



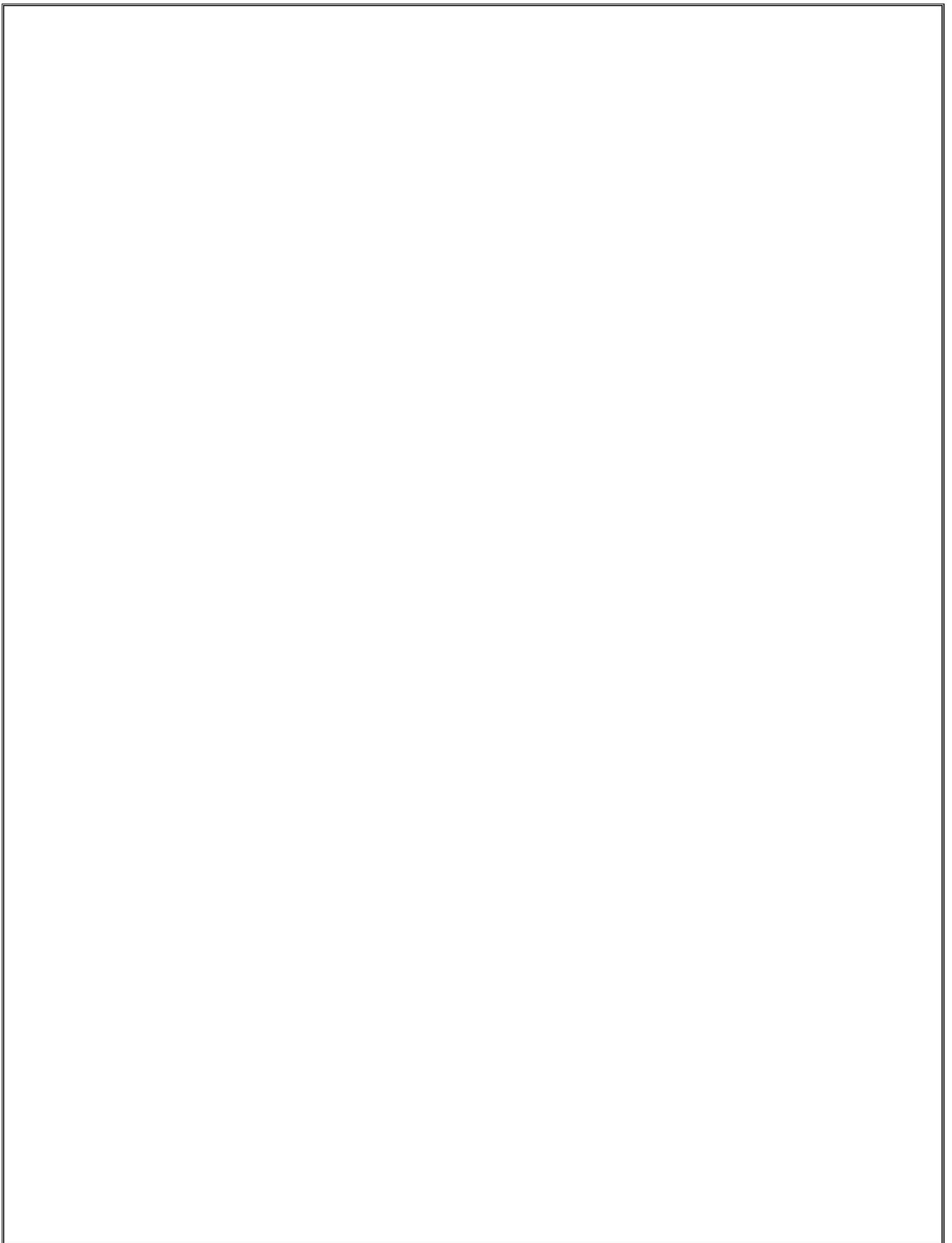
CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET

PRESIDENTIAL, VOTER-NOMINATED
& NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
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NOTICE:

This handbook is intended to provide general information regarding the nomination and election of candidates and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule.

It is distributed with the understanding that neither the Secretary of State, the County Elections Official or their staff is rendering legal advice, and, therefore, this information is not to be a substitute for legal counsel for the individual, organization, or candidate using it.

No duty is imposed upon the County Elections Official or their staff to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. The Declaration of Candidacy, which each candidate must sign under penalty of perjury, states that the candidate meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for office (including, but not limited to, citizenship, residency, etc.).

In the case of a conflict or amendments to law, the law, regulation, or rule that takes effect after publication of this document, the law, regulation, or rule will apply.

All references contained in this guide are to the [California Elections Code \(EC\)](#), [California Government Code \(GC\)](#) or [California State Constitution \(CaCONS\)](#)

Information effective November 2023 (may be subject to change)

Congratulations on your decision to run for office!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your commitment to the democratic process and your willingness to serve the public by running as a candidate in the upcoming March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

Our democracy thrives when dedicated individuals like yourself step forward to offer their leadership and vision to the community. Your decision to run for office is a testament to your civic engagement and your desire to make a positive impact on our County and its residents.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our elections office at 805-781-5228.

