



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK ELECTION CALENDAR

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The following Candidate Handbook and Election Calendar is intended to provide general information and does not have the force or effect of law, regulation or rule. It is distributed with the understanding that the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is not rendering legal advice or that this calendar is not a substitute for legal counsel. In the case of conflict, the law, rule or regulation will apply.

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ELECTION CALENDAR

* - indicates date that falls on weekend or holiday. Deadline moves to next business day.

e-158	January 1, 2016*	Legal Holiday - New Year's Day - Office Closed
e-158 e-88	January 1, 2016* March 11, 2016	Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period (EC 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8062-8064, 8100, 8104, 13107.3)
e-141	January 18, 2016*	Legal Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr Day - Office Closed
e-113	February 15, 2016*	Legal Holiday - President's Day - Office Closed
e-82	March 17, 2016	Random Alpha Drawing (EC 13111, 13112)
e-73	March 26, 2016*	Candidates Nominated - Printing on the Ballot (EC 7227, 7423)
e-60	April 8, 2016	Issue 60-day Ballots to Military/Overseas (EC 300(b), 3103)
e-57 e-14	April 11, 2016 May 24, 2016	Write-in Candidacy Period (EC 8600, 8601)
e-40 e-21	April 26, 2012 May 15, 2012	State Ballot Pamphlet Mailings (EC 9094)
e-40 e-10	April 28, 2016 May 28, 2016*	Mailing of Sample Ballots (EC 13300/13303/13304)
e-29 e-7	May 9, 2016 May 31, 2016	Period for Issuance of Vote by Mail Ballots (EC 3001)
e-15	May 23, 2016	Close of Registration(EC 2107)
e-15	May 23, 2016	Vote by Mail - Ballot Processing (EC15101b)
e-13	May 25, 2016	Candidate Meeting @ 5:30pm @ County Clerk's office
e-8	May 30, 2016	Legal Holiday - Memorial Day - Office Closed
e-6 e-1	June 1, 2016 June 6, 2016	Vote by Mail Ballot Issuance - Late Conditions Only (EC 3021)
e-0	June 7, 2016	Election Day (EC 1000, 14212, 14214, 14311)
e+1	June 8, 2016	Post Election Reconciliation
e+2	June 9, 2016	Begin Official Canvass (EC 15301)
e+3	June 10, 2016	Last day to Accept Vote by Mail Ballots by Mail (Postmarked)(EC 3017, 3020)
e+8	June 15, 2016	Last day to Accept Unsigned Ballot Statements (EC 3019)
e+27	July 4, 2016	Legal Holiday - Independence Day - Office Closed
e+30	July 7, 2016	Last Day to Complete Official Canvass and Certify Results - Governing Body declares results under its jurisdiction (EC 15372, 15400, 15401)
e+38	July 15, 2016	Certificates of Election or Nomination Issued (EC 8145, 8146, 8147)

TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY ACT PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICE

In 2010 California voters approved Proposition 14 which created the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act. The Act changed how contests are referred to and recognized on the ballot. The Act created Party-Nominated offices and Voter-Nominated offices.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 337, the following are Party-Nominated offices:

Elected Member of Party Committee

PARTY NOMINATED OFFICES:

Under the California Constitution, political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A candidate so nominated will then represent that party as its official candidate for the office in question at the ensuing general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation to that effect. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election is entitled to participate in the general election.

Parties can also elect officers of official party committees at a partisan primary.

No voter may vote the ballot of any political party at any primary election unless he or she has disclosed a preference for that party upon registering to vote or unless he or she has declined to disclose a party preference and the political party, by party rule duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizes a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote the ballot of that political party. (Elections Code § 9083.5)(a)

PARTY-NOMINATED ELECTIVE OFFICES

LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICES

OFFICE	DISTRICT	# OF MEMBERS	TERM	
Central Committees:				
♦ Democratic Party	1	4 members	4 Years	
	2	4 members	4 Years	
	Number of Members	3	5 members	4 Years
	Submitted by Chairman	4	3 members	4 Years
	5	7 members	4 Years	
♦ Republican Party	1	6 members	4 Years	
	2	4 members	4 Years	
	Number of Members	3	3 members	4 Years
	Submitted by Chairman	4	1 member	4 Years
	5	7 members	4 Years	

Number of members calculated pursuant to Elections Code Sections 7200 (DEM), 7400 (REP).
Minor parties not active in Madera County.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Term: 4 Years (Elections Code §201, 300.5, 7225, 7420)

Term Begins: At the Organizational Meeting

Qualifications: A candidate for the office of Member, County Central Committee shall:

- be a registered voter; and
- be a citizen of the United States
- be registered as affiliated with their party at the time of appointment or election.

