

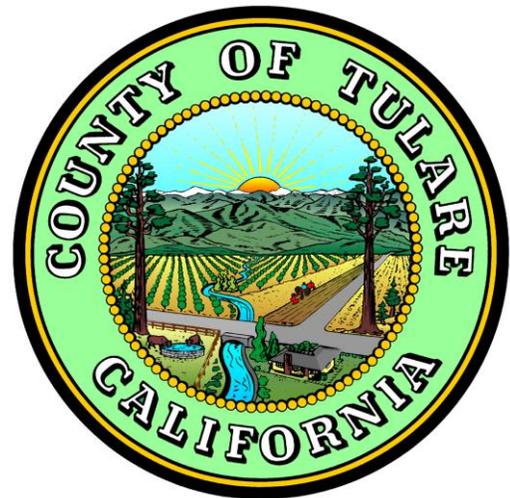
# CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

**November 5, 2013**  
**CONSOLIDATED DISTRICTS**  
**ELECTION**



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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to seek office in the upcoming Consolidated Districts Election. Your candidacy provides voters in Tulare County a choice and sustains our democratic process. There are many requirements associated with being a candidate. This booklet has been prepared to assist candidates in preparing for the November 5, 2013 Consolidated Districts Election. This guide is not all-encompassing; it merely summarizes the major provisions relating to candidates running for office in Tulare County. Candidates, political committees, and anyone else interested in an elective office should not rely solely on this booklet.

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We want to provide you assistance that will make seeking office easier and an enjoyable learning experience. If you have any suggestions for improving this guide or our services, please let us know. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact this office at (559) 624-7300.

Best wishes to you in your campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita A. Woodard".

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# LIST OF LOCAL DISTRICTS IN THE ELECTION

November 5, 2013 Consolidated Districts Election

<b>CITY</b>					
CITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE STATEMENT		TULARE CO. REG 4/23/2013
			AMOUNT	WHO PAYS	
<b>VISALIA</b>	3 City Council Members	Edmund Gubler Steven Nelson Gregory Collins	\$3,830	Candidate	52,006

<b>UNIFIED SCHOOLS</b>					
UNIFIED SCHOOL	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE STATEMENT		TULARE CO. REG 4/23/2013
			AMOUNT	WHO PAYS	
<b>VISALIA UNIFIED</b>  (Nominated & Elected by Area)	1 Gov Board Member TA #1	Tim Chaney Charles Ulmschneider	\$880	Candidate	9,249
	1 Gov Board Member TA #2	Rodney Elder	\$750		7,407
	1 Gov Board Member TA #3	Jim Qualls	\$870		9,070
	1 Gov Board Member TA #4	Vacant	\$800		8,043

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b>					
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE STATEMENT		TULARE CO. REG 4/23/2013
			AMOUNT	WHO PAYS	
<b>COLUMBINE ELEMENTARY</b>	2 Gov Board Members	Gloria Lara Phillips Anton Caratan	\$300	Candidate	52
	1 Gov Board Member-Short Term	Dante Silva			
<b>HOPE ELEMENTARY</b>	2 Gov Board Members	Tim Newby Thomas Cemo	\$300	Candidate	285
<b>MONSON-SULTANA JT. UNION ELEMENTARY</b> Tulare County Jurisdiction [Tulare/Fresno(Area #1)]  (Nom & Elected by Area)	1 Gov Board Member TA #2	Delbert Quintana	\$350	Candidate	91
	1 Gov Board Member TA #3	Bette George			114
	1 Gov Board Member TA #5	Lynn Simmons			63
<b>PALO VERDE UNION ELEMENTARY</b>	3 Gov Board Members	William Benson Jack Eddy Manuel Gonzalez	\$340	Candidate	620
<b>STONE CORRAL ELEMENTARY</b>	1 Gov Board Member	Ruben Tavarez – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	193

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT</b>					
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG 4/23/2013</b>
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>ALPINE VILLAGE/ SEQUOIA CREST</b>	3 Directors	Milburn D. Ellis – <b>Appt.</b> George Derkum – <b>Appt.</b> Roy F. Aiken	\$300	Candidate	31
	1 Director – Short Term	Greg Gillis-Smith			
<b>DUCOR</b>	1 Director	Vacant	\$300	Candidate	138
	2 Gov Board Members	Susan E Avila – <b>Appt.</b> Ted Daniel – <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>EAST OROSI</b>	2 Directors	Anna DeSantiago Priscilla Raymondo- <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	85
	1 Director – Short Term	Vacant			
<b>LONDON</b>	2 Directors	Sue Vay Morgan - <b>Appt.</b> Celia Rodriguez - <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	198
	1 Director – Short Term	Bartolo Castro – <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>PATTERSON TRACT</b>	3 Directors	Sharon Gardiner - <b>Appt.</b> Darlene Lasley - <b>Appt.</b> Allen R. Lee - <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	District	111
<b>PONDEROSA</b>	3 Directors	William Benton - <b>Appt.</b> Cheri Marchant - <b>Appt.</b> Michael Moroney - <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	26
<b>POPLAR</b>	2 Directors	Michael D. Clark– <b>Appt.</b> Vacant	\$300	Candidate	259
<b>RICHGROVE</b>	3 Directors	Adam Hernandez – <b>Appt.</b> Rose Rodriguez Vacant	\$300	<b>District</b>	427
<b>SULTANA</b>	3 Directors	Michael S. Prado, Sr Tommy G. Voss Fred A. Tuttle – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	121
<b>TEVISTON</b>	3 Directors	Martha Sanchez – <b>Appt.</b> Kimberly Shelton Virginia Galaviz – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	District	57
<b>THREE RIVERS</b>	2 Directors	Michael L. Cannarozzi Rex Black	\$330	Candidate	1,236
<b>TRACT 92</b>	3 Directors	Rodney Morphis – <b>Appt.</b> Monroe Self – <b>Appt.</b> Vacant	\$300	Candidate	118

<b>FIRE DISTRICTS</b>					
<b>FIRE DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>ORANGE COVE</b> Fresno Co. Jurisdiction [Fresno/Tulare]	2 Commissioners	Manuel J. Ferreira James McKinney	TU \$300 FR \$500	Candidate Pre-Payment not required for Fresno	133
<b>STRATHMORE</b>	2 Commissioners	Bill Van Leer – <b>Appt.</b> Thomas Winn – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	368
<b>WOODLAKE</b>	1 Commissioner	Cornelio R. Ortiz – <b>Appt.</b>	\$360	Candidate	1,665

<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICT</b>					
<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>ALPAUGH</b>	2 Directors	Steven W. Martin – <b>Appt.</b> Kenneth Gibbs – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	District	117
<b>ALTA</b>  (Nominated & Elected by Division)  Tulare County Jurisdiction [Tulare/Fresno/Kings]	1 Director Div # 1 (Fresno Co. ONLY)	Dan Astiasuain			
	1 Director Div # 2 (Tulare Co. Portion)	Jack Brandt – <b>Appt.</b>	TU \$360 FR \$500	Candidate	1,706
	1 Director Div # 5 (Tulare Co. Portion) (Kings)	Thomas A. Marshall	TU\$480 KI \$225 <b>TOTAL \$705</b>	Candidate	3,439
<b>DELANO-EARLIMART</b>  (Nominated & Elected by Division)  Tulare County Jurisdiction [Tulare/Kern]  (Kern Co. Div 5 only)	1 Director Div # 1 (Tulare Co. ONLY)	Kelley Hampton	\$300	Candidate	59
	1 Director Div # 2 (Tulare Co. ONLY)	Nick J. Canata	\$300	Candidate	49
	1 Director Div # 3 (Tulare Co. ONLY)	Harold D. Nelson	\$300	Candidate	21
	1 Director Div # 4 Short Term	Mark J Kovacevich <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>DUCOR</b>	2 Directors	David L. Schwartz – <b>Appt.</b> Gerald Peterson – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	93
<b>EXETER</b>  (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 1	Gregory Crosson	\$300	Candidate	243
	1 Director Div # 4	Ralph E. Fuller	\$460		3,191
	1 Director Div # 5	Stanley Cosart	\$320		460
<b>HILLS VALLEY</b>  Fresno Co. Jurisdiction [Fresno/Tulare]	1 Director	Don Schroeder (Fresno Co.)	TU \$300 FR \$500	Candidate	7
<b>IVANHOE</b>	3 Directors	Gary S. Caviglia Vito De Leonardis – <b>Appt.</b> Steven Paregien – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300		307

IRRIGATION DISTRICT					
IRRIGATION DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE STATEMENT		TULARE CO. REG 4/23/2013
			AMOUNT	WHO PAYS	
<b>LINDMORE</b> (Nominated by Div & Elected at Large)	1 Director Div # 1	Ronnie Adams – <b>Appt.</b>	\$390	Candidate	2,091
	1 Director Div # 2	Michael Brownfield- <b>Appt.</b>			
	1 Director Div # 4	David De Paoli			
<b>LINDSAY-STRATHMORE</b> (Nominated by Div & Elected at Large)	1 Director Div # 1	Dennis Imoto	\$390	Candidate	2,099
	1 Director Div # 2	Jeffrey A Tienken			
	1 Director Div # 5	Clifford R Loeffler			
<b>LOWER TULE RIVER</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 1	Anton G. “Tony” Simonich	\$300	Candidate	378
	1 Director Div # 2	James Costa Sr.	\$300		307
	1 Director Div # 5	John Roeloffs	\$300		79
<b>ORANGE COVE</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division) Fresno Co. Jurisdiction [Fresno/Tulare] (Fresno Div 1 & 2 Only)	1 Director Div # 3 (Tulare Co. ONLY)	Henry A Collin III – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	District	125
	1 Director Div # 5 (Tulare Co. ONLY)	Russell Katayama – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300		49
<b>PIXLEY</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 1	Raymond L. Westbrook	\$300	Candidate	200
	1 Director Div # 2	Bill DeGroot	\$300		167
	1 Director Div # 3	Randall Parreira			
	1 Director Div # 4	Russell Schott	\$300		53
<b>PORTERVILLE</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 2	David Gisler	\$300	Candidate	256
	1 Director Div # 3	Guido A. Lombardi	\$550	Candidate	4,484
	1 Director Div # 4	Eric Borba	\$300	Candidate	41
	1 Director Div # 5	Vacant			
<b>SAUCELITO</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 4	Steven G. Kisling	\$300	Candidate	33
	1 Director Div # 5	Robert D. Mc Closkey	\$300		14
<b>STONE CORRAL</b>	2 Directors <b>FULL TERM</b>	Clinton J. Frank George Murrell Simms	\$300	Candidate	46
	1 Director <b>SHORT TERM to Exp 2015</b>	Teresa Dir – <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>TERRA BELLA</b> (Nominated by Div & Elected at Large)	1 Director Div # 1	Brent Doyel	\$330	Candidate	1,223
	1 Director Div # 3	Edwin “Lorren” Wheaton			
	1 Director Div # 5	Alfredo Martinez <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>TULARE</b> (Nominated & Elected by Division)	1 Director Div # 1	Mike Thomas	\$370	Candidate	776
	1 Director Div # 2	Dave F. Martin – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300		202

<b>MEMORIAL DISTRICT</b>					
<b>MEMORIAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>EXETER</b>	2 Directors <b>Non Veteran Seats</b>	David L. Heaton Bobbie Sperry	\$820	District	8,319
<b>IVANHOE</b>	2 Directors <b>Non Veteran Seats</b>	Victor R. Box – <b>Appt.</b> Antonio Padilla – <b>Appt.</b>	\$540	Candidate	4,297
<b>LINDSAY-STRATHMORE</b>	1 Director Seat #1 <b>Non Veteran Seat</b>	Frances Loyd	\$650	Candidate	5,913
	1 Director Seat #2 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	C. Alan Todd			
<b>SEQUOIA</b>	1 Director Seat #1 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Kurt Schmidt	\$370	District	762
	1 Director Seat #2 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant			
	1 Director Seat #3 <b>Non Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant			
<b>SOUTH TULARE COUNTY</b>	1 Director Seat #1 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant	\$520	District	4,028
	1 Director Seat #2 <b>Non-Veteran Seat</b>	Rose B. Rodriguez			
	1 Director Seat #3 <b>Non-Veteran Seat</b>	Joe Mc Phetridge, Sr			
<b>THREE RIVERS</b>	1 Director Seat #1 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant	\$350	Candidate	1,552
	1 Director Seat #2 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Maureen Basham – <b>Appt.</b>			
	1 Director Seat #3 <b>Non Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant			
	1 Director Seat #4 <b>Non Veteran Seat</b>	Vacant			
<b>WOODLAKE</b>	1 Director Seat #1 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	Terry Jean Thompson	\$450	Candidate	3,049
	1 Director Seat #2 <b>Veteran Seat</b>	David Harrow – <b>Appt.</b>			

**Note regarding Memorial District Seats: A majority of the seats on the board shall be designated for veterans (a person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States). All other seats can be filled by either non-veterans or veterans. California Military & Veterans Code 1197 & 940.**