Wishing you the best of luck in your campaign. Together, we can continue to strengthen our democracy and make a positive impact on our community.

Sincerely,

Elaina Cano

County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

ELECTION CONTACT INFORMATION

County of San Luis Obispo – Registrar of Voters
1055 Monterey Street, Ste. D-120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Election information is also available at www.slovote.com

For further information or questions regarding these Candidate Filing Guidelines, please call (805) 781-5228 or email elections@co.slo.ca.us.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

State and Local Campaign Filing Information

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) www.fppc.ca.gov (866) 275-3772

Federal Campaign Filing Information

Federal Elections Commission (FEC) www.fec.gov (800) 424-9530

State Election Information

Secretary of State – Elections www.sos.ca.gov (916) 657-2166

State Franchise Tax Board

Elections www.ftb.ca.gov (800) 852-5711

CONFIDENTIAL VOTER DATA REQUESTS

Voter Registration Data, Walking Lists, and/or Vote by Mail Extracts for candidates are available for purchase from the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Office. All applicants must complete and submit an Application for Confidential Voter Registration Information, which is subject to review prior to approval.

The Application for Confidential Voter Registration Information is available online at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Clerk-Recorder/All-Services/Elections-and-Voting/Voter-Information-Data-File.aspx>

SETTING CANDIDATE APPOINTMENT

Prospective candidates **must** schedule an appointment prior to the issuance of any nomination documents.

To make candidate appointments efficient for everyone, candidates **must** call the Clerk Recorder's office at 805-781-5228 ahead of time and be prepared to provide the following information:

- District name
- Office Sought
- Name as Registered
- Residence Address
- Mailing Address
- Confidential Phone #
- Daytime Phone #
- Evening Phone #
- Fax #
- Email
- Website
- Name to Appear on Ballot
- Ballot Designation

Candidates will then be emailed a packet of forms to be completed and presented at their first appointment.

Certain candidates for a Non-Partisan office need to provide evidence of meeting the qualifications for the office they choose to file papers.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR CANDIDATES

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

DATE	EVENT
Sep 14 – Nov 8, 2023 (E-173 to E-118)	Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees –Period in which candidates can obtain forms from the county elections officials for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures will be applied to the nomination signatures requirements for the office. Please call to make an appointment 805-781-5228 EC §§ 8020(b) , 8061 , 8105 , 8106(b)
Oct 26 – Nov 15, 2023 (E-131 to E-111)	Candidate Statements in the State Voter Information Guide – United States Senator. Period in which U.S. Senator candidates may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the Voter Information Guide. Statements to be filed with the Secretary of State.
Oct 30 – Nov 8, 2023 (E-127 to E-118)	Judicial Candidates Declaration of Intention period. Filing fee is due at the same time as Declaration of Intention EC § 8023(a)
Nov 8, 2023 E-118	Deadline for Signatures in Lieu of filing fees. EC §§ 8020(b) , 8061 , 8105 , 8106(b)
Nov 9 – Nov 13, 2023 (E-117 to E-113)	Extension of Judicial Candidates Declaration of Intention period. (Non-Incumbents only) EC § 8023(b)
Nov 13 – Dec 8, 2023 (E-113 to E-88)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers Period- All Voter-Nominated, Non-Presidential Candidates EC §§ 333 , 8020 , 8040 , 8041 , 8061-8064 , 8100 , 8105 , 8106 , 13107.3
Nov 15, 2023 (E-111)	Candidate Statements in The State Voter Information Guide - United States Senator - Deadline 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Secretary of State. EC § 9084(i)
Dec 8, 2023 E-88	Nomination period closes.
Dec 9* – Dec 13, 2023 (E-87 to E-83)	Nomination Period Extension – If Incumbent Fails to File - Voter-Nominated, Non-Presidential Candidates EC §§ 8022 , 8100 , 8105
Dec 9*, 2023 (E-87)	Last Day to withdraw Candidate Statement of Qualifications by 5:00 p.m. EC § 13307(a)(3)

Dec 14, 2023 (E-82)	Random Alphabet Drawing - 11:00 a.m. EC §§ 13111 , 13112(b)(1)(B)
Dec 14, 2023 (E-82)	Last Day to withdraw Candidate Statement of Qualifications by 5:00 p.m. for candidates who filed during the extension period. EC § 13307(a)(3)
Jan 8 – Feb 20, 2024 (E-57 to E-14)	Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers Period - All Voter-Nominated, Non-Presidential Candidates EC § 8601
Jan 25, 2024 (E-40)	1st Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due (Covering 1/1/24 thru 1/20/24) GC §§ 84200.5 , 84200.8 , 84218
Jan 15 – Feb 13, 2024 (E-40 to E-21)	State Voter Information Guide Mailing EC § 9094(a)
Jan 31, 2024 (E-34)	Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Due (Covering 7/1/23 thru 12/31/23) GC §§ 84200 , 84218
Feb 5, 2024 (E-29)	Last Day to Mail Official Ballots and Voter Information Guides EC §§ 3000.5 , 3010 , 4005(a)(8)(A) , 4005(a)(8)(B) , 4007
Feb 19, 2024 (E-15)	15 Day Close of Registration EC §§ 300(b) , 321 , 2102 , 2170 , 3102
Feb 22, 2024 (E-12)	2nd Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due (Covers 1/21/24 thru 2/17/24) GC §§ 84200.5 , 84200.8 , 84218
March 5, 2024 (E-0)	Election Day. Polls open 7:00AM – 8:00PM
April 4, 2024 (E+30)	Official Canvass – Deadline EC §§ 15301 , 15372

