eligible to appear on the ballot.

### **DEADLINES**

Yuba County Elections has no authority to extend deadlines. Candidates **must** submit all required documents on time. Candidates are encouraged to file early to address any potential errors/omissions.

### **RUNOFF CANDIDATES**

Runoff candidates may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used in the primary election and may submit a candidate statement for publication in the County Voter Information Guide. (See Calendar for dates.)

## KEY DATES FOR CANDIDATES

### PRIMARY ELECTION RUN-OFF CANDIDATES

Date(s)	Activity
07/28/26 E-98	<p><b>RUN-OFF CANDIDATES: Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot</b> Last day that any run-off candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used in the primary election. The written request shall be accompanied by a ballot designation worksheet. State Candidates: This request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the county elections official. <i>Cal. Code Regs., title 2, Section 20711(e); Section 13107(h), Section 13107.3</i></p>
08/07/26 E-88	<p><b>RUN-OFF CANDIDATES: Candidate Statement of Qualifications</b> Deadline to submit a Candidate Statement of Qualifications for printing in the County Voter Information Guide.  EC §13307</p>

### LOCAL CANDIDATES (Does Not Include Primary Election Run-Off Candidates)

Date(s)	Activity
07/13/26 – 08/07/26 E-113 to E-88	<p><b>Declaration of Candidacy</b> All candidates, excluding independent candidates and run-off candidates for the General Election, must file a Declaration of Candidacy between these dates. A Declaration of Candidacy may not be withdrawn after 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date.  EC §10510</p> <p><b>Candidate Statement of Qualifications</b> Between these dates candidates may prepare a statement of qualifications to be included in the County Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. This statement may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. on the day after the close of filing.  <i>EC §13307, 13308, GC §85601</i></p>
08/08/26 - 08/12/26 E-87 to E-83	<p><b>Declaration of Candidacy Extension Period</b> Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy if the incumbent did not file by the close of filing. This does not apply if there is no eligible incumbent.  EC §10516</p>
08/13/26 E-82	<p><b>Randomized Alphabet Drawing</b> Randomized alphabet drawing to be held by the Secretary of State and Counties to determine the order of candidates on the ballot. This is conducted at 11:00 a.m.  EC §13112</p>
09/07/26 – 10/20/26 E-57 to E-14	<p><b>Write-In Period</b> A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed during this period a statement of write-in candidacy and the necessary signatures, if applicable, stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the election.  EC §8600, 8601</p>
07/31/26	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure Statements - Semi-Annual Statement</b> Last day to file a semi-annual campaign statement for the period ending 06/30/2026.  GC § 84200</p>
09/24/26	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure Statements – 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Election Statement</b> Last day to file 1st Pre-election campaign statement.  GC § 84200.8</p>
10/22/26	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure Statements – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Election Statement</b> Last day to file 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-election campaign statement.  GC §84200.8</p>

## OFFICES FOR FILING

The following local district elections have been consolidated with the Statewide General Election.

*\*Offices are pending verification by the district.*

Seat	Number of Seats	
	4 Yr Term	2 Yr Term
Foothill Fire Protection District Director	2	
Loma Rica / Browns Valley Community Services District Director	3	
Browns Valley Irrigation District Director, Division 1	1	
Browns Valley Irrigation District Director, Division 2	1	
Browns Valley Irrigation District Director, Division 3	1	
Linda County Water District Director, Division 1	1	
Linda County Water District Director, Division 4	1	
Linda County Water District Director, Division 5	1	
Linda County Water District Director, Division 2		1
Linda Fire District Director	1	
Olivehurst Public Utilities District Director, Division 2	1	
Olivehurst Public Utilities District Director, Division 3	1	
North Yuba Water District Director, Division 4	1	
North Yuba Water District Director, Division 5	1	
Plumas Brophy Fire District Director	1	
Camptonville Community Services District Director	2	1
Smartsville Fire Protection District Director	2	
Dobbins-Oregon House Fire Protection District Director	2	
District 10/Hallwood Community Services District Director	3	
River Highlands Community Services District Director	2	3
Marysville Levee Commission <i>(Filing handled by Marysville City Clerk)</i>	3	

Questions regarding City offices must be directed to the appropriate City Clerk:

City of Marysville

(530) 749-3901 / [www.marysville.ca.us](http://www.marysville.ca.us)

City of Wheatland

(530) 633-2761 / [www.wheatland.ca.gov](http://www.wheatland.ca.gov)

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS** \*Offices are pending verification by the district.

