

HUMBOLDT COUNTY
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Candidate Guide

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 5, 2024

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Introduction

This candidate guide is intended to be a general-purpose resource for those seeking county, state, and federal offices in the **Presidential Primary Election** on March 5, 2024. The candidacy period for the Election is November 13 to December 8, 2023. We have tried to make it as useful and accurate as possible, but it should not be relied upon in place of the Elections and/or Government Codes for statutory guidance.

The term **E-DATE** stands for **Election Day**. E-Dates have been used throughout this guide to indicate important dates and deadlines. These dates are the number of days prior to or after an election date. Example: E-88 means E minus 88 days and would be 88 days prior to an election, and E+28 means E plus 28 days and would be 28 days after an election. This type of date is often used in Elections Code to avoid any variance from one election to the next. Refer to the election calendar for guidance as to what actual date the indicated E-Date falls on.

Online Resources

Candidates and others interested in the process of running for office should make use of online resources from the Secretary of State, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), and Federal Elections Commission (FEC):

Secretary of State: <https://www.sos.ca.gov>

The California Secretary of State's website is an excellent reference for candidates.

Fair Political Practices Commission: <https://www.fppc.ca.gov>

Creating a campaign committee requires forms and some familiarity with the California Political Reform Act. The FPPC is the ultimate source for information, materials, and training resources for campaigns and committees.

The FPPC encourages candidates to contact them with questions relating to forms, timelines, and reporting requirements.

Email: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Phone: 866-275-3772 (866-ASK-FPPC)

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00-11:30 am (PST)

Federal Election Commission: <https://www.fec.gov>

The FEC has resources and requirements for candidates participating in federal elections.

Legislative Information: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

California Codes can be accessed on the California State's legislative information website.

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Election Calendar Important Dates

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>FILING PERIOD</i>	<i>ELECTION CODE SECTIONS</i>
<i>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</i>	Sep 14 – Nov 8	8061, 8106
<i>DECLARATION OF INTENTION – JUDICIAL</i>	Oct 30 – Nov 8	8023, 8105
<i>CANDIDACY FILING AND NOMINATION PERIOD</i>	Nov 13 – Dec 8	333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061, 8062, 8100, 8105, 8106, 8201
<i>EXTENSION OF CANDIDACY/NOMINATION PERIOD</i>	Dec 9 – Dec 13	8022, 8024, 8204
<i>WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN PETITION DEADLINE – JUDICIAL</i>	Dec 18	8203
<i>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY & NOMINATION PAPERS</i>	Jan 8 – Feb 20	8601
<i>ELECTION DAY</i>	Mar 5	1000, 14212

Candidacy Filing and Nomination Period

Candidates filing for office must obtain and file their declarations of candidacy along with their candidate statements of qualifications if they choose to submit one. Forms are obtained from and filed with the Office of Elections at 2426 6th Street, in Eureka.

Elections Code § 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061, 8062,
8100, 8105, 8106, 8201

Extension of Candidacy Filing and Nomination Period

If an incumbent member of an office does not file a declaration of candidacy by 5 pm on December 8, any person other than the incumbent may file a declaration of candidacy by 5 pm on December 13. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. Any candidate who has filed may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy up until 5 pm on the last day to file.

Elections Code § 8022, 8024, 8204

Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination

During this period write-in candidates must file their statements of write-in candidacy with the county elections official.

Elections Code § 8203, 8601

Election Day

Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm March 5, 2024.

Elections Code § 1000, 14212

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Available Offices

Voter-Nominated Offices

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>INCUMBENT</i>	<i>JURISDICTION</i>	<i>TERM (YEARS)</i>
US REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESS	Jared Huffman	2 nd District	2
STATE ASSEMBLY	Jim Wood	2 nd District	2

Nonpartisan Offices

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>INCUMBENT(S)</i>	<i>JURISDICTION</i>	<i>TERM (YEARS)</i>
COUNTY SUPERVISOR	Rex Bohn	District 1	4
COUNTY SUPERVISOR	Michelle Bushnell	District 2	4
COUNTY SUPERVISOR	Mike Wilson	District 3	4
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE	Gregory J. Elvine-Kreis		6
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE	Lawrence M. Killoran		6

Party-Affiliated Offices

To be determined

Candidacy

During the candidacy filing and nomination period from November 13 – December 8, eligible candidates may obtain candidacy papers from and file candidacy papers with the Office of Elections.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring all filing requirements and deadlines are met. Candidates are encouraged to file documents early to avoid long lines for filing and to avoid confusion or misunderstandings. The Office of Elections recommends candidates file candidacy documents in person.

