



County of Orange Registrar of Voters



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ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



WELCOME TO

ORANGE COUNTY
CANDIDATE FILING



Welcome & Introductions

- Julianna Mailhot, Manager, Candidate and Voter Services
- Tiffany Nevarez, Lead, Candidate and Voter Services



Registrar of Voters' Mission Statement

"To provide election services for the citizens of Orange County to ensure equal access to the election process, protect the integrity of votes, and maintain a transparent, accurate and fair process."



Registrar of Voters' Vision Statement

"To ensure excellence in the administration of elections to inspire confidence and trust in the democratic process."



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- 7/13/26 – 8/7/26 NOMINATION PERIOD
 - Campaign Finance Forms (Form 501,460,470)
 - Information Statement (online/in office)
 - Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)
 - Ballot Designation (Optional)
 - Candidate's Statement of Qualifications (Optional)
 - Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)
 - Declaration of Candidacy
 - AB 1392 Opt Out of Confidential Status form
- 8/10/26 LAST DAY TO WITHDRAWL CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
- 8/8/26 – 8/12/26 5-DAY EXTENTION PERIOD (if incumbent doesn't file)
- 9/7/26 – 10/20/26 WRITE-IN PERIOD

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION



VOTER NOMINATED*

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Controller
- State Treasurer
- Attorney General
- Insurance Commissioner
- Member, State Board of Equalization, District 4
- Representative in Congress
- Member of the State Senate
- Member of the State Assembly

NONPARTISAN

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction*
- Member, School District Governing Boards
- Member, Orange County Board of Supervisors*
- Member, City Council**
- Director, Special District Board of Directors

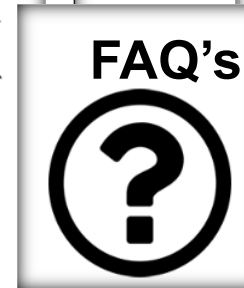
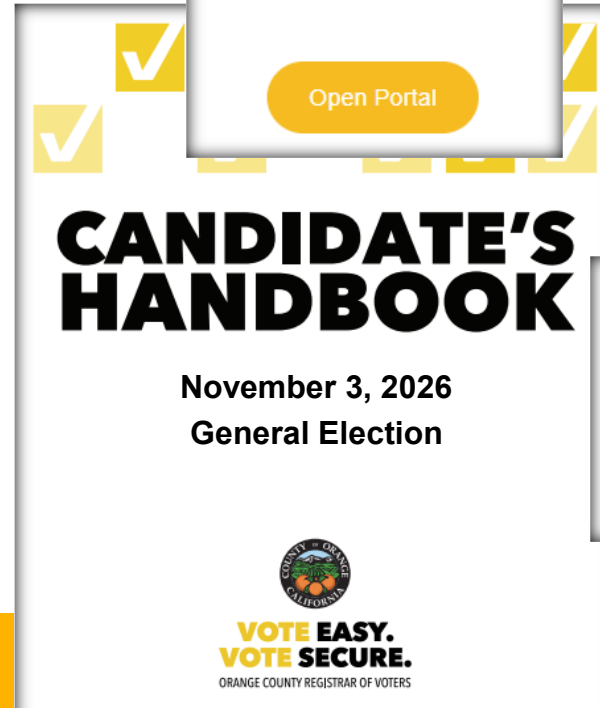
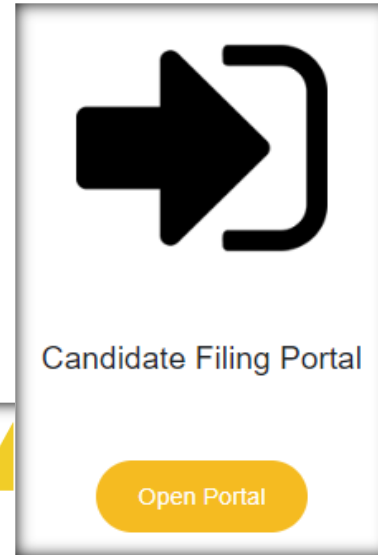
* Office limited to Top 2 runoff candidates.