<b>PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT</b>					
<b>PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>CUTLER</b>	1 Director Seat # 3	Jose Guerrero	\$380	Candidate	849
	1 Director Seat # 5	Fernie T. Rubalcaba			
<b>EARLIMART</b>	1 Director Seat # 1	Hershey Washington	\$320	District	1,118
	1 Director Seat # 2	Silvestre Vargas			
<b>OROSI</b>	1 Director Seat #3	Ronnie Castillo	\$320	Candidate	1,083
	1 Director Seat #5	Alex Marroquin			
<b>PORTER VISTA</b>	1 Director Seat # 2	Kit Murphy	\$330	Candidate	1,244
	1 Director Seat # 4	Irene Bakich			
	1 Director Seat # 5	Lewis Sewell, Jr			
	1 Director Seat # 3 ST	Eduardo Navarrete			
<b>SPRINGVILLE</b>	1 Director Seat # 1	David L. Ploneis – <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	345
	1 Director Seat # 2	Marlin Curtis Murray - <b>Appt.</b>			
<b>STRATHMORE</b>	1 Director Seat # 1	Christina Mason – <b>Appt.</b>	\$310	Candidate	441
	1 Director Seat # 2	David Chandler			
<b>WOODVILLE</b>	1 Director Seat # 2	Mary Ellen Valdivia	\$300	District	250
	1 Director Seat # 3	Anthony Mosleh - <b>Appt.</b>			
	1 Director Seat # 4	Larry Vasquez – <b>Appt.</b>			

<b>SANITATION DISTRICT</b>					
<b>SANITATION DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>LEMON COVE</b>	3 Directors	Clair Fox – <b>Appt.</b> George Barnes – <b>Appt.</b> Michael B. Smith– <b>Appt.</b>	\$300	Candidate	26

<b>STORM WATER DISTRICT</b>					
<b>STORM WATER DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>		<b>TULARE CO. REG</b> 4/23/2013
			<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>WHO PAYS</b>	
<b>DEER CREEK</b>	1 Director	Vacant	\$300	Candidate	267

**MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS**  
In the  
**November 5, 2013 UDEL Election**

FIRE DISTRICT

Orange Cove Fire – Fresno/Tulare

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Alta Irrigation – Fresno/Kings/Tulare

Hills Valley – Fresno/Tulare

Orange Cove – Fresno/Tulare

## **VOTING SYSTEM IN TULARE COUNTY**

Tulare County uses Dominion Voting System. A majority of voters will continue to vote on paper ballots, and then feed their paper ballot into an optical scan vote tabulation unit at their polling place. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), at their choice, voters may instead vote on a ballot counting unit which utilizes touchscreen technology called the Edge or Direct Record Electronic voting machine or “DRE”. There will be at least one touchscreen unit at each polling place.

Each touchscreen is capable of the following:

- Displaying ballot text in either English or Spanish
- Displaying ballot text in an enlarged font for easier reading
- Utilizing a handheld key pad and an audio headset to vote (specifically designed for blind, visually-impaired or illiterate voters)
- Eliminating the possibility of a voter “over voting” a race. In other words, voting for more candidates than they are allowed to vote on, which cancels their votes for that race;
- Reducing the likelihood of voters inadvertently missing the back side of a ballot (by forgetting to turn over their paper ballot and not voting for races on the back side) by requiring voters to scroll through all races before casting their ballot
- Allowing voters to review their choices before casting their ballot by first displaying a summary on the screen and then printing a summary of who they voted for (called a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail).

**NOVEMBER 5, 2013**  
**CONSOLIDATED DISTRICTS ELECTION CALENDAR**

<b>July 15 – Aug 9, 2013</b> (E-113 – E-88 )	Declaration of Candidacy & Nomination Petition filing period.
<b>August 1, 2013</b>	Semi-Annual Campaign Statements (Form 460) due (Cover Period 1/1/13 – 6/30/13)
<b>Aug 9, 2013 @ 5 PM</b> (E-88)	Last day for.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- candidates to file nomination papers</li> <li>- candidates to withdraw their nomination papers/candidacy</li> <li>- candidates to file a Candidate Statement (must be filed with Declaration of Candidacy)</li> </ul>
<b>Aug 12 – Aug 14, 2013</b> (E-85 – E-83)	Extension of Nomination Period if incumbent did not file (not applicable for federal offices, central committee seats, vacant seats or when incumbent is ineligible to file due to term limits).
<b>Aug 10 – Aug 20, 2013</b>	Public Inspection of Candidate Statements and all other materials to be printed in county voter pamphlet (sample ballot). (If extension applies, period will be August 15 – August 25, 2013). (EC 13313)
<b>Aug 15, 2013 @ 11 AM</b> (E-82)	Random Alphabet drawing for placement of candidate names on the ballot (drawings by Secretary of State and County Elections Office).
<b>Sept 9 – Oct 22, 2013</b> (E-57 – E-14)	Filing Period for Write-In Candidacy.
<b>Oct 7 – Nov 29, 2013</b> (E-29 – E-7)	Period for Elections Official to receive Vote By Mail ballot requests from voters.
<b>Oct 21, 2013</b> (E-15)	Last day for voters to register to vote. Registration cards must be received in the Elections Office or postmarked by this date.
<b>Oct 29, 2013</b> (E-7)	Last day for County Elections Official to receive a voter's application for a Vote By Mail ballot to be mailed.
<b>Oct 26, 2013</b> (E-10)	County Elections Official may begin processing Vote By Mail ballots for counting. (No results will be released until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day).
<b>Oct 30 – Nov 5, 2013</b> (E-6 – E day)	Late Condition Vote By Mail Period - If voter is unable to go to the polls to vote, they may designate an authorized representative to pick up and return the voted Vote By Mail voter's ballot. Request must be in writing and signed by the voter (representative must be named in the request).



# CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS





## CITY COUNCIL

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>Required. 20-30</b> signatures to be gathered between July 15, 2013 and August 9, 2013 (or August 14, 2013 if extension applies).
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with City Clerk's Office by August 9, 2013. Either file a copy in Elections Office or have City Clerk fax a copy of the cover to Elections Office.
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See FPPC section of this, booklet starting on page 42.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension applies). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26 and 27 in this book.
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 words or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201, HSC 13841) <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>1</sup> (California GC 53227 & 53227.2)

<sup>1</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT<sup>2</sup>

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	None
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>Required.</b> 20-30 signatures to be gathered between July 15, 2013 and August 9, 2013 (or August 14, 2013 if extension applies).
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with City Clerk's Office by August 9, 2013. Either file a copy in Elections Office or have City Clerk fax a copy of the cover to Elections Office.
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<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See pages 37, 38, 40 and 42 in this book.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26, 27, 30 and 31 in this book.
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201, HSC 13841) Candidates must be registered voter/resident of the trustee area they are filing for. <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b>	No person shall file nomination papers for more than one "school" district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. (E.C. 10603(c)) Also, 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(b)(1))

<sup>2</sup> Visalia Unified School District candidates follow the requirements for city council candidates instead of school district candidates due to their formation under the city charter.

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See pages 37, 38, 40 and 42 in this book.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 9, 2013 if an extension). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26, 27, 30 and 31 in this book.
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201). <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b>	No person shall file nomination papers for more than one "school" district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. (EC 10603(c)) Also, 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(b)(1))

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013). <b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See FPPC section of this booklet, starting on page 42.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension applies). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26 and 27 in this book
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 words or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201 & Government Code 61040(b)) <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRICT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	A member of the board of directors shall not be the general manager, the district treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district, except for volunteer firefighters. (Government Code 61040(e))
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510(B))

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See pages 37, 38, 40 and 42 in this book.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26, 27, 30 and 31 in this book.
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201 & H. & S.C. 13841) <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. (Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510)

# IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See FPPC section of this booklet, starting on page 42.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension applies). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26 and 27 in this book
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 words or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	A member of the board of directors of an irrigation district must be a voter and a landowner of the district and a resident of the division that the director represents at the time of nomination or appointment and during the director's entire term. (California Water Code 21100 - SB 1939 passed in 2000). Exceptions: Pixley Irrigation and Hills Valley Irrigation Districts only require landownership in the "district", not residency in the district (Water Code 21100.2 & 21100.4). <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resign as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>3</sup> (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510(B))

<sup>3</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## MEMORIAL DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See FPPC section of this booklet, starting on page 42.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension applies). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26 and 27 in this book
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 words or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201). A majority of the seats on the board (3) shall be designated for veterans (a person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States). All other seats can be filled by either non-veterans or veterans. (California Military & Veterans Code 1197 & 940). <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resign as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>4</sup> (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510(B))

<sup>4</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See FPPC section of this booklet, starting on page 42.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension applies). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26 and 27 in this book
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 words or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201) <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resign as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>5</sup> (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510(B))

<sup>5</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## SANITATION & STORM WATER DISTRICTS

	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>NOMINATION SIGNATURES</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (FORM 700)</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed by August 9, 2013 (or if extension applies August 14, 2013).
<b>501</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy (excluding candidate statement fees). See page 42 in this book.
<b>410</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 410</b> must be filed if campaign contributions will total \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. A Candidate's personal funds used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold. See page 43 in this book.
<b>460</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 460</b> must be filed if a candidate raised or spent or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. See pages 37, 38, 40 and 42 in this book.
<b>470</b>	<b>FPPC FILING</b>	<b>Form 470</b> must be filed if a candidate does not anticipate spending or receiving more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. See page 41 in this book.
	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</b>	<b>Required.</b> Must be filed with County Elections Office by August 9, 2013 (or by August 14, 2013 if an extension). You will take an Oath of Office; designate how your name is to appear on the ballot, and what ballot designation (occupation) you want to appear under your name on the ballot. See pages 26, 27, 30 and 31 in this book.
	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>	<b>Optional.</b> This is a 200 word or less statement you write describing your education and qualifications. It is printed in the sample ballot booklet. It must be filed before or at the time of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. <b>Payment</b> for statement is required at time of filing. See pages 32-34 in this book.
	<b>QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE</b>	Registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for the office you are seeking at the time your nomination papers are issued. To be a registered voter, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent. (EC 201) <b>Per Penal Code §893, if a person is serving as an elected public officer they are not competent to act as a grand juror.</b>
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE</b>	An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resign as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office. <sup>6</sup> (California Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)
	<b>RESTRICTIONS ON RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE</b>	A person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. (EC 10510)(B))

<sup>6</sup> This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary, or where the salary the volunteer firefighter would otherwise receive is applied directly by the local agency toward the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage.

## GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

(local non-partisan offices)

### GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

The California Elections Code (EC) requires all candidates for public office in California to be registered voters and otherwise qualified to vote for the office they are seeking at the time their nomination papers are issued. The constitutional requirements to be a registered voter are that a person must be a United States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the next election, and not determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent.

### Holding and/or Running for More Than One Elected Office at the Same Time

A public officer who is appointed or elected to another public office and enters upon the duties of the second office, automatically vacates the first office **if the two are incompatible**.

Offices are incompatible, in the absence of statutes suggesting a contrary result, if there is any significant clash of duties between the offices, if the dual office holding would be improper for reasons of public policy, or if either officer exercises a supervisory, or removal power over the other.

(58 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 323, 324-325 (1975))

The County Elections Office is not allowed to give legal advice or interpret which offices are "incompatible." If you intend to file nomination papers for a second elected office, you should consult your own legal counsel or contact the Attorney General's office at (916) 322-3360 or visit their website, [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov). The State of California Attorney General's Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six examples of incompatible offices:

- The offices of city councilman and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
- Fire chief of a county fire protection district and member of the board of supervisors of the same county;
- High school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district which is completely within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
- Water district director and a city council member;
- Water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common;
- Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

### PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR SOME OFFICES

For offices specified in the following pages, no person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate unless that person has filed all appropriate papers accompanied by documentation, including, but not necessarily limited to, **certificates, declarations under penalty of perjury, diplomas, or official correspondence**, sufficient to establish, in the determination of the official with whom the declaration or statement is filed, that the person meets each qualification established for service in that office. (EC 13.5(a)(1))

### RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE

An employee of a local agency (a city, county, district, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision, or other public agency of the state) may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the legislative body (board of supervisors, city council, governing body of a district, etc.) of that local agency unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment shall automatically terminate upon his or her being sworn into office.

This does not apply to any volunteer firefighter who does not receive a salary. (Government Code 53227 & 53227.2)

**Restrictions on Candidates for School Board**

Specific restrictions apply to candidates for school boards. No person shall file nomination papers for more than one "school" district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. (EC 10603(c))

Also, 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(b) (1))

**Restrictions on Candidates for Irrigation District**

A member of the board of directors of an irrigation district must be a voter and a landowner of the district and a resident of the division that the director represents at the time of nomination or appointment and during the director's entire term. (California Water Code 21100 - SB 1939 passed in 2000)

**Special Requirements for Directors of Memorial Districts**

A majority of the seats (three (3) out of five (5) seats) on the board shall be designated for veterans (a person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States). All other seats can be filled by either non-veterans or veterans. (California Military & Veterans Code 1197 & 940)

**Family Member of Candidate Serving as a Pollworker**

Neither a candidate nor members of a candidate's immediate family are eligible to serve as poll worker/precinct officers at any polling place which has ballots on which the candidate's name appears.

**NOMINATION PETITION  
FOR CITY COUNCIL & VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

**Nomination Period - July 15, 2013 to August 9, 2013**

It is suggested that prospective candidates obtain the necessary forms from the Elections Official as soon as possible on/or after the first day to circulate and file. The papers should be filed as soon as completed so that any irregularities may be corrected before the last filing date. There are no additions or corrections to the nomination petitions after 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file; so any papers that are found "Not Sufficient" needs to be modified before then.

**Nomination Period Extension - Ends August 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

An extension of the Nomination Period applies if the incumbent does not file. Extension does not apply to vacant seats. Incumbents cannot file during the extension.