Mandatory and optional forms within the candidacy packet are summarized in the Candidate Filing List.

Candidate Filing List

Listed below is a description of the various mandatory and optional forms to be filed for candidacy in the March 5, 2024, Election. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that all filing requirements and deadlines have been met. Additionally, it is recommended that the candidate file all documents personally.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Document	Applies to	Filing Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Intention Statement Form 501	Statewide Offices County Offices	Form must be filed at Office of Elections before soliciting or receiving any contributions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Organization Form 410	Statewide Offices County Offices	Form must be filed at Secretary of State's office within 10 days of receiving more than \$2000 in contributions. A copy can be filed at the Office of Elections.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signatures-in-Lieu Petition	US Congress Statewide Offices Judicial Offices County Offices	September 14 – November 8 Pickup and file at Office of Elections. (E-173 – E-118)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of Intention	Judicial Offices	October 30 – November 8 Complete and file at Office of Elections. (E-127 – E-118)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Economic Interests Form 700		November 13 – December 8 Obtain from and file with Office of Elections. (E-113 – E-88)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of Candidacy		November 13 – December 8 Complete and file with Office of Elections. (E-113 – E-88)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications		OPTIONAL Payment in full required at time of Declaration of Candidacy filing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Code of Fair Campaign Practices		OPTIONAL Return to the Office of Elections by December 13.

Candidate Filing Documents

Candidacy filings are public at the time they are filed, except for statements of qualifications, which become public at 5 pm on the first business day following the filing deadline.

Declaration of Intention (Judicial Only)

Candidates seeking judicial offices are required to file a declaration of intention prior to filing candidacy and nomination documents. The declaration of intention must be filed with the county elections official in the county in which the candidate is a resident.

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Filing fees for judicial offices are payable at the time the declaration of intention is filed. Candidates may submit a signature in lieu petition to offset all or part of the filing fee for the office they seek. Signature values vary by office. See Page 15 for signature values and in lieu signatures required for each office.

DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF INTENTION: NOVEMBER 8, 5 PM

If an incumbent member of an office does not file a declaration of intention by 5 pm on November 8, any person other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention by 5 pm on November 13.

Elections Code § 8023

The filing fees for candidates required to file declarations of intention shall be paid at the time the declarations are filed with the county elections official.

Elections Code § 8023, 8105(b)

Nomination Paper

Candidates seeking office for the Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024, must file a nomination paper. The nomination paper must be delivered to the elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter.

Elections Code § 8060, 8063

The nomination paper consists of a petition that must contain valid nomination signatures. The number of nomination signatures required varies by office. See Page 14 for nomination signature requirements for each office.

Signatures provided on in lieu petitions may be counted toward nomination signatures. When the number of valid signatures on the in-lieu petition exceeds the number of nomination signatures required for the office sought, the candidate is not required to circulate and file separate nomination papers. Instead, the candidate may submit a written request to the county elections official to count the valid signatures on the in-lieu petition toward the nomination signature requirement.

If an in lieu filing fee petition does not contain the requisite number of valid signatures, the candidate shall be entitled to file, within the time period allowed for filing nomination papers, a nomination paper in order to obtain the requisite number of valid signatures required to be submitted to the elections official on a nomination paper. A candidate who submits a nomination paper shall only be required to obtain the number of signatures thereon needed to supplement the in lieu filing fee petition so that the combination of signatures appearing on the in lieu filing fee petition and the nomination paper equals or exceeds the requisite number of signatures set forth in Section 8062.

