



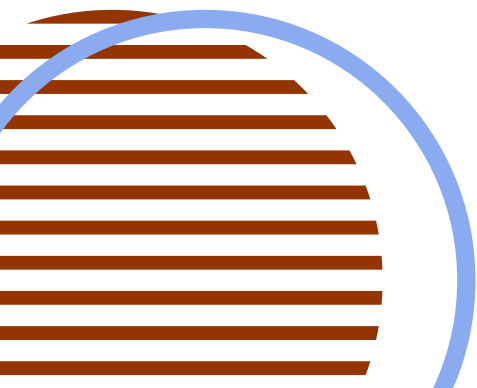
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# NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE GUIDE

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# Candidate Guide

## Introduction

This candidate guide is intended to be a general-purpose resource for those seeking county, state, and federal offices in the **Presidential General Election** on November 5, 2024. The candidacy period for the Election is July 15 – August 9, 2024. 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.

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: <http://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](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov)

Phone: 916-322-5660

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

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

The Federal Elections Commission's website is an excellent reference for US Congressional candidates.

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

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

# Instructions for Filing Candidacy Papers

## Requesting & Issuing Candidate Filing Documents

Candidates must complete and file candidacy papers with the Humboldt County Office of Elections. Candidates will not be charged a fee to file candidacy papers.

Expect completion of the candidacy papers to take a minimum of one hour. Required forms include:

Ballot Designation Worksheet

Declaration of Candidacy

Fair Campaign Practices Financial Forms

## Election Calendar

### Important Dates

ACTIVITY	FILING PERIOD	CODE SECTIONS
CANDIDACY FILING AND NOMINATION PERIOD	Jul 15 – Aug 9	EC § 10220-10224, 10227 HNC § 6053
EXTENSION OF CANDIDACY/NOMINATION PERIOD	Aug 10 – Aug 14	EC § 8022, 8024
STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY & NOMINATION PAPERS	Sep 9 – Oct 22	EC § 8600
EARLY VOTING DAYS	Oct 6 – Nov 4	EC § 3000.5
ELECTION DAY	Nov 5	EC § 1000, 14212

### Candidacy Filing and Nomination Period (Jul 15 – Aug 9)

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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Eureka. Candidates seeking office for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District must file nomination papers containing a minimum of 25 and not more than 50 valid nomination signatures.

Elections Code, Sections 8028, 8101

Harbors & Navigation Code, Section 6053

### Extension of Candidacy Filing and Nomination Period (Aug 10 – Aug 14)

If an incumbent member of an office does not file a declaration of candidacy by 5 pm on August 9, 2024, any person other than the incumbent may file a declaration of candidacy by 5 pm on August 14, 2024. 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, Sections 8022, 8024

### **Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers (Sep 9 – Oct 22)**

During this period, those who wish to be a qualified write-in candidates must file their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.

Elections Code, Sections 8600

### **Early Voting and Election Day (Oct 6 – Nov 5)**

Early voting days polls open at 8 am and close at 5 pm. Election day polls open at 7 am and close at 5 p.m.

Elections Code, Sections 3000.5, 1000, 14212

## Available Offices

**Cities:** Contact city jurisdictions for information about offices scheduled for election on November 5, 2024.

School District Boards	TERM	AVAILABLE SEATS
Arcata School District, Trustee Area 3	4-Year	1
Arcata School District, Trustee Area 4	4-Year	1
Arcata School District, Trustee Area 5	4-Year	1
Big Lagoon Union Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Blue Lake Union Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Bridgeville Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Bridgeville Elementary School District	2-Year	1
College Of the Redwoods, Trustee Area 4	4-Year	1
College Of the Redwoods, Trustee Area 5	4-Year	1
College Of the Redwoods, Trustee Area 6	4-Year	1
College Of the Redwoods, Trustee Area 7 Del Norte/ Humboldt/Trinity Counties	4-Year	1
Cuddeback Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Cutten Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Eureka City Schools, Trustee Area 2	4-Year	1
Eureka City Schools, Trustee Area 4	4-Year	1
Ferndale Unified School District	4-Year	2
Fieldbrook Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Fortuna Elementary School District, Area F	4-Year	1
Fortuna Elementary School District, Area R	4-Year	1
Fortuna Elementary School District, Area At-Large	4-Year	1
Fortuna Elementary School District, Area F	2-Year	1
Fortuna Union High School District	4-Year	2
Fortuna Union High School District	2-Year	1
Freshwater Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Garfield Elementary School District	4-Year	1
Green Point School District	4-Year	2
Humboldt County Office Of Education, Trustee Area 2	4-Year	1
Humboldt County Office Of Education, Trustee Area 5	4-Year	1
Hydesville Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Hydesville Elementary School District	2-Year	1
Jacoby Creek School District	4-Year	2
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	4-Year	1
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Trustee Area 4	4-Year	1
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Trustee Area 7	4-Year	1
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Trustee Area 5	2-Year	1
Kneeland Elementary School District	4-Year	1
Loleta Union Elementary School District	4-Year	3
Loleta Union Elementary School District	2-Year	1
Maple Creek Elementary School District	4-Year	1