**Third Party Picking up Nomination Papers for Candidate**

Candidates are encouraged to pick up their own nomination documents in order to receive instructions on the various forms. However, if a candidate gives written authorization to another person along with the candidate's name and address, the elections office will issue the nomination papers provided the candidate is properly registered at the address given. If a third party picks up the nomination papers for the candidate, they will be required to sign a responsibility statement.

**Number of Nomination Signatures Needed**

Minimum needed: 20  
Maximum that can be filed at once: 30

## **Nomination Petition Signers (Sponsors)**

- 1) Each signer must sign their own name and residence address.
  - a) Post office boxes and ditto marks are NOT accepted (EC 100).
  - b) A person who is unable to personally affix the required information may request another person to print the signer's name and place of residence in the appropriate spaces of the petition, but the signer shall personally affix his or her mark or signature which shall be witnessed by two persons by subscribing their names thereon (EC 100.5).
- 2) Each signer must be a registered voter in the city, ward, or trustee area that is eligible to vote on the candidate in the election.
- 3) A signer may complete a registration card at the time of signing the nomination petition and then have it filed in the elections office by the candidate at the time they file their nomination papers.
- 4) Each signer of a nomination petition can sign only as many nomination petitions as there are places to be filled for that office (EC 8069). For example, if there are two (2) city council seats up for election, then a voter may sign nomination petitions for up to two (2) different city council candidates.

## **Circulators of Nomination Petitions**

- 1) The nomination petition may be circulated by the candidate or an appointed circulator.
- 2) Only one person may circulate a petition section.
- 3) The circulator shall be a registered voter in the city, ward, or trustee area in which the candidate is to be voted on. (EC 8451)
- 4) The circulator (whether candidate or an appointed circulator) must complete and sign the Affidavit of Circulator portion of each nomination petition section.

## **Confidentiality**

Once filed, nomination petitions can be viewed, but not photocopied. (EC 17100(c))

## **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

A sufficient Declaration of Candidacy must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on the close of the Nomination Period for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot. (EC 13 & 8020)

### **Candidate Must Sign the Declaration of Candidacy**

The Candidate must sign the Declaration of Candidacy in two (2) places:

- The Affidavit of Nominee
- The Oath of Allegiance. The Oath must be signed before a Deputy Elections Official, a notary, the city clerk (for city offices), the district secretary (in cases of an office in a special district such as memorial or irrigation districts), or the superintendent of schools (in cases of candidates for school board).

### **Candidate Must Print His or Her Name as it is to Appear on Ballot**

No title or degree can be used on the same line as the candidate's name. (EC 13106)

The candidate's name will be printed on the ballot exactly as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy. Nicknames should not indicate or allude to an occupation or a title, but should be limited to derivatives of the candidate's name.

If a candidate changes his or her name within one year of any election, the new name shall not appear upon the ballot unless the change was made by marriage or decree of court of competent jurisdiction. (EC 13104)

If there are two (2) candidates with the same or similar name who have filed for the same office, the candidates may, at the time of filing their nomination papers, or within five (5) days after the time for filing nomination papers has expired, file with the County Elections Official a statement asking that a "number" of their choice be placed next to their name on the ballot as a distinguishing mark. If both candidates choose the same number, the first candidate to file the statement will receive their choice; the other candidate will have to select a new number. (EC 13118)

### **Candidate May Indicate a Ballot Designation**

At the option of the candidate, a designation may appear under the candidate's name on the ballot. Designations are subject to the limitations of EC 13107 and the California Code of Regulations 20710 et. seq. See section on Ballot Designations.

### **Candidate Must Indicate if He or She Will File a Candidate Statement**

A candidate must indicate if he/she chooses to file a statement of qualifications, known as a Candidate Statement. Candidate Statements are printed and mailed to the voters in the sample ballot booklets and can be found in the voter information pamphlet section. See Candidate Statement portion of this Guide.

### **Random Alpha Sequence of Names on the Ballot**

After the close of the extended nomination period, the Secretary of State will conduct the randomized alphabet drawing. This process is a random drawing of the letters of the alphabet, which will be used to determine the primary placement of candidate names on the ballot for all offices. (EC 13111 & 13112) This order remains the same throughout the district. (EC 13111)

For State Assembly or State Senate offices where the district includes more than one county, the County Elections Official in each county, instead of the Secretary of State, shall conduct a separate drawing of the letters of the alphabet called a county randomized alphabet which will apply to these offices only. (EC 13111(i))

### **Rotation of Candidates' Names On Ballot**

- STATEWIDE, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES: Candidates for statewide office shall rotate by Assembly Districts. Rotated names will appear in the random alpha order in the lowest numbered Assembly District in which the name appears; thereafter for each succeeding Assembly District, the name appearing first in the last preceding Assembly District shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged. (EC 13111(c) & (d))
- COUNTY-WIDE OFFICES THAT ONLY APPEAR IN TULARE COUNTY: Candidates for county-wide offices (e.g. District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner, etc.) shall rotate by County Supervisorial District. Rotated names will appear in the random alpha order in the lowest numbered Supervisorial District in which the office appears; therefore, for each succeeding Supervisorial District, the name appearing first in the last preceding Supervisorial District shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged. (EC 13111(g))
- ALL OTHER OFFICES DO NOT ROTATE: The order of candidate's names for all other offices will not change. (EC 13111)

## **EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD**

An extension of the Nomination Period applies if the incumbent does not file by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period (eighty-eight (88) days before the election). Incumbents cannot file during the extension, but any other qualified candidate may file.

The extension of the nomination period does not apply to the following:

- Vacant seats
- Seats in which the incumbent cannot file due to term limits
- Federal Offices such as U.S. Senate or U.S. Representative in Congress
- County Central Committees

## **NOMINATION PAPERS**

STATEWIDE OFFICES - Nomination papers for a statewide office for which the candidate is to be nominated shall be signed by voters of the state equal to but not less in number than one percent (1%) of the entire number of registered voters of the state at the time of the close of registration prior to the preceding General Election.

NON-STATEWIDE OFFICES - Nomination papers for an office, other than statewide, shall be signed by at least three percent (3%) of the entire number of registered voters in the district at the time of the close of registration prior to the preceding General Election. Ask the Elections Official for the number of signatures needed.

## **WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

The last day a candidate may withdraw his candidacy for a particular office is always the last day of the nomination period for that office (either the eighty-eighth (88<sup>th</sup>) day before the election or the last day of the extension, if applicable). Once the nomination period is over, requests for withdrawal of candidacy are not accepted and the candidate's name will appear on the ballot (or in cases where there are insufficient nominees, the candidate's name will be submitted for appointment in lieu of election).

To withdraw, a candidate must submit a written and signed request to withdraw his or her candidacy to the Elections Office by the deadline.

If a candidate decides that they want to run for a different office, they must submit a request to withdraw their candidacy and then complete the regular paperwork to file for the new office.

If nomination signatures were gathered for the first office and then the candidate withdraws, the signatures will not apply towards a different office. Nomination signatures are gathered for a specific office and cannot be transferred to a different office. The candidate may have the voter sign the nomination petition for the new office.

# WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

(for local offices)

## **Filing as a Write-In Candidate**

Every person who declares to be a write-in candidate shall file:

- (1) A Declaration of Candidacy for Write-In Candidates provided by the Elections Official.
- (2) The required number of signatures on the nomination papers.

The Declaration of Candidacy for Write-In Candidates and nomination papers shall be available on the fifty-seventh (57<sup>th</sup>) day prior to the election and shall be filed with the Elections Official no later than fourteen (14) days before the election. (EC 8601)

Signers of nomination papers for write-in candidates shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. (EC 8603)

No name written upon a ballot by the voter shall be counted for an office or nomination unless the candidate whose name has been written on the ballot has complied with the above requirements. (EC 15341)

There is no filing fee for a write-in candidate. (EC 8604)

## **Tallying of Write-In Votes**

Write-in votes will only be partially processed on election night. There will, however, be **no reporting of write-in vote results on election evening**. Because write-in votes must be hand tallied, the counting of write-in votes is handled as part of the official canvass.

## **Reporting Votes for Write-In Candidates on Election Night**

Final results for “qualified” write-in candidates will not be reported on election night. Instead, the election night report will show a total count of votes cast for ALL write-in candidates (whether qualified or not). The votes for qualified write-in candidates are hand-tallied and reported in the Official After Canvass Report (usually days after the election).

## **Other Items of Interest**

The California Administrative Code, Title II, Division VII, Sections 20100-20105, specifies the requirements for the counting of write-in votes (e.g. misspelled or incomplete name, etc.). Rather than enumerating the requirements herein, a copy of the provisions will be provided, upon request, to qualified write-in candidates and other interested parties.

The name of a write-in candidate shall be written by hand upon a ballot. The use of pressure-sensitive stickers or methods other than handwriting to indicate the name of the write-in candidate is not valid, and a name indicated by any such method shall not be counted. (EC 15342)

In order to vote for a write-in candidate when voting on a touchscreen unit, the voter presses the oval next to the write-in line, an image of a keyboard appears on the screen and the voter types in the name of the write-in candidate.

## BALLOT DESIGNATIONS

(occupational designation appearing under candidate's name on ballot)

The candidate may request a ballot designation appear under his/her name on the ballot, but are not required to and may leave the space for such designation blank. In order to notify the Elections Official of the candidate's intention if no occupation is desired on the ballot under his/her name, the word "none" must be written on the application in the appropriate space. "None" will not appear on the ballot, the candidate must initial the appropriate box on the Declaration of Candidacy.

A candidate who wishes to have a ballot designation appear under his/her name on the ballot may choose ONLY ONE of the following:

<b>Office Title</b>	
Words designating the office may be used if the candidate at the time of filing nomination papers holds an elective office (federal, state, county, city or district) to which he/she was elected by a vote of the people.	<i>Examples:</i> Representative in Congress, 19th District Member of the Board of Supervisors
<b>Incumbent</b>	
The word "Incumbent" may be used if the candidate is a candidate for the <u>same office</u> which he or she holds at the time of filing nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people, or appointed as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election. Note: Judicial candidates may use the word "Incumbent" whether they were elected or appointed to the position.	<i>Example:</i> Incumbent
<b>Appointed Incumbent</b>	
The words "Appointed Incumbent" may be used if the candidate holds an office by appointment, and is filing as a candidate for election to the <u>same office</u> . An appointed officeholder may also use the word "Appointed" and the title of the office if the candidate is filing for election to the <u>same office</u> or to <u>some other office</u> .	<i>Examples:</i> Appointed Incumbent Appointed Governing Board Member Appointed City Council member
<b>Principal Occupation, Vocation, or Profession in 3 Words or Less</b>	
The candidate may use a generic form of their principal profession, vocation, or occupation in <u>no more than three words</u> . Note: California geographical names will be considered one word.  See following for <b>RESTRICTIONS ON OCCUPATION DESIGNATIONS.</b>	<i>Examples of <b>acceptable</b> designations:</i> farmer, school teacher, small business owner, legislator <i>Examples of <b>acceptable</b> designations denoting a vocation:</i> housewife, homemaker, parent, mother, father <i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> Sunkist Farmer, Divisadero School teacher, Owner of McDonald's
<b>NO MISLEADING DESIGNATIONS:</b> The designation must not mislead the voter. No acronyms.	<i>Example:</i> You cannot use "teacher" if you only volunteer teaching Sunday School at church and are not a credentialed teacher.

<p><b>NO STATUSES:</b> The designation must be the candidate’s principal occupation or vocation and cannot be a status.</p>	<p><i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> Activist, taxpayer, patriot, concerned citizen, husband, wife, or veteran</p>
<p><b>NO EVALUATIONS:</b> The designation must not suggest an evaluation of a candidate.</p>	<p><i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, popular, or eminent</p>
<p><b>NO ABBREVIATION OF THE WORD “RETIRED”:</b> No abbreviations of the word “retired” may be used and “retired” may not be placed following any word or words it modifies.</p>	<p><i>Example of <b>acceptable</b> designation:</i> Retired Police Officer <i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> Ret. Police Officer Police Officer, Retired</p>
<p><b>NO PREFIXES:</b> No prefix which indicates prior status may be used, except for the word “retired” (see above).</p>	<p><i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> Former Surgeon Ex-School Principal</p>
<p><b>NO POLITICAL PARTY:</b> The name of a political party may not be used, whether or not it has been qualified for the ballot. Note: Central Committee candidates are the exception to this rule.</p>	<p><i>Examples of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> Republican Legislator Democratic Congressman</p>
<p><b>NO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES:</b> No references related to any activity which is prohibited by law may be used.</p>	<p><i>Example of <b>unacceptable</b> designations:</i> drug dealer</p>
<p><b>NO RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR ETHNIC GROUP:</b> No words may be used that refer to a racial, religious or ethnic group.</p>	<p><i>Examples of <b>acceptable</b> designation:</i> Priest <i>Example of <b>unacceptable</b> designation:</i> Catholic Priest</p>

(EC § 13107 & Cal Regulation 20710 et seq.)

**Notice of Unacceptable Designation**

If an Election Official finds an occupational designation to be in violation of the above restrictions, the candidate will be notified by certified mail with a return receipt requested.

The candidate must come to the Elections Office and provide an alternative designation within three (3) days from the date of receipt of the notice. If he/she fails to provide an alternative designation within this time, the candidate’s name will appear on the ballot without a designation.

