

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR JUNE 5, 2012

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Janice Atkinson, County Clerk
& Registrar of Voters

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



For dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, use the next regular business day for transactions. Please note that the following holidays are legal holidays observed by the County of Sonoma. They may not be the same holidays recognized by other counties or by the Secretary of State's Office.

2012 January 2 New Year's Day
January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 13 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 20 President's Day
May 28 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 3 Labor Day
November 12 ... Veteran's Day
November 22 ... Thanksgiving Day
November 23 ... The day after Thanksgiving
December 25 ... Christmas Day

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CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT (Form 501) ▶ Prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, any individual who intends to be a candidate for an elective state office shall file with the Secretary of State's Office an original of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). Any individual who intends to be a candidate for any other elective office shall file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) with the same filing officer with whom the original campaign statements are required to be filed. See "Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements," in the campaign guide, for more information on filing this form.

G.C. §§85200

CANDIDATES

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION/CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT (Form 410) ▶ Upon the filing of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), any candidate who raises contributions of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year shall establish a campaign account at an office of a financial institution located in the state. The candidate shall then set forth the name and address of the financial institution where the candidate has established a campaign account and the account number on the committee Statement of Organization (Form 410). See "Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements," in the campaign guide, for more information on filing this form.

A fine of \$10 per day, up to a maximum of \$100, may be assigned for the late filing of Form 410.

G.C. §§84101, 85201, 91013

DEC 30

(-158)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED ▶ The Secretary of State shall send to the Registrar of Voters Office a list of all the offices, except county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election.

E.C. §12103

DEC 30 to FEB 8

(-158 to -118)

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEES ▶ Between these dates, any candidate for Judicial office may obtain forms from, and file signatures-in-lieu of paying all or part of the non-refundable filing fee with, the Registrar of Voters Office. Candidates must either pay the filing fee or submit sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu (or any combination thereof) prior to filing their Declaration of Intention.

E.C. §§8061, 8105, 8106

DEC 30 to FEB 23

(-158 to -103)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY CANDIDATES

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEES — CANDIDATES OTHER THAN JUDICIAL ▶ Between these dates, any candidate for Federal, State, and County office may obtain forms from, and file signatures-in-lieu of paying all or part of the non-refundable filing fee with, the Registrar of Voters

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Office. Candidates must either pay the filing fee or submit sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu (or any combination thereof) prior to obtaining their nomination forms.

E.C. §§8061, 8105, 8106

JAN 9	(-148)
GOVERNOR/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION ▶ By this date the Governor shall issue a proclamation, under his or her hand and the Great Seal of the State, and shall state the time of the election and the offices, if any, to be filled. Copies of the proclamation shall be transmitted to the Boards of Supervisors of the counties.

E.C. §12000

JAN 22	(-135)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE	

STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered as of the 154th day before the date of the primary election, together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form.

E.C. §2187

JAN 26	(-131)
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE	

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES ▶ Last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure, or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the Primary Election ballot.

E.C. §9040

JAN 30 to FEB 8	(-127 to -118)
JUDICIAL	

DECLARATION OF INTENTION ▶ — **JUDICIAL CANDIDATES** ▶ Between these dates, candidates for Judicial office must file a Declaration of Intention with the Registrar of Voters in their county of residence. Candidates must either pay the non-refundable filing fee or submit sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu, or any combination thereof, at the time of filing a Declaration of Intention. Checks should be made payable to the Registrar of Voters.

If an incumbent, eligible to be elected, fails to file by 5 p.m. on the final day to file, persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention not later than 5 p.m. on the first day for filing nomination papers.

E.C. §§8023, 8024, 8105

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JAN 31 (Date fixed by law)
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT DUE ▶ All elected officers, candidates, and committees filing campaign statements must file a semi-annual statement covering the report period of July 1st (or from the date of last filing) to Dec 31st and must be filed not later than Jan 31st.

G.C. §§84200, 84218

JAN 31 (Date fixed by law)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE — DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY ▶ By this date, the Registrar of Voters Office shall compute the number of members to be elected to each party county central committee, by supervisorial district, based on total number of votes cast for Governor in the last Governor's election.