Mattole Unified School District	4-Year	2
Mckinleyville Union School District	4-Year	2
Hydesville Elementary School District	4-Year	2
Hydesville Elementary School District	2-Year	1
Northern Humboldt Union High School District	4-Year	2
Orick School District	4-Year	2
Pacific Union School District	4-Year	1
Peninsula Union School District	4-Year	2
Rio Dell School District	4-Year	2
Scotia Union School District	4-Year	3
South Bay Union School District	4-Year	2
Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District	4-Year	2
Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District	2-Year	1
Trinidad Union School District	4-Year	2
Trinidad Union School District	2-Year	1

<b>Special Services District Boards</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>AVAILABLE SEATS</b>
Alderpoint County Water District	4-Year	3
Arcata Fire Protection District, Div 1	4-Year	1
Arcata Fire Protection District, Div 3	4-Year	1
Arcata Fire Protection District, Div 5	2-Year	1
Big Lagoon Community Services District	4-Year	2
Briceland Community Services District	4-Year	3
Briceland Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Briceland Fire Protection District	2-Year	1
Bridgeville Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Carlotta Community Services District	4-Year	3
Ferndale Fire Protection District	4-Year	3
Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District	4-Year	2
Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Garberville Sanitary District	4-Year	2
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District, Div 1	4-Year	1
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District, Div 2	4-Year	1
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District, Div 5	4-Year	1
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Div 1	4-Year	1
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Div 2	4-Year	1
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Div 3	4-Year	1
Humboldt Community Services District	4-Year	3
Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District	4-Year	3
Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District	2-Year	1
Jacoby Creek County Water District	4-Year	2
Kneeland Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Kneeland Fire Protection District	2-Year	1
Loleta Community Services District	4-Year	3
Manila Community Services District	4-Year	3
Mckinleyville Community Services District	4-Year	2
Miranda Community Services District	4-Year	3
Myers Flat Fire Protection District	4-Year	1
Palmer Creek Community Services District	4-Year	2
Patrick Creek Community Services District	4-Year	2
Petrolia Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Phillipsville Community Services District	4-Year	3
Redway Community Services District	4-Year	3
Redway Fire Protection District	4-Year	1
Resort Improvement District #1	4-Year	3
Rio Dell Fire Protection District	4-Year	3
Riverside Community Services District	4-Year	2
Riverside Community Services District	2-Year	1
Scotia Community Services District	4-Year	2

Special Services District Boards	TERM	AVAILABLE SEATS
Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District	4-Year	2
Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District	4-Year	3
Weott Community Services District	4-Year	2
Weott Community Services District	2-Year	1
Westhaven Community Services District	4-Year	3
Willow Creek Community Services District	4-Year	3
Willow Creek Fire Protection District	4-Year	2
Willow Creek Fire Protection District	2-Year	1

## City Contacts

Contact city jurisdictions for information about offices scheduled for election on November 5, 2024.

### City of Arcata

Phone: (707) 822-5953

Email: [RVarley@cityofarcata.org](mailto:RVarley@cityofarcata.org)

### City of Blue Lake

Phone: (707) 668-5655

Email: [cityclerk@bluelake.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@bluelake.ca.gov)

### City of Eureka

Phone: (707) 441-4144

Email: [cityclerk@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@ci.eureka.ca.gov)

### City of Ferndale

Phone: (707) 786-4224

Email: [cityclerk@ci.ferndale.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.ferndale.ca.us)

### City of Fortuna

Phone: (707) 725-7600

Email: [semmons@ci.fortuna.ca.us](mailto:semmons@ci.fortuna.ca.us)

### City of Rio Dell

Phone: (707) 764-3532

Email: [cityhall@cityofriodell.ca.gov](mailto:cityhall@cityofriodell.ca.gov)

### City of Trinidad

Phone: (707) 677-0223

Email: [cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov)

## Candidacy and Nomination

### Candidacy

During the candidacy filing and nomination period from July 15 – August 9, 2024, eligible candidates may file candidacy papers with the Office of Elections. Mandatory and optional forms within the candidacy packet are summarized below.