Seat	Number of Seats	
	4 Yr Term	2 Yr Term
Yuba County Board of Education Trustee, Area 1	1	
Yuba County Board of Education Trustee, Area 5	1	
Camptonville School District Director	3	1
Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee, Area 2		1
Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee, Area 2	1	
Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee, Area 3	1	
Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee, Area 4	1	
Plumas Lake Elementary School District Governing Board Member	3	1
Wheatland School District Governing Board Member	3	1
Wheatland High School District Governing Board Member	2	
Yuba Community College District – Trustee Area 1	1	
Nevada County Board of Education Trustee, Area 1 <i>See Nevada County</i>	2	
Nevada Joint Unified High School TA 1	1	

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**General Qualifications for Public Office**

- A person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to a county or district office unless he/she is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person’s appointment. (*Government Code §24001*)
- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person’s appointment. (*Elections Code §201*)
- Successful candidates must qualify for office by taking the oath of office and be able to be bonded in the amounts provided for by statute, by the presiding judge of the Superior Court, and/or by judges of the Superior Court. (*California Constitution, Article XX, §3; Government Code §§1450, 1458*)
- A person is eligible to hold an elective civil office if, at the time of election, the person is 18 years of age and a citizen of the State. (*Government Code §1020*)
- A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State. (*Government Code §1021*)

**School Board – Special Qualifications**

- Any person who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the State from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a school district without further qualifications. An employee of a school district may not be sworn

into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district’s governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. (*Education Code §35107*)

- In addition to the above, a candidate for a school district having trustee areas must be a resident of the trustee area for which he/she is a candidate. (*Education Code §5030(b)*)

## **APPOINTMENT IN-LIEU OF ELECTION**

### **School Boards**

If a school district or community college district election is not held because of a condition listed in section 5326 of the Education Code, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board, or if no person has been nominated or if an insufficient number is nominated, the governing board of the district shall appoint a qualified person or persons, as the case may be, at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election, and such appointee or appointees shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board as if elected at a school district or community college district election. (*Education Code §5328*)

### **Special Districts**

If a district election is not held because of a condition listed in Elections Code Section 10515, the Registrar of Voters shall submit a certificate of these facts to the supervising authority and request that the supervising authority, at a regular or special meeting held prior to the Monday before the first Friday in December in which the election is held, appoint to such office or offices the person or persons, if any, who have filed Declarations of Candidacy. The supervising authority shall make such appointments. If no person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy for any office, the supervising authority shall appoint any person to the office who is qualified on the date when the election would have been held. The person appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at the General District Election for such office. (*Elections Code §10515*)

## **CANDIDATE FILING DOCUMENTS**

### **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

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Filing Period .....07/13/26 – 08/07/26

**!** **IMPORTANT:** A Declaration of Candidacy is required of all candidates.

The Declaration of Candidacy is the official nomination document required of all candidates.

On the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate indicates how their name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot. The candidate further declares that they meet the statutory and/or constitutional qualification for the office sought, and if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw.

Candidates are required to execute the Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the elections official. Exception: A written statement is signed and dated by the candidate designating a person to receive the Declaration of Candidacy form from the elections official and deliver it to the candidate. The written statement from the candidate must include language indicating the candidate is aware the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official in the county of the candidate's residence by the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election. **The Declaration of Candidacy must be completed correctly by the filing deadline. There is no provision for extending the filing period for forms that are completed incorrectly.**

### **NAME ON THE BALLOT**

A qualified candidate's name will appear on the ballot exactly as it appears on their Declaration of Candidacy. This should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered, though the two need not be identical. Example: A candidate registered as "Jonathan William Smith" may use such variations as "Jon W Smith," "John Smith," or "J William Smith."

No titles or degrees are allowed in the ballot name.

## **OPTIONAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS**

**-Fees may apply-**

### **BALLOT DESIGNATION**

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Filing Period ..... Must be filed with Declaration of Candidacy  
Fee ..... No Fee

A ballot designation is printed under the candidate's name on the ballot. Any candidate who wishes to have a ballot designation printed on the ballot **must** complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet (*Elections Code §13107.3*). This worksheet will help a candidate determine an acceptable ballot designation. Please see the Ballot Designation guidelines handout in the candidate packet for more information.