Elections Code § 8061, 8106, 8041, 8062, 8081

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Candidates cannot gather more nomination signatures than the maximum allowed (see Page 14); however, if more signatures are inadvertently secured than the maximum number, the candidate may provide written consent to the elections official to withdraw signatures.

Elections Code § 8067

DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATION PAPERS: DECEMBER 8, 5 PM

Candidates must obtain signatures from voters who live in the district or political subdivision for which the candidate is seeking office. With respect to a candidacy for partisan office, signers shall be voters who disclosed a preference, pursuant to Elections Code, Section 2151, for the party, if any, for which the nomination is proposed. With respect to a candidacy for voter-nominated office, signers need not have disclosed a preference for any party.

Elections Code § 8068

At the time of providing a nomination signature, voters cannot have signed any other nomination paper for any other candidate for the same office or, in case there are several places to be filled in the same office, signed to more nomination papers for candidates for that office than there are places to be filled.

Elections Code § 8069

The elections official shall forward to the Secretary of State the nomination paper for each candidate for US Congress and statewide offices.

Elections Code § 8070

The nomination paper must be filed prior to obtaining and filing declaration of candidacy. The county elections official shall not require a candidate to sign, file, or sign and file, a declaration of candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers.

Elections Code § 8020(d)

The filing fees for all candidates shall be paid at the time the candidates obtain their nomination forms from the county elections official. The county elections official shall not accept any papers unless the fees are paid at the time required by this section, or unless satisfactory evidence is given to the county elections official or to the registrar of voters that the fee has been paid at the time of the declaration of candidacy in another county.

Elections Code § 8105(a)

Declaration of Candidacy

The declaration of candidacy is the official nomination document, wherein a candidate indicates a personal preference of how the candidate's name and ballot designation will appear on the ballot. Additionally, a candidate asserts to meeting statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, and that if nominated, will accept the nomination.

Elections Code § 8040

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Upon declaration of candidacy, a candidate seeking a voter-nominated office may indicate party preference, or lack of party preference, as disclosed upon the candidate's most recent affidavit of voter registration. Candidates indicating party preference on the declaration of candidacy will have that party preference listed on the ballot. A candidate's designated party preference on the ballot will not be changed between the primary and general election. A candidate for voter-nominated office may choose not to indicate party preference, or lack of party preference on the ballot.

Elections Code § 8002.5

DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY: DECEMBER 8, 5 PM

Candidates are required to complete and sign the declaration of candidacy at the Office of Elections. Candidates must take the oath of office (found on the declaration of candidacy form) before the elections official or a public notary. If a candidate experiences extraordinary circumstances that prevent in-person filing, please contact the Office of Elections to make special arrangements.

Elections Code § 8028, 8101

Name & Ballot Designation

Name on Ballot

The candidate states on the Declaration of Candidacy how his/her name should appear on the ballot. This should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered, though the two need not be identical. Example: A candidate registered as Margaret Ann Smith may use such variations as Margaret A. Smith, Maggie Smith, Meg Smith, or Annie Smith. Nicknames may be designated by parentheses or quotation marks.

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 either of the following: (a) marriage; or (b) decree of any court of competent jurisdiction.

Elections Code § 13104

Ballot Designation - Legislative Requirements

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. All candidates who want a ballot designation printed under their name must complete a Ballot Designation Worksheet justifying the selected designation and providing alternatives.

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For all candidates, the following options are available:

- 1) **Elective Office:** Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which he or she was elected by a vote of the people.
- 2) **Incumbent:** The word “incumbent” if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers and was elected to that office by a vote of the people.
- 3) **3-word Profession/Occupation/Vocation:** No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.
- 4) **Appointed Incumbent:** The phrase “appointed incumbent” may be used if:
 - a. the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for the election to the same office, or,
 - b. if the candidate is a candidate for election to some other office, the word “appointed” and the title of the office.

In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word “incumbent” or any words designating the office unmodified by the word “appointed.” However, the phrase “appointed incumbent” shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which he or she holds and to which he or she was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election.