**NOTE:** Candidates are responsible for ensuring all filing requirements and deadlines are met. Candidates must return fully completed wet-signature original nomination papers to the Office of Elections (located at 2426 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501) by the close of the candidacy period to complete candidacy filing. Candidates are encouraged to file papers early to avoid missing a deadline.

### Candidate Filing List

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Document	Applies to	Filing Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Intention Statement Form 501	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	Form must be filed at Office of Elections before soliciting or receiving any contributions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Organization Form 410	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	Form must be filed with Secretary of State's office within 10 days of receiving \$2000 or more in contributions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Economic Interests Form 700	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	July 15 – August 9 Obtain from and file with Office of Elections. (E-113 – E-88)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomination Paper	Harbor Districts	July 15 – August 9 Obtain from and file with Office of Elections. (E-113 – E-88)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of Candidacy	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	July 15 – August 9 Obtain from and file with Office of Elections. (E-113 – E-88)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	OPTIONAL Payment in full required at time of Declaration of Candidacy filing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Code of Fair Campaign Practices	School Boards Special Districts Harbor Districts	OPTIONAL File with the Office of Elections by August 9.

**NOTE:** 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.

## **Nomination Paper**

Candidates seeking office for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District in the Presidential General Election on November 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, Section 10510

The nomination paper consists of a petition that must contain valid nomination signatures. The number of nomination signatures required is a minimum of 25 and not more than 50.

Elections Code, Section 8062

Harbors & Navigation Code, Section 6053, 6054

Candidates must obtain signatures from voters who live in the district or political subdivision for which the candidate is seeking office.

Elections Code, Section 8068

Harbors & Navigation Code, Section 6053

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 positions to be filled in the same office, signed to more nomination papers for candidates for that office than there are positions to be filled.

Harbors & Navigation Code, Section 6054

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, Section 8020

**DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATION PAPERS: AUGUST 9, 5 PM**

## **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, Sections 10510, 10511 & HNC 6053

Candidates are required to complete and sign the declaration of candidacy. Candidates must sign the declaration of candidacy and take the oath of office (found on the declaration of candidacy form) before the elections official or a public notary.

Elections Code, Sections 10512

## **DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY: AUGUST 9, 5 PM**

## **Ballot Designation Worksheet**

The ballot designation worksheet is a form that will be filled out at the time the declaration of candidacy is filed to help determine the candidate designation used on the ballot under the candidate name. In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet, no designation will appear under the candidate name on the ballot.

Code 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5

# Ballot Designation Worksheet



If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") 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 Proposed Ballot Designation(s) If you are proposing alternate ballot designations, please provide justification for use of those on Page 3.	4	Justification for use of 1 <sup>st</sup> PVO: _____ _____ _____ Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____ Employer Name or Business: _____ Person who can verify this information: Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____
	Justification for use of 2 <sup>nd</sup> PVO: _____ _____ _____ Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____ Employer Name or Business: _____ Person who can verify this information: Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____	
	Justification for use of 3 <sup>rd</sup> PVO: _____ _____ _____ Current or most recent job title: _____ Start/End Dates: _____ Employer Name or Business: _____ Person who can verify this information: Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____	

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

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

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](http://www.sos.ca.gov)).

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COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, please initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1**

**A**

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2**

**B**

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current or most recent job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who can verify this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guidelines for Ballot Designation Worksheet



***For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107 are reproduced below:***

(a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate only one of the following designations:

(1) 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 vote of the people.

(2) 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) 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) The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or 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, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.

(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), for candidates for judicial office, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, only one of the following designations may appear at the option of the candidate:

(A) Words designating the city, county, district, state, or federal office held by the candidate at the time of filing the nomination documents.

(B) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.

(C) 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.

(2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:

(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.

(B) One of the following ballot designations: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:

(A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words "City of."

(B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words "County of."

(C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words "City and County."

(D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.

(c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of his or her principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as his or her ballot designation: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be 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.



(e) The Secretary of State and any other elections 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 prohibited by law.

(f) 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.

(1) 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).

(2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate's name.

(g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.

(h) The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.

***For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.3 is reproduced below:***

(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.

***For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.5 is reproduced below:***

(a) 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.

(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.