Designations will be reviewed for compliance. If a designation doesn't comply, the first alternate will be used, and the candidate will be notified. If no alternate or no acceptable alternate is provided, the candidate will be contacted by certified mail to provide an acceptable designation in person within three days from the date he or she receives the notice (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays). NOTE: If the candidate fails to provide an acceptable designation within three days, no designation will appear on the ballot.

### **CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**

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Fee ..... No fee

The County Clerk is required to provide each candidate with a copy of the provisions of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a form on which to subscribe to the code. **Subscription to the code is voluntary.** Completed forms are retained for public inspection until 30 days after the election. (*Elections Code §20400 - 20444*)

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Filing Period ..... File with Declaration of Candidacy  
Fee .....Varies by Office

Candidates for non-partisan and some voter nominated offices may purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. This statement is intended to acquaint voters with the candidate's qualifications for the office they are seeking.

Candidates for US Representative and State Assembly may purchase a statement in the County Voter Information Guide. State Assembly candidates must accept Proposition 34 voluntary spending limits to be eligible to purchase a candidate statement.

**Note: If running for a multi-county office, candidates must contact each county regarding Candidate Statement submission requirements and fees. Yuba County will accept forms from the candidate's county of residence. Documents submitted from another county must bear an original signature.**

Candidates for other State and Federal offices may file a statement with the Secretary of State. Information about fees and deadlines can be obtained from the Secretary of State [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

**YOUR CANDIDATE STATEMENT WILL BE PRINTED AS SUBMITTED. SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS WILL NOT BE CORRECTED BY THE ELECTIONS OFFICE.**

### ENDORSEMENTS

Use of an endorsement in a candidate statement requires written authorization from the endorser. A copy of the **signed authorization** must be submitted with the Candidate Statement. Endorsements will be stricken if an authorization statement is not received.

### CONTENT

The statement may contain the candidate's age, occupation, and a description of the candidate's education and qualifications as expressed by the candidate -- not to exceed the word count limit. The statement *may not* contain the candidate's party affiliation or membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

- Candidate statements shall not contain any demonstrably false, slanderous, or libelous statements. §13307(e)
- Candidate Statements shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's statement of qualifications, character, or activities. §13308
- The heading includes the candidate's name and office sought. The candidate's statement will begin with the words, "Education and Qualifications:" followed by the text filed by the candidate. These words, as well as the heading, are standardized and included in the space provided. These words do not count toward the number of words allowed for the statement.
- The "Occupation" field in the candidate's statement is not governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to the ballot designation that appears underneath the candidate's name on the ballot. Therefore, it may be different from the candidate's ballot designation but cannot exceed 7 words.

**GENERAL FORMAT**

Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing.

**FORMATTING NOT PERMITTED**

- Extra indentations
- Any bold
- Underlining of words
- Italics
- Graphics
- Vertical or indented lists. Lists will be formatted as a sentence (see below).
- Extra punctuation
- Capitalized words for added emphasis
- All caps, other than abbreviations or acronyms
- Bullets of any kind

IF YOU SUBMIT A LIST IN THIS FORMAT	IT WILL BE PRINTED IN THIS FORMAT
(numbered list) My education includes: 1. High School Diploma, Marysville High School 2. AA Degree, Yuba College 3. BA Degree, California State University, Chico	My education includes: High School Diplomas, Marysville High School AA Degree, Yuba College BA Degree, California State University, Chico
(bulleted list) I have received the following awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School District Educator of the Quarter</li> <li>• Professor of the Year</li> <li>• Outstanding Educator for Northern California</li> </ul>	I have received the following awards: School District Educator of the Quarter Professor of the Year Outstanding Educator for Northern California

**PRE-FILING REVIEW**

Candidates may submit a copy of their statement for an optional pre-filing review. This will allow the candidate time to address any issues prior to submitting their statement. Once filed, the statement cannot be altered by the candidate. The only alterations will be for compliance with requirements.

**PAYMENT**

Payment for a Candidate Statement of Qualification must be made at the time it is submitted and may be in the form of cash or check. Checks must be made payable to Yuba County Clerk and should be in the form of a “not to exceed” payment.

Candidate Statements remain confidential until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. Once a statement has been filed, it may be withdrawn but cannot be changed. The statement can be withdrawn until 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after the close of filing, and the fee will be refunded in full. §§13307(a) (3), §13311

**BILINGUAL PRINTING REQUIREMENTS**

All candidate statements will be printed in English and Spanish.