**Ballot Designation Worksheet**

In case your ballot designation is questioned or determined to be unacceptable, a Ballot Designation Worksheet is required to be filed whenever a ballot designation is indicated on the Declaration of Candidacy. The Ballot Designation Worksheet is due at the same time that the candidate files the Declaration of Candidacy. The worksheet may include information such as proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate’s preference in case the original is unacceptable, a statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation(s) especially if somewhat vague or potentially misleading, and in general, proof or justification of the designation the candidate has selected. (EC 13107.3 and Cal. Code of Reg. § 20711)

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT RULES

### Length

- Non-Partisan Local Office – no more than 200 WORDS.
- Word count standards shall be pursuant to EC 9. Telephone numbers and web site addresses shall count as one word each.

### Format

All statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided by the County Election Official. EC 13307 requires Candidate Statements have UNIFORMITY IN APPEARANCE. In addition, there are page layout and spacing restrictions which require candidate statements to adhere to the following rules.

### **ANY CANDIDATE STATEMENT WHICH DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE RULES BELOW WILL BE CORRECTED BY THE ELECTIONS OFFICIAL.**

- **Statements must be typed in UPPER & LOWER CASE.**
- **No BOLD, UNDERLINES, or ITALICS may be used.**
- **Statements must be in BLOCK PARAGRAPH FORM.**
- **NO BULLETS, STARS or ASTERISKS are allowed.**
- **TABLES or LISTS of items or phrases should NOT be vertical or indented, but must be strung together in paragraph format.**

### Content

Statement shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Moreover, no statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements, nor any obscene or profane language, statements or insinuations.

Statements shall be written in the first person (i.e. "I am running..." **not** "She is running..." or "Jane Doe is running...") and shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.

The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. (EC 13307(a)(1))

Each statement shall be accompanied by a declaration executed under penalty of perjury declaring that the information contained therein is true and correct.

### **Order of Statements in Sample Ballot Booklet**

Statements for the same office will be printed in the voter information pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot in the order determined by the random alphabet drawn pursuant to EC 13112 or 13111(i), as applicable. Rotation (as provided in 13111) shall not apply to the order in which statements are printed.

### **Translations into Other Languages**

The statements will automatically be printed in languages required by the federal Voting Rights Act. In Tulare County, the County Elections Official will arrange for all statements to be

translated, printed and mailed in Spanish as well as English. Translations will be provided by the Election Official, not the candidate. (EC 13307(3b))

### **Mailing Sample Ballot Booklets**

The Elections Office shall send to each registered voter, typically inside the Sample Ballot booklet, the candidate statements of each candidate. (EC 13307). Sample Ballots will be mailed not less than twenty-one (21) days before the election to each voter who is registered at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the election. (EC 13303). Please take note, voters in mail ballot precincts are sent an official ballot as soon as they are available, starting at twenty-nine (29) days before the election. This may be before all Sample Ballots have been mailed. (EC 3005). Additionally, the Elections Office is not legally required to mail Sample Ballots or candidate statements to voters who register less than fifty-four (54) days before the election. (EC 13306)

### **Candidate Statement Filing Information**

The Candidate Statement shall be filed with the County Elections Official of the county of residence at the time the nomination papers are filed. (EC 13307(a)(2)). If the statement is for an election in which nomination papers are not required to be filed, then the statements must be filed no later than the eighty-eighth (88<sup>th</sup>) day before the election.

### **Public Examination Period**

Once filed the Candidate Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline for nomination papers for such office for the election (typically at 5:00p.m. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.) (EC 13311)

Candidate Statements shall be on public display and, as such, subject to examination and challenge by any voter of the jurisdiction, pursuant to EC 13313, for a period of ten (10) calendar days following the close of filing for each such office.

### **Changing or Withdrawing a Candidate Statement**

A Candidate Statement may be withdrawn, but shall not be changed, at any time up to 5:00 p.m., the next working day following the filing deadline for nomination papers for such office; except as specifically required by the Elections Official, as provided above. Once withdrawn, a new statement may not be filed. (EC 13307(a)(3))

### **Cost of Candidate Statements**

The cost of each statement is estimated by the county Elections Official. Payment is due upon filing the nomination papers. The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Election Official is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund of any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. (EC 13307(c))

If a candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay in advance the requisite fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit an Affidavit of Financial Worth (form available from the Elections Office) and a copy of their last federal income tax report (or a signed release form) to be used by the district in determining whether or not he or she is eligible to submit a candidate statement without payment of the fee in advance. (EC 13309)

## Candidate Statement Example

Official issuing form will complete top portion (including cost, word limit, and who is to pay)

ESTIMATED COST OF STATEMENT: \$ 1,000 TO BE PAID BY (circle one): CANDIDATE DISTRICT

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**SMART SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Governing Board Member**

NAME: Jane Doe AGE: 32  
(optional)

Occupation: Businesswoman  
(Optional - May be more descriptive than what will appear on the ballot)

Education and Qualifications:  
(Statement word count begins here)

I am running for the governing board of the Smart School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Smart High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district.

I own and operate my own business, so I am well aware of the need to operate within a budget. With proper distribution of resources and educational materials I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district.

I have been active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also served as a volunteer at the Community Recycling Center as time allows.

I am looking forward to serving you on the Smart School District Governing Board.

Thank you for your vote.  
*J.D.*

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I declare that I prepared the above statement which is to be printed in a voter's pamphlet and mailed to each registered voter of my district. I further state that if the cost of printing is the responsibility of the candidate, I will pay for my prorated cost of the statement at such time as instructed by the elections official.

If I have no competition or my contest will not appear on the ballot, I wish to withdraw my Candidate Statement within 24 hours and receive a full refund.

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Jane Doe

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Signature of Candidate

Candidate Statement.doc (12-21-2005)

Occupation may be more specific than ballot designation

If either age or occupation is left blank, none will be printed

All statements should be typed, in upper and lower case lettering, block paragraph style

Correct any typos prior to filing and initial

Candidate must sign form.

By checking this box, your statement will not be printed and you will receive a full refund if

- 1) there are not enough candidates for your contest to go to the ballot, or
- 2) there are not enough candidates for your contest but your contest is required to appear on the ballot anyway.

**SMART SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Governing Board Member**

**JANE DOE** **AGE: 32**

**Occupation:** Businesswoman  
**Education & Qualifications:**

I am running for the governing board of the Smart School District because I feel I can bring a balance to the board. I attended local schools, graduating from Smart High School in 1985. I am married and currently have two children attending school in the district.

I own and operate my own business, so I am well aware of the need to operate within a budget. With proper distribution of resources and educational materials I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district.

I have been active in the P.T.A., served on the Save Our Youth committee, and am an active member of the All-Faith Church. I have served as Boy Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for the past 3 years. I also served as a volunteer at the Community Recycling Center as time allows.

I am looking forward to serving you on the Smart School District Governing Board.

Thank you for your vote.

Your Candidate Statement will appear in the Sample Ballot Booklet on an 8 1/2 x 11 size page with as many as 3 other statements in basically this format.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FPPC)

## **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)**

428 J Street, Suite 620

Sacramento, CA 95814

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Fax: (916) 322-3711

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P.O. Box 1467

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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## **Federal Elections Commission (FEC)**

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## **Tulare County Registrar of Voters**

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Fair Political Practices Commission  
 Filing Schedule for  
 Candidates for Local Office  
 Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Local Candidates  
 Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Local Measures  
 Being Voted on November 5, 2013

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Apr 30, 2013</b> <i>Quarterly</i>	1/1/13 – 3/31/13	<u>460</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only ballot measure committees must file this report.</li> </ul>
<b>Jul 31, 2013</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	thru – 6/30/13	<u>460</u> <u>470</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 460.</li> <li><b>Incumbents and candidates</b> who filed candidacy papers on or before June 30, and who do not have open committees must file Form 470 (see pg. 2).</li> </ul>
<b>Within 24 Hours</b> <i>Contribution/Independent Expenditure Reports</i>	8/7/13 – 11/4/13	<u>462 &amp; 496</u> <u>497</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>462:</b> Primarily formed committees making independent expenditures (“IEs”) must file this form with the FPPC. (File Form 462 within 10 days.)</li> <li><b>496:</b> File if independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more are made. <b>Candidates and primarily formed ballot measure committees: Do not file for expenditures made on your own committee’s behalf.</b></li> <li><b>497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is received.</li> <li><b>497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is made to <i>another</i> candidate or <i>another</i> measure being voted upon November 5, 2013.</li> <li><b>Deadlines:</b> File Forms 496/497 within 24 hours (see note on page 2).</li> <li>The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</li> <li>File personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or fax.</li> </ul>
<b>Sep 26, 2013</b> <i>Pre-Election</i>	7/1/13 – 9/21/13	<u>460</u> <u>470</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ballot measure committees must file Form 460.</li> <li>Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see pg. 2). If a Form 470 was filed on or before July 31, 2013, another Form 470 is not required.</li> </ul>
<b>Oct 24, 2013</b> <i>Pre-Election</i>	9/22/13 – 10/19/13	<u>460</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All committees must file Form 460.</li> <li>File by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service only.</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 31, 2014</b> <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/20/13 – 12/31/13	<u>460</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidate and ballot measure committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2013.</li> </ul>

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Additional Election Reports

Depending on committee activity, one or all of the following reports may also be required:

- **460 - Ballot Measure Quarterly Report:** Prior to the semi-annual period in which the measure(s) supported or opposed is being voted upon, primarily formed ballot measure committees must file quarterly campaign statements in addition to semi-annual statements. Following the election, quarterly statements may also be required.
- **465 - Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report:** Committees that make independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more to another candidate or measure file this report. Candidates see prohibition below.
- **511 - Paid Spokesperson Report:** File within 10 days of making an expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

- **Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) or to those 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) that are due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Statements filed after the deadline are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings are filed by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Candidate - Form 460 or 470:** Use Form 470-if less than \$1,000 is raised/spent in calendar years 2012 or 2013. Use Form 460 if \$1,000 or more is raised/spent in 2013 and also file Form 410, Statement of Organization. Note: All candidates must file Form 501 before soliciting contributions.
- **Form 470:** Candidates who do not have a committee and do not raise/spend \$1,000 in 2013 may file Form 470 once a year on or before September 26, 2013. If, later during the calendar year, a campaign committee must be opened, a Form 470 Supplement must be filed.
- **Candidates:** After an election, reporting requirements will depend on whether the candidate is successful and whether a campaign committee is open.
- **Prohibition on Candidate Independent Expenditures:** A candidate controlled committee may not make independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates and may not contribute to another committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check if additional local rules apply.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials available at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), click on the Campaign link.
- **Effective January 1, 2013, the following legislation took effect. Check the FPPC website for updates:**
  - 24-hour contribution/independent expenditure reports must be filed during the 90 day period before an election. Form 462 affirming the independent nature of the expenditure is required. (AB 481)
  - Local agencies may require electronic filings. (AB 2452)
  - All committees required to file Form 410 must pay a \$50 annual fee to the Secretary of State to fund improvements in the electronic filing system. (SB 1001)

**Fair Political Practices Commission  
City General Purpose Recipient Committees  
City Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees  
No City Election in 2013**

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Jan 31, 2013 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	thru – 12/31/12	450, 460, or 461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>General Purpose Recipient Committees:</b> Use Form 450 or Form 460.</li> <li>▪ <b>Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees:</b> Use Form 461. File only if contributions or independent expenditures were made after June 30, 2012.</li> </ul>
Jul 31, 2013 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	1/1/13 – 6/30/13	450, 460, or 461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>General Purpose Recipient Committees:</b> Use Form 450 or Form 460.</li> <li>▪ <b>Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees:</b> Use Form 461.</li> </ul>
Jan 31, 2014 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	7/1/13 – 12/31/13	450, 460, or 461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>General Purpose Recipient Committees:</b> Use Form 450 or Form 460.</li> <li>▪ <b>Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees:</b> Use Form 461. File only if a contribution or an independent expenditure is made after June 30, 2013.</li> </ul>

- **Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or official state holiday may be extended to the next business day. This extension does not apply to 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) and the deadline for the Form 497 that is due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **Method of Delivery:** All paper filings are filed by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Committee status:** A city committee may make contributions and independent expenditures in connection with other elections. Generally, a city committee is one that spends more than 70% of its funds in connection with city elections. See FPPC regulation [18227.5](#) to determine whether your committee is a city, county or state committee.
- **Local Ordinance:** Always check if additional local rules apply.
- **Public Documents:** All forms are public documents. Campaign manuals and instructional materials available at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), click on the [Campaign](#) link.
- **Effective January 1, 2013, the following legislation takes effect. Check the FPPC website for updates:**
  - Local agencies may require electronic filings. (AB 2452)
  - All committees required to file Form 410 must pay a \$50 annual fee to the Secretary of State to fund improvements in the electronic filing system. (SB 1001)
- If a committee is making independent expenditures/contributions in connection with another election, refer to that election filing schedule. In 2013, new reporting rules are in effect.

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Additional Reports

A city committee that makes political payments in connection with other elections may be required to file additional reports:

- **465 - Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports:** File if the committee makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a candidate or a ballot measure. See election calendar for deadlines.
- **495/460 - Supplemental Pre-Election Campaign Statements:** File if contributions totaling \$10,000 or more are made in connection with an election. Consult the filing schedule deadlines.
- **496 - Independent Expenditure Report:** File if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made in connection with a candidate or measure being voted on in another city, county or state election in 2013.
- **497 - Contribution Report:** File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is made in connection with a candidate or measure being voted on in **another** city, county or special state election, or **made to a political party committee** 90 days before a special state election in 2013.
- Forms 496 and 497 are due within 24 hours and are required 90 days prior to an election.
- **511 - Paid Spokesperson Report:** File within 10 days of making an expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

## **FINES & WAIVERS**

### **STRICT POLICY FOR LATE FPPC DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

(The Secretary of State instituted this policy in April 1995)

For twenty years, the Political Reform Act has required timely disclosure of the financing of political campaigns and state lobbying.