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

***For your reference, California Code of Regulations section 20711 is reproduced below:***

(a) In order to facilitate review of a candidate's proposed ballot designation by the Secretary of State pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, the candidate shall submit, at the time of filing his or her proposed ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, a completed Ballot Designation Worksheet on a form provided by the Secretary of State.

(b) All Ballot Designation Worksheets filed with the Office of the Secretary of State or the county elections officials pursuant to this section shall be public records and shall be available for inspection and copying at the public counter of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, Fifth Floor, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or at the office of the applicable county elections official.

(c) The Secretary of State shall provide a master copy or copies of the Ballot Designation Worksheet to all elections officials responsible for providing and accepting the nomination documents for candidates in elections for offices certified by the Secretary of State. The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall request that the candidate proposing the ballot designation provide the following information:



- (1) The candidate's name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number;
- (2) A designation of the office for which the candidate is seeking election;
- (3) The name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number of the attorney representing the candidate or for any other person to be contacted in the event the Secretary of State requires further information regarding the proposed ballot designation;
- (4) The proposed ballot designation submitted by the candidate;
- (5) The candidate may submit one or more proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate's preference;
- (6) A brief statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation and each proposed alternate ballot designation, including the following:
  - (A) If the candidate holds elected office and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently occupies and may attach a copy of his or her Certificate of Election;
  - (B) If the candidate is a judicial officer and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently holds and may attach either (A) a copy of his or her Certificate of Election or (B) a copy of his or her commission or certificate of appointment, issued at the time the candidate was appointed to the judicial office which he or she currently occupies;
  - (C) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(3), the candidate shall indicate:
    - (i) The title of the position or positions which he or she claims supports the proposed ballot designation;
    - (ii) The dates during which the candidate held such position;
    - (iii) A description of the work he or she performs in the position;
    - (iv) The name of the candidate's business or employer;
    - (v) The name and telephone number of a person or persons who could verify such information; and
    - (vi) A statement that the professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support the proposed ballot designation constitute the primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate, in accordance with the definition of the term "principal" as set forth at § 20714, subdivision (b).
  - (D) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(4), the candidate shall indicate the date on which he or she was appointed to the office for which he or she is an appointed incumbent.
- (d) The candidate may attach or append any supporting documents or other exhibits to his or her Ballot Designation Worksheet which he or she believes support his or her proposed ballot designation. Such attached documents or other exhibits shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference as part of the candidate's Ballot Designation Worksheet and shall be considered as such by the Secretary of State.
- (e) If a candidate requests a change of his or her ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(e), that request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.

## 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 September 9, 2024 and must be filed with the Office of Elections no later than 5 pm on October 22, 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.

Election Code, Sections 8600-8606

To qualify as a write-in candidate, a person must file with the Office of Elections a statement of write-in candidacy which shall contain the candidate's name, residence address, a declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate, the title of the office for which he or she is running, the date of the election, and the party nomination which he or she seeks, if running in a partisan primary election.

Election Code, Section 8600

**NOTE:** 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 with regard to disclosure of economic interests and campaign disclosure.

Government Code, Section 82007, 305

The Office of Elections will provide vote centers with a list of **qualified write-in candidates**.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD DEADLINE: OCTOBER 22, 5 PM**

## 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 compatibility questions.

Here are some examples of incompatible offices:

1. The offices of city councilman 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.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General’s office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website, <https://www.oag.ca.gov/>. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission’s website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/>, or phone toll free 1-866-275-3772.

Elections Code §8003. This chapter does not prohibit the independent nomination of candidates under Part 2 (commencing with Section 8300), subject to the following limitations:

(a) A candidate whose name has been on the ballot as a candidate of a party at the direct primary and who has been defeated for that party nomination is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate. He is also ineligible as a candidate named by a party central committee to fill a vacancy on the ballot for a general election.

(b) No person may file nomination papers for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election.

## 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 or districts **will be charged** a fee to file candidate statements. Candidate statement filing fees vary by district. Candidates must pay the full amount by check at the time of filing. If the district has opted to pay for the statement, they will be billed by the elections office at the completion of the election.

**Candidate statements must be filed with the Office of Elections by the close of the nomination period on August 9, 2024 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.

Election Code Section 13307(a)(2), 13307(d)

If an incumbent fails to file a declaration of candidacy for that race, for all other candidates, the deadline is extended until August 14, 2024 at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn by 5 pm on the first business day following the extension 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 for statements are typically 200 words but this is predetermined by your district. If you are unsure of your statement word limit, please reach out to your district or the Office of Elections to confirm.