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION**

Candidate statements are available for public examination in the county election official’s office for 10 days following the close of filing. Copies may be purchased at standard copy fees.

**WORD LIMIT**

- Local Offices ..... 200 Words
- US Representative & State Assembly ..... 250 Words

## HOW TO COUNT CANDIDATE STATEMENT WORDS

The following rules will be used for counting words in candidate statements. Each word shall be counted as one word unless specified differently below:

- All proper nouns including geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
- Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word i.e., PTA, USMC
- Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
- Dates shall be counted as one word.
- Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
- Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
- Internet website addresses shall be counted as one word.
- Punctuation is not counted.

*Elections Code §9*

## CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA FILE

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- Printed Voter Index - \$4.00 per thousand names plus \$5.00 setup fee
- Electronic copy of voter index (USB or other Media) - \$110 additional reports provided with Voter Index (USB or Other Media) - \$5.00 each
- Labels - \$0.05 each plus \$5.00 setup fee
- Absentee Chase Fax (Includes initial mailing on USB or other media - \$160.00
- Absentee Chase (USB or other media) - \$60.00 per Media
- Retrieval fee for copies of FPPC statements 5 or more years old - \$5.00

Voter data may be purchased in compliance with California Election Code and California Code of Regulations. An application must be submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to data being released. To receive an application, contact the Elections Office at (530) 749-7855 or email [elections@yuba.gov](mailto:elections@yuba.gov)

Please allow at least 2-3 business days for application review, approval, and order processing. Missing or unclear information may delay the review. Allow an additional 2-3 business days for address labels.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Candidates and/or committees wishing to distribute voter registration cards may obtain voter registration cards from the Elections Office during regular office hours. For any quantity of 50 or more, the individual requesting the cards must fill out an application. For quantities of 2,000 or more, the distribution form shall be sent to the Secretary of State's Office. *California Administrative Code §20001(g)(2)*

**Individuals or organizations distributing voter registration cards shall give a voter registration card to any person requesting it.**

Completed cards must be returned to the Elections Office within 3 business days or by the close of registration, whichever is earlier. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor. The circulator must allow a voter to return their own completed registration; the circulator cannot interfere with the prompt transfer of a completed affidavit from a voter to the elections office. §§18103, 2138

California Secretary of State Guide to Voter Registration Drives:  
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/guide-vr-drives/>

## CAMPAIGNING RESTRICTIONS

### POLITICAL SIGNS

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Candidates are provided information on Political Sign Ordinance / Rules during the candidate filing process. This packet includes county, city, and California Department of Transportation rules and regulations on sign placement. **Any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding campaign signs should be directed to the appropriate jurisdiction.**

JURISDICTION	CONTACT
City of Wheatland	Wheatland City Clerk (530) 633-2761
City of Marysville	City of Marysville Community Development (530) 749-3902
Yuba County (Unincorporated Area)	Yuba County Community Development (530) 749-5430
CA Department of Transportation	703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901(530) 741-4572

### ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY

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#### 100 Foot Rule

Pursuant to *Elections Code §18370* no person on Election Day shall, within 100 feet of a polling place:

- Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot.
- Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of the voter's qualifications except as provided in *Elections Code §14240*.
- Do any electioneering. This includes wearing buttons, T-shirts, stickers, etc. that promote a candidate or issue on the ballot.

As used in this section "100 feet from a polling place" shall mean a distance of 100 feet from the entrance of the building in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. This also applies to 100 feet from drop boxes and curbside voting.

*Elections Code §18541* provides that any person who violates the above provisions is punishable by imprisonment in county jail for not more than 12 months or state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

### POLL WATCHERS

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Poll watchers are allowed at the polling place as long as they obey the law and election procedures. Persons observing the polls may:

- Inspect the Roster of Voters. Any such inspection, however, must be done without impeding, interfering, or interrupting the normal process of voting and counting.
- Inspect the Public's Alpha Index (Street Index) updated regularly by the precinct workers. The index may not be removed from the polling place.
- Observe all activities at the polling place, including activities after the polls close, providing they do not interfere with the normal processing of voters.