Unfortunately, over the years there has been a large number of campaign statements filed after legally required deadlines. These late filings deny voters and the general public of important information that should be current and readily available.

Disclosure statements filed late are subject to fines.

Effective immediately, the Registrar of Voters will only consider waiver requests based upon specified "good cause" reasons for late filing. (A complete listing of "good cause" reasons and related documentation are listed on the next page).

Acceptable "good cause" reasons involve situations beyond a filer's control, for example, incapacitating physical illness and natural disasters. The new rules for fine waiver requests are very specific and limited.

Examples of reasons for waiver request that are **NOT** "good cause" reasons and not acceptable:

- not being aware of law or its requirements
- not receiving notice of filing requirements
- not being available to sign forms
- not sending filing to proper official
- not knowing where to get forms
- not having complete information by filing deadline
- not picking up mail
- secretarial error

In addition, it is important to note that the Political Reform Act does not provide any exemptions for late fines if a filer fails to comply with written notification from a filing officer. Specifically, the Act mandates that late fines be imposed if after the filing officer has sent specific written notice of the filing requirement the campaign statements are not filed within twelve (12) days before an election.

Finally, it is important to remember that the great majority of people who file campaign and lobbying statements comply with the law. Many individuals devote long and hard hours to ensuring that disclosure statements are complete, accurate and filed on time. Consequently, it is a simple matter of fairness to implement a more rigorous policy for waiving fines imposed on those filers who are not diligent.

## **“GOOD CAUSE” REASONS FOR WAIVING LATE FILING FEES for FPPC Campaign Disclosure Statements (Forms 460, 497, etc.)**

The Registrar of Voters will consider a request to waive the payment of a late filing fee if the request is based on “good cause”.

### **Waiver Request**

A request of waiver must be submitted on a Request for Waiver of Liability Form. The waiver request must be signed by the person(s) required to file the particular statement or report upon which the late filing fee was assessed. There are two categories of “good cause” for waiving late filing fees. These causes must relate to the person required to file the report or statement.

### **First Category of Good Cause**

1. **INCAPACITATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS**

Adequate documentation consists of a doctor’s, psychologist’s, therapist’s or chiropractor’s statement giving the nature of the incapacitation, the date(s) thereof, and the individual’s name.

2. **HOSPITALIZATION**

Adequate documentation consists of a copy of the hospital bill or doctor’s statement showing the patient’s name and the date(s) of the hospitalization.

3. **ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT**

If medical attention is provided and results in the late filing, a copy of the hospital bill, emergency room service, or doctor’s statement, showing the patient’s name and date(s) and time(s) of medical attention, is adequate documentation. If the accident involvement results in delay or vehicle disablement which caused the late filing, adequate documentation consists of a police report showing the individual’s name, the date and time of the accident, and if applicable, whether or not the vehicle was disabled.

4. **DEATH**

Adequate documentation consists of a copy of the death certificate or an obituary notice.

### **Second Category of Good Cause**

The second category is defined as other unique, unintentional factors beyond the filer’s control not stemming from a negligent act or non-action. The factors are:

1. **THE LOSS OR UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

Due to a fire, flood, theft or similar reason. Adequate documentation shall consist of a police, fire or insurance report, containing the date of the occurrence and the extent of the loss or damage.

2. **OTHER UNIQUE REASONS**

These include compelling reasons beyond the filer’s control.

## FPPC FORMS OVERVIEW for CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICES

Most candidates must file either a 470 (Short Form) or a 460 (Long Form) to disclose their campaign's financial activities. If no money will be spent or received a 470 is filed. All Candidates must file a Form 700. If a 460 is to be filed, we recommend the candidate request a Manual 2 detailing filing obligations. Strict fines may result from failure to file a campaign statement in the time and manner required. The chart below is meant as an "extreme" overview and should in no way replace the Information Manuals or the advice of your legal counsel.

FORM #	WHO FILES	FILING DEADLINE	WHERE TO FILE	DELIVERY METHOD
470	For candidates who... 1) Do NOT have a controlled committee. 2) Do NOT anticipate receiving contributions totaling \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. 3) Do NOT anticipate spending \$1,000 or more during the calendar year.	Due at the time of filing Declaration of Candidacy	Filing Officer who receives campaign statements.  <i>For <b>City Council &amp; Visalia Unified School Board</b> Candidates filing officer is City Clerk.</i>  <i>For <b>School and/or Special District</b> Candidates filing officer is County Elections Office.</i>	Usually in person when filing Declaration of Candidacy.
470 Supp.	A 470 Supplemental is filed by any candidate who has filed Form 470 and subsequently... 1) receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more, or 2) makes expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more.	Must be sent within 48 hours of 1) receiving contributions of \$1,000 or more, or 2) making expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more.	Filing Officer who receives campaign statements & each candidate seeking the same office.  <i>For <b>City Council &amp; Visalia Unified School Board</b> Candidates filing officer is City Clerk.</i>  <i>For <b>School and/or Special District</b> Candidates filing officer is County Elections Office.</i>	Notice must be sent by telegram, guaranteed overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission if available. <b>Regular mail may NOT be used.</b>

460	<p>For Candidates to file if...</p> <p>1) Candidate raised or spent, or will raise or spend \$1,000 or more during the calendar year.</p> <p>2) \$1,000 or more was raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the candidate.</p>	<p>See "Financial Statement Filing Schedule for November 5, 2013 Election" in this Guide.</p>	<p>Filing Officer who receives campaign statements.</p> <p><i>For <b>City Council &amp; Visalia Unified School Board</b> Candidates filing officer is City Clerk.</i></p> <p>For School and/or Special District Candidates filing officer is County Elections Office.</p>	<p>See "Financial Statement Filing Schedule for November 5, 2013 Election" in this Guide.</p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b> For those candidates filing a Form 460, we recommend that you obtain/request a Manual 2, detailing your filing obligations. Failure to file a campaign statement in the appropriate time and manner required can result in the payment of strict fines. See the next section entitled "Fines and Waivers" in this book.</p>				
501	<p><b>Candidate Intention Statement</b> is generally filed by candidates that will be spending money or receiving any contributions towards their campaign, including personal funds used for the election.</p> <p><b>Do NOT FILE 501 if:</b> you will NOT solicit or receive contributions from <b>others</b> and the <b>only</b> expenditures will be from <b>your personal</b> funds used only for the candidate statement fee.</p>	<p><b>501</b> must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy.</p>	<p>Filing Officer who receives campaign statements.</p> <p><i>For <b>City Council &amp; Visalia Unified School Board</b> Candidates filing officer is City Clerk.</i></p> <p><i>For <b>School and/or Special District</b> candidates filing officer is County Elections Office.</i></p>	Mail

410	<p><b>Statement of Organization / Recipient Committee Form INITIAL</b>  Filed by any individual (including an officeholder or candidate), group of individuals, organization, or any other entity that <b>receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more during a calendar year.</b></p> <p>A <b>Candidate's personal funds</b> used to pay a filing fee or candidate statement fee are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TERMINATION</b>  <b>You do NOT automatically terminate your filing obligations.</b>  Must be filed when eligible to terminate filing obligations (such as filing Form 460s), basically when all accounts are at zero and there will be no further campaign activity. (See FPPC documentation for further details).</p>	<p><b>INITIAL</b>  Must be filed within 10 days of receiving \$1,000 in contributions.</p> <p>If a recipient committee qualifies during the last 16 days before an election, due within 24 hours.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TERMINATION</b>  When termination circumstances are met.  Typically after candidate is defeated or when an officeholder leaves office.</p>	<p><b>Original + one copy</b> - filed with Secretary of State - Political Reform Division.</p> <p><b>One copy</b> - filed with filing officer who receives campaign statements.*</p> <p>*For <b>City Council</b> and <b>Visalia School Board</b> Candidates filing officer is City Clerk. For <b>School</b> and/or <b>Special District</b> Candidates filing officer is County Elections Office.</p>	Mail or personal delivery.
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**Download blank forms or complete your forms on-line!**

Need blank forms to fill out? Don't really like filling out your forms by hand, but don't have a typewriter? If you have access to the internet, go to either website below. You can print out blank forms or complete your forms on-line, then print them out with a clean, typed look.

[www.tularecoelections.org](http://www.tularecoelections.org) OR [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

### 1. BE INFORMED

Study FPPC Manual 2. Local candidates should ask their Election Official about any local campaign restrictions.

### 2. BEFORE RAISING OR SPENDING ANY MONEY

File Form 501 (Candidate Intention). Then open a campaign bank account. Once \$1,000 is raised or spent, get an identification number by filing Form 410.

### 3. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Know the due dates for campaign statements and file on time.

### 4. KEEP GOOD RECORDS

Maintain details of contributions and expenditures of \$25 or more. Refer to record-keeping guidelines in Manual 2.

### 5. \$100 OR MORE IN CASH?

Never accept or spend \$100 or more in cash.

### 6. USING PERSONAL FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

All personal funds of the candidate must first be deposited in the campaign bank account, except for filing fee/candidate statement fee.

### 7. REPORT LATE CONTRIBUTIONS

If \$1,000 or more is received from one contributor during the last sixteen (16) days before the election, disclose receipt within twenty-four (24) hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds.

### 8. ITEMIZE CONTRIBUTORS

For contributions of \$100 or more, including loans and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, address, occupation and employer.

### 9. IF AN AGENT OR CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT BUYS GOODS OR SERVICES FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Itemize expenditures of \$500 or more made by the agent or consultant.

### 10. IDENTIFY CANDIDATE/COMMITTEE ON MAILINGS

Include your name and campaign address in at least 6-point type on the outside of all mass mailings (more than two hundred (200) pieces). Your committee's name may be used if it includes your name. If your name is not part of the committee's name, you may use just your name, or both your name and the name of the committee.

### 11. NO PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

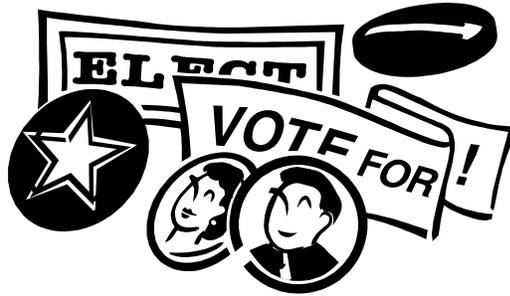
Use campaign funds only for political, legislative, or governmental purposes.

### 12. BE MORE INFORMED

Attend a campaign workshop in your area. Contact your filing officer or the FPPC if you have any questions.

*(the above is not necessarily applicable to federal offices)*

# CAMPAIGN LAWS & REGULATIONS





# POSTING POLITICAL SIGNS

## **State Rules**

§ 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act, exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- B. Is placed not sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within ten (10) days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department of Transportation certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign.

A Statement of Responsibility form can be obtained from the County Elections Office and should be returned to: Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Operations, Central California Outdoor Advertising Branch, P.O. Box 942874, MS-36, Sacramento, California, 94274-0001. Their phone number is (916) 651-1254

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within six hundred and sixty (660) feet of the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal.

*(Information above obtained from the Department of Transportation letter re: regulation of "Temporary Political Signs" dated November 2005).*

## **County Rules**

[Contact the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (ask for Gary Myatt, Road Use Investigator) at (559) 624-7000 OR 5961 S. Mooney Boulevard in Visalia (across from Mooney Grove in the Government Plaza building)].

A posting of any kind on county property is prohibited. County property means any real or personal property owned, leased or operated by the County and includes County property leased or licensed to third parties. (Ordinance 3332, § 2-09-1000 through 2-09-1025 – passed by Resolution 2006-0676 on 8/9/2006)

## **City Rules**

Most cities have additional restrictions on the posting of political signs within their city limits. The following are excerpts from their ordinances. Please contact the numbers listed for more information or for a complete set of their rules.

### **City of Dinuba**

A. Political Signs.

1. No person except a duly authorized public official shall erect any signs, outdoor advertising structure or display of any character upon any public property other than a public right-of-way and no such sign, outdoor advertising structure or display shall be erected or maintained within any city street right-of-way without first obtaining approval from the City in writing.

2. A sign permit shall be required to erect political sign within the city street right-of-way, upon receipt of an application and proof of the necessary liability insurance; the application shall be accompanied by a deposit to defer the cost of processing, inspecting and removal of the signs before and after any election.
3. No political signs shall be erected prior to forty-five (45) days before the date of the election to which they pertain.
4. Each person who obtains a permit for such political signs shall be responsible for the removal of all such signs within six (6) days after the polls have closed. After that date, the cost of removal of any sign or signs shall be assessed to the person who obtained the permit.

(§ 17.72.17) For more information, call: (559) 591-5900 and ask for Linda Barkley.

### **City of Exeter**

For information, call the Deputy City Clerk at (559) 592-9244 and ask for John Hill.