E.C. §§7200, 7226, 7400, 7421

FEB 1 (-125)
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE/COUNTY COUNCIL — AMERICAN INDEPENDENT ▶ Not later than this date the Secretary of State shall compute the number of central committee members to be elected in each county to the American Independent Party.

E.C. §7671

FEB 1 (-125)
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

QUALIFIED PARTIES ▶ At least 125 days before the direct primary elections, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each county elections official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election.

E.C. §12103

FEB 8 (-118)
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU — LAST DAY — JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ▶ Last day candidates for Judicial offices may file signatures-in-lieu of paying all or part of the nonrefundable filing fee in the Registrar of Voters Office. The balance of the filing fee not covered by face value signatures must be paid by this date upon filing the Declaration of Intent. Within 10 days after receipt of the petitions, the Registrar of Voters Office shall notify the candidate in writing of any deficiency due to invalid signatures. It is recommended that the candidate deposit a check, not to exceed the amount of the remainder of the filing fee due as a result of the deficiency, with the Registrar of Voters Office, to avoid disqualification due to nonpayment of fees.

The candidate may submit the necessary number of valid supplemental signatures and/or pro-rata filing fee prior to the close of the nomination period to make up for the invalid signatures. Each circulator

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shall be a registered voter of the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on and shall serve within the county in which he or she resides.

E.C. §§8061, 8105, 8106

FEB 8 (-118)
JUDICIAL

DECLARATION OF INTENTION — JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ▶ Last day any Judicial candidate may file a Declaration of Intention to run for office (unless an incumbent, eligible to be elected, fails to file).

E.C. §§8023

FEB 9 to FEB 13 (-117 to -113)
JUDICIAL

DECLARATION OF INTENTION — EXTENDED FILING PERIOD — JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ▶ If an incumbent Judicial officer, eligible to be reelected, fails to file by 5 p.m. on the final day to file, any person who is qualified, other than the incumbent, may file a Declaration of Intention no later than 5 p.m. on the first day for filing nomination papers. The nonrefundable filing fee or sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu (or any combination thereof) shall be deposited at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention.

E.C. §§8023, 8105(b)

FEB 11 (-115)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE/COUNTY COUNCIL — GREEN, LIBERTARIAN, AND PEACE & FREEDOM ▶ Not later than this date the election official shall compute the number of central committee/county council members to be elected in each county to the Green, Libertarian, and Peace & Freedom parties based on the report of registration to the Secretary of State as of the 135th day before the date of the election.

E.C. §§7751, 7771

FEB 13 to MAR 9 (-113 to -88)
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

NOMINATION PERIOD ▶ Period for filing nomination documents for all candidates for the Consolidated Primary Election. (See “Qualifications and Requirements” for the specific office in the campaign guide for more information on nomination documents and procedures on filing for office.)

Nominations forms for federal, state, and county offices as well as county central committee/county council may be obtained from the Registrar of Voters Office. Candidates must either pay a nonrefundable filing fee or submit sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu (or any combination thereof) prior to the issuance of their nomination forms from the county elections official.

E.C. §§8020, 8041, 8061, 8100 et seq.

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FEB 13 to MAR 9
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

(-113 to -88)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS — STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY — OPTIONAL ▶ Any candidate for U.S. Representative, and state legislative office who accepts voluntary expenditure limits, may submit a 250-word Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot. The statement will be printed at the candidate's expense and may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate. See the campaign guide for costs of statements and guidelines on submitting a statement of qualifications.

G.C. §85601(c), E.C. §13307.5

FEB 13 to MAR 9
LOCAL CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-113 to -88)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS — OPTIONAL ▶ Any candidate for nonpartisan local office (including an incumbent in a recall election) may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot at the time his or her nomination documents are filed. Candidates who are not required to file nomination documents (i.e. run-off elections), but who wish to file an optional Statement of Qualifications must do so no later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to election. If a jurisdiction requires payment in advance, the candidate must pay the jurisdiction and bring proof of payment at the time of filing. Once filed, the statement may be withdrawn (but not changed) until 5 p.m. the next regular business day following the close of nominations. All statements remain confidential until the close of the nomination (or extended nomination) period. See the campaign guide for costs of statements and guidelines on submitting a Statement of Qualifications.