## **PRESS & MEDIA EXIT POLLING**

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The Secretary of State and Attorney General determined Electioneering provisions do not apply to the Press and Media conducting "Exit Polls." However, no one may interfere with the conduct of the election. Therefore, news media have been advised to remain at least 25 feet from the entrance to the polls. The media may take pictures or run a television camera inside the polling place providing they respect the voters' privacy and do not interfere with voting. They may not speak to voters regarding how they are voting within 25 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

## **FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC) REPORTING**

It is the candidate's responsibility to understand and comply with Fair Political Practices Commission filing requirements. Candidates will receive the "California Political Reform Act – Information Acknowledgement" form during the candidate filing process. This form affirms the candidate's responsibilities under the Political Reform Act. Contact the FPPC with any questions (see Important Contact Info below or email [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov)).

Extensive resources regarding FPPC regulations and requirements can be found online at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

The FPPC Candidate Toolkit can be found online at:

[www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/candidate-toolkit-getting-started.html](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/candidate-toolkit-getting-started.html)

**IMPORTANT: The fine imposed for not filing campaign statements by the mandated deadline is \$10 per day, up to a maximum fine of \$100, payable to Yuba County Elections. Late filings may be subject to additional fines by the FPPC.**

## **NETFILE**

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Yuba County Ordinance **2.66.040. Electronic Filing of Campaign Statements** requires candidates or committees to electronically file semi-annual campaign statements, pre-election campaign statements, amended campaign statements, supplemental pre-election campaign statements, reports disclosing contributions received by or made to a candidate, local ballot measure, or intended expenditure made for or against a candidate or local ballot measure of \$2,000 or more.

To submit electronic campaign filings, as required by Yuba County Ordinance, committees must create a NetFile User Account. Candidates will be provided additional information regarding NetFile during their candidate filing appointment.

# ELECTION RESULTS

## ELECTION NIGHT TALLY REPORTING

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Vote-by-mail results will be released after 8:00 p.m. with additional updates released as precincts complete their closing activities and report in.

### Election Results

<b>In Person -</b> The public is welcome to view the ballot counting process on election night.	Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers 915 8th Street Marysville, California 95901
<b>Online -</b> For the viewing public, election tally/results are posted online as they are released.	Yuba County Elections Department <a href="http://www.yuba.gov/elections">www.yuba.gov/elections</a>  Yuba County <a href="http://www.yuba.gov">www.yuba.gov</a>

## SEMI-FINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE VOTE – ELECTION NIGHT

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The day after an election, candidates are often surprised to learn there are ballots still uncounted.

These uncounted ballots may leave some close races undecided for a period of time. The information provided below is intended to answer questions about the logistics of ballot counting and follow-up tabulations which occur during the official audit of an election known as Canvass. The official results of an election will be certified following the completion of Canvass.

The vote tallying process begins before election night with the vote-by-mail ballots. Counties may begin processing vote-by-mail ballots 29 days before the election. Having verified the signatures on the return envelopes, election officials remove the voted ballots and process them through their vote tallying system. Under no circumstances may they tabulate the results until after the close of polls on Election Day.

Immediately upon the close of polls on Election Day, elections staff begin the "semi-final official canvass of the vote" - the tallying of early-returned vote-by-mail ballots and the ballots cast in voting precincts within the county. The semi-final official canvass begins at 8:00 p.m. on election night and continues until the last poll site has reported in and been counted.

There are three categories of ballots that **cannot** be processed on Election Night:

### 1. Vote-by-Mail Ballots.

Vote-by-mail ballots turned in at a polling place on Election Day. These ballots are received on election night and there is not sufficient time to perform the necessary processing steps for the ballots to be included in the election night tally results. Before the ballots can be tallied, the signature of the voter must be verified against the signature on file and the ballot must be inspected to verify it can be counted by the tabulating equipment.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots received in the mail or at an official ballot drop box:

- In the last few days before the election
- On Election Day
- Ballots originally missing signatures now signed
- Ballots with signatures that originally did not match their voter registration that were verified; and
- Ballots received timely by other counties.

Like the ballots turned in at a polling site on Election Day, these ballots are not included in the election night tally. These ballots will be processed during Canvass and will then be included in the final tally.

- 2. Provisional and Conditional Voter ballots.** A provisional ballot is cast when an individual's eligibility to vote cannot be verified at the polls. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Elections Office before the ballot can be rejected or approved for counting. Conditional voters may conditionally register to vote during the 14-day period through Election Day and vote a conditional ballot at the Yuba County Elections Office.
- 3. Damaged Ballots.** Ballots that are received damaged or contain stray marks must be further inspected and reviewed by elections staff. Ballots determined to require remediation will be duplicated.

