

Candidate Information Calendar

November 3, 2026, Gubernatorial General Election



Dates	Event
Jul 13 – Aug 7, 2026 E-113 to E-88	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period. Incumbents must file by Aug 7 th at 5:00 PM. EC §8020
July 31, 2026	Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Filing Deadline. (for 01/01/2026-06/30/2026, OR opening of committee-06/30/2026) GC §§84200, 84218
July 28, 2026 E-98	Last day to change ballot designation for November 3, 2026, General candidates. EC §13107(h)
Aug 8 – Aug 12, 2026 E-87 to E-83	Extension of Nomination Period (Non-Incumbents Only) EC §§8022, 8024. Does not apply where there is no incumbent due to vacancy or term limits
Aug 10, 2026 E-85	Last day to withdraw Candidate Statement of Qualifications by 5:00PM for contests closing August 7th. EC §13307(a)(3)
Aug 13, 2026 E-82	Random Alphabet Drawing EC §13112
Aug 13, 2026 E-82	Last Day to withdraw Candidate Statement of Qualifications by 5:00PM for contests closing August 12th. EC §13307(a)(3)
Sept 7- Oct 20, 2026 E-57-14	Write-In Candidate Period EC §8601
Sept 24, 2026 E-40	1 st Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due (for 7/1/26-9/19/26) GC §84200.5, §84200.7(a)
Oct 5, 2026 E-29	First day of Vote-by-Mail Ballots (VBM) processing and voting EC §15101
Oct 19, 2026 E-15	Last day to Register to Vote in the General Election (15-day Close of Registration). Last day before the General Election for any voter to send a notice or letter advising of a change of address within the County. EC §§2102, 2116, 2119
Oct 20 – Nov 3, 2026 E-14 – E-Day	Conditional Voter Registration Period. Period in which an elector can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the County Elections Office, a satellite office, or polling place after the 15-day close of registration deadline.
Oct 22, 2026 E-12	2 nd Pre-Election Campaign Statement Due (for 9/20/26-10/17/26) GC §84200.5, §84200.7(a)
Oct 23, 2026 E-11	Certified List of Write-In Candidates Secretary of State to release the certified list of write-in candidates eligible to receive votes in the General Election.

Oct 27, 2026 E-7	Last day for Elections Office to mail replacement Vote-by-Mail Ballots to registered voters. EC §3000.5
Nov 3, 2026	Election Day. Polls open 7:00AM-8:00PM
Nov 5, 2026 E+2	Official Canvass Begins
Nov 10, 2026 E+7	Mailed Voted by Mail Ballots – Last day to be considered timely with post mark of 11/3/26. EC §§3011, 3017, 3020(b),(c)
Dec 3, 2026	Complete Official Canvass
Feb 1, 2027	Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Due (7/1/2026 – 12/31/2026)

* If a filing deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, it is moved to the next business day.