Elections Code § 13107

Geographical Name Word Count

For ballot designations, all California geographical names shall be counted as one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

Community Volunteer

A candidate’s ballot designation as “community volunteer” shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1) A candidate’s community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.

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- 2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
- 3) A candidate may not use the designation of “community volunteer” in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.

The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.

Elections Code § 13107.5

Titles or Degrees Prohibited

No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate’s name, either before or after the candidate’s name, in the case of any election to any office.

Elections Code § 13106

Unacceptable Designations

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13107.6, the Secretary of State and any other election official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:

- 1) It would mislead the voter.
- 2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
- 3) It abbreviates the word “retired” or places it following any word or words which it modifies.
- 4) It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
- 5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
- 6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
- 7) It refers to any activity that is prohibited by law.

Rejected Ballot Designations

If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate’s ballot designation worksheet.

The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date he or she receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).

If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), no designation shall appear after the candidate’s name.

Elections Code § 13107(f)

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Ballot Designation May Not be Changed After Filing

A ballot designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination papers, except as specifically requested by the election official.

Elections Code § 13107(g)

No Ballot Designation

A candidate who does not want a ballot designation should indicate this in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, or the space may be left blank. If no designation is given, it will be assumed that none is desired.

Ballot Designation Worksheet

A ballot designation worksheet must be completed at the time of filing. Elections Code, Section 13107.3 states:

- a) A candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate, in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- b) The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy.
- c) In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

Residence and Domicile

In order to qualify for most offices, a candidate must be a registered voter of the district or division thereof.

Elections Code § 349, 2022-2035

Qualifications

The following general qualifications are required in addition to those specific to the office a candidate seeks.

- A person is eligible to hold an elective civil office if, at the time of election, the person is 18 years of age and a citizen of the state.

Government Code § 1020(a)

- A person is not eligible to a county or district office, unless the person is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the appointment of the person.

Government Code § 24001

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- Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. Elections Code § 201
- Not have 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. Elections Code § 20
- A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State. Government Code § 1021

Write-in Candidacy

Persons who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy and fulfill their nomination requirements to place their name on the ballot may run for office as a write-in candidate. Required forms for write-in candidates will be available on January 8, 2024 and must be filed with the Office of Elections no later than 5 pm on February 20, 2024. Write-in votes will be counted and certified in the statement of vote only for qualified write-in candidates who file the required forms with the Office of Elections no later than 14 days prior to Election Day.

No filing fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate.

Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates regarding disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure.

Government Code § 82007
Elections Code § 305, 8600-8604

Incompatibility of Offices

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any office holder from holding multiple public offices or seeking more than one elective office. For example, a deputy district attorney can hold the office of city council member, or a water board director may also be elected to a park and recreation district. There are, however, instances of holding more than one office that are considered incompatible.

There is no single statute that defines "incompatibility of offices". The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously ***if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties***. The courts have defined this concept as follows: "One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both." The State of California Attorney General's Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions.

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Here are some examples of incompatible offices:

1. city councilmember and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. fire chief of a county fire protection district and member of the board of supervisors of the same county;
3. high school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. water district director and a city council member;
5. county board of supervisors member and community college board member;
6. water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common;
7. deputy sheriff and county supervisor; and
8. county planning commissioner and county water district director.

For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission’s website at <https://www.fppc.ca.gov>, or phone toll free 1-866-275-3772 (1-866-ASK-FPPC).