### **City of Farmersville**

9.a. Noncommercial signs expressing the opinion of the owner or occupant of the appurtenant property regarding political...topics of public interest shall be permitted so long as the messages remain noncommercial in nature. Such signs shall not be placed on fences, trees, utility poles, street furniture, or in the public right-of-way. Any such sign shall be erected not earlier than the closing date of filing candidacy and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after such election. One political sign per parcel per candidate, which may be double faced, is permitted providing that any such signs do not exceed ten (10) square feet per face and eight (8) feet in height.

b. In cases where political or campaign signs are not removed within the specified time period, the city planning department shall cause to be removed those signs which remain and the cost and expense of such activity shall be paid by the candidate.

(§ 17.84.040) For more information, call: (559) 747-0458.

### **City of Lindsay**

For information call the Code Enforcement Officer at (559) 562-2511.

### **City of Porterville**

§ 2012: Promotional, Campaign, and Political Signs.

A. Temporary promotional, campaign and political signs are permitted on private property in any zoned district and within the public right-of-way providing that:

1. The individual in charge of posting said signs files with the City Clerk his/her name, address and telephone number and receives a copy of § 2012 and 2015 of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. All such signs in any residential district shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area per sign.
3. Any such sign exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area...shall require approval of a use permit in conformance with Article 29 contained within the city's ordinance.
4. No such sign shall be posted within public rights-of-way in residentially zoned districts except along arterial streets and major collector streets that shall be named or designated prior to each election.

5. No such sign shall be located so as to constitute a hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
6. No such sign in the city right-of-way shall be attached to any pole or structure supporting a traffic control sign or device, street tree or fire hydrant.
7. No such sign shall be placed in the roadway or on the sidewalk.
8. No such sign shall be posted more than ninety (90) days preceding the date of the event or election to which the signs pertain.
9. All such signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the date of the event or election to which the signs pertain.
10. No such sign shall be placed in the public right-of-way abutting any public property including park lands nor within city maintained landscaped parkways within public rights-of-way.

B. Violations to any of the above regulatory conditions shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such; and each day that such violation continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

For more information, call: (559) 782-7442. For City Ordinances online, [www.ci.porterville.ca.us](http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us)

## **City of Tulare**

### 10.188.05 Standards by Sign Type

#### (K) Temporary Political Signs:

1. On lots or parcels privately owned with permission of the property owners.
2. The combined area of signs by any one candidate on any one parcel shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet.
3. Political signs shall not be attached to trees, fence posts or utility poles, except on private property where signs may be attached to trees and fence posts with permission of the property owners.
4. Political signs shall not be lighted either directly or indirectly.
5. No political sign or portion thereof shall be placed in any street right-of-way or on any other City-owned property.
6. No sign shall be erected in violation of street corner setback requirements...which are established to ensure traffic safety nor shall any such sign interfere with pedestrian traffic.
7. Political signs shall be erected no more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election.
8. Unless a waiver is granted by the City Council, all political signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the date of the election. Signs not removed within this period may be removed by the City and the cost of removal assessed against the candidate.
9. Provisions of this subsection shall not apply to political advertising on existing commercial billboard structures which shall be subject to the general provisions pertaining to such structures.

(City Code 10.188.05) For more information, call Bonnie Simoes at (559) 684-4223.

## **City of Visalia**

### § 17.48.090 - Political, campaign or nonprofit organization signs.

Political or campaign signs shall be erected in accordance with the following provisions: (no permit required)

- A. Any such sign shall be erected not earlier than eighty-eight (88) days prior to the election and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after such election. Candidates successful in a primary election are subject to the same provisions and shall remove signs fifteen (15) days prior to following the primary election and may erect signs not earlier than eight-eight (88) days prior to the general election.
- B. 1. Each candidate is allowed one political sign per parcel. On residential sites, the sign may be a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet in area and erected to a maximum height of six (6) feet. On commercial or vacant sites, the sign may be a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet in area and erected to a maximum height of six (6) feet except as provided in subsection (D) of this section.
  - 2. For the purpose of this provision, "residential site" means a lot or parcel which has a residential use or structure built on it and "commercial site" means a lot or parcel which has a commercial use or site on it. Residential or commercial sites is not intended to reflect the zoning of the property.
- C. Political or campaign signs may not be attached to trees, fence posts or utility poles except on private property where written permission from the property owners has been obtained.
- D. Portable or temporary "A"-frame signs are prohibited. V-shaped signs (two surfaces with two edges connected and the other two edges spread apart so that the faces are read from different directions) are permitted subject to the criteria that they are supported with a maximum of three posts placed with an interior angle of not more than ninety (90) degrees.
- E. No political or campaign signs shall be attached and erected on public property or with the public right-of-way and shall not obstruct sight line visibility at intersections.
- F. In cases where political or campaign signs are not removed within the specified time period, the city planning department shall cause to be removed those signs which remain and the cost and expense of such activity shall be paid by the candidate.
- G. Signs promoting social events of nonprofit organizations are subject to the same basic requirements as political signs.(Prior code § 7618).

For information, call the City Clerk at (559) 713-4512.

**City of Woodlake** -No additional restrictions.

### **Gas Company Recommendations**

When digging holes in order to post signs The Gas Company would like you to be aware that there are dangers of damaging gas and other utility lines. California One Call Law (Government Code 4216) requires that you call Underground Service Alert (USA) - two (2) days prior to digging. USA is a simple free one-call notification service to notify all member utility companies of your planned excavation. After you have delineated the exact digging location with white spray paint, the utilities will mark any underground lines in the area that may be affected by the proposed excavation. Call 1-800-227-2600 or 811.

### **Hanging Campaign Signs on Telephone or Utility Poles is Prohibited.**

The unauthorized attachment to supply, street light or communication poles or structures of signs, posters, banners, decorations, or any other such equipment foreign to the purposes of overhead electric line construction is a violation of Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 (Rule 34-A1a). Further, candidates and their campaigns that put signs on utility or communication poles are liable for the cost of any repair or injury resulting from such posting. (Public Utilities Code §10251)

## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Last Day to Register for November 5, 2013 Consolidated Districts Election: October 21, 2013

Candidates are allowed to distribute and collect voter registration cards. Registration cards can be obtained at any time from the County Elections Office upon completion of a "Voter Registration Card Statement of Distribution Plans" form. The rules are as follows:

1. A person entitled to vote must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the election. (EC 2106)
2. No fee may be charged for registration. (EC 2121)
3. Completed voter registration cards received from voters shall be returned to the Election Official **within three (3) days**. (EC 2138)
4. On the day of the close of registration for any election, all organizations shall immediately return all completed affidavits of registration in their possession. Unused cards shall be returned upon completion of the distribution plan. (EC 2139)
5. If any person assists in completing an affidavit of registration, that person shall sign and date the affidavit below the signature of the voter. (EC 2150(d)) Person assisting must also sign and deliver the stub and instructions to the voter. (EC 2158 (b)(1))

## POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement". The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

"Paid Political Advertisement" means and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective office. (EC 20008)

## ELECTIONEERING (CAMPAIGNING) NEAR POLLING PLACES

No person, on Election Day, shall within one hundred (100) feet of a polling place:

- (1) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, nomination petition or any other petition.
- (2) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (3) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications.
- (4) Do any electioneering.

As used in this section "one hundred (100) feet of a polling place" means a distance of one hundred (100) feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. These provisions also apply to campaign signs on or in a truck or car parked within one hundred (100) feet of a polling place.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. (EC 18370)

## SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

Every simulated ballot or sample ballot shall bear on each surface or page, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type of lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

NOTICE TO VOTERS  
(Required by Law)  
This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the County  
Elections Official or the Secretary of State.  
  
This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by           (insert name and address of the  
person or organization responsible for preparation thereof)          .

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

No simulated ballot or sample ballot shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered. (EC 20009)

## MASS MAILING OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

(Pursuant to EC § 16)

The following section of the Government Code does not constitute all of the law pertaining to this subject matter. However, Section 16 of the Elections Code requires that you be provided with the full text of this section at the time of filing your declaration of candidacy or petition for local initiative of referendum.

### **GOVERNMENT CODE 82041.5**

“Mass mailing” means over two hundred (200) substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.

### **GOVERNMENT CODE 84305**

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization’s address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.
- (b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.
- (c) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a).

## EXIT POLL TAKING

Exit poll taking must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from the door of the polling place. (Daily Herald Co. v. Munro (1988) 838 F. 2d 380)

## VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION DISTRIBUTION

Candidates are allowed to distribute Vote by Mail applications to voters and collect them for submission to the Elections Official. The master form is included in this booklet or can be obtained from the county elections official. The individual or group requesting the master is responsible for running their own copies.

### **Instructions for Individuals, Groups and Organizations Distributing Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots**

1. Any individual, group, or organization distributing applications for Vote by Mail ballots must use the uniform format approved by the Secretary of State as provided by the Secretary of State or the County Elections Office. Failure to follow the uniform format is a crime. (EC 3007, 18402)
2. Information which may be preprinted. The individual, group or organization distributing the applications may pre-print the following information on the application form:
  - The name of the applicant – the name of the voter must be printed as it appears on the affidavit of registration.
  - The address of the applicant – the address of the voter must be printed as it appears on the affidavit of registration.
  - Other Information – The Elections Official may or may not preprint the name and date of the election; the deadline for receipt of the completed application by the Elections Official; the name of the county in which the applicant resides; the name, address and telephone number of the organization providing the form; and the name, address and telephone number of the Elections Official. If the Elections Official does not preprint this information, the individual, group or organization distributing the applications should preprint these items prior to distributing the applications to voters.
  - Voter Affidavit Number and/or Bar Code – If an individual, group or organization distributing forms with the voter's name and residence address is preprinted, the number or bar code equivalent used by the Elections Official to identify a voter, may be required by that official to be preprinted in the box labeled "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."
3. Information which may NOT be preprinted on the application, but must be completed by the applicant.
  - Mailing Address – The address to which the actual Vote by Mail ballot shall be sent, if different than the residence address, may not be preprinted. The voter must complete this information.
  - Signature – The voter must sign the application for a Vote by Mail ballot.
  - No Party Preference – Political Party (for Primary Elections) – The checkmark and the name of the political party (for No Party Preference voters) shall be personally affixed by the voter. (EC 3006)
4. Statement Required. Any application that is preprinted must contain conspicuously printed the following statement – "You have the legal right to mail or deliver this application directly to the local Elections Official of the county in which you reside." (EC 3006(b)(3))
5. Distributor Information. The name, address and telephone number of the individual, group, or organization distributing the application must be printed on the application form. (EC 3008)
6. Return of Applications. Any individual, group, or organization that distributes applications for Vote by Mail ballots and receives completed application forms from voters shall return

the forms to the appropriate elections official within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the completed forms, or by the deadline for return of the Vote by Mail ballot applications, whichever is earlier. It is a crime to delay the proper return of a Vote by Mail ballot application. (EC 3008, 18576)

The applications may not be returned to the Secretary of State's office.

Failure to return completed applications in a timely manner to the appropriate Elections Official is a crime. (EC 18576)

7. Applications must be non-forwardable. Any Vote by Mail ballot application that is mailed to a voter by an individual, group or organization shall be non-forwardable. (EC 3008)
8. Vote by Mail ballots may not be sent to a Campaign Address. The requested mailing address to which a Vote by Mail ballot is to be sent may not be the address of any political party, political campaign headquarters, or a candidate's residence. Candidates as well as their families and other household members are, of course, exempt from this prohibition and may receive their own Vote by Mail ballots at the candidate's residence address. (EC 3006)
9. No Party Preference – Political Party in Primary Elections. The application shall inform the No Party Preference voter that he or she may request a Vote by Mail ballot for a particular political party for a primary election, but only if that political party has adopted a party rule, duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizing that vote. The application shall also contain a phone number that the voter may call to find out which parties have adopted such a rule. (EC 3006(c))

### **Prohibitions and Penalties Regarding the Vote by Mail Voting Process**

1. It is a crime to interfere with anyone's lawful right to vote. (EC 18502)
2. It is a crime to pay, or offer to pay, a person any amount of money or to give them anything of value in exchange for their vote for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone not to vote. (EC 18521-18524)
3. It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system. (EC 18562-18564)
4. It is a crime to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery to the Elections Official of a completed application for a Vote by Mail ballot. (EC 18576)
5. Unless authorized by the voter, it is a crime for a third party to retain a completed application for a Vote by Mail ballot for more than three (3) days (excluding weekends and holidays) or beyond the deadline for applying, whichever is earlier. (EC 18576)
6. It is a crime to deny a voter the right to return his or her application for a Vote by Mail ballot to the Elections Official. (EC 18576)
7. It is a crime to interfere with the prompt return of a voted Vote by Mail ballot (EC 18577) or to vote or attempt to vote a fraudulent Vote by Mail ballot. (EC 18578)
8. It is a crime to do any electioneering (work for the election of a candidate or measure), or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he or she is voting a Vote by Mail ballot. (EC 18371)
9. Vote by Mail ballot return envelopes are signed under penalty of perjury, a violation of which can result in prison term. (Penal Code 126)
10. It is a crime, punishable by imprisonment, to vote more than once in any election. (EC 18560)

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





## WHERE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN COMPLAINTS

1. **Where do I report false or misleading campaign materials?** No agency enforcement. These issues are dealt with in court.
2. **Where do I report violations of the Political Reform Act?** (Title 9 of the California Government Code at § 81000 through 91015), i.e. mass mailing requirements; slate mailers; campaign disclosure; proper use of campaign funds; disclosure of economic interests; contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) or 866-275-3772 or 916-322-5660.
3. **Where do I report election fraud?** Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California Secretary of State at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) or 916-657-2166.
4. **Where do I report unlawful use of public funds, violations of the Elections Code, the Penal Code, or any laws other than the Political Reform Act?** Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California State Attorney General at [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov) or 800-952-5225.
5. **Where do I report problems with a federal campaign like Congress, U.S. Senate, or President of the United States?** Contact the Federal Election Commission at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) or 800-424-9530.
6. **Where do I report violations of the open meeting laws (Brown Act)?** Contact your local district attorney at (559) 636-5494 or the California State Attorney General at [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov) or 800-952-5225.
7. **Where do I get information on local ordinances?** Contact your local city attorney or the District Attorney at (559) 636-5494.
8. **Where do I report vandalism or get requirements concerning campaign signs?** Contact local city attorney or Tulare County District Attorney at (559) 636-5494.