*If a filing deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, it is moved to the next business day. For additional deadlines and information regarding campaign finance, please refer to the Fair Political Practices website www.fppc.ca.gov

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

Office	Term	Term End	Incumbent	Qualifications
FEDERAL				
President/Vice President	4 Years	1/3/25	Joe Biden / Kamala Harris (Democratic)	At least 35 years of age; natural-born citizen of the United States; U.S. resident for at least 14 years.
United States Senator - FULL TERM	6 Years	1/3/25	Vacant	At least 30 years of age; registered voter; U.S. citizen for at least 9 years; resident of the state when elected.
United States Senator	Short Term	1/3/25	Vacant	At least 30 years of age; registered voter; U.S. citizen for at least 9 years; resident of the state when elected.
Representative in Congress 19th District	2 Years	1/3/25	Jimmy Panetta (Democratic)	At least 25 years of age; registered voter; U.S. citizen for at least 7 years; resident of the state when elected.
Representative in Congress 24th District	2 Years	1/3/25	Salud Carbajal (Democratic)	At least 25 years of age; registered voter; U.S. citizen for at least 7 years; resident of the state when elected.
STATE				
State Senator 17th District	4 Years	12/2/24	John Laird (Democratic)	U.S. citizen; registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued; may not serve for more than two terms.
State Senator 21st District	4 Years	12/2/24	Scott Wilk (Democratic)	U.S. citizen; registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued; may not serve for more than two terms.
Member of the Assembly 30th District	2 Years	12/2/24	Dawn Addis (Democratic)	U.S. citizen; registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued; may not serve more than 12 years in the Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.
Member of the Assembly 37th District	2 Years	12/3/24	Gregg Hart (Democratic)	U.S. citizen: registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued; may not serve more than 12 years in the Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

The office of President and Vice-President remain a Partisan/Party Nominated office. Candidates for the party nominated offices must meet the party qualifications set forth in [EC §§ 6041, 6340, 6520, 6720, 6851](#).

Only voters who are registered with the political party for which the candidate is seeking the nomination shall be allowed to vote for the office of president, unless the voter has declined to state a party preference and that political party notifies the Secretary of State that any voter who has declined to state a party preference shall be allowed to vote in that party's primary election. Each party decides if they will allow a No Party Preference voter to choose their party ballot or not.

OFFICES IN THE TOP-TWO PRIMARY

Only the two candidates who receive the highest and second-highest number of votes cast at the primary shall appear on the ballots as candidates in the general election.

Political parties are no longer entitled to formally nominated candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election.

A candidate for a voter-nominated office shall designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, as indicated on the candidate's most recent affidavit of registration. The designation shall not be changed between the primary and general election.

A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party at the ensuing general election.

No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation in the general election unless such candidate is one of the two candidates receiving the highest and second highest votes at the primary election.

FILING FEES, SIGNATURES IN-LIEU, AND NOMINATION SIGNATURES

Filing fees are calculated based on the annual salary for the office in effect on the first day to circulate petitions to gather signatures in lieu of filing fees. State offices make check payable to the Secretary of State and will be forwarded to them along completed filings.

Office	Salary	Filing Fee (%)	# of In-Lieu Signatures	Value of Each Signature	# of Nomination Signatures
Member of the US Senate	\$174,000	\$3,480.00 (2%)	7,000	\$0.497143	65-100
Representative in Congress	\$174,000	\$1,740.00 (1%)	2,000	\$0.87000	40-60
Member of the State Senate	\$122,694	\$1,226.94 (1%)	2,000	\$0.61347	40-60
Member of the Assembly	\$122,694	\$1,226.94 (1%)	1,000	\$1.22694	40-60

All filing fees for above offices must be paid by check made payable to "Secretary of State." If the candidate is submitting signatures in-lieu of filing fees, the amount shall state "Not to Exceed (The Filing Fee)" in the memo line. The correct amount will be completed by the Secretary of State once the fee is calculated.

All filing fees received by the Secretary of State and the County Clerk-Recorder are non-refundable.