** Candidate for City office must file with the City Clerk.

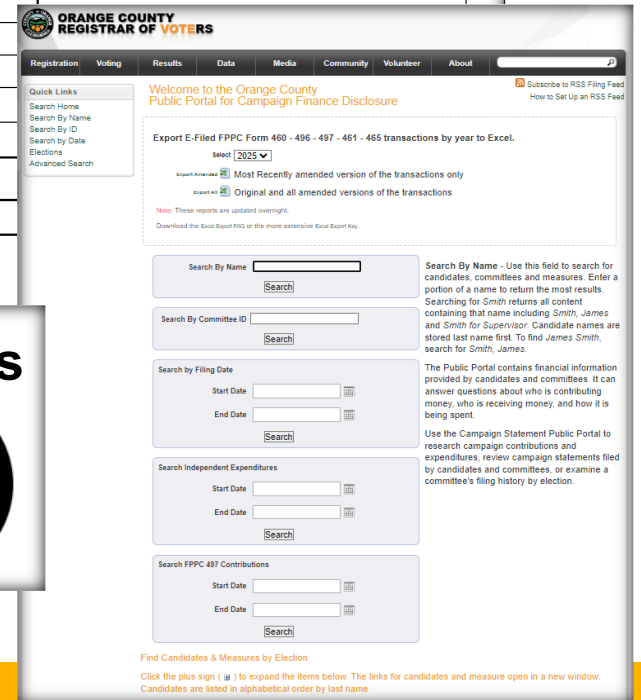


INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

- Begin Candidate Filing online option
- Election Calendar
- Candidate's Handbook
- Campaign Finance Portal
- Candidate Filing FAQ's



CITY OF IRVINE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5) CONDENSED CALENDAR April 15, 2025	
December 23, 2024 (E-113)	Nomination Papers/Declaration of Candidacy commences
January 17, 2025 (E-88)	Last Day to file Nomination Papers/Declaration of Candidacy
February 17, 2025 (E-67)	First Day to begin the Nomination Process to be a Write-In candidate.
March 17, 2025 (E-29)	Combined Voter Information Guides and Vote-By-Mail Ballots mailed to active registered voters in the City of Irvine, Council District 5
March 31, 2025 (E-15)	Last day to register to vote for the City of Irvine Special Municipal Election (Council District 5)
April 1, 2025 (E-14)	Last Day to file Nomination Petitions to be a Write-In Candidate.
April 1, 2025 through April 15, 2025 (E-14 - 0)	Conditional Voter Registration
April 5, 2025 (E-10)	
April 8, 2025 (E-7)	
April 12, 2025 (E-3)	
April 15, 2025 (E-0)	
May 9, 2025 (E+24)	



<https://ocvote.gov/candidates>



LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

- A candidate may, in a **dated, signed, written statement**, designate a person to obtain a Declaration of Candidacy form from the Registrar of Voters' office and deliver it to the candidate.
- The statement must show the candidate understands the form must be properly completed and an original wet-signature submitted to the Registrar of Voters' office **by the 88th day before the General Election (August 7, 2026)**.
- A designated person may return the completed Declaration of Candidacy. However, while someone may pick up filing documents on behalf of the candidate, **the candidate must be present to file and take the oath of office.**

NOTE: If the candidate is unable to be present, the Declaration of Candidacy may be notarized by a certified California notary public, with additional out-of-state notary options available in the handbook.

CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLIST



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Candidates running for office are required to complete the necessary documents which are issued at our office and must be completed to qualify to be on the ballot.

- Information Statement
- Code of Fair Campaign Practice
- Ballot Designation Worksheet (optional)
- Candidate's Statement (optional)
 - Payment
 - Statement Agreement
- Declaration of Candidacy
- AB 1392 Opt out form
- Campaign Disclosure forms

CANDIDATE INFORMATION STATEMENT



- Candidates may request to be issued candidate filing forms by submitting their information to our office online, using the online candidate filing portal or over the counter in our office.
- This form is used to provide your voter registration information, the office you're running for, how you'd like your name to appear on the ballot, and acknowledgement that you understand the dates and deadlines for various items.
- The candidate must agree that they are aware that their information is public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