(Elections Code §201, 7200, 7209, 7400, 7407, 7420, 7421, 7650, 7654, 8104(a))

NOMINATION DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

NOMINATION PETITIONS: Candidates are required to file a Nomination Petition containing at least 20 and no more than 40 signatures of registered voters. Nomination signatures must be obtained and filed between **January 1, 2016* and March 11, 2016**. Each section of the Nomination Petition shall be delivered to the County Elections Official of the county in which the signer(s) reside and vote. Signers of the petitions must be registered voters of the jurisdiction (supervisory district) and of the same political party affiliation for which the candidate is seeking nomination.

(Elections Code §8041, 8060, 8062, 8063, 8065, 8066, 8068, 8100, 8101)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY: Each candidate is required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between **January 1, 2016* and March 11, 2016**. The Declaration shall be obtained from the county elections official of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter. The Declaration of Candidacy must be executed in the office of the elections official unless the candidate, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designates a third party to obtain the Declaration from the county elections official and deliver it to the candidate. Such written statement shall state that the candidate is aware the Declaration must be properly executed and delivered to the county elections official from whom it was obtained not later than the close of business on March 11, 2016.

If by the 73rd day prior to the presidential primary election (March 26, 2016*), the number of candidates nominated for election to a committee from an assembly or supervisory district does not exceed the number of candidates to be elected, the names of the candidates shall not be printed, on this party's ballot in the assembly or supervisory district. In lieu thereof, the Board of Supervisors shall declare elected the candidates who have been nominated.

(Elections Code §7228, 7423, 8020, 8028, 8040, 8062(3), 8064, 8068, 8100, 8101)

VOLUNTARY CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES - *OPTIONAL*: At the time an individual files his or her Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Petition, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the county elections official shall give the individual a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of Chapter 5, Division 20 of the Elections Code.

(Elections Code §20440)

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FILING OBLIGATIONS:

See Campaign Disclosure Requirements on pages 10-14 of this guide or the appropriate FPPC Manual.

PARTISAN OFFICE (ELECTED BY DISTRICT)

Summary Information

\$ FILING FEES None

✍️ NOMINATION SIGNATURES 20 - 40

✉️ STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS None

🕒 FILING PERIODS

- 01/01/16 to 03/11/16* **Filing Period** for Nomination Petitions and Declaration of Candidacy

■ ALL CANDIDATES MUST FILE:

1. Nomination Petitions
2. Declaration of Candidacy
3. Campaign Disclosure Forms (501, 410, 460 or 470 if applicable)

*For dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, use the next regular business day for transactions.

NOTE: This summary of qualifications and requirements is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law or procedure since the publication of this information.

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any officeholder 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 the concept as follows: “One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both”.

The State of California Attorney General’s Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six 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. Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

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 at www.caag.state.ca.us. For more information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-800-275-3772 or at www.fppc.ca.gov.

PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Chapter 5 of Division 20 California Elections Code

Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

20400. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidate to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

Article 2. Definitions

20420. As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

20440. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is VOLUNTARY.

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

20441. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

20442. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

20443. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

20444. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires all candidates for state and local elective office, all state and local elected officeholders, proponents of state and local ballot measures who control a ballot measure committee, and committees supporting or opposing state and local candidates, and all measure committees, to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

It is the responsibility of the candidate and or committee to be aware of and to file required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner. **Government Code Section 91013 provides for a late filing fine of \$10 per day for the late filing of any campaign disclosure statements after the deadline until the statement or report is filed.**

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM DESCRIPTIONS

FORM 501

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

WHO FILES

A candidate for state or local office must file this form prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution, or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election.