E.C. §13307 et seq.

MISREPRESENTATION IN STATEMENT ▶ Any candidate in an election (including an incumbent in a recall election) who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to E.C. §11327 or E.C. §13307, with the intent to mislead voters, is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

E.C. §18351

FEB 13 to MAR 9
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-113 to -88)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ▶ Any candidate who does not anticipate spending or receiving \$1,000 or more in a calendar year may file a Form 470 Campaign Statement – Short Form, which does not require detailed information concerning receipts and expenditures.

Any candidate who receives **any** contributions or loans from others **must** establish a campaign bank account in California and deposit **all** the contributions or loans into the account **before** expenditure. An original and one copy of the Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be sent to the Secretary of State's Office **within 10 days** of opening the account.

Before expending \$1,000 or more of personal funds in a calendar year, any candidate who has not established a campaign account pursuant to Gov't Code §85201(g) shall (1) establish a campaign account **before** the \$1,000 expenditure threshold is reached; (2) file an original and one copy of the Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State's Office and, if applicable, file a

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copy with the appropriate local filing officer (this form also contains the campaign bank account information); and (3) file the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form 470 Supplement (Form 470 Supplement) with the Secretary of State’s Office, the appropriate local filing officer **and** each candidate seeking the same office. This notice is **required** to be filed **within 48 hours** of receiving or making contributions or expenditures of \$1,000 or more.

Please refer to the appropriate Campaign Disclosure Manual for additional information regarding filing obligations for candidates, officeholders and committees supporting or opposing candidates or measures.

G.C. §85201

FEB 13 to MAR 9
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-113 to -88)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS ▶ Form 700 must be filed not later than the final filing date for the Declaration of Candidacy if it is required by the Conflict of Interest Code for the jurisdiction or by state law. This statement shall not be required if the candidate has filed, within 60 days prior to the filing of his or her Declaration of Candidacy, a statement for the same jurisdiction.

G.C. §§87200 et seq., 87500

FEB 13 to MAR 9
CANDIDATES/FILING CLERK

(-113 to -88)

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES – VOLUNTARY ▶ At the time declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any document evidencing a candidate’s intention to run for a public office are issued, the elections official shall issue a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and the provisions of E.C. §20440 et seq. The clerk shall inform each candidate for public office that signing the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary. Forms so filed shall be retained for public viewing until 30 days after the election.

E.C. §20400 et seq.

FEB 23
FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY CANDIDATES

(-103)

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU – LAST DAY – CANDIDATES OTHER THAN JUDICIAL ▶ Last day candidates may file signatures-in-lieu of paying all or part of the nonrefundable filing fee in the Registrar of Voters Office. The balance of the fee not covered by face value signatures must be paid by the close of the filing period for nomination documents. Within 10 days after receipt of the petitions, the Registrar of Voters Office shall notify the candidate in writing of any deficiency.

The candidate may submit the necessary number of valid supplemental signatures and/or pro-rata filing fee prior to the close of the nomination period. If a petition is circulated for an office in more than one county, the candidate shall submit the signatures to the Registrar of Voters Office in the county where the petition was circulated. It is recommended that the candidate deposit a check, not to exceed the amount of the remainder of the filing fee due as a result of the deficiency, with the Registrar of Voters Office of the candidate’s county of residence, to avoid disqualification due to nonpayment of fees.

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The Registrar of Voters shall, within two days of verifying the petitions, notify the Secretary of State of the total number of valid signatures, if appropriate. If the number of signatures is insufficient, the Secretary of State shall notify the candidate and the elections official in each county of the fact.

Each circulator shall be a registered voter of the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on and shall serve within the county in which he or she resides.

E.C. §§8061, 8105, 8106

MAR 9 (-88)
GOVERNING BODY/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

CONSOLIDATION ORDER — OTHER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS ▶
Whenever an election called by a district, city or other political subdivision for the submission of any question, proposition or office to be filled, is to be consolidated with a statewide election (or in the case of local elections, when no specific procedure is specified), the jurisdiction calling the election shall, not later than 5 p.m. on this date, file with the Board of Supervisors, and a copy to the Registrar of Voters Office, a resolution of its governing board requesting such consolidation and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition or office to be voted upon at such election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Measures that exceed 75 words must be abbreviated to 75 words or less to appear on the ballot. The resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the ordinance, resolution or order calling the election.