501 Issued: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
501 Filed: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
470 Issued: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
470 Filed: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
CFCP Issued: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
CFCP Filed: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
Accepted Contribution Limits: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
Forming PAC: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

ONLINE CANDIDATE:
Yes ☐ No ☐

CANDIDATE INFORMATION STATEMENT

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CANDIDATE ID # _____
AGENT'S NAME _____
CANDIDATE _____
LTR OF AUTHORIZATION _____
ORIGINAL DOC GIVEN/COPIED _____
☐ SURVEY GIVEN
☐ MOR'S APPROVAL
☐ LEAD'S APPROVAL

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____ ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE
(Please print name as registered)

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION OF NAME: (Example: Soo-z-Q) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____
Number Street City Zip Code

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____
(area) (exchange) (cell)

FAX #: _____ E-MAIL: _____ WEBSITE: _____

FILING FOR OFFICE OF _____
DISTRICT: _____

ARE YOU AN INCUMBENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO IF YES, YOU ARE: ☐ ELECTED ☐ APPOINTED

CANDIDATE NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT: _____

CANDIDATES, PLEASE READ, INITIAL, AND SIGN

I have received the following:

☐ The Candidate's Handbook and Campaign Disclosure Kit. Initial _____
☐ The Code of Fair Campaign Practices form. I am aware that subscription to the Fair Campaign Practices Code is voluntary. Initial _____
☐ I understand that if I file a Candidate's Statement to be printed in the sample ballot pamphlet, my Statement will also be published on the ROV website. Initial _____
☐ I understand that if I file an electronic Candidate's Statement, my Statement will not be printed in the sample ballot pamphlet; it will only be published on the ROV website. Initial _____
☐ I understand that the deposit for a Candidate's Statement is an estimate only; I may need to pay more or I may receive a refund. Initial _____
☐ I am aware that if a Candidate's Statement is withdrawn, it must be withdrawn no later than 5:00 p.m. the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Initial _____
☐ The deadline for the Exchange of Candidates has been explained. Initial _____
☐ I am aware that complete documents are public record. Initial _____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____ DATE _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

1. PARTY AFFILIATION _____ PRECINCT _____ AFFIDAVIT # _____ REG DATE _____

2. PETITIONS IN LIEU OF FILING FEE ☐ YES ☐ NO ISSUED _____ DATE _____ BY _____ INITIAL _____

3. SIGS IN LIEU FILED DATE _____ SIGS _____ VALUE = \$ _____ BALANCE DUE _____ CAND. NOTIFIED _____
(Continue on back if necessary for sigs in lieu of filing fee)

STMT OF SIGS EMAILED/MAILED TO SOS DATE _____ DATE _____ MAILED _____ MAILED _____

4. FILING FEE PAID \$ _____ DATE _____ RECEIPT # _____

FILING FEE PAID \$ _____ DATE _____ RECEIPT # _____

5. NOMINATION PAPERS & DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY ISSUED _____ DATE _____ BY _____ INITIAL _____

RETURNED _____ DATE _____ REC. NO. _____

STMT OF SIGS EMAILED/MAILED TO SOS DATE _____ DATE _____ MAILED _____ MAILED _____

DOC EMAILED/MAILED TO SOS _____ MAILED _____ BALLOT DES EMAILED/MAILED TO SOS _____ MAILED _____

6. CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT ☐ YES ☐ NOT APPLICABLE PAID \$ _____ REC. NO. _____

E-CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT ☐ YES PAID \$ _____ REC. NO. _____

7. CERTIFIED DATE _____ BY _____ TO SEC. OF STATE _____ KEYED IN FIMS _____

Candidate Information Statement State Assembly/Senate 6.3.18



CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICE

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(Elections Code § 20440)

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

Signature

Date

Office

Presidential General Election November 3, 2020

It is the intent of the legislature that every candidate and political committee that subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and to discourage practices that cloud the issues or unfairly attack opponents.



BALLOT DESIGNATION

- The ballot designation is the word or group of words that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name designating the **principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate** at the time of pulling papers.
- The ballot designation worksheet is an option for candidates to tell voters something about themselves. The designation cannot be false or misleading.
- See Candidate's Handbook for further information.