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

Term	Term End	Incumbent	Qualifications
Superior Court			
6 Years	1/6/31	Office #2 Crystal T. Seiler	U.S. citizen; registered voter; member of the State Bar for 10 years or served as a Judge of a California Court of Record for 10 years immediately preceding the election.
		Office #4 Timothy Covello	
		Office #5 Catherine Swysen	
		Office #6 Jacquelyn Duffy	
		Office #7 Michael C. Kelley	
		Office #8 Jesse Marino	
		Office #9 Tana Coates	
		Office #13 Craig Van Rooyen	
Board of Supervisors			
4 Years	1/8/29	1st District John Peschong	U.S. citizen; must be a registered voter in the District for at least 30 days before the deadline to file nomination papers and reside in the District during incumbency.
		3rd District Dawn Ortiz-Legg	
		5th District Debbie Arnold	

FILING FEES, SIGNATURES IN-LIEU, AND NOMINATION SIGNATURES

Filing fees are calculated based on the annual salary for the office in effect on the first day to circulate petitions to gather signatures in lieu of filing fees. Filing fee for County offices made payable to County Clerk-Recorder.

Office	Salary	Filing Fee (%)	# of In-Lieu Signatures	Value of Each Signature	# of Nomination Signatures
Superior Court Judge	\$232,399	\$2,323.99 (1%)	6,972	\$ 0.33	20 - 40
Board of Supervisors	\$97,697	\$976.97 (1%)	7% of registered voters in district	\$ 0.41	20 - 40

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

May I File for More Than One Office at The Same Election?

Possibly – There are a few exceptions:

- **Primary Elections** – EC § 8003(b) prohibits filing nomination papers in the direct primary for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election. This prohibition does not apply to a party central committee. (Moore vs. Panish - California Supreme Court)
- **School District Elections** – EC § 10603(c)(d) prohibits a person from filing nomination papers for more than one district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. Except, if there is a proposal to form a unified school district on the same ballot as the election of governing board members of that district, any candidate for a position on the existing governing board may also file nomination papers for a position on the governing board for the proposed district.
- **District Offices** – EC § 10510(b) prohibits a person from filing nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election.

If I Am Elected, May I Hold More Than One Office at The Same Time?

This is a legal question which the County Clerk-Recorder cannot answer. The County Clerk-Recorder cannot refuse to issue nomination papers unless it is prohibited as stated in the first question above. A person's legal right to hold more than one office at the same time is governed by common law doctrine of incompatible offices. GC § 1099 states: a) that an officer shall not simultaneously hold two public offices that are incompatible, as defined, and b) when two public offices are incompatible, a public officer shall be deemed to have forfeited the first office upon acceding to the second.

CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

PETITION IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE

File between the dates of September 14th - November 8th, 2023

A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in-lieu of paying the filing fee to run for office. The signatures submitted may cover all or a portion of the filing fee and shall be submitted by the deadline noted above or at the same time as the Declaration of Intention (Judicial Candidates only) or the Nomination Petition and Declaration of Candidacy, whichever occurs earlier.

Circulators must be at least 18 years of age or older. The circulator(s) shall complete the Affidavit of Circulator portion in their own hand. Petition in-lieu of signatures sections will not be accepted for filing unless the Affidavit of Circulator section is filled in completely.

No additional signatures may be filed after the filing date, but supplemental signatures may be filed to replace signatures in the original filing that were found to be invalid.

That portion of the filing fee not covered by the signatures must be paid in full before the nomination documents may be filed.

Signers must fill in the required information in their own hand.

Petitions in-lieu shall be filed with the elections official of the county in which the petitions were circulated.

EC §§ 104, [8061](#), [8105](#), [8106](#)

PETITION IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE USED FOR NOMINATION PAPER SIGNATURES

If a candidate submits a petition in-lieu of filing fee, all valid signatures appearing on the petition will be counted toward the number of signatures required on the nomination paper. If the petition in-lieu of filing fee contains the requisite number of valid signatures required for the nomination paper, the candidate is not required to circulate and file a nomination paper. If the petition in-lieu of filing fee does not contain the requisite number of valid signatures required for the nomination paper the candidate may still circulate and file a nomination paper to be signed by qualified registered voters during the nomination period to obtain any additional signatures necessary.

EC §§ 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061, 8062

DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

File between the dates of October 30 - November 8, 2023

No person may be a candidate nor have his/her name printed upon any ballot as a candidate for judicial office unless he/she has filed the Declaration of Intention. If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file the Declaration of Intention by November 8th, 2023, persons other than the incumbent may file the Declaration of Intention November 9th - 14th, 2023.

The non-refundable filing fee, signatures in-lieu, or any prorated combination of fee and signatures must be presented at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention.

If signatures in-lieu are presented to cover the filing fee or a portion thereof, the candidate shall also leave a check payable in an amount not to exceed the amount of the filing fee. The correct amount will be completed by the elections official once the number of valid signatures is determined and the fee is calculated.

EC §§ 8023, 8105

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS

File between the dates of November 13th - December 8th, 2023

All candidates for offices at the primary election must file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the elections official. Candidates may file a Declaration of Candidacy for only one office. If the candidate is out of the county during the Declaration of Candidacy period and is not able to be present in the elections official's office, the candidate may, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a person to pick up the Declaration of Candidacy form and deliver it to the candidate. The statement shall include language explaining that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official in the county of the candidate's residence no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 8th, 2023.