Ed.C. §5322, E.C. §§10402, 10403, 13247

MAR 9 (-88)
GOVERNING BODY

TAX RATE STATEMENT — BOND ISSUES ▶ Final filing date for Tax Rate Statement. Tax Rate Statements shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot for any bond issue proposed by a county, city and county, city, district, or other political subdivision, or by any agency, department or board thereof, the security for which constitutes a lien on the property for ad valorem taxes within the jurisdiction and the proposal for which is required to be submitted to the voters for approval.

E.C. §§9400, 9401

MAR 9 (-88)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES ▶ Precinct boundary changes occurring less than 88 days before an election shall not be effective for purposes of that election.

E.C. §12262

MAR 9 (-88)
PROPONENT/OPPONENT/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

NOTICE TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS ▶ Based on the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print arguments, analyses and Sample Ballots and to permit the 10-day public examination period, the elections official shall fix and determine a reasonable date prior to the election after which no arguments for or against any measure may be submitted for printing and distribution to the voters.

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Notice of the date by which arguments must be submitted shall be published by the elections official pursuant to Gov't. Code §6061 (one time). Arguments may be changed until and including the date fixed by the elections official. Arguments submitted must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by each proponent and author, if different. Forms are available from the elections official.

E.C. §§9163, 9286, 9316, 9502, 9600, G.C. §6061

MAR 9 **(-88)**
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

FILE OR WITHDRAW NOMINATION DOCUMENTS — LAST DAY ▶ All nomination documents must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on this date.

- Final date for filing the following **required** documents: Declaration of Candidacy; Statement of Economic Interests (only if required by the jurisdiction's Conflict of Interest Code or state law).
- Final date for filing the following **optional** documents: Code of Fair Campaign Practices; Candidate's Statement of Qualifications.
- **Recommended** date for filing the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (California Form 470) if the candidate does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in connection with seeking or holding office.

No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.

E.C. §§8020, 8800, 10220, 10407, G.C. §87201

MAR 9 **(-88)**
COUNTY COUNSEL/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

REQUEST FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS — COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE ▶ Upon the measure's qualification for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure text of each county or school district measure to the County Counsel, who shall prepare an Impartial Analysis of the measure. The analysis is due by the 78th day before the date of the election.

REQUEST FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS — MUNICIPAL MEASURE ▶ Upon the measure's qualification for the ballot, the Council may direct the city elections official to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an Impartial Analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words in length and must be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters Office by the 78th day before the date of the election.

E.C. §§9160, 9203, 9280, 9500

MAR 9 **(-88)**
COUNTY AUDITOR

REQUEST FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS ▶ Whenever any county measure qualifies for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure to the County Auditor. The Board of Supervisors may direct the County Auditor to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact

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Statement shall not exceed 500 words and must be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters Office by the 78th day before the date of the election.

E.C. §9160
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MAR 9
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS ▶ Whenever, on the 88th day before the election, there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct, the Registrar of Voters Office may designate such precinct as a mailed ballot precinct. Each voter shall be furnished with an official ballot, as soon as ballots are made available, along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election. The voter shall not be required to file an application for the ballot.

E.C. §3005

MAR 10
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-87)

MEASURE ASSIGNMENT ▶ On this day the Registrar of Voters Office will assign a letter designation to each local measure that will appear on the ballot.

E.C. §13116

MAR 10 to MAR 14
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-87 to -83)

EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD ▶ If an incumbent, eligible to be elected, fails to file the required nomination documents by 5 p.m. on the last day to file (88 days before the election), anyone (other than the incumbent) who is otherwise qualified shall have five (5) calendar days (until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election) to file for that office. This section does not apply when there is no incumbent eligible to be elected, to County Central Committee/County Council offices, or to any office in which there is a Declaration of Intention period that is extended as a result of the incumbent's failure to file his/her Declaration of Intention.

No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.