BALLOT DESIGNATION

WHAT CAN I USE AS MY BALLOT DESIGNATION?

- **Elected office:** Words that designate the elected office which the candidate holds at the time of filing nomination documents. NO word limit for the official title of the office.
- **Incumbent:** The word “Incumbent” may be used if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers and must stand alone.
- **Appointed Incumbent:** The phrase “Appointed Incumbent” may be used if the candidate holds office by appointment, and the candidate is running for the same office.
- **3-word Profession/Vocation/Occupation:** No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate. If more than one profession, vocation or occupation is listed, it shall be separated by a slash (“/”).

- See Candidate’s Handbook for additional information on Candidate Ballot Designation Do’s and Don’ts.

BALLOT DESIGNATION - WORKSHEET



DO NOT LEAVE ANY
FIELD BLANK

- If the information requested does not pertain, please use the response “N/A”.
- Complete the gender option which will be used for translation purposes only.
- The ballot designation is limited to three words and must be your current profession, vocation, or occupation and should be added to the first line of the Proposed Ballot Designation section.
- If you are an Incumbent, you may use your official elected title as your ballot designation.

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

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

Candidate Information

1 Candidate Name: John Smith Gender (optional, for translation use only): M
Office: Orange County Supervisor, District 1 Email: Email address here
Home Address: 123 Street Name here, City, CA Zip
Mailing Address: N/A
Business Address: N/A
Phone Number(s): Business: 123-456-7899 Home/Mobile: N/A Fax: N/A

Attorney Information

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

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

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

Proposed Ballot Designation(s)

3 Proposed Ballot Designation(s): Orange County Supervisor, District 1
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: Teacher/Father/Student
Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: Incumbent

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

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

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

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

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Acceptable Ballot Designations Examples:

- ✓ Full Elected Official Title
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Plumber
- ✓ Homemaker
- ✓ Registered Nurse
- ✓ Security Guard
- ✓ Incumbent
- ✓ Appointed Incumbent
- ✓ Community Volunteer

Unacceptable:

- ✓ Former Mayor
- ✓ Commissioner
- ✓ Veteran
- ✓ Tax Activist
- ✓ Prominent Businesswoman
- ✓ School District Employee

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Candidate Information	1	Candidate Name	John Smith	Gender (optional, for translation use only)	M
		Office	Orange County Supervisor, District 1	Email	Email address here
		Home Address	123 Street Name here, City, CA Zip		
		Mailing Address	N/A		
		Business Address	N/A		
Attorney Information	2	Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf)	N/A		
		Address	N/A		
		Phone Number(s)	N/A		
		Business	N/A	Mobile	N/A

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

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/")].
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- (c) "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- (d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
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Proposed Ballot Designation(s)	3	Proposed Ballot Designation(s)	Orange County Supervisor, District 1
		Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1:	Teacher/Father/Student
		Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2:	Incumbent

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

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The justification for the use of the Proposed Ballot Designation from the prior page corresponds with page 2. The justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s)1 and Alternate Ballot Designation(s)2 are on page 3.

WHAT'S A JUSTIFICATION?

The justification is information about why you are able to use what you propose. This includes a brief description of your duties as well as the name of your employer, business and a contact who can verify the information is correct.

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

Justification for use of 1st PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

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

Justification for use of 2nd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

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

Justification for use of 3rd PVO:

Current or most recent job title: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Employer Name or Business: _____

Person who can verify this information:

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

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

1) Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?	Yes ☐ No ☐
2) Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed?	Yes ☐ No ☐
3) Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?	Yes ☐ No ☐
4) Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, veteran, or eminent?	Yes ☐ No ☐
5) Refer to a specific election cycle?	Yes ☐ No ☐
6) Abbreviate the words "retired"?	Yes ☐ No ☐
7) Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired	Yes ☐ No ☐
8) Use a word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation?	Yes ☐ No ☐
9) Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher	Yes ☐ No ☐
10) Use the name of a political party or political body?	Yes ☐ No ☐
11) Refer to a race, religious, or ethnic group?	Yes ☐ No ☐
12) Refer to any entity prohibited by law?	Yes ☐ No ☐

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

X _____

Candidate's Signature _____ Date Signed: Month/Day/Year _____

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

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Note: Comments such as "I work here" or "I've been doing this for X years" are unacceptable.