### FEDERAL & STATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 620  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
866-275-3772 | FAX: 916-322-3711

Reporting Enforcement Violations  
800-561-1861

Secretary of State  
Elections Division  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Fifth Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-657-2166 | FAX 916-653-3214

Secretary of State  
Political Reform Division  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 495  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-653-6224 | FAX 916-653-5045

Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463  
800-424-9530  
Hearing Impaired - TTY 202-219-3336

Attorney General  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550  
916-322-3360 | 800-952-5225

## CANDIDATE FILING

1. **Is the Elections Office open during the lunch hour?** Yes. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. On Friday we are open 8:00 a.m. to noon except on the last day to file nomination papers; we are open until 5:00 p.m.
2. **When is the candidate nomination extension period and can an incumbent file nomination documents during an extension period?** The candidate nomination extension period is the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following the end of the regular nomination period. An incumbent can't file during an extension period as it is only for any other candidate to pick up and file their nomination documents.
3. **How can I find out who else has filed for my contest?** This is public information. You can obtain this information by viewing the log at the Elections Office, calling or going to our website at [www.tularecoelections.org](http://www.tularecoelections.org). The Candidate List on our website is updated every day between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
4. **What happens if I am the only candidate to file for an office?** In most cases if there are insufficient nominees for a contest (no competition), those candidates that filed will be appointed in lieu of election (they shall qualify and take office and serve as if elected) and the contest will not appear on the ballot. Note: this rule does not necessarily apply to judicial, county or city offices.
5. **What if I change my mind about being a candidate after filing nomination papers?** You may withdraw as a candidate at any time prior to the close of the nomination period. After that date you are not permitted to officially withdraw and your name will appear on the ballot. (EC 10510)
6. **I am really busy, is there a way to make the candidate filing process faster?** Yes. You can make an appointment before coming in to pick up your nomination documents so we can have your nomination papers already printed out and ready when you get here. Typically, for contests that don't require nomination signatures, the process in the Elections Office can be done in about fifteen (15) minutes.
7. **May I change or correct the wording or spelling on my candidate statement after it has been filed?** No, you may not make any changes to your candidate's statement once it has been filed. Check your candidate statement carefully before filing. No responsibility or liability is assumed by the Elections Official for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. The statement is entirely the candidate's responsibility.
8. **If I file a voluntary candidate statement and I change my mind, may I withdraw the statement and receive a refund?** Yes, with certain conditions. The candidate statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. If you withdraw your statement within this time frame, you will receive a refund. After this time frame, your statement cannot be withdrawn, nor a refund given. (EC 13307(3)) Candidate statements are not printed if the contest does not go to the ballot. Additionally, when filing the statement, the candidate can indicate no statement is to be printed if no other candidate files for that contest.

## ELECTION NIGHT

1. **How can I get election night results?** The Elections Office will be glad to add you or your campaign committee onto our election night e-mail list. The latest election result report is attached to the e-mail and sent out as results are updated throughout the evening. If you prefer, the same results are also updated on our website throughout the evening. Printed reports are also available at our front counter.
2. **Can I come to the Elections Office on election night to watch the process?** Yes. The election process is open to the public.
3. **What time do you release the first report on election night?** The Elections Office will release the first report at about 8:05 p.m. on election night. The first report usually includes all Vote by Mail and mail precinct ballots received up to the day before the election. The remaining Vote by Mail and mail precinct ballots received through 8:00 p.m. on election night are processed during the official canvass and those results are included in the official certified results after Election Day.
4. **When are you usually done counting on election night?** It is the goal of the Tulare County Elections Office to have our election night final report released before 11:00 p.m.
5. **If I have the most votes on election night, do I win?** The final results announced on election night are not the final certified results. On Election Day, there are sometimes thousands of Vote by Mail and provisional ballots turned in at the polls that require processing before being included in the final certified count. Law allows the Elections Office up to twenty (20) and sometimes twenty-eight (28) calendar days to finish counting all the ballots and complete our canvass of the election. Our office attempts to provide periodic updates on our web page of updated results as well as our progress towards certifying the election. The election results are not final until the official certified results are released.
6. **Will I be notified that I have won?** No, not by the Elections Office. After the final official certified results are complete, Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office are sent to the district office, administrative office or county department, depending upon the contest. The district or department will usually take care of the swearing in ceremony, if any, and notification.



## VOTE BY MAIL PROCESS

**1. If a voter loses the Vote by Mail ballot that was sent to them, can they get another one?**

YES. Call the Elections Office for a replacement ballot. (EC 3014)

The Elections Official maintains a record of each request, and provides a list of these requests to the polling place to ensure that each voter casts only one ballot. If you vote twice by Vote by Mail ballot, even if by mistake, neither ballot will be counted. (EC 18560)

**2. Can I give my voted “Vote by Mail” ballot to someone else to return for me?**

If you are ill, or have a physical disability, you may designate a relative (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or other person living in the same household) to return your voted ballot for you. Your relative may return it in person to the Elections Office or to a polling place in your county, or may place it in the mail for return to the Elections Official. Contact your county elections official for more information. (EC 3017)

**3. If I request a Vote by Mail ballot, can I change my mind and still vote at my regular polling place?**

YES. You must bring your non-voted Vote by Mail ballot and give it to the polling place worker before voting a regular ballot. (EC 3015)

If you are unable to surrender your Vote by Mail ballot, you may still cast a “provisional” ballot at your polling place which will not be counted until the County Elections Official can determine that you have not also voted by Vote by Mail ballot. (EC 3016 and 14310)

**4. How are Vote by Mail ballots counted?**

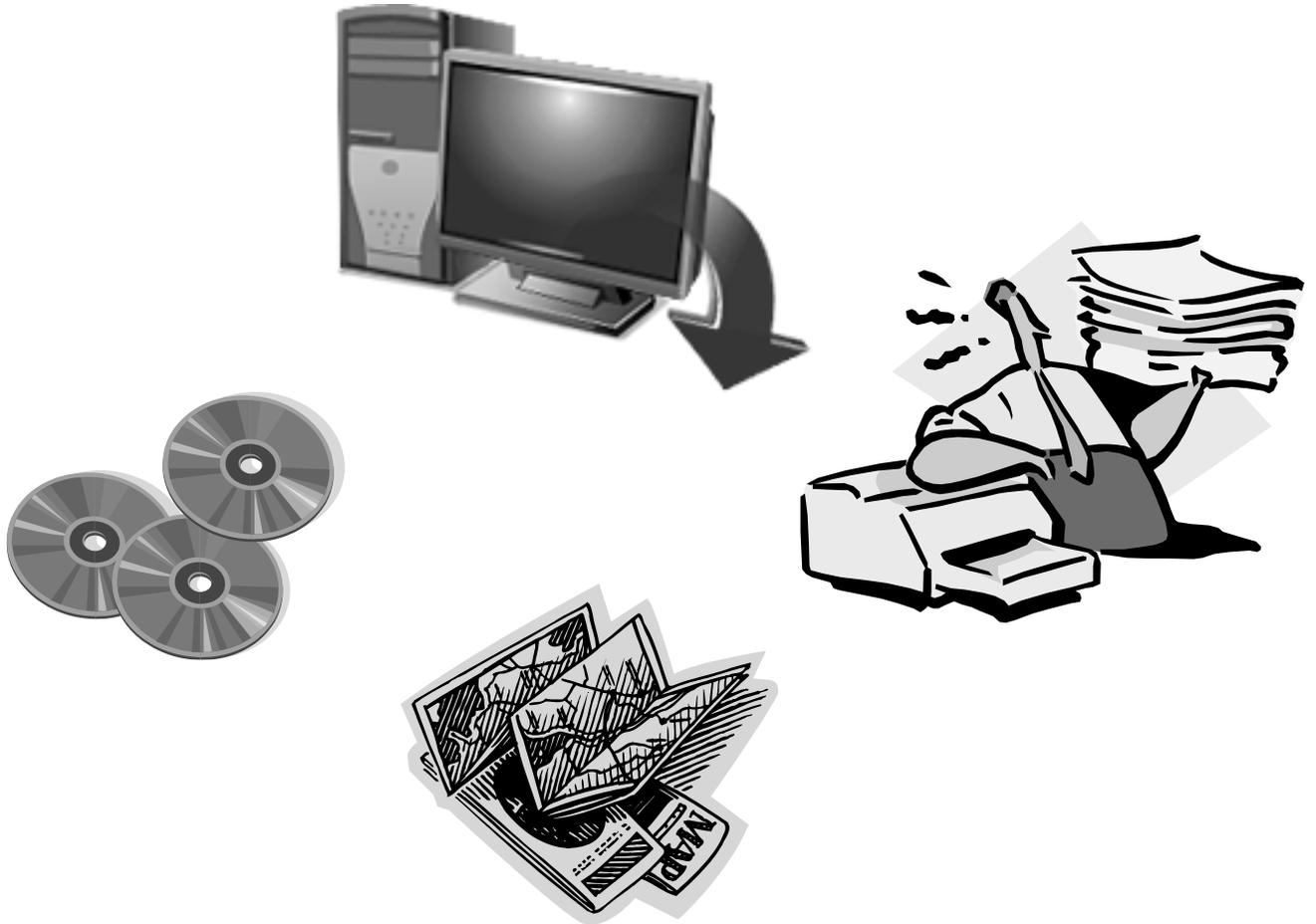
In general, Vote by Mail ballots are counted the same as regular ballots cast at a polling place. Once it is determined that the signature on the Vote by Mail ballot return envelope matches the signature of the voter on his or her voter registration card, the ballot and the envelope are separated. The processing of Vote by Mail ballot return envelopes, and the counting of Vote by Mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (EC 15101 & 15104(a))

If the Vote by Mail ballot is challenged, and that challenge is upheld, the ballot remains in the envelope, is not counted, and the reason is indicated on the envelope. (EC 15105 & 15108)

The first results you are likely to hear reported on election night usually reflect votes cast by Vote by Mail ballot. These, however, are not complete totals and may reflect only those Vote by Mail ballots returned prior to Election Day. Those ballots received prior to Election Day can be “processed” (i.e. verify the signature, etc.) within the seven (7) business days prior to an election. Under no circumstance may a vote count be accessed or released until the polls close on Election Day. (EC 15101)

A substantial number of additional Vote by Mail ballots are returned on Election Day either to the polling place or to the Elections Office. These ballots, because they require the extra handling of checking the voter’s signature, and ensuring the voter did not also vote at the polling place, are usually the last ballots counted, and are not likely to be reported in the vote totals until after the Election Day. (EC 3102)

# SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES





## TULARE COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION FEES & CHARGES

(Board approved April 2013; effective July 1, 2013)  
All prices subject to taxes where applicable.

<b>VOTER &amp; ELECTION INFORMATION</b>			
Description of File	Cost	Unit	Additional Charges
<b>Electronic Files</b>			
<b>Voter File Extract (MVMJ004)</b>			
Less than 20,000 Registered Voters	\$35.00	Per District	CD \$5 each
History (up to 5 elections)	\$35.00	Per Election	E-Mail or FTP \$0
History (all elections)	\$175.00		
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More than 20,000 Registered Voters	\$70.00	Per District	CD \$5 each
History (up to 5 elections)	\$70.00	Per Election	E-Mail or FTP \$0
History (all elections)	\$350.00		
<b>Statement of Vote</b> (one election per file)			CD \$5 each
- <b>TXT File Versions</b> (comes with PDF version)	\$35.00	Per File	E-Mail or FTP \$0
- <b>PDF File Version only</b>	\$5.00		
<b>All Other Election Data Extracts</b>	\$35.00	Per File	CD \$5 each E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>Printed Data</b>			
<b>Statement of Vote</b> (full book format)	Varies	Total cost for copying and binding report.	
<b>Computer Printed Reports or Lists</b>			
50 pages or less	\$35.00	Per Request	CD \$5 each
More than 50 pages	\$0.10	Per Page (over 50)	E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>Precinct Index (MVMR10)</b>	\$0.50	Per 1000 Reg Voters	CD \$5 each E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>Labels</b>			
Setup Fee	\$35.00	Per File	CD \$5 each
+ Label Cost	\$27.50	Per 1000 labels	E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>VBM &amp; Mail Precinct Information</b> AVMJ004 - AVMJ011			
Data Received Daily (17 days) Setup + Media Charge	\$595.00	Per Election	Labels \$12 per 1000 CD \$5 each E-Mail or FTP \$0
Data Received Individual (limit 4 per election) Setup + Media Charge	\$35.00	Per File	