E.C. §§8022, 8023(b), 8024, 8204, 8800, 10407

MAR 10 to MAR 19
PUBLIC/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-87 to -78)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 88TH DAY — TAX RATE STATEMENTS, STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS, FULL TEXT, ETC. ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material

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in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapters 2-6 of Division 9 or Chapter 3 of Division 6 of the Elections Code, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313

MAR 10
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-87)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS — WITHDRAWAL — LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICE ▶ Last day for any candidate, who so desires, to withdraw his or her Statement of Qualifications (unless there is an extension of the nomination period). Statements may be withdrawn (but not changed) during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next regular business day following the close of the nomination (or extended nomination) period for the office.

E.C. §13307

MAR 14
GOVERNING BODY

(-83)

AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF BALLOT MEASURES — LAST DAY ▶ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a legislative body has ordered that a measure or proposal be submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction at a special election, the order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after the 83rd day prior to the election.

The order of election shall be amended or withdrawn upon the filing of a resolution by the legislative body stating the specifics concerning the amendment or withdrawal. The resolution shall be filed with the elections official not later than the 83rd day prior to the election.

E.C. §9605

MAR 15 to MAR 24
PUBLIC/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-82 to -73)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 83RD DAY — CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS EXTENSION ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 3 of Division 13 of the Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §13313

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MAR 15 **(-82)**
CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS — WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION — LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES ▶ If there has been an extension of the nomination period for a local nonpartisan office, this is the last day for any candidate for that office, who so desires, to withdraw his or her Statement of Qualifications. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next regular business day after the close of the extended nomination period.

E.C. §13307

MAR 15 **(-82)**
SECRETARY OF STATE/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

RANDOMIZED ALPHABET ▶ The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the alphabet to determine the order of the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot. The resulting random order of letters constitutes the alphabet for all offices other than multi-county state legislative offices. In addition, and only if applicable, the candidates' names will be rotated pursuant to E.C. §13111.

For candidates for multi-county state legislative offices, the Registrar of Voters Office in each affected county shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. The result of each county's drawing shall be used only to determine the order of the names of candidates for multi-county legislative offices within such county.

E.C. §13112

MAR 19 **(-78)**
PROPOSERS/OPPONENTS

ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE — COUNTY OR DISTRICT MEASURE ▶ Final filing date for arguments for or against any measure to appear on the ballot. Arguments must be filed in the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5 p.m. on this date.

ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE — MUNICIPAL MEASURE ▶ Suggested last day for arguments for or against any municipal measure to appear on the ballot. Actual date set by City Clerk. Check with City Clerk for information regarding city measures.

GENERAL INFORMATION ▶ Arguments shall not exceed 300 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the office of the appropriate City Clerk). Each argument shall be titled either "Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

E.C. §§9162, 9163, 9282, 9286, 9315, 9316, 9501, 9502, 9600

MAR 19 **(-78)**
COUNTY COUNSEL/CITY ATTORNEY

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS — COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the last day for County Counsel to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office an Impartial Analysis of each county or school district measure, showing the effect on

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existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with the County Auditor's Fiscal Analysis if requested and arguments for and/or against the measure if submitted. The Impartial Analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §§9160, 9500

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS — MUNICIPAL MEASURE ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the suggested last day for the City Attorney to transmit to the City Clerk's Office an Impartial Analysis of each city measure, showing the effect on existing law and the operation of the measure, and the last day for the City Clerk to transmit same to the Registrar of Voters Office. The analysis shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with the arguments for and/or against the measure if submitted. The Impartial Analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §9280

MAR 19
COUNTY AUDITOR

(-78)

FISCAL ANALYSIS — COUNTY MEASURE ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the last day for the County Auditor, if so directed by the Board of Supervisors, to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office a Fiscal Analysis (Fiscal Impact Statement) of each county measure, estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact Statement (if any) shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with County Counsel's Impartial Analysis, preceding the arguments for and/or against the measure, if submitted. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §9160

MAR 19
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-78)

JUDICIAL INCUMBENT — ONLY NOMINEE ▶ In any county or judicial district in which only the incumbent has filed nomination documents for the office of Superior Court Judge, his or her name shall not appear on the ballot unless a petition has been filed by this date indicating a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to that office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures.