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Justification for use of 1st PVO:

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

Justification for use of 2nd PVO:

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

Justification for use of 3rd PVO:

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

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

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

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Make sure that you complete the questions on this page and initial.

THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

WHAT IS IT?

- The Candidate Statement allows a candidate to educate their voters about who they are. The candidates can express what they're passionate about, and why they deserve to be in office. It outlines the candidate's qualifications, goals, and vision with the purpose to inform, persuade, and engage the voters to obtain their vote.
- It may make **NO** reference to another candidate.

Contest ID: _____
Candidate ID: _____
Words: _____
[] 200 [] 400
November 3, 2020

Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

NAME: _____
OCCUPATION: _____
AGE: _____
(Optional)

Sample

INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

1. Signed and dated statement must be filed in the Registrar of Voters office at the time final nomination documents are filed. A copy will be given to the candidate.
2. This statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications.

Date: _____ Candidate's Signature: _____

SEE BACK-SIDE OF THIS PAGE FOR CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FORMATTING GUIDELINES.

Candidate's Statement 200.400.2020

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT - FORMATTING



DO NOT USE

Underline or **Bold** words

All CAPITAL Letters

Italics or type styles

Different type sizes

Bulletpoints, stars, asterisks, or numbers that function as bullet points in or out of paragraphs.

Ex. (* _____, * _____, * _____)

- The Candidate Statement shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.
- All Candidate's Statements written in the third person must also include the name of the candidate at the end of the statement and must be included in the word count.



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT - AGREEMENT

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT AGREEMENT

TO: Registrar of Voters, Orange County

I, _____, am a candidate for the office of _____ at the **Newport-Mesa Unified School District Trustee Area 5 Special Vacancy Election** to be held **June 10, 2025**. I have prepared and I am filing a Candidate's Statement in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code section 13307.

I understand that, pursuant to law, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange or other governing body has determined that each candidate utilizing this service shall pay in advance to the County of Orange his or her pro rata share of the cost of printing and handling such statement.

I wish to have a Candidate's Statement printed in the Voter Information Guide. The Candidate's Statement will also be published on the Registrar of Voter's website.
200 words _____ (initial) 400 words _____ (initial)
Voter Information Guides will also be available on the Registrar of Voters' website.

I have been informed that the cost for the above requested printing is \$ _____ (initial).

New: Assembly Bill 2010 authorizes candidates' statements for electronic distribution. It requires the statement to be posted on the Internet website of the elections official and permits the statement to be included in the Voter Information Guide that is electronically distributed, and prohibits the statement from being included in a Voter Information Guide that is printed and mailed to voters.

I wish to have an electronic Candidate's Statement posted on the Registrar of Voters' website only:
200 words _____ (initial) 400 words _____ (initial)

I have been informed that the cost for the above requested electronic distribution is \$ _____ (initial).

I am aware that the minority language requirements of the 1992 extension of the Federal Voting Rights Act requires that my statement be translated into Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese and provided to registered voters requesting election materials in those languages. I am aware my cost for the printing of my Candidate's Statement includes costs to comply with the 1992 Federal Voting Rights Act.

I agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

(file stamp) (Signature of candidate)

(Typed or printed name of candidate)

(Mailing address of candidate)

(Witnessed the above signature) (City and Zip)

(Date) (Date)

(Receipt Number) Copy given to candidate _____ (initial)

CANCELLATION OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I, _____, hereby cancel my request to avail myself of the benefits of Elections Code Section 13307, pertaining to a Candidate's Statement. I request the County of Orange to refund the cost paid in advance within 30 days of the election.

(Witnessed the above signature) (Signature of candidate)

(Date)

NOTE: Candidate may withdraw his/her Candidate's Statement by signing above and submitting this cancellation notice to the Registrar of Voters no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Any cost will be refunded. Additional fees may be charged if payment is cancelled.

The candidate must sign a candidate's statement agreement form **at the time the statement is filed**. A copy of the signed agreement and signed statement will be given to the candidate.

- The cost and length of the candidate's statements depends on the office.
- See Candidate's Handbook for candidate statement details.