## VOTER & ELECTION INFORMATION

Description of File	Cost	Unit	Additional Charges
<b>Copy Charges</b>			
<b>Political Reform Documents</b>	\$0.10	Per page (Govt. Code 81008)	CD, E-Mail & FTP not available
<b>Retrieval Fee-Political Reform Document</b> (reports & statements 5 or more years old)	\$5.00	Per request (Govt. Code 81008)	CD, E-Mail & FTP not available
<b>Affidavit of Registration</b>	\$1.50	Each (Elections Code 2167)	CD, E-Mail & FTP not available
<b>Other Documents or Printed Reports</b>	\$0.10	Per page	
<b>Statement of Vote</b>	\$0.10	Per Page	
<b>Media Costs</b>			
<b>C.D.</b>	\$5.00	Each	
<b>Labels</b>	\$27.50	Per 1000 labels	After setup fee
<b>All Other Election Data Extracts</b>	\$35.00	Per File	CD \$5 each E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>Maps</b>			
<b>Paper Maps - Color or Black &amp; White</b> 8 ½" x 11" or 8 ½" x 14" 11" x 17"	\$5.00 \$10.00	Each (existing maps only)	CD, E-Mail & FTP not available
<b>Electronic Maps</b>	\$30.00	Each (existing maps only)	CD \$5 each E-Mail or FTP \$0
<b>All other maps and mapping services</b>		\$70 per hour creation fee	
<b>Misc Fees</b>			
<b>Returned Check</b>	\$20.00	2001-0147 Government Code 6157(b)	

## **CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA**

The street address, telephone number, precinct number and certain other information about registered voters is confidential under California law, and the Elections Office is prohibited from publicly disclosing that information to any person except for specified purposes. We can release the information to: any candidate for federal, state, or local office; any committee for or against any initiative, referendum, recall or bond measure for which legal publication is made; any person for **election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes**; and any person for **governmental purposes**, as determined by the Secretary of State. (*California EC § 2187, 2188, and 2194*)

### **WHAT IS NEEDED TO ORDER CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA?**

Before the Elections Office may publicly disclose confidential voter information to a requester, the requester must complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an Application for Voter Registration Information Form, and include the following: a copy of the requester's driver's license, state identification card or other identification approved by the Secretary of State; payment for the cost of the file/data (cash, check or money order), AND provision for shipping and/or delivery, either in payment for shipping costs (providing your FedEx account number is recommended) or instructions as to how to deliver data (for example, how to notify requester when data is available for pickup).

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET THE DATA REQUESTED?**

Requests received at the counter for voter and/or election data can usually be made available within about thirty (30) minutes. Requests received through the mail are typically available for next day shipping. These time frames are not guaranteed. Speed of service depends upon staff availability. If your request is urgent, it is recommended you communicate the urgency to staff and follow up all requests with a phone call to (559) 624-7300.

### **PAYMENT**

Payment can be made in the form of cash, check, or money order. We do not accept credit cards or debit cards. Payment must be received by the Elections Office **BEFORE** we will begin processing your request.

### **ORDERING VOTER OR ELECTION DATA THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICATION**

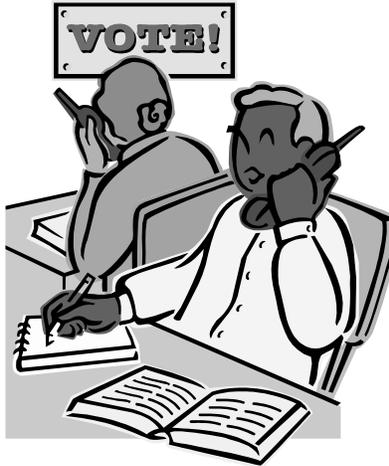
As on the chart above showing what data is available, not all data requires an Application for Voter Registration Information Form. If the data requested does not require an Application, simply put your request in writing, being as specific as possible. Be sure to specify how you prefer the data to be delivered as well as a contact name and number in case of any questions.

## RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASING A PRECINCT INDEX

The County Elections Office has a listing of all registered voters by district at the cost of \$.50 per thousand registered voters (\$.50 minimum). The listing is sorted by precinct, then by residential address, and name. It also shows political party and telephone number, if provided by the voter. This list is designed for precinct walking or phone banks, but does not have mailing addresses so is not recommended for use in mailing political material. The Elections Code has limited the number of precinct indexes a candidate or his/her campaign may purchase to two (2) per registration reporting close.

**Two (2) precinct indexes may be purchased in each of the time frames listed below:**

- \* 113 and 60 calendar days before the election
- \* 59 and 15 calendar days before the election
- \* the last 15 days before the election



# APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pursuant to EC § 2187, 2188, and 2194, voter registration information is available to persons or groups for ELECTION, SCHOLARLY, JOURNALISTIC, POLITICAL or GOVERNMENTAL purposes as determined by the Secretary of State. All requests to view, purchase, or use voter registration information must be accompanied by a written application.

NAME:		
DRIVER'S LICENSE #:	STATE:	EXPIRATION DATE:
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:		
HOME TELEPHONE #:	BUSINESS TELEPHONE #:	
BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS:		
<b>If you are purchasing or viewing this data on behalf of someone else (such as a business, candidate, committee or group) you must complete this information...</b> NAME , ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE, BUSINESS, COMMITTEE OR GROUP REQUESTING INFORMATION:		
Code/Name of Data Requested: _____		
<b>Format of Information</b> <b>OPTIONS:</b> <b>being requested:</b> Only include voters within		
<input type="checkbox"/> CD	this District (or precinct): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diskette		
<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct Index	Only include voters within this political party: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Report		
<input type="checkbox"/> Labels	Include voter history for the following elections: _____, _____,	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	_____, _____, _____.	
Specify the intended use of the confidential voter registration information:		
<b>PENALTIES:</b> Any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to section 2184 for elections purposes, or pursuant to Section 607 for election, scholarly or political research, or governmental purposes, who knowingly uses or permits the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than an election, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purpose, is guilty of a misdemeanor. ( <i>California EC, Division 17 Penal Provisions, Section 18109</i> ) The applicant agrees to pay the State of California, or the source agency, as compensation for any UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION INFORMATION an amount equal to the sum of fifty cents (\$.50) multiplied by the number of times each registration record is used by the Applicant in an unauthorized manner. ( <i>Title 2, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19001 - 19007 of California Administrative Code</i> )		
The aforementioned voter registration information set forth in affidavits of registration or derived from computer terminals, electronic data processing tapes or disks, printed labels and/or computer-printed listings will be used only for ELECTIONS, SCHOLARLY, JOURNALISTIC, POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE as determined by the Secretary of State. The information (or a portion or copy thereof) will not be sold, leased, loaned, or given to any person, organization or agency, without first receiving written authorization to do so from the Secretary of State or the county elections official. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all information on this form is true and correct under the laws of the State of California.		
Date: _____	City & State of Signing: _____	
Signature: _____		

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION SOLICITUD DE BOLETA DE VOTO POR CORREO		PCT #: _____
<b>1. NAME:</b> <i>(Nombre)</i> _____		BN#: _____ BT: _____
		INITIALS: _____ Date: _____
		Pty: _____
<b>2. DATE OF BIRTH:</b> ____/____/____ <b>3. E-mail:</b> _____ <i>(fecha de nacimiento)</i> <i>(correo electrónico)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Permanent Vote by Mail Voter</b>
<b>4. HOME ADDRESS IN TULARE COUNTY</b> (Do not use P.O. Box Number or other mailing address): <b>Domicilio particular en el Condado de Tulare</b> (No use un número de casilla de correo ni otra dirección postal):		Check here to become a Permanent Vote by Mail Voter. State Law now allows any voter who so requests, to be a Permanent Vote by Mail Voter. If you check the box above, a Vote by Mail ballot will automatically be sent to you for future elections. Failure to vote in two consecutive statewide general elections will cancel your Permanent Vote by Mail Voter Status and you will need to reapply. If you have questions concerning voting by Vote by Mail Ballot, telephone (559) 624-7300.
Number and Street <i>(Número y calle)</i> _____		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Votante por Correo Permanente</b>
City <i>(Ciudad)</i> _____ State <i>(Estado)</i> _____ Zip Code <i>(Código postal)</i> _____		
<b>5. TELEPHONE:</b> <i>(Teléfono)</i> (____) _____ (____) _____ Daytime <i>(día)</i> Evening <i>(noche)</i>		
<b>6. MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT</b> (If different from address to which this form was mailed): <b>Dirección postal donde desea que le envíen la boleta</b> (Si no es la misma a la que se envió este formulario):		Marque aquí para ser un votante por correo permanente. La ley estatal ahora permite que todos los votantes que lo soliciten sean votantes por correo permanentes. Si marca la casilla de arriba recibirá automáticamente una boleta de voto por correo en elecciones futuras. Si no vota en dos elecciones generales estatales consecutivas pierde su condición de votante por correo permanente y tendrá que volver a solicitarla. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el voto por correo, llame al (559) 624-7302.
Number and Street or P.O. Box Number <i>(Número y calle o número de casilla de correo)</i> _____		<input type="checkbox"/>
City <i>(Ciudad)</i> _____ State <i>(Estado)</i> _____ Zip Code <i>(Codigo postal)</i> _____		
<b>7. SIGNATURE:</b> This application will not be accepted without the proper signature of the applicant. <b>FIRMA:</b> Esta solicitud no se aceptará sin la firma correspondiente del solicitante.		
Voter must affix own signature <i>(El votante deberá firmar de su propio puño y letra)</i> _____ Date <i>(Fecha)</i> _____		

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM



Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a schedule election.
- B. Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the schedule election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment or inconvenience to you and your supporters. Please share this information with those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 651-9327.

Enclosure

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY  
POLITICAL SIGNS**

Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_\_ November Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office sought or Proposition Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County where sign(s) will be placed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of signs to be placed: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

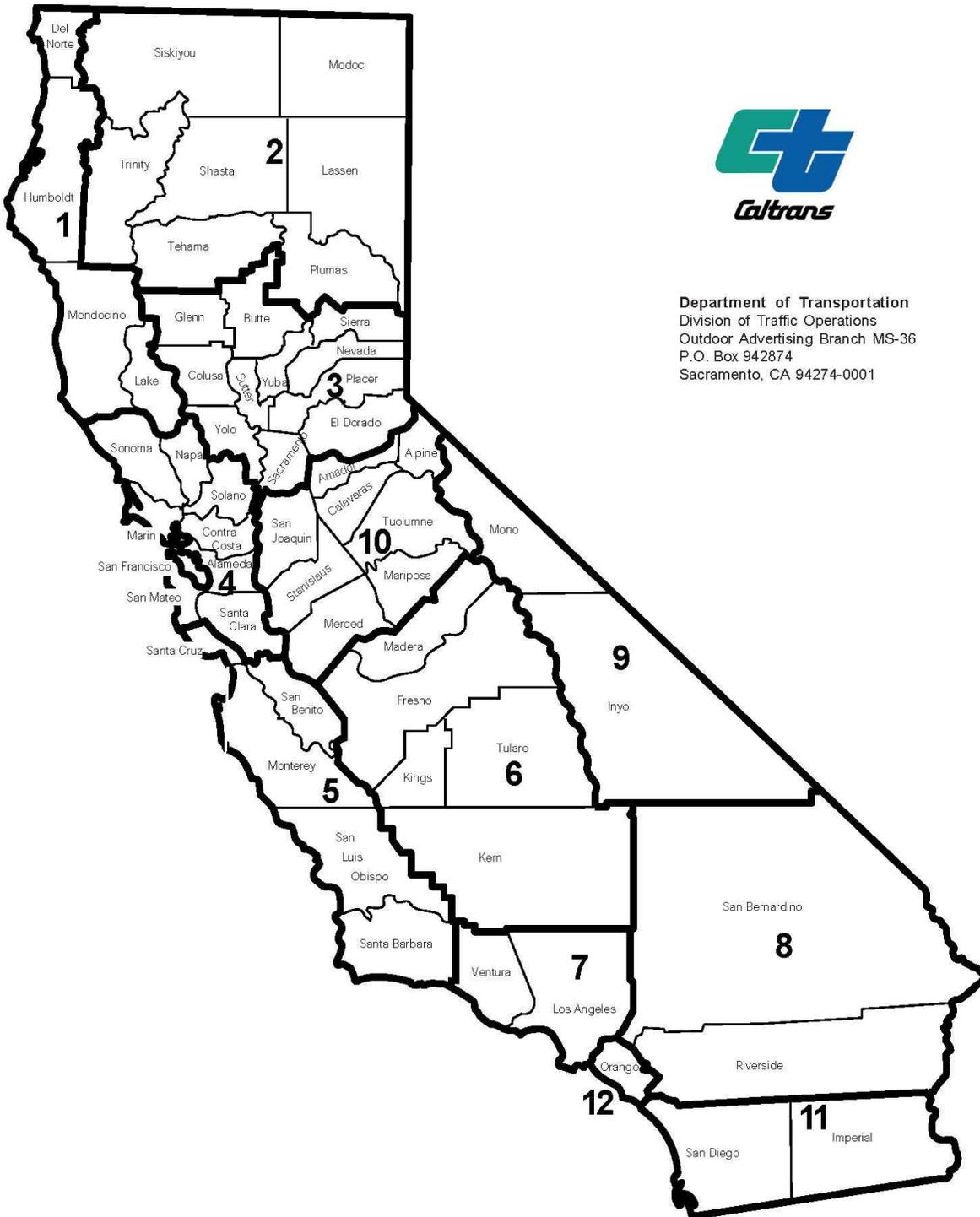
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Mail Statement of Responsibility to:**

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Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

**OUTDOOR ADVERTISING DISPLAY**



Department of Transportation  
Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Branch MS-36  
P.O. Box 942874  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

JANUARY 2011



# NOTES