Circulators of Nomination Papers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted upon and shall complete the Affidavit of Circulator in their own handwriting. A nomination paper will not be accepted for filing unless the Affidavit of Circulator section is completed.

No more signers shall be secured for any candidate than the maximum number allowed. The nomination paper shall be filed with the election's official of the county in which the signers reside and are registered voters Except for Judicial Candidates, if the incumbent of the office does not file by December 9th, 2023, the filing period will be extended until December 14th, 2023, for any person other than the incumbent to file nomination documents. There shall be no extension of

the filing period if the incumbent has already served the maximum number of terms permitted for that office or if there is a vacancy in the office.

EC §§ 8020, 8028, 8040, 8041, 8060, 8105

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

File between the dates of January 4 – February 20, 2024

To be a write-in candidate, a person must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the requisite number of signatures as required for the office. Signers on the nomination papers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on.

There is no filing fee to be a write-in candidate.

EC §§ 8600-8605

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES JUDICIAL OFFICES

Submit petition by December 13, 2023

If only the incumbent files nomination papers for a judicial office, the office shall not appear on the ballot unless a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted is filed within 10 days after the deadline for filing nomination papers. The petition must be signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office. If such a petition is filed, the contest will appear on the ballot and write-in candidates must file nomination and candidacy papers as specified above.

EC § 8203

BALLOT NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS

NAME ON BALLOT

The candidate indicates on the Declaration of Candidacy how his/her name should appear on the ballot. This notation should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered, though the two need not be identical. For example, a candidate registered as "Jonathan William Smith" may use such variations as "John W. Smith," "John Smith," or "J. William (Bud) Smith."

No title or degree may appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name.

EC § 13106

RULES FOR PRINTING CANDIDATE'S NAME ON BALLOTS

Names of candidates shall be printed on the ballot in accordance with the following rules:

1. If the office is to be voted upon wholly within, but not throughout, one county, as in the case of County Supervisors and County Central Committee offices, the official responsible for conducting the election shall determine the order of names in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided in elections code
2. If the office is to be voted on throughout a single county and there are not more than four Assembly Districts wholly or partly in the county, the County Elections Official shall determine the order of names in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in elections code for the 1st Supervisorial District. Thereafter, for each succeeding Supervisorial District, the name appearing first for each office in the last preceding Supervisorial District shall be placed last and the order of the other names will remain unchanged.

EC §§ 13111(f), 13111(g)

RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING

For each election, the Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet pursuant to the procedures set forth in EC § 13112. For the Primary election, this drawing will be conducted on December 14th, 2023. The Secretary of State shall certify and transmit to each county elections official the order in which the names of federal and state candidates, with the exception of candidates for State Senate and Assembly, shall appear on the ballot. The elections official shall determine the order on the ballot of all other candidates using the appropriate randomized alphabet for that purpose.

EC § 13112

BALLOT DESIGNATION

The ballot designation is the word or group of words that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name, designating the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate. Acceptable ballot designations are governed by EC § 13107 and CCOR §§ 20710-20719. All candidates may choose a ballot designation to appear immediately under their name on the ballot.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

A Ballot Designation Worksheet must be completed and filed with the election's official at the same time the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy. The statute mandates that no designation will appear under the candidate's name on the ballot if the candidate fails to file the required worksheet. The ballot designation must be chosen from one of the four categories below:

EC § 13107.3

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/she was elected by vote of the people.

Examples:

- An acceptable ballot designation for an assembly representative from the 33rd Assembly District, would be "Member of the Assembly, 33rd District."
- For local offices, a candidate who is currently in office as mayor may use the designation "Mayor, City of San Luis Obispo."
- Proposed ballot designations indicating a position of legislative leadership or leadership in another elected body, such as "Majority Leader of the California Senate," Speaker of the California State Assembly," or "City of San Luis Obispo Mayor Pro Tem" are not elective offices and therefore not allowed. However, they may, subject to the three-word limit, be considered as an occupation.

EC § 13107(a)(1), CCOR § 20712

INCUMBENT

The word "Incumbent" may be used if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he/she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers and was elected to that office by a vote of the people, or, in the case of a superior or municipal court judge, was appointed to that office.

The term "Incumbent" must be used as a noun. It shall not be used in conjunction with any other words, including any accompanying adjectives or modifiers. For example, "Incumbent Assembly Member, 33rd Assembly District" or "Incumbent City Councilmember" would be impermissible designations.

Incumbent cannot be combined with any other designation and must stand alone. For example, "Incumbent/Rancher" is not permissible.

EC § 13107(a)(2), CCOR § 20713

APPOINTED INCUMBENT

The phrase "Appointed Incumbent" may be used if the candidate holds an office other than a judicial 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".

If an incumbent was appointed in lieu of an election because the number of candidates did not exceed the number required to be elected at the last election for that office, the candidate is not required to use "appointed".