Filing Fee Requirements

Voter-Nominated Offices

OFFICE	SALARY	FILING FEE	IN LIEU SIGNATURES	SIGNATURE VALUE	NOMINATION SIGNATURES
US REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESS	\$174,000	\$1,740.00	2000	\$0.870000	40-60
STATE ASSEMBLY	\$122,694	\$1,226.94	1000	\$1.22694	40-60

Party-Affiliated Offices

To be determined

Nonpartisan Offices

OFFICE	SALARY	FILING FEE	IN LIEU SIGNATURES	SIGNATURE VALUE	NOMINATION SIGNATURES
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE	\$231,174	\$2,311.74	5948	\$0.388658	20-40
COUNTY SUPERVISOR					
DISTRICT 1	\$97,023.29	\$970.23	1233	\$0.786945	20-40
DISTRICT 2	\$97,023.29	\$970.23	1136	\$0.853950	20-40
DISTRICT 3	\$97,023.29	\$970.23	1265	\$0.767213	20-40

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Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee

Candidates may submit a signature in lieu petition to offset all or part of the filing fee for the office they seek. Signature values vary by office. Signature values and signatures in lieu required for each office are summarized above.

Candidates must obtain signatures from voters who live in the district or political subdivision for which the candidate is seeking office. With respect to a candidacy for partisan office, signers shall be voters who disclosed a preference, pursuant to Elections Code, Section 2151, for the party, if any, for which the nomination is proposed. With respect to a candidacy for voter-nominated office, signers need not have disclosed a preference for any party.

Elections Code § 8068

Signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions may be submitted to the elections official on an on-going basis prior to the close of the circulation period.

Elections Code § 20533

DEADLINE FOR FILING SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITIONS: NOVEMBER 8, 5 PM

No additional signatures in lieu may be filed after a declaration has been filed. The elections official shall notify the candidate of the number of signatures in lieu within 10 days of filing. The candidate shall cover the deficiency of the filing fee no later than December 8.

If a petition is submitted containing numerous duplicate signatures (in order to file a larger number of signatures in lieu), those signatures will be disqualified and credit toward the filing fee will not be given to them. The candidate must either pay the full amount remaining of the filing fee or forfeit the opportunity to be a candidate.

The portion of the filing fee not covered by the in lieu signatures must be paid in full before candidacy and nomination filings may be submitted.

Elections Code § 8105, 8106

Names and addresses of candidates requesting signature in lieu petitions are considered public information.

Signatures in Lieu of Nomination Signatures

Signatures in lieu petition forms cannot be used in lieu of nomination forms. However, signatures provided on in lieu petitions may be counted toward nomination signatures. When the number of valid signatures on the in lieu petition exceeds the number of nomination signatures required for the office sought, the candidate is not required to circulate and file separate nomination papers. Instead, the candidate may submit a written request to the county elections official to count the valid signatures on the in lieu petition toward the nomination signature requirement. However, the other required documents (e.g. declaration of candidacy, etc.) must still be filed.

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When the number of valid signatures on the in lieu petition does not meet or exceed the number of nomination signatures required for the office sought, the candidate must circulate and file a separate nomination petition to be signed by qualified registered voters during the nomination period.

Voter-nominated offices require party-specific voter signatures for the party in which nomination is proposed.

Elections Code § 8068

Signatures in lieu petitions and nomination papers must be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signers of the petition reside. Therefore, all signers on a petition section must reside in the same county.

Elections Code § 8020, 8063

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

Candidates have the option of placing a statement of qualifications in the county Voter Information Guide, which is made available to all registered voters. Filing a candidate statement is optional. Candidates **will be charged** a fee to file candidate statements. Candidate statement filing fees vary by district and number of candidates filing candidate statements.

Candidate statements must be filed with the Office of Elections by the close of the nomination period on December 8, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

If an incumbent fails to file a declaration of candidacy for that race, the deadline is extended until December 13, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn by 5 pm on the first business day following the filing deadline.

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Candidate statements must be on the appropriate template provided by the Office of Elections. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Word limits vary by office sought.

Candidate statements **shall not** include any of the following:

- Reference to other candidates seeking office or to another candidate's qualifications.
- Typographical accents, such as:

Underlining

ALL CAPS

• Bullets

Bold Lettering

Italics

The candidate statement must be typed in the format provided by the Office of Elections. Handwritten statements will not be accepted for publication. A hard copy statement must be

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submitted. Candidates who additionally submit their candidate statement electronically in Microsoft Word format via email will receive a \$50 discount. The Office of Elections will not accept candidate statements on a USB flash drive. Electronic and hard copies must match. If the electronic and hard copies do not match, the Office of Elections will choose which version to use.