File a separate Form 501 for each election, including re-election to the same office. State candidates please read Form 501 guidelines regarding voluntary expenditure limits.

Exception: Candidates for county central committee offices that do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

WHEN TO FILE

The Form 501 must be filed **before** you solicit or receive **any** contributions or before you make **any** expenditures from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. This form is considered filed the date it is postmarked or hand delivered.

WHERE TO FILE

State Candidates send original to: Secretary of State Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Room 495, Sacramento CA 95814

Local Candidates send original to: County Clerk-Recorder
200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637

FORM 410
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

WHO FILES

RECIPIENT COMMITTEE - A recipient committee is any individual (including an officeholder or candidate), group of individuals, organization, or any other entity that receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year.

CONTRIBUTION - The term "contribution" includes monetary payments, loans and non-monetary goods or services.

PERSONAL FUNDS - Candidates - The personal funds of a candidate or officeholder used in connection with seeking or holding elective office are contributions and are counted towards qualifying as a recipient committee. However, personal funds used to pay a candidate filing fee or a fee for the Statement of Qualifications to appear in the ballot pamphlet are not counted toward the \$2,000 threshold.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 84300(a), no contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made or received in cash. Pursuant to Government Code Section 84300(b), no expenditure of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more shall be made in cash.

WHEN TO FILE

The Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. The date this form is postmarked is the date it is considered filed.

A recipient committee qualifying during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Form 410 or the information required on a Form 410 by fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery within 24 hours of qualification with the County Clerk-Recorder. The Form 410 must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.

A recipient committee qualifying during the 16 days prior to an election in which the committee makes independent expenditures of \$2,000 or more to support or oppose a candidate in that election must file the Form 410 (or the information contained on the Form 410) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements and with the filing officer(s) for the candidate(s) supported or opposed by the independent expenditure. These filings must be made by fax, guarantee overnight delivery, personal delivery, or online (if online filing is available).

WHERE TO FILE

All Committees: Secretary of State Political Reform Division
Send original to: 1500 11th St, Room 495, Sacramento CA 95814

County & City Committees: County Clerk-Recorder
Send copy to: 200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637

FORM 460
RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

WHO FILES

This form is for use by ALL candidates who have filed a Form 410.

WHEN TO FILE

You will need to complete and file a Form 460 at all of the following reporting periods during your candidacy:

- Pre-election Statement
- Semi-annual Statement

The Form 460 must continue to be filed until such time as you disburse all funds and file a Form 410 Termination Statement.

WHERE TO FILE

State Candidates send original to: Secretary of State Political Reform Division
1500 11th St, Room 495, Sacramento CA 95814

Local Candidates send original to: County Clerk-Recorder
200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637

FORM 470
OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT SHORT FORM

WHO FILES

The Form 470 is for use by officeholders and candidates who do not have a controlled committee and do not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$2,000 in a calendar year. Filing fees and the fee for a statement of qualifications are not counted towards the \$2,000 threshold.

Exception: Individuals seeking or holding the office of County Central Committee are not required to file campaign disclosure statements if they do not raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

WHEN TO FILE

If a Form 470 is filed with the Declaration of Candidacy, on or before the filing deadline for the first campaign statement required for the current calendar year, no additional campaign statements will be required. However, if during your campaign, your status changes and you do exceed the \$2,000 threshold, you will need to file a Form 470 Supplement, a Form 410 Statement of Organization and subsequent Form 460 disclosure statements. The Form 470 Supplement must be completed and sent within 48 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more. The notice must be sent by telegram, guaranteed overnight service or fax. Regular mail may not be used. File the Form 470 Supplement with the County Clerk-Recorder and each candidate seeking the same office.

WHERE TO FILE

Local Candidates send original to: County Clerk-Recorder
200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OFTEN OVERLOOKED

BE INFORMED: The Franchise Tax Board is authorized under Section 90001 of the Government Code to audit Campaign Disclosure Statements. The audit can include tests of the accounting records and other such auditing procedures.