EC § 13107(a)(4), CCOR § 20715

3-WORD PROFESSION/OCCUPATION/VOCATION

No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, and/or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, and/or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

Definitions of some of the above terms as they are used in EC § 13107(a)(3), are defined as follows:

Profession: means a field of employment requiring special education or skill and requiring knowledge of a particular discipline. The labor and skill involved in a profession is predominantly mental or intellectual, rather than physical or manual. Recognized professions generally include, but are not limited to, law, medicine, education, engineering, accountancy, and journalism.

Occupation: means the employment in which one regularly engages or follows as the means of making a livelihood. Examples of an acceptable designation of an "occupation," as defined in this subdivision include, but are not limited to, "rancher," "restaurateur," "retail salesperson," "manual laborer," "construction worker," "computer manufacturing executive," "military pilot," "secretary," and "police officer."

Vocation: means a trade, a religious calling, or the work upon which a person, in most but not all cases, relies for his or her livelihood and spends a major portion of his or her time. Examples of an acceptable designation of a "vocation", as defined in this subdivision include, but are not limited

to, "minister," "priest," "mother," "father," "parent," "homemaker," "dependent care provider," "carpenter," "plumber," "electrician," and "cabinetmaker."

Principal: as that term is used in this subdivision, means a substantial involvement of time and effort such that the activity is one of the primary, main, or leading professional, vocational, or occupational endeavors of the candidate. Involvement that is only nominal, pro forma, or titular in character does not meet the requirements of the statute.

- If a candidate is licensed by the State of California to engage in a profession, vocation or occupation, the candidate is entitled to consider it one of his or her "principal" professions, vocations or occupations if the candidate has maintained his or her license current as of the date he or she filed his or nomination documents by complying with all applicable requirements of the respective licensure, including the payment of all applicable license fees and the status of the candidate's license is active at the time he or she filed his or her nomination documents.
- A candidate who holds a professional, vocational or occupational license issued by the State of California may not claim such profession, vocation or occupation as one of his or her "principal" professions, vocations or occupations if the candidate's licensure status is "inactive" at the time the candidate files his or her nomination document, or the candidate's license has been suspended or revoked by the agency issuing the license at the time the candidate files his or her nomination documents.

A candidate may engage in multiple principal professions, vocations, or occupations. Accordingly, the candidate may designate multiple principal professions, vocations, or occupations. If a candidate proposes a ballot designation including multiple principal professions, vocations or occupations, the proposed ballot designation must comply with the following provisions:

- The proposed ballot designation must comply with the three-word limitation.
- Each such proposed profession, vocation or occupation shall be separately considered by the Secretary of State and must independently qualify as a "principal" profession, vocation or occupation.
- When multiple professions, vocations or occupations are proposed as a ballot designation, they shall be separated by a slash ("/"). An example of an acceptable designation would be "Legislator/Rancher/Physician."

"Community Volunteer" means a person who engages in an activity or performs a service for or on behalf of, without profiting monetarily, one of more of the following:

- A charitable, educational, or religious organization as defined by the United States Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3)
- A governmental agency; or
- An educational institution.

The activity or service must constitute substantial involvement of the candidate's time and effort such that the activity or service is the sole, primary, main, or leading professional, vocational, or occupational endeavor of the candidate, who is not engaged concurrently in another principal

profession, vocation, or occupation. Community Volunteer cannot be used in conjunction with any other Profession, Occupation or Vocation.

EC §§ 13107(a)(3), 13107.5, CCOR § 20714

DESIGNATIONS NOT ACCEPTED

Neither the Secretary of State nor any other election official shall accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:

It would mislead the voter. In making this determination, the Secretary of State shall determine whether there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonably prudent voter would be misled as to the candidate's principal profession, vocation or occupation by the candidate's proposed ballot designation. The determination shall take into account the plain meaning of the words constituting the proposed ballot designation and the factual accuracy of the proposed ballot designation based upon supporting documents or other evidence submitted by the candidate in support of the proposed ballot designation.

It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which would suggest an evaluation of the candidate's qualifications, honesty, integrity, leadership abilities or character. Any laudatory or derogatory adjectives which would suggest an evaluation of the candidate's qualifications shall not be permitted. Such impermissible adjectives include, but are not limited to, "senior," "emeritus," "specialist," "magnate," "outstanding," "leading," "expert," "virtuous," "eminent," "best," "exalted," "prominent," "famous," "respected," "honored," "honest," "dishonest," "corrupt," "lazy," and the like.

It abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words which it modifies. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words which it modifies. Examples of impermissible designations include "Ret. Army General," "Major USAF, Retired" and "City Attorney, Retired."

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." The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which uses a word or prefix to indicate a prior profession, vocation, occupation or elected, appointed or judicial office previously held by the candidate. Such impermissible words or prefixes include, but are not limited to, "Ex-," "former," "past," and "erstwhile." Examples of impermissible designations include "Former Congressman," "Ex-Senator," and "Former Educator."

Use of the word "retired" in a ballot designation is generally limited for use by individuals who have permanently given up their chosen principal profession, vocation, or occupation. In evaluating a proposed ballot designation including the word "retired."