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*

Handwritten statements will not be accepted for publication. Hardcopy versions of the candidate statement on the candidate statement form are required if submitting a candidate statement. Candidates should also submit their completed statement in a Microsoft WordDoc attachment via email. [Humboldt\\_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us) The Office of Elections will not accept candidate statements on a USB flash drive.

All candidate statements will be translated in both Spanish and Hmong for publication in the Voter Information Guide.

**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, 1331

### **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.

Candidate Statements are paid for in one of two ways:

1. The district pays for the statement.
2. The candidate pays for the statement.

Candidate statement filing fees vary by district. See Page 24 for specific fees.

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**Candidate Statement Costs**

Office			
	Word Count	Cost	Who Pays
US House of Representatives	250	\$4,455	Candidate
State Assembly	250	\$4,455	Candidate
Office	Word Count	Cost	Who Pays
Elementary School Districts (ESD) & School Districts (SD)			
Arcata SD Trustee Area 3	200	\$364	District
Arcata SD Trustee Area 4	200	\$361	District
Arcata SD Trustee Area 5	200	\$325	District
Big Lagoon Union ESD	200	\$292	Candidate
Blue Lake Union ESD	200	\$356	District
Bridgeville ESD	200	\$292	District
Cuddeback ESD	200	\$302	Candidate
Cutten ESD	200	\$457	Candidate
Eureka City Schools Trustee Area 2	200	\$606	Candidate
Eureka City Schools Trustee Area 4	200	\$595	Candidate
Ferndale Unified SD	400	\$750	Candidate
Fieldbrook ESD	200	\$309	Candidate
Fortuna ESD At Large	200   400	\$691   \$1,382	Candidate
Fortuna ESD Trustee Area F	200   400	\$492   \$984	Candidate
Fortuna ESD Trustee Area R	400	\$946	Candidate
Fortuna Union High SD	200	\$950	District
Freshwater ESD	200	\$362	Candidate
Garfield ESD	200	\$290	District
Green Point SD	200	\$282	District
Hydesville ESD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Jacoby Creek Sd	200	\$379	Candidate

Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified SD Trustee Area 2	200	\$300	Candidate
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified SD Trustee Area 4	200	\$294	Candidate
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified SD Trustee Area 5	200	\$294	Candidate
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified SD Trustee Area 7	200	\$290	Candidate
Kneeland ESD	200	\$291	District
Loleta ESD	200	\$317	District
Maple Creek ESD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Mattole Unified SD	200	\$294	Candidate
Mckinleyville Union SD	200	\$809	Candidate
Northern Humboldt Union High SD	200	\$1,748	Candidate
Pacific Union SD	200	\$439	Candidate
Peninsula Union SD	200	\$287	District
Rio Dell Union SD	200	\$375	Candidate
Scotia Union SD	200	\$302	District
South Bay Union SD	200	\$490	Candidate
Southern Humboldt Joint Unified SD	200	\$514	Candidate
Trinidad Union SD	200	\$352	Candidate
<b>Community College Districts (CCD)</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Redwoods CCD Trustee Area 4	200	\$942	Candidate
Redwoods CCD Trustee Area 5	200	\$930	Candidate
Redwoods CCD Trustee Area 6	200	\$1,054	Candidate
Redwoods CCD Trustee Area 7	200	\$939	Candidate

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<b>School Boards</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Humboldt County Board of Education Trustee Area 2	200	\$1,076	Candidate
Humboldt County Board of Education Trustee Area 5	200	\$1,140	Candidate
<b>Municipal Districts</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
City Of Arcata		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Blue Lake		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Eureka Ward 2		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Eureka Ward 4		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Ferndale Mayor City Council		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Fortuna		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Rio Dell		Contact City Clerk	
City Of Trinidad		Contact City Clerk	
<b>Municipal Water Districts</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water Division 1	200	\$794	Candidate
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water Division 2	200	\$877	Candidate
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water Division 3	200	\$880	Candidate