Candidates requesting Spanish and/or Hmong translation of their Candidate Statement will be charged an additional \$75 fee per language.

Proofread your statement carefully before submitting it. Statements will be printed as submitted. Errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, or intent will not be corrected by the Office of Elections.

Candidate statements remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. Once the filing deadline has passed, there will be a ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements prior to submittal for printing in the county voter information guide. During this period, the elections official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be amended or deleted.

Elections Code § 13311, 13313

Cost Breakdown

The Office of Elections estimates the total cost of printing and handling the candidate statement, and requires each candidate filing a statement to pay at the time of submission. If more than one candidate files a candidate's statement for the same office, the cost will be shared among the candidates.

Candidates must pay the full amount by check and will receive any refund due within 30 days of the financial reconciliation of the election.

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Candidate Statement Costs and Word Limits

Voter-Nominated Offices

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Humboldt County Office of Elections - Candidate Statement Form

Print Name of Candidate

Office Sought

Mailing Address:

Street

City

Zip

Contact Information:

Phone

E-Mail

I Elect to File a Candidate Statement

I have been informed that the estimated cost and deposit for my candidate statement is \$ _____

_____ with Spanish translation

_____ with Hmong Translation

Word Count

- I agree that if the actual cost of the candidate statement exceeds the amount paid in advance, I will pay the additional sum to the County of Humboldt within 30 days of the billing notification for such amount.
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- I have been informed that if the amount paid in advance is more than the actual cost of the candidate statement, the Elections Official will refund the excess amount within 30 days of certification of the election.
- I agree that any notice, refund or billing pertaining to my candidate statement shall be mailed to me at the address set forth above and shall be deemed completed upon deposit in the United States mail.
- I agree to each of the terms and conditions set forth above.

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Date

I Elect not to File a Candidate Statement

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I Hereby Withdraw my Candidate Statement

- I acknowledge the return of my check in the amount of \$ _____.
- My check has already been deposited by the Humboldt County Office of Elections. I understand that a refund will be mailed to me within 30 days.

Note: A candidate may withdraw his or her Candidate Statement by signing and submitting this withdrawal notice to the Office of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period. EC §13307(a)(3)

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Candidate Statement of Qualifications

Candidates have the option of placing a statement of qualifications in the county Voter Information Guide, which is made available to all registered voters. Filing a candidate statement is optional. Candidates **will be charged** a fee to file candidate statements. Candidate statement filing fees vary by district and number of candidates filing candidate statements.

Candidate statements must be filed with the Office of Elections by the close of the nomination period on December 8, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

If an incumbent fails to file a declaration of candidacy for that race, the deadline is extended until December 13, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn by 5 pm on the first business day following the filing deadline.

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Candidate statements must be on the appropriate template provided by the Office of Elections. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Word limits vary by office sought.

Candidate statements **shall not** include any of the following:

- Reference to other candidates seeking office or to another candidate's qualifications.
- Typographical accents, such as:

Underlining
Bold Lettering

ALL CAPS
Italics

• Bullets

The candidate statement must be typed in the format provided by the Office of Elections. Handwritten statements will not be accepted for publication. A hard copy statement must be submitted. Candidates who additionally submit their candidate statement electronically in Microsoft Word format via compact disc (CD) or email will receive a \$50 discount. The Office of Elections will not accept candidate statements on a USB flash drive. Electronic and hard copies must match. If the electronic and hard copies do not match, the Office of Elections will choose which version to use.

Candidates requesting Spanish and/or Hmong translation of their Candidate Statement will be charged an additional \$75 fee per language.