If the incumbent's name does not appear on either the Primary or General Election ballot, then on the day of the General Election, the Registrar of Voters shall declare the incumbent judge reelected. No certificate of election shall be issued before the date of the General Election.

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY ▶ In addition to filing the above stated petition, any judicial write-in candidate must file, between the 57th day and the 14th day before the election, a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and the number of signatures required on the nomination paper.

E.C. §§8062(a)(3), 8203, 8600 et seq.

MAR 20 to MAR 29
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-77 to -68)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 78TH DAY — DIRECT ARGUMENTS, IMPARTIAL AND/OR FISCAL ANALYSES ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of

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Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 2-6 of Division 9 of the Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509

MAR 22
CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES

(Date fixed by law)

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees for the June 5, 2012, Primary Election must file (by personal delivery or first class mail) a pre-election campaign statement covering the report period of January 1, 2012, through March 17, 2012, by **March 22, 2012**. Candidates and officeholders who expect to receive or spend \$1000 or less during the calendar year, and who have not already filed the Form 470 with their nomination documents, must file Form 470 by this date.

G.C. §84200 et seq.

MAR 22
COMMITTEES

(Fixed by law)

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT DUE ▶ Committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file supplemental independent expenditure reports. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places the candidate or committee supported or opposed by the independent expenditures(s) is required to file.

G.C. §84203.5

MAR 29
SECRETARY OF STATE/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-68)

CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES ▶ Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates to all County Registrars no later than this date.

E.C. §8120

MAR 29
PROPOSERS/OPPONENTS

(-68)

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS — COUNTY OR DISTRICT MEASURE ▶ If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any measure have been filed, the Registrar of Voters Office shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

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REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS — MUNICIPAL MEASURE ▶ If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any measure have been filed; the City Clerk shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The date for filing rebuttal arguments is predicated on the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of direct arguments. The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

The provisions for rebuttal arguments shall apply to municipal elections only if, not later than the day the election is called, the city council by majority vote, so provides. Once such action is taken, it is effective for all future elections until rescinded.

GENERAL INFORMATION ▶ Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the office of the appropriate City Clerk). Each argument shall be titled either "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

E.C. §§9167, 9285, 9317, 9504, 9600

MAR 30 to APR 8

(-67 to -58)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 68TH DAY — REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 2-6 of Division 9 of the Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509

APR 9 to MAY 22

(-57 to -14)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY ▶ Each write-in candidate who desires to have his or her votes counted for a particular office must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy along with the requisite number of signatures, if any, for such office. Nomination documents for write-in candidacy may be obtained from and delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office (or to the City Clerk, for municipal offices) between the 57th day and 14th day prior to the date of the election.

E.C. §8601

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APR 16 (-50)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered as of the 60th day before the date of the primary election, together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form.

Upon written request from the chairperson of any county central committee/county council, the Registrar of Voters Office shall make available not less than 30 days prior to the election, a copy of the above referenced tape; and shall make available not less than 25 days prior to the election no more than two copies or, if available, one copy in an electronic form of indices of said voters.

E.C. §§2185, 2187, 2190

APR 26 to MAY 15 (-40 to -21)
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET ▶ During this period, the Secretary of State's Office shall mail State Ballot Pamphlets to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 60th day before the election.

E.C. §9094

APR 26 to MAY 26 (-40 to -10)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

MAIL SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET ▶ Between these dates the Registrar of Voters Office shall mail Sample Ballots and Voter Information Pamphlets to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 54th day before the election. The location of the polling place and its accessibility to persons with disabilities shall be indicated thereon. Voters who registered to vote between the 54th day and 15th day before the election may not be mailed Sample Ballots and Voter Information Pamphlets but will be mailed a notice of polling place.

E.C. §§13300, 13303, 13304, 13306

MAY 7 (-29)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS AVAILABLE ▶ Any qualified voter may apply for a Vote by Mail ballot. Ballots must be obtained from and returned to the Registrar of Voters Office either in person, via an authorized agent, or by mail. All voted ballots must be returned in person, by mail, or by an authorized agent to the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, or delivered in person or by authorized agent to the polls on Election Day. The law permits a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or person residing in the same household to act as an authorized agent for returning Vote by Mail ballots. Ballots applied for within the last seven days prior to the election may not be returned by mail but have no restrictions as to who may be an authorized agent.