We understand it is difficult for candidates/campaigns in close races to wait for results that confirm whether they won or not. We hope this information will provide a better understanding of the activities and complexities of an election and the reasons results take time. The canvass process is open to the public and all people are welcome and encouraged to view the process.

Beginning no later than the Thursday following an election, the election official shall post updated information at least two times by the following Thursday and at least twice a week thereafter until a certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372. *Elections Code §15306*

## **OFFICIAL CANVASS ACTIVITIES**

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The California Elections Code requires that the official canvass begin no later than the Thursday following the election, that it be open to the public, and that it continues daily (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded) for not less than six hours each day until completed. The county elections officials must complete the official canvass no later than the 30th day after the election and submit a certified statement of the results of the election to the Secretary of State by the 31st day.

The activities undertaken during the official canvass include:

- Process and count any valid vote-by-mail, provisional, and conditional registration ballots not included in the semi-final official canvass.
- Inspect all materials and supplies returned by poll workers.
- Reconcile the number of signatures on the roster of voters with the number of ballots recorded.
- Verify the number of ballots counted, spoiled, or duplicated due to identifying marks or over votes against the number of votes counted, including vote-by-mail and provisional ballots.
- Count any valid write-in votes.
- Reproduce any damaged ballots.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

### YUBA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

General Information ..... (530) 749-7855  
Fax ..... (530) 749-7854  
Website ..... [www.yuba.gov/elections](http://www.yuba.gov/elections)  
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

### POLITICAL SIGNS

County of Yuba CDSA ..... (530) 749-5430  
Website ..... [www.yuba.gov](http://www.yuba.gov)  
  
City of Marysville ..... (530) 749-3901  
Website ..... [www.marysville.ca.us](http://www.marysville.ca.us)  
  
City of Wheatland ..... (530) 633-2761  
Website ..... [www.wheatland.ca.gov](http://www.wheatland.ca.gov)  
  
CA Department of Transportation ..... (530) 741-4572  
Website ..... [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Election Division ..... (916) 657-2166  
Fax ..... (916) 653-3214  
Website ..... [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)  
Political Reform Division ..... (916) 653-6224

### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

General Information ..... (916) 322-5660  
Advice ..... (866) 275-3772 \*1  
*Available: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*  
Fax ..... (916) 322-0886  
Enforcement Division ..... (866) 275-3772  
Enforcement Division Fax ..... (916) 322-0886  
Website ..... [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)

### STATE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD ..... (800) 852-5711

Automated Information ..... (800) 338-0505  
Website ..... [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov)  
CA Relay Service -- TDD ..... (800) 822-6868

### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION ..... (800) 424-9530

Website ..... [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)

### ATTORNEY GENERAL ..... (800) 952-5225

Website ..... <http://oag.ca.gov>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - *Subject to Change*

Dates marked with an “\*” fall on a weekend or holiday and have been moved to the next business day.

“E-” dates represent the number of days before Election Day.

“E+” dates represent the number of days after Election Day.

NOTE: Refer to the FPPC Filing Schedule for all campaign finance reporting deadlines.

Date	Activity
07/13/26 – 08/07/26  E-113 to E-88	<p><b>Declaration of Candidacy</b> All candidates, excluding independent candidates and run-off candidates for the General Election, must file a Declaration of Candidacy between these dates. A Declaration of Candidacy may not be withdrawn after 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §10510</i></p>
07/13/26 – 08/07/26  E-113 to E-88	<p><b>Candidates Statement of Qualifications – County/State legislative Candidates</b> Between these dates, candidates for county offices and state legislative offices, may prepare a statement of qualifications to be included in the Yuba County Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. The statement may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. on the day after the close of candidate filing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §13307</i></p>
07/13/26 – 08/07/26  E-113 to E-88	<p><b>Statement of Economic Interests - All Candidates EXCEPT US Senate &amp; US Rep</b> Between these dates, candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy must also file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the preceding 12 months. The statement is not required if the candidate has filed such a statement within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>GC §87200, 87201, 87500</i></p>
08/07/26  E-88	<p><b>Last Day to Submit Resolutions of Consolidation</b> Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school, or other political subdivision which requests consolidation of a local election for candidates or measures to file the request with the county Board of Supervisors and a copy with the Elections Department. <b>Earlier filing dates are encouraged to meet printing schedules and to allow adequate time to mitigate any possible issues.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §10401, 10402</i></p> <p><b>Last Day to Submit Tax Rate Statement for Bond Measures</b> Final deadline to file a tax rate statement for a bond measure with the County Elections Department.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §9401</i></p>
08/08/26 – 08/12/26  E-87 to E-83	<p><b>Extension of Nomination Period</b> Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Nomination Petition and Declaration of Candidacy if the incumbent did not file by the close of filing. This extension does not apply when there is no incumbent eligible to be re-elected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §8022, 8024</i></p>