The Secretary of State will consider the following factors in making a determination as to the propriety of the use of the term "retired":

- Prior to retiring from his or her principal profession, vocation or occupation, the candidate worked in such profession, vocation, or occupation for more than 5 years.
- The candidate is collecting, or eligible to collect, retirement benefits or other type of vested pension.
- The candidate has reached at least the age of 55 years.
- The candidate voluntarily left his or her last professional, vocational or occupational position.
- The candidate's retirement benefits provide him or her with a principal source of income.

It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for recognized ballot status.

It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any ballot designation which expressly contains or implies any ethnic or racial slurs or ethnically or racially derogatory language. If the candidate is a member of the clergy, the candidate may not make reference to his or her specific denomination. However, the candidate may use his or her clerical title as a ballot designation (e.g., "Rabbi," "Pastor," "Minister," "Priest," "Bishop," "Deacon," "Monk," "Nun," "Imam," etc.)

It refers to any activity prohibited by law. The Secretary of State shall reject as unacceptable any proposed ballot designation which refers to any activity prohibited by law. Unlawful activity includes any activities, conduct, professions, vocations, or occupations prohibited by state or federal law.

EC § 13107(e), CCOR § 20716

OTHER RULES

The proposed ballot designation shall be grammatically correct, generic, and all words must be spelled correctly.

Punctuation shall be limited to the use of a comma (e.g., District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County) and a slash (e.g., Legislator/Rancher/Physician). A hyphen may be used if, and only if, the use of a hyphen is called for in the spelling of a word as it appears in a standard reference dictionary of the English language published in the ten calendar years preceding the election.

All California geographical names shall be considered to be one word and shall be limited to the names of cities, counties, and states. The names of special districts and political subdivisions are not "geographical names". If the candidate desires, the geographical name may be used in the form of "City of....," "County of....," or "...County."

An acronym shall be counted as one word.

A ballot designation may not comprise or include commercial identification information, such as a trademark, service mark, tradename, or the specific name of a business, partnership, corporation, company, foundation, or organization. Examples of an improper use of commercial identification information include, but are not limited to, "Acme Company President," "Universal Widget Inventor," "Director, Smith Foundation," "UCLA Professor," and the like.

A candidate who does not want a ballot designation should indicate this in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, by writing "NONE."

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.

EC § 13107(d), CCOR § 20714

DESIGNATION REJECTED

If upon checking the ballot designation worksheet and accompanying nomination documents, the election official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the candidate shall be notified by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate's nomination documents. We will also email the candidate.

It is important for the candidate to include a correct telephone number, facsimile number (if available), email, and mailing address on the ballot designation worksheet in order to expedite communication in the event the ballot designation is rejected.

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.

In the event the candidate fails to provide an alternate designation, no designation shall appear after the candidate's name.

EC § 13107(f)

CHANGES AND FORMAT

No designation given by a candidate shall be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the election official.

The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both Primary and General Election, unless the candidate, at least 98 days prior to the General Election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.

In all cases, words shall be printed on the ballot in 8-point Roman uppercase and lowercase type **except** that, if the designation selected is so long that it would conflict with the space requirements of EC §§ 13207 and 13211, the election official shall use a type size for the designation for each candidate for that office sufficiently smaller to meet these requirements.

EC §§ 13107(g)-(i)

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

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

Candidate Information

1

Candidate Name: _____ Gender (optional, for translation use only): _____

Office: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number(s)

Business: _____

Home/Mobile: _____

Fax: _____

Attorney Information

2

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s)

Business: _____

Mobile: _____

Fax: _____

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

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

Proposed Ballot Designation(s)

3

Proposed Ballot Designation(s): _____

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: _____

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: _____

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

- (a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/) separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. (**Note: It is not necessary to provide copies of Certificates of Election if you are currently a seated member for a voter-nominated office.**)
- (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

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

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

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.**

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Justification for use of 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 a 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).

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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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:

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:

(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) 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.
 - (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;
 - (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.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Federal voter-nominated: Congressional Representative candidates may prepare a statement of qualifications to be included in the County Sample Ballot Booklet. Each county within the district must be contacted separately. A candidate for U.S. Senator may prepare a statement of qualification to be included in the State Voter Information Guide. See Secretary of State for information, cost, and deadline.

State voter-nominated: (State Senate and Member of the Assembly). Candidates who accept the expenditure limits will be allowed to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the County Sample Ballot Booklet. Each county must be contacted separately.

Statewide candidates: (Governor, Secretary of State, etc.) Candidates that have agreed to the voluntary spending limits may have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the State Voter Information Guide. See Secretary of State for information, cost, and deadline.

Non-Partisan: (Judicial and County offices) Candidates may prepare a statement of qualification to be included in the County Sample Ballot Booklet. The statement is optional and not a requirement for filing for the office.

Statements shall be filed in the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. If the territory of an office encompasses more than one county, a statement must be filed in each County for the statement to be printed in each county's sample ballot booklet. Candidates for a position requiring nomination papers shall file their statement at the time their nomination papers are filed.