<b>Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation Districts (HRCD)</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Humboldt Bay HRCD Division 1	200	\$1,147	Candidate
Humboldt Bay HRCD Division 2	200	\$1,079	Candidate
Humboldt Bay HRCD Division 5	200	\$1,140	Candidate
<b>Fire Protection Districts (FPD)</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Arcata FPD Division 1	200	\$554	Candidate
Arcata FPD Division 3	200	\$490	Candidate
Arcata FPD Division 5	200	\$524	Candidate
Briceland FPD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Bridgeville FPD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Ferndale FPD	200	\$366	Candidate
Humboldt No.1 FPD	200	\$996	Candidate
Fruitland FPD	200	\$286	Candidate
Kneeland FPD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Myers Flat FPD	200	\$278	District
Petrolia FPD	200	\$283	Candidate
Redway FPD	200	\$307	District
Rio Dell FPD	200	\$405	Candidate
Telegraph Ridge FPD	200	\$283	Candidate
Willow Creek FPD	200	\$318	District
<b>Community Services Districts (CSD)</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Alderpoint County Water District	200	\$277	Candidate
Big Lagoon CSD	200	\$278	Candidate
Briceland CSD	200	\$277	District
Carlotta CSD	200	\$301	District
Fieldbrook Glendale CSD	200	\$333	Candidate
Garberville Sanitary District	200	\$297	District
Humboldt CSD	200	\$939	Candidate
Jacoby Creek County Water District	200	\$321	Candidate
Loleta CSD	200	\$294	District

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Manila CSD	200	\$302	Candidate
Mckinleyville CSD	200	\$814	Candidate
Miranda CSD	200	\$286	Candidate
Palmer Creek CSD	200	\$287	Candidate
Patrick Creek CSD	200	\$554	Candidate
Phillipsville CSD	200	\$279	Candidate
Redway CSD	200	\$307	Candidate
Resort Improvement District #1	200	\$302	Candidate
Riverside CSD	<b>Contact District</b>		
Scotia CSD	200	\$289	Candidate
Weott CSD	200	\$282	Candidate
Westhaven CSD	400	\$594	Candidate
Willow Creek CSD	200	\$318	Candidate
<b>Healthcare Districts</b>	<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who Pays</b>
Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District	200	\$507	District

# Candidate Statement of Qualifications Format

Elections Code § 13307-13314

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Please use the template below as a guide for your statement.

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**CANDIDATE'S NAME:**

**AGE (optional):**

**OCCUPATION (optional):**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Place candidate statement of qualifications here.

**/s/SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE**

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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.

STATEMENT	FORM NO.	REPORTING PERIOD	FILING DEADLINE
SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT	460 / 470	* - 06/30/2024	July 31, 2024
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRE-ELECTION	460	07/01/2024 - 09/21/2024	September 26, 2024
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRE-ELECTION	460	09/22/2024 - 10/19/2024	October 24, 2024
SEMI-ANNUAL	460	10/20/2024 - 12/31/2024	January 31, 2025
LATE CONTRIBUTION / INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE	496 / 497	08/07/2024 - 11/05/2024	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. Required filings vary by office and are summarized below.

OFFICE	501	700	FILES WITH
MUNICIPAL	X	X	City
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD	X	X	County
SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD	X	X	County

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
Office: 707-445-7481 / Fax: 707-445-7204  
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/elections>  
Email: [humboldt\\_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us)

**NOTE:** Candidates filing for city offices must file with the city of jurisdiction directly. See Page 10 for city contact information.

### **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: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/> or [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov), and at the following location:

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

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

**FEC**  
999 E St NW  
Washington, DC 20463  
(800) 424-9530 (select option 6) / (202) 694-1100  
[info@fec.gov](mailto:info@fec.gov)

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## Summary of Financial Forms

Required forms for state and county candidates are summarized below. US Congressional candidates should visit the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) website (<https://www.fec.gov/>) for information on federal campaign financial filing requirements.

### 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.

For campaigns receiving contributions of \$2,000 or more, a separate campaign bank account must be established including campaigns that are self-funded by the candidate. **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.

The committee’s FPPC identification number will be posted at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/>. 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:** If a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure, 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.

### **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 County of Humboldt filing officer: Humboldt County Office of Elections. 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 declaration of candidacy packet that is available at the Office of Elections. It can also be found, along with complete instructions, online at <http://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

### Code of Fair Campaign Practices Form

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.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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Office

## Filing Locations

### School Districts and Special Districts

#### Humboldt County Office of Elections

2426 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Main: (707) 445-7481 / Fax: (707) 445-7241

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/elections>

Email: [humboldt\\_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us)

### Cities

#### City of Arcata

Phone: (707) 822-5953

#### City of Blue Lake

Phone: (707) 668-5655

#### City of Eureka

Phone: (707) 441-4144

#### City of Ferndale

Phone: (707) 786-4224

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