The purpose of campaign disclosure is to provide the public with the identity of contributors and the amounts they give, as well as the amount officeholders, candidates and committees spend. The laws passed to enforce that purpose can be challenging for the unwary, therefore some often overlooked requirements, some identified in audit reports, are provided here:

- Unopposed candidates are subject to provisions of the Political Reform Act (GC82007)
- Prior to soliciting or receiving any contribution (including a loan), all elected officeholders and all candidates must file a Form 501.
- Contributions include **PERSONAL FUNDS** and are subject to the same disclosure requirements.
- Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be filed within 10 days by any person who receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year.
- Officeholders and candidates who receive contributions or make expenditures must establish a campaign checking account in California and report it on a Form 410.
- Loans to a candidate are considered contributions unless the loan is from a financial institution.
- Filing fees and candidate statement fees may be paid in cash if the candidate is using personal funds and will not be reimbursed through the committee (GC85200). Otherwise, campaign disclosure laws requires that expenditures of \$100 or more be made by written instrument containing the names of both the payee and payer. (GC84300)
- Never accept or spend \$100 or more in cash.
- For contributions of \$100 or more, including loans, and in-kind contributions, you must disclose the contributor's name, address, occupation and employer. Contributions of \$100 or more may not be made in the form of a money order or cashier's check. Contributions may continue to be made with a credit card. (GC84300)
- Maintain details on contributions and expenditures of \$25 or more, even if you are spending less than \$2,000.
- Make copies of all contributor checks.
- Candidates must disclose employer information for all contributors and keep records of occupation and employer information.
- **NO PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS.** Use campaign funds only for political, legislative or governmental purposes.
- The source of each loan must be disclosed.
- All expenditures of \$100 or more must be itemized on the campaign statements, and then summarized on the Campaign Disclosure Statement summary page.
- As long as the committee is in existence, a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement must be filed. If the candidate has filed a long form (460) previously in the calendar year, a 460 must also be filed as the Semi-annual Statement even if there is no activity.
- Payee addresses must be disclosed on the campaign statements for expenditures made.
- If the committee changes its treasurer, an amendment to the Form 410 must be filed.
- If \$1,000 or more (\$500 or more for local county candidates) is received from one contributor during the last 16 days before the election, disclose receipt within 24 hours, even if the contribution is from your personal funds.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULE

FILING DEADLINE	STATEMENT TYPE	PERIOD COVERED	DELIVERY METHOD
February 1, 2016	Semi-Annual	* to 12/31/15	*Personal *1st Class Mail
March 22, 2016	Pre-Election	1/1/16 to 3/17/16	*Personal *1st Class Mail
May 26, 2016	Pre-Election	3/18/16 to 5/21/16	*Personal *1st Class Mail
Within 24 hours	Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or More	3/9/16 to 6/6/16	*Personal *Overnight Service *Fax
August 1, 2016	Semi-Annual	5/22/16 to 6/30/16	*Personal *1st Class Mail

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.

Candidates with organized committees are required to file a Form 460 at each of the above filing periods. You will not be sent any further notification of the filing periods or due dates. In order to avoid penalties and fines, you must file each statement by the deadlines shown.

Except for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, there is no provision in the law for extending a filing deadline. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.

All statements are public documents.

CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

MASS MAILING

Definition of a Mass Mailing: Mass mailing means over two hundred (200) substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry. (Government Code §82041.5)

NOTE: If you are planning any type of mass mailing, please contact the post office in advance for specific postal regulations.

MASS MAILING REQUIREMENTS

a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.

c) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a). (Government Code §84305)

MASS MAILING PROHIBITIONS

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense.

(Government Code §89001)

POLITICAL ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS - NEWSPAPERS

Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.

(Elections Code §20008)

SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

a) Every simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of this statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

“NOTICE TO VOTERS”

“(Required by Law)”

“This is not an official ballot or any official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official, or the Secretary of State.”

This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for the preparation thereof).”

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.

c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred positions for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof.