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~~Proofread your statement carefully before submitting it. Statements will be printed as submitted. Errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, or intent will not be corrected by the Office of Elections.~~

~~Candidate statements remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. Once the filing deadline has passed, there will be a ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements prior to submittal for printing in the county voter information guide. During this period, the elections official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be amended or deleted.~~

~~Elections Code § 13311, 13313~~

~~Cost Breakdown~~

~~The Office of Elections estimates the total cost of printing and handling the candidate statement, and requires each candidate filing a statement to pay at the time of submission. If more than one candidate files a candidate's statement for the same office, the cost will be shared among the candidates.~~

~~Candidates may pay for candidate statements in one of two ways:~~

- ~~(0) Pay the full amount by check and receive any refund within 30 days of the financial reconciliation of the election, OR~~
- ~~(0) Summit a check with "Not to exceed" the maximum fee **written in the notes section** of the check. When the candidacy period is complete, the Office of Elections will calculate fees and provide candidates with the amount of total fees charged.~~

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Campaign Financial Filing Requirements

Filing Deadlines

All persons seeking a local elective office must file campaign financial forms. Forms, reporting period, and filing deadlines are provided below.

<i>STATEMENT</i>	<i>FORM NO.</i>	<i>REPORTING PERIOD</i>	<i>FILING DEADLINE</i>
<i>SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT</i>	460 / 470	* - 12/31/2023	January 31, 2024
<i>1ST PRE-ELECTION</i>	460	01/01/2024 – 01/20/2024	January 25, 2024
<i>2ND PRE-ELECTION</i>	460	01/21/2024 – 02/17/2024	February 22, 2024
<i>SEMI-ANNUAL</i>	460	02/18/2024 – 06/30/2024	July 31, 2020
<i>LATE CONTRIBUTION / INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE</i>	496 / 497	12/06/2023 – 03/05/2024	Within 24 Hours

***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 Officer

The Humboldt County Office of Elections is the local filing officer for candidate and campaign financial filings under the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), pursuant to the Political Reform Act. At the time of filing candidate papers, candidates must additionally file certain campaign and financial filings, including Form 501, Form 460 or Form 470, and Form 700. Required filings vary by office and are summarized below.

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>700</i>
<i>US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</i>	n/a	n/a
<i>CENTRAL COMMITTEES</i>	X	n/a
<i>COUNTY SUPERVISOR</i>	X	X
<i>SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE</i>	X	X

NOTE: Once originals are submitted they will not be returned to candidates for corrections. Please review your forms and make necessary copies prior to submitting.

The Humboldt County Office of Elections is located at:

2426 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501
 Office: 707-445-7481 / Fax: 707-445-7204
 Website: <https://humboldt.gov/elections>
 Email: humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us

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Available Resources

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) makes available to candidates a campaign financial forms manual explaining the various filing obligations. Manuals can be obtained at the FPPC website <https://www.fppc.ca.gov> or advice@fppc.ca.gov, and at the following location:

FPPC

1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, 95811
(866) 275-3772 (866-ASK-FPPC)

US Congressional candidates should visit the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) website <https://www.fec.gov> for information on federal campaign financial filing requirements:

FEC

1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463
(800) 424-9530 (select option 6) / (202) 694-1100
info@fec.gov

Summary of Financial Forms

Required forms for state and county campaigns are summarized below.

Candidate Intention (Form 501)

A candidate for state or local office must file this form for each election, including reelection to the same office.

File Form 501 before soliciting or receiving any contributions or before making expenditures from personal funds on behalf of a committee. Form 501 is considered filed the date it is postmarked, or hand delivered to the filing officer.

A separate campaign bank account must be established including campaigns that are self-funded by the candidate. **Exception:** A bank account is not required if a candidate will not receive contributions or make personal expenditures of less than \$2,000. **NOTE:** Filing and statement of qualification fees are not included in calculating the \$2,000.

Statement of Organization (Form 410)

File Form 410 within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. Include a \$50 payment made payable to the Secretary of State. Thereafter, the \$50 fee is due annually no later than January 15. In addition to the \$50 fee, a penalty of \$150 may be assessed if payment is late.

For early submissions, mark the “not yet qualified” box. The \$50 fee is requested at this time but is not legally required until the group qualifies as a committee.

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File the original and one copy with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division and one copy with the local filing official with whom you file the originals of your campaign disclosure statements.