NOTE: A candidate may withdraw his/her Candidate's Statement by signing and submitting a cancellation notice found at the bottom of the Statement Agreement or in writing to the Registrar of Voter's office no later than 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

This is the formal document a person must file to officially declare they're running for office. It provides their ballot designation, and requires them to attest that they meet the qualifications to run and hold office.

It also includes residency information and the candidate signature after taking the oath of office.

Official Logo/Seal Here [Insert City/County Name Here]

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office - For Use in Local Elections
[Insert Election Date/Name] (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8020.5, 8040, 8121, 13105)

Official Filing Form

Filed in: _____

For Elections Officials USE ONLY

By: _____ Elections Official
Date Received: _____

By: _____ Elections Official
Date Received: _____

By: _____ Business Official

Candidate Name and Office

1 I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of _____
to be voted for at the [Insert Election Name] to be held on [Month Day, Year], and declare the following to be true:
My name is _____ First _____ Middle/Initial (optional) _____ Last _____

Ballot Information Name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot

2 **IMPORTANT NOTE:** A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)
I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:
Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot _____ ☐
Print Ballot Designation Requested _____

[If applicable in your City/County, I have a chosen/used name I would like to use instead of a phonetic translation. (You must use the name on the Ballot Designation Worksheet.)]

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

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

Addresses, Telephone, Internet Website and Email

3 **Publish** ☐ → Mailing Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Publish ☐ → Residence Address (Required): _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Publish ☐ → Business Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Publish ☐ → Telephone (Business): _____
Publish ☐ → Telephone (Evening): _____
Publish ☐ → Internet Website: _____
Publish ☐ → Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed

Qualifications

4 I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): _____
I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.
If nominated/elected, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw, except as permitted by state law.
X _____
Signature of Candidate

Oath of Office

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

Notary Public or Other Officer

6 A Notary Public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.
State of California
County of _____
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
I provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature of Notary Public (or other officer)
(Notary Public Seal)
Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____
Elections Official

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

• WITHOUT IT THE CANDIDATES NAME WON'T APPEAR ON THE BALLOT



NEW in 2026

AB 1392

Effective January 1, 2026, AB 1392 requires county elections officials to keep the residential address, personal phone number, and personal email address of elected officials and candidates for federal, state, and local office **confidential**, exempting this information from the disclosure requirement, other than for journalistic or government purposes.

This excludes these individuals' confidential information from voter lists, rosters, and any related indexes, including Vote Center e-poll books.

NEW in 2026



AB 1392

YOU MAY OPT OUT

AB 1392 permits elected officials or candidates for office to **opt out of confidentiality** by completing a form provided by the Registrar of Voter's office. This will allow your information to continue to be available for Secretary of State qualified recipients and available if the candidate prefers to vote at a Vote Center.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE



Then decide:

Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement

Who: All Candidates

When: Before raising or spending any money, including personal funds

Where: Local filing officer

Raise or Spend
UNDER
\$2,000

A large yellow arrow pointing downwards, indicating the path for candidates who raise or spend under \$2,000.A large yellow arrow pointing upwards, indicating the path for candidates who raise or spend over \$2,000.

Raise or Spend
OVER
\$2,000



CAMPAIGN FINANCE

RAISE OR SPEND UNDER \$2,000

Form 470 – Campaign Statement – SHORT form

Who: Candidates who DO NOT intend to raise or spend \$2,000 or more for their campaign, and DO NOT have a controlled committee.

When: Anytime, but no later than the date the first pre-election statement is due. This covers the whole year.

Where: Local filing officer

Form 470 – Supplemental

Who: Candidates who filed Form 470, but subsequently raised or spend \$2,00 or more for their campaign.

When: Within 48 hours of raising or spending \$2,00 or more.

Where: Secretary of State, local filing officer and with each candidate seeking the same office.



CAMPAIGN FINANCE

RAISE OR SPEND OVER \$2,000

Form 410 – Statement of Organization

Who: Candidates who raise or spend more than \$2,000 or more.

When: Anytime, but required to be filed within 10 days of reaching \$2,000 in contributions or expenditures (or within 24 hours if \$2,000 is reached in the final 16 days before Election Day.)