Date	Activity
08/13/26 @ 11:00 a.m.  E-82	<p><b>Randomized Alphabet Drawing</b> The Secretary of State and the County Elections Office shall conduct at 11:00 a.m. the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the Primary Election Ballot.</p> <p>Candidates for multi-county state legislative offices, the county elections official shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. The result of each county's drawing shall be used only to determine the order of the names of candidates for multi-county state legislative offices within such county.</p> <p>Measure letter assignments will be made at this time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §13112</i></p>
08/14/26  E-81	<p><b>Last Day to Submit Direct Arguments</b> Final deadline to submit direct arguments for and against a county, school, or district measure. Statements shall not exceed 300 words.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §9162, 9163, 9502</i></p>
08/21/26  E-74	<p><b>Last Day to Submit Rebuttal Arguments</b> Final deadline for authors of the direct arguments to submit rebuttal arguments. Statements shall not exceed 250 words. Rebuttal arguments will only be accepted if both an argument for and an argument against are filed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §9167</i></p>
09/07/26	<p><b>County Holiday – office closed</b></p>
09/08/26 – 10/20/26  E-57 to E-14	<p><b>Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers</b> During this period, write-in candidates must file their Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the County elections official.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §8601</i></p>
09/24/26 - 10/19/26  E-40 to E-21	<p><b>State Voter Information Guide Mailing</b> Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state voter information guides to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup> (E-60)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §9094</i></p>
09/24/26- 10/24/26  E-40 to E-10	<p><b>County Voter Information Guide Mailing</b> Between these dates, the County elections official shall mail a County Voter Information Guide and polling place notice to each registered voter.</p> <p>Voters who register after Sept 6<sup>th</sup> may request a state voter information guide with their Elections Department.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §9094, 13303, 13304</i></p>
10/05/26	<p>No later than this date, the county elections official shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §3001, 3003</i></p>
10/19/26  E-15	<p><b>15-day Voter Registration</b> The county elections official shall accept an affidavit of registration executed as part of a voter registration card in the forthcoming election if the affidavit is executed on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election, and if any of the following apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election and received by mail by the County elections official.</li> <li>2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. §1973gg) on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.</li> <li>3) The affidavit is delivered to the County elections official by means other than those prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.</li> <li>4) The affidavit is submitted electronically on the Internet Website of the Secretary of State pursuant to EC § 2196 on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §2119(d)</i></p>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
10/20/26 – 11/03/26  E14 to E	<p><b>Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)</b>  Period in which an individual can go to their local county election official’s office to conditionally register to vote and vote a conditional provisional ballot. The voter must complete an affidavit of registration before a conditional provisional ballot can be issued. County election officials will process the registration, determine the individual’s eligibility, and validate their information. If the individual is verified and eligible, the registration becomes permanent, and the ballot will be counted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §2170-2173</i></p>
10/22/24- 11/05/24  E-14 to E	<p><b>New Citizens Registration Period</b>  Registration for new citizens shall begin the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and end at the close of polls on election day. A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §331, 3500, 3501</i></p>
11/03/26  E	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Election Day</b>  Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §1000, 14212</i></p>
11/11/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>County Holiday – office closed</b></p>
11/25/26 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Vote by Mail Ballot – Signature Cure Deadline</b>  Last day for voter to cure an issue with their ballot envelope signature.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §3019(d)(4)(A), 3019(e)(1)(A)</i></p>
11/26/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>County Holiday – office closed</b></p>
11/27/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>County Holiday – office closed</b></p>
12/30/26  E+30	<p><b>Canvass</b>  Deadline for completion of the Official Canvass by the Elections Office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EC §15372</i></p>