E.C. §§3001, 3003, 3017, 3021

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MAY 7 (-29)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall mail official ballots to voters residing in mailed ballot precincts beginning this date, along with a notice indicating there will be no polling place for this election. Voted ballots must be received not later than 8 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county or at the Registrar of Voters Office.

E.C. §3005

MAY 7 (-29)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

PRECINCTS, POLLING PLACES & ELECTION OFFICERS ▶ Last date for the Registrar of Voters Office to establish all polling places and appoint precinct officers for this election. Immediately following appointments, the Registrar of Voters Office shall mail the appointment notices to the precinct officers.

E.C. §12286

MAY 20 to JUN 4 (-16 to -01)
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

LATE CONTRIBUTION PERIOD — OTHER THAN CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees that make or receive a late contribution or loan that totals in the aggregate \$1,000 or more, must report the late contribution **within 24 hours** by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service. The recipient of a late in-kind contribution must file a Late Contribution Report within 48 hours of obtaining the benefit, possession, or control of the late in-kind contribution. See the appropriate information manual on campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act for additional information.

G.C. §84203 et seq.

MAY 20 to JUN 4 (-16 to -01)
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

LATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE PERIOD — OTHER THAN CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES ▶ Candidates and committees that make a late independent expenditure that totals in aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more on any date during the 16 days before an election must report the late independent expenditure by guaranteed overnight mail, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission within 24 hours. See the appropriate information manual on campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act for additional information.

G.C. §84204

MAY 20 to JUN 4 (-16 to -01)
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

LATE CONTRIBUTION PERIOD — CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES ▶ All contribution(s) of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, including contributions aggregated pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Local Campaign Ordinance, that are made to or received by a county candidate, his or her controlled

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committee or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a county candidate, shall be reported **within twenty-four (24) hours**, by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service, if the contribution(s) were made or received before the date of the election at which the county candidate is to be voted on, but after the closing date of the last campaign statement required to be filed before the election.

Ord. No. 5231 §2, 2000

**MAY 20 to JUN 4
COMMITTEES**

(-16 to -01)

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES — COMMITTEES THAT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES ▶ Any person who makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to any county candidate, which accumulate to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more during an election cycle shall notify the county registrar of voters and all candidates running for the same seat, by telegram, facsimile, or by any other electronic means accepted by the county registrar of voters, **within twenty-four (24) hours** each time such an expenditure is made.

Ord. No. 5231 §2, 2000

**MAY 21
DATE FIXED BY LAW**

(-15)

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION ▶ Last day for any qualified elector to register or re-register to vote in the upcoming election. A person, who has moved, changed his or her name or who wishes to change his or her party preference must re-register by this date.

E.C. §§2102, 2107, 2115, 2116, 2119, 2152

**MAY 22
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

(-14)

WRITE-IN CANDIDACY ▶ Last Day to file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and the requisite number of signatures, if any, with the Registrar of Voters Office. Anyone who desires to be a write-in candidate and to have his or her votes counted for a particular office must file the required documents with the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5 p.m. on this date. No filing fee is required to run as a write-in candidate. No votes will be counted for an unqualified write-in candidate in any election.

E.C. §8600 et seq.

**MAY 24
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

(-12)

PROCESS VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS ▶ First day the Registrar of Voters Office may begin to process (open, prepare and machine read) Vote by Mail ballots for the upcoming election. No results may be released until after the polls are closed on Election Day.

E.C. §15101

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MAY 24
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

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PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees must file (by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service) a pre-election campaign statement covering the report period of March 18, 2012, through May 19, 2012, by **May 24, 2012**.

G.C. §84200 et seq.

MAY 24
COMMITTEES

(Fixed by law)

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT DUE ▶ Committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file supplemental independent expenditure reports. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places the candidate or committee supported or opposed by the independent expenditures(s) is required to file.