Where: Original and copy to Secretary of State, one copy to the local filing officer.

Form 460 – Campaign Statement – LONG form

Who: Candidates who raise or spend more than \$2,000 or more.

When: As soon as their campaign-controlled committee raises or spends \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, and from that point onward must submit pre-election and semi-annual disclosure statements until it's terminated.

Where: Original and copy to Secretary of State, one copy to the local filing officer.



CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Form

700

“Statement of
Economic Interest”

WHO:

All elected and appointed candidates – including but not limited to State offices, Board of Supervisors, Mayors, City Council, and others.

NOTE: If you are an incumbent re-running for the same office and you just filed your 700, you are still obligated to file a form 700 for the upcoming new election.

WHEN:

File the 700 form on or before the filing deadline for the Declaration of Candidacy.

WHERE:

State candidates file with the Secretary of State’s office.
Local candidates file with the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

Contact FPPC for any questions regarding the 700 form



Services to Candidates

MAPS

District/precinct boundaries

REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration drives/complete
Statement of Distribution (if
applicable)

WALKING LISTS

Printed list of registered voters with
precinct and address information.
See office for cost.

ELECTION CALENDAR

Viewable at ocvote.gov/elections

CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK

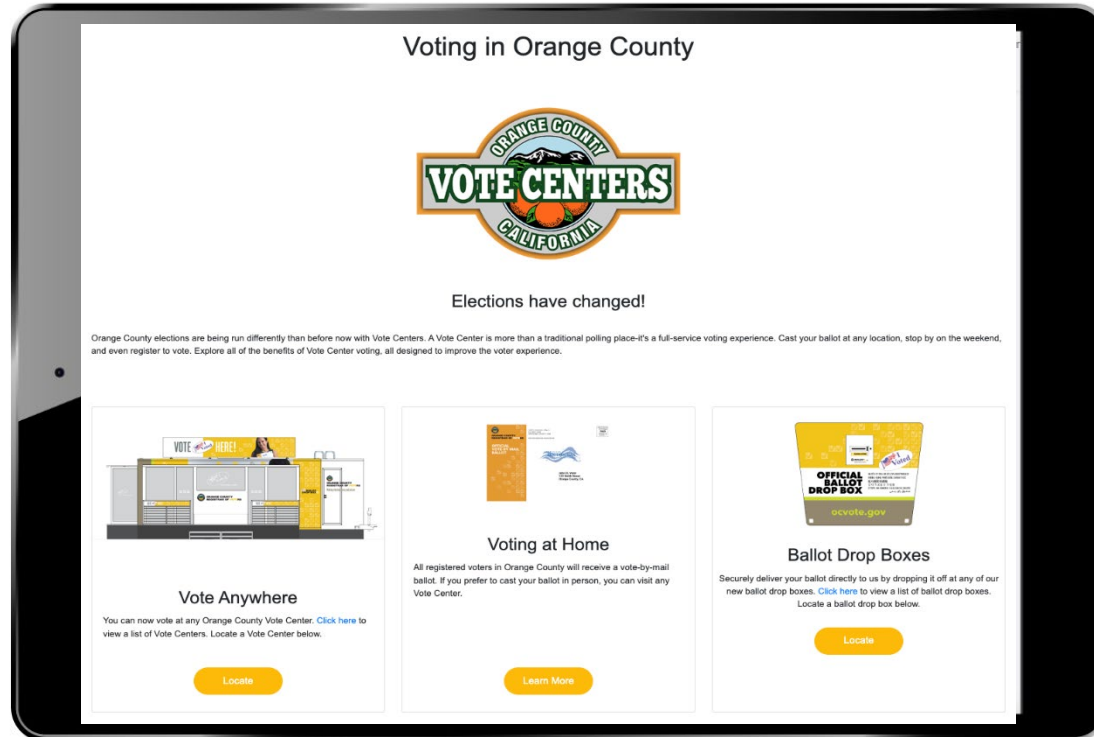
Viewable at ocvote.gov/candidates

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PORTAL

Located at ocvote.gov/campaign-finance-info

CANDIDATE FILING FAQ'S

Contact Us



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**THANK
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