The statement **MAY** include:

- Name, Age, Occupation of the Candidate
- A brief description (no more than 250 words (Voter Nominated offices) or no more than 200 words (Non-Partisan offices)) of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate in his/her own words (first person singular).

The statement **MAY NOT** include:

- The party affiliation of the candidate.
- Membership or activity in any partisan political organization.
- References to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited in this section.

EC § 13308

The statement must be typed and follow the format on the form. Boldface type, bullets, boxes, arrowheads, diamonds, asterisks, all capital letters, or underlining are not allowed.

Candidates must file a hard copy of the statement as well as submit the statement electronically. The statement should be set out in block style paragraphs in type of uniform size and darkness and with uniform spacing.

The candidate should proof the statement very carefully for spelling, punctuation, and grammar, as it will be printed as submitted.

The statement may be **WITHDRAWN**, by the candidate in writing, **BUT NOT CHANGED**, during the nomination period or the extension of the nomination period for non-incumbents only - and until 5:00 p.m., on the next working day after the close of the nomination period or the next working day after the close of the extension of the close of the nomination period for non-incumbents only.

Each candidate who files a statement of qualification will be required to pay an estimated deposit at the time the statement is filed to cover the cost of the printing and handling. The estimated deposit amount is an approximation of the actual cost and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. **Accordingly, the elections official is not bound by the estimate and will bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess amount paid depending on the final actual cost.**

The Candidate's Statement of Qualifications shall remain confidential until after the close of the nomination period and will be available for public examination for 10 days after the close of nominations. Any challenges to a statement must be made during this 10-day period.

EC §§ 13307, 13311, 13313

[Assembly Bill 773](#) amended Section 13307.7 of the Elections Code to allow electronic submission of candidate statements for county voter information guides. The form will be available on the County Clerk-Records website at slovote.com.

Candidates of Multicounty Districts

If a candidate is running in a multicounty district, the elections official of each county shall accept the electronic submission of the form from the candidate's county of residence; however, the candidate shall transmit a hard copy of the candidate statement form, any accompanying form, and payment of the requisite fee to each county by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the statement electronically. Please review AB 773, Elections Code 13307, and contact each county for their filing requirements.

Candidates of multicounty districts wishing to publish a candidate statement in the San Luis Obispo County Voter Information Guide using a copy of a candidate statement form electronically submitted to their county of residence (not San Luis Obispo) must deliver to the San Luis Obispo County Elections Division by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the statement electronically:

1. A completed "Candidate's Statement of Qualifications – For Candidates of Multicounty Districts" form,
2. A completed "Candidate's Statement of Qualifications – Acknowledgment and Receipt" with an original signature, and
3. Payment of estimated costs.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT WORD COUNTING GUIDELINES

For purposes of this code, the following shall apply to the counting of words. This section shall not apply to counting words for Ballot Designations under EC § 13107:

EXAMPLES	WORD COUNT
Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section	One Word
All proper nouns, including geographical names such as, "County of San Luis Obispo"	One Word
Abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression, such as UCLA, PTA, U.S.M.C., etc.	One Word
Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available dictionary, published in the US in the last 10 years. All other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word	One Word
Dates	One Word
Telephone numbers	One Word
Internet web site address	One Word
Numbers: Digits, such as 1, 10, 100 Spelled out - one, ten, one hundred Numerical Combinations - 5%, 2001-2002 Telephone Number/Email address	One Word One for each Word One Word One Word
Monetary Amounts: Dollar Sign and Figures - \$500,000.00 Spelled Out - Five Hundred thousand dollars	One Word Four Words

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

This estimate is for San Luis Obispo County only. If the office is multi-county jurisdictional, please contact that county for information to have a candidate statement published in their sample ballot.

OFFICE	ESTIMATED COST: ENGLISH ONLY	ESTIMATED COST: ENGLISH AND SPANISH
US Congress – 19 th	\$525	\$1,125
US Congress 24 th	\$815	\$1,715
State Senate 17 th	\$1,000	\$2,100
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State Assembly 37 th	\$250	\$575
Countywide Offices	\$1,200	\$2,500
Board of Supervisors Dist. 1	\$325	\$750
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SAMPLE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

It is recommended the candidate’s statement contain no more than twenty-five (25) lines and carriage returns. The Elections Official is not responsible for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reconfigured to comply with these guidelines.

Although “Occupation” is not restricted by ballot designation limitations and may be more descriptive, words exceeding one line will be shortened.

NOTE: In order to ensure that submitted text will fit in the limited half-page space, the following may occur:

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- Multiple single sentence paragraphs will be wrapped.
- Indented text will be run together as a sentence.

Candidates utilizing the guidelines and suggestions will make their candidate statements uniform, fair, and legible.

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Jurisdiction/District

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PTA & Classroom Aid

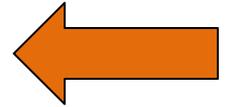
SLO County Civil Service Commission

4H Leader

SLO County Board of Education

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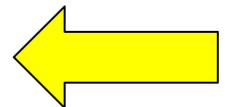
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