G.C. §84203.5

MAY 26
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-10)

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET — LATE REGISTRATION ▶ Last day for the Registrar of Voters Office to mail State Ballot Pamphlets to voters who registered between the 59th day and the 29th day before the election.

E.C. §9094(c)

MAY 26
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-10)

NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall publish, at least 10 days before the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction, a notice specifying the public place to be used to tally votes when ballots are to be counted in a central counting place.

E.C. §12109

MAY 29
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-7)

STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered as of the 15th day before the date of the primary election, together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form.

E.C. §2187(d)(3)

MAY 29
VOTERS/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(-7)

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS ▶ Last day for the Registrar of Voters Office to receive and process Vote by Mail ballot applications by mail for the upcoming election. After this date, any voter may apply in

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person to obtain a Vote by Mail ballot if he or she will be unable to go to the polls on Election Day. Voters unable to request a ballot in person may designate in writing any person as an authorized agent to obtain and return the Vote by Mail ballot on their behalf.

E.C. §§3001, 3021

MAY 29 (-7)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

PUBLISH POLLING PLACES ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall publish a notice containing the list of polling places designated for each election precinct.

E.C. §12105

MAY 29 (-7)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

POST PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall post, at the elections office and on the official website, a list of all current polling places in each precinct and a list of precinct board members and political party affiliation appointed by the 15th day before the election.

E.C. §§12105.5, 12108

JUN 5 (-00)
VOTERS/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

ELECTION DAY ▶ Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Vote by Mail ballots may be returned in person or by authorized agent not later than 8 p.m. either to the Registrar of Voters Office or to any polling place in the county. The law permits a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or person residing in the same household to act as an authorized agent for returning Vote by Mail ballots. Ballots applied for within the seven days prior to the election have no restrictions as to who may be an authorized agent.

E.C. §§3017, 3020, 3021, 10541, 14212

JUN 7 (+02)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

OFFICIAL CANVASS ▶ Last day the Registrar of Voters Office may begin the Official Canvass of the votes cast. During the Official Canvass of every election in which a voting system is used, the Registrar of Voters Office shall conduct a public manual tally of ballots cast in 1% of the precincts chosen at random by the elections official. In addition to the 1% count, the Registrar of Voters Office shall tally one additional precinct for each contest not included in the initial group of precincts.

E.C. §§362, 15301, 15360

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JUL 3	(+28)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	
COMPLETION OF CANVASS ▶ The Official Canvass of the election must be completed not later than this date and results certified to the governing body of each jurisdiction for adoption. In the case of elections conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, the Official Canvass must be completed no later than the last Monday before the last Friday of that month.	
	E.C. §15372
DECLARE CANDIDATES ELECTED ▶ Upon receipt of the Certification of Results from the Registrar of Voters Office, the governing body shall meet to adopt the certification. For all county and local offices, the Registrar of Voters Office shall prepare and deliver to each person elected a Certificate of Election.	
	E.C. §§15400, 15401
JUL 3	(+28)
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	
POST PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall post, at the elections office and on the official website, an updated list of the precinct board members and political party affiliation who actually served on Election Day. This list shall remain posted for 30 days after the completion of the canvass.	
	E.C. §§12105.5, 12108
JUL 10	(+35)
DATE FIXED BY LAW	
COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ▶ The county central committee shall hold its organizational meeting at a location provided for by the Registrar of Voters Office. Within five days after the committee meets, the newly elected chairperson shall notify the Registrar of Voters Office of his or her name.	
	E.C. §§7680, 7694
JUL 14	(+39)
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE	
STATEMENT OF THE VOTE ▶ Last day for the Secretary of State to compile results from all counties and issue Certificates of Nomination or Election to successful candidates for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, and Members of the State Senate and Assembly.	
	E.C. §§8147, 15501, 15504

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JUL 31
CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

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SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT DUE ▶ All elected officers, candidates, and committees filing campaign statements must file a semi-annual statement covering the report period of May 20th (or from the date of last filing) to June 30th and must be filed not later than July 31st.

G.C. §§84200, 84218

JUL 31
COMMITTEES

(Date fixed by law)

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT DUE ▶ Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places the candidate or committee supported or opposed by the independent expenditure(s) is required to file.

G.C. §84203.5