(Elections Code §20009)

TRUTH IN ENDORSEMENTS LAW

a) Provides information regarding restrictions on endorsements, representation requirements, etc. A copy is available in the California Elections Code which can be viewed at www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.

(Elections Code §20000-20010)

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA

Voter registration information is available for governmental, political, journalistic or educational purposes only. An application to purchase voter registration information is required. Requests must be submitted in writing, and applications are available in the Elections Division or on our website at <http://www.madera-county.com/countyclerk/index.html>.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Alphabetical Lists List of registered voters in Alphabetical order	\$.50¢ per 1,000 records
Street Lists List of registered voters by residence address	\$.50¢ per 1,000 records
Mailing Labels	\$40.00 + \$10 per 1,000 records
Statement of the Vote (hard copy)	\$20.00
Voted Voter History (hard copy)	\$20.00 + \$.50¢ per page
CD - Voter file with History	\$40.00 + \$1.00 per 1,000 records
CD - Voter file no History	\$40.00 + \$.30¢ per 1,000 records
CD - Vote by Mail voters	\$10.00
CD - Precinct District File (PDF)	\$10.00
CD - Statement of the Vote	\$15.00
Map - Countywide/City/Supervisory	\$ 5.00
Map - Individual Precincts	\$.50¢ per precinct
Polling Place List	\$ 5.00
Candidate List	\$ 5.00
Copies of Campaign Disclosure Statements	\$.10¢ per page
Copies of Statements of Economic Interests	\$.10¢ per page

CONFIDENTIAL VOTER FILE

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 2187(g), 2188, and 2194, voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic, political purposes, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase or use voter registration information must be signed by the candidate.

PERMISSIBLE USAGE

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files.

Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings which campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or in behalf of any political party; of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative, or referendum petition;
- ◆ Sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes;
- ◆ Conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud;
- ◆ Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure;
- ◆ Any official use by any local, state, or federal government agency.



PROHIBITED USAGE

Prohibited usage includes:

- ◆ Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose;
- ◆ Solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support of or opposition of a ballot measure.
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by Section 19003.

California Elections Code Section 18109 states:

“(a) it is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 2180) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law.

(b) it is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information referred to in subdivision (a) without first complying with Section 2188.”



POLITICAL SIGNS

Outdoor Political Advertising - State Law

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act (Business & Professions Code) authorizes the placing of “temporary political signs” separate and apart from the normal outdoor advertising controls. No political sign may be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

Temporary political signs are those that meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election;
- ◆ Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after the election;
- ◆ Is no larger than 32 square feet;
- ◆ Has had a “Statement of Responsibility” filed with the State Department of Transportation.

The law directs the Department of Transportation to remove signs that do not comply with the regulations before an election and to bill the responsible party for removal costs after the election.

Penal Code Sections 556, 556.1, and 556.3 provide that it is a misdemeanor for any person to place sign to advertise on public or private property (without consent); and that it shall be considered public nuisance.

Outdoor Political Advertising - Madera County Code

Section 18.90.040 of Chapter 18.90 of Title 18 of the Madera County Code states that “No sign shall be placed upon any public property, including sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, curbs, lamp posts, hydrants, trees, utility poles, buildings, fences, and rights-of-way of any type, except such legal notices which are authorized by law to be so located. No sign shall project over any public property right-of-way.” This ordinance, number 525C, was enacted in April, 1994.

ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY

100' Rule

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 18370, no person on Election Day shall, within 100 feet of a polling place:

- ◆ Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall or nomination petition or any other petition;
- ◆ Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his/her ballot;
- ◆ Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his/her qualifications except as provided in section 14240;
- ◆ Do any electioneering. This includes wearing buttons, T-shirts, stickers, etc., that promote a candidate or issue on the ballot.
- ◆ Photograph, videotape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

As used in this section "100 feet from a polling place" shall mean a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Elections Code Section 18541 provides that any person who violates the above provisions is punishable by imprisonment in county jail for not more than 12 months or state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.