The committee's FPPC filer identification number will be posted at <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/campaign/committees>. Read instructions carefully as a Form 410 will be rejected if any applicable sections are incomplete.

NOTE: All committees must disclose the financial institution and bank account number used by the committee.

Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (Form 460)

For use by all recipient committees, including candidates, officeholders, and their controlled committees who raise or spend \$2,000 or more during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate. Form 460 is used for the pre-election and semi-annual disclosure statements, among other things.

Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement – Short (Form 470)

Form 470 must be filed by candidates and officeholders who spend less than \$2,000 for the calendar year. If Form 470 is filed with the declaration of candidacy, or before the first pre-election filing deadline, no additional campaign statement needs to be filed in connection with the election so long as total receipts and expenditures remain less than \$2,000.

Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496)

Independent expenditures that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single candidate for elective local office or a single local ballot measure must be reported as 24-hour independent expenditures using Form 496 during the 90 days immediately preceding the election in which the candidate or measure will be voted on.

NOTE: Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure, must file Form 496 within 24 hours of making the independent expenditure(s) with the filing officer(s) who would receive the committee's campaign statements. File Form 496 by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery.

NOTE: Regular mail may not be used. A local ordinance also may require this form to be filed electronically. An "independent expenditure" is an expenditure made in connection with a communication (e.g., a billboard, advertisement, or mailing) that expressly advocates the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a clearly identified measure. An independent expenditure is a payment that is not made to—or at the behest of—the affected candidate or committee.

Candidates: Form 496 is not required for expenditures supporting your election that are made from your committee, including expenditures opposing an opponent. In addition, campaign funds of a candidate or officeholder may not be used to make independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates in other elections.

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Late Contribution Report (Form 497)

File Form 497 for late contributions. Late contributions are monetary or non-monetary contributions, including loans totaling \$1,000 or more from a single source that is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or ballot measure committee during the 90 days before the election. Form 497 must be filed by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight mail, fax or telegram within 24 hours.

NOTE: Regular mail may not be used.

Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

At the time of filing declaration of candidacy, all candidates are required to file Form 700 with the local filing officer. Form 700 must be filed with the filing officer by the final filing date for the Declaration of Candidacy. Form 700 is part of the candidacy packet and will be available at the Office of Elections. The Form 700 reports on financial conflict of interest within the jurisdiction of the district. Additional instructions for filling out Form 700 can be found online at <https://www.fppc.ca.gov>.

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California Secretary of State
CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES
(Elections Code § 20440)

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

Print Name

Signature

Date

Office

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Randomized Alpha Determination of Candidate Name on Ballot

The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, the result of which shall be known as a randomized alphabet. The procedure shall be as follows:

(a) Each letter of the alphabet shall be written on a separate slip of paper, each of which shall be folded and inserted into a capsule. Each capsule shall be opaque and of uniform weight, color, size, shape, and texture. The capsules shall be placed in a container, which shall be shaken vigorously in order to mix the capsules thoroughly. The container then shall be opened and the capsules removed at random one at a time. As each is removed, it shall be opened and the letter on the slip of paper read aloud and written down. The resulting random order of letters constitutes the randomized alphabet, which is to be used in the same manner as the conventional alphabet in determining the order of all candidates in all elections. For example, if two candidates with the surnames Campbell and Carlson are running for the same office, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letters M and R were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing.

(b) (1) There shall be six drawings, three in each even-numbered year and three in each odd-numbered year. Each drawing shall be held at 11 a.m. on the date specified in this subdivision. The results of each drawing shall be mailed immediately to each county elections official responsible for conducting an election to which the drawing is applicable, who shall use it in determining the order on the ballot of the names of the candidates for office.

(B) The second drawing under this subdivision shall take place on the 82nd day before the direct primary of an even-numbered year, and shall apply to all candidates on the ballot in that election.

(c) Each randomized alphabet drawing shall be open to the public. At least 10 days prior to a drawing, the Secretary of State shall notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time, and place of the drawing.

Elections Code § 13112