POLL WATCHING

Elections Code Sections 2300(a)(9), 14221, 14294)

Poll watchers are allowed at the polling place as long as they obey the law and election procedures. Persons observing the polls may:

- ◆ Inspect the Roster of Voters. Any such inspection, however, must be done without impeding, interfering, or interrupting the normal processing of voters.
- ◆ Inspect the Street Index which is updated hourly by poll workers reflecting which voters have voted. This list may not be removed by anyone other than the poll workers.
- ◆ Observe all activities at the polling place, including activities after the polls close, providing they do not interfere with the normal closing procedures.



EXIT POLLING

Elections Code Section 18541

The Secretary of State and Attorney General have reviewed the Electioneering provisions and have determined that these provisions do not apply to the Press and Media conducting “Exit Polls”. However, no one may interfere with the conduct of the election. News media are instructed to remain at least 25' from the entrance to the polls. The media may take pictures or run a television camera inside the polling place provided they respect the voters’ privacy and do not interfere with voting. They may not speak to voters regarding how they are voting within 25' of the entrance to the polls.

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

All ballots are tabulated in the office of the County Clerk-Recorder, located at: 200 West 4th Street, Madera.

Unofficial results are posted on our website as they become available.

Please visit: www.votemadera.com or www.madera-county.com

Vote by Mail Ballot results are released after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.



Results are also available by phone. The numbers to call are:

559-675-7720

559-675-7721

559-675-7724

or toll free 1-800-435-0509

Results on election night are not provided in a precinct by precinct format.

All results on election night are **UNOFFICIAL**.

The official results will not be certified until the completion of the official canvass.

OFFICIAL CANVASS

The Official Canvass will commence on Thursday, June 9, 2016 and shall continue daily, excluding weekends and holidays, for no less than 6 hours per day, until completed. The County Clerk-Recorder staff has 30 days to complete the Official Canvass.

Upon completion of the Official Canvass, the County Clerk-Recorder shall produce a Certification of Results and Statement of the Vote.

(Elections Code §15300-15376)



RESOURCES:

Elections Division
200 West 4th Street
Madera CA 93637
559-675-7720
55-675-7870 fax

www.votemadera.com

www.madera-county.com

email: electionsinfo@co.madera.ca.gov

Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Room 450

or

PO Box 807
Sacramento CA 95814
866-275-3772
916-322-3711 fax

www.fppc.ca.gov

email advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Elections Division

1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento CA 95814

916-657-2166

916-653-3214 fax

www.sos.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Political Reform Division

1500 11th Street, Room 495

Sacramento CA 95814

916-653-6224

www.politicalreform@sos.ca.gov

AGENCY CONTACTS FOR VIOLATIONS

The Madera County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters Office appreciates receiving notice of cases of alleged voter registration, petition or voter fraud; however, this office is NOT an enforcement agency and is therefore unable to investigate any violations.

In response to many of the inquiries our office receives regarding the possible election violations or fraud, the following is a list of resources regarding whom you should contact for the various types of violations:

- **False or misleading campaign materials**
No agency enforcement.
Issues resolved via court action.
- **Violations of the Political Reform Act
(Title 9 of California Government Code §81000-91015) Mass Mailing; Slate Mailers;
Campaign Disclosure, Use of Campaign Funds; Statements of Economic Interest**

Contact local District Attorney at (559) 675-7726, or the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-800-561-1861.
- **Election Fraud**
Contact local District Attorney at (559) 675-7726, or the Secretary of State at (916) 657-2166.
- **Unlawful use of public funds, violations of the Elections Code, Penal Code or any law other than the Political Reform Act**
Contact local District Attorney at (559) 675-7726, or the Attorney General at 1-800-952-5225.
- **Federal Campaign, e.g., US Senate, US Congress and President of the United States**
Contact the Federal Elections Commission at 1-800-424-9530.
- **Open Meeting Laws (Brown Act)**
Contact local District Attorney at (559) 675-7726, or the Attorney General at 1-800-952-5225.
- **Local Ordinances**
County - Contact Code Enforcement (559) 661-6333 or District Attorney at (559) 675-7726.
City - Contact City Attorney (559) 661-5400.
- **Vandalism of Campaign Signs/Concerns regarding Signage**
Contact local District Attorney at (559) 675-7726 or Code Enforcement at (559) 661-6333.