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## **NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS FOR MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF** – The *Signature-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Period* opens on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. for all offices for which there is a filing fee. This period will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Offices participating in the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election that have a filing fee are as follows:

- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress, Districts 16, 17, 18 and 19
- Member of the Assembly, Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29
- State Senator, Districts 13 and 15
- Judge of the Superior Court
- Board of Supervisors, Districts 2, 3 and 5

The *County Central Committee Nomination Period* opens on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. for members participating in the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. The nomination period closes at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023, and will not be extended.

The *Declaration of Intention Period* for judicial offices opens on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. for offices participating in the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. All candidates, including incumbents must file their Declaration of Intention and Sworn Statement of Qualifications during this period to qualify to pick up nomination documents. This period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, and can be extended to Monday, November 13, 2023, for offices in which an eligible incumbent officeholder does not file.

The *Nomination Period* opens on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. for offices participating in the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. The nomination period closes at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023, and can be extended to Wednesday, December 13, 2023, for offices in which an eligible incumbent officeholder does not file.

The County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters' (ROV) office is providing candidates with support and options for issuing and filing nomination documents during the nomination period.

1. **Options for Issuing Documents:** Appointments in-person; by USPS mail; or walk-ins at the ROV.
2. **Options for Filing Documents:** Appointments in-person or walk-ins at the ROV; USPS mail; overnight courier delivery; or other delivery service.

Please submit an [Authorization Form to Obtain/File Nomination Documents](#) before authorizing someone other than the candidate to be issued or to file nomination documents. The form can be found online at the [March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Resources](#) webpage under the FORMS section.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Original, wet signed nomination documents must be submitted by the candidate, or by a person authorized in writing by the candidate, at the ROV. **EXCEPTION:** Candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy have two options: 1) sign and take their oath in-person at the ROV; or, 2) sign and take their oath witnessed by a notary public, and mail, deliver or have filed by a person authorized in writing by the candidate at the Registrar of Voter's office.*

3. **Walk-Ins:** Walk-ins will be welcomed; however, wait times may vary and long lines may occur.

**CLOSE OF NOMINATION PERIOD:** The Registrar of Voters' office encourages candidates to file all originally signed nomination documents including a Declaration of Candidacy and nomination signatures, together in one packet as early as possible before end of the nomination period to ensure all paperwork is accurately completed and submitted on time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Eligibility to run for office must be completed before issuance of nomination documents.

"There is a strict filing deadline," said Shannon Bushey, Registrar of Voters. "Waiting until the end of the filing period could result in your name not being on the ballot if your documents are incomplete or in error."

Candidates **must** pay all required filing fees **prior to** issuance of nomination documents and, if applicable, pay any candidate statement deposits at the time nomination documents are filed.

Candidates or a person authorized in writing by the candidate may file nomination documents at the Candidate Services Division, located at 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2, San Jose by no later than 5 p.m., on Friday, December 8, 2023, or if an eligible incumbent does not file and the office nomination period extends, then by Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

The following Federal, State, and local offices are up for election:

- United States President
- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress, Districts 16, 17, 18 and 19
- Member of the Assembly, Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29
- State Senator, Districts 13 and 15
- Judge of the Superior Court
- Board of Supervisors, Districts 2, 3 and 5

- County Central Committee, Democratic Party, Assembly Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29
- County Central Committee, Republican Party, Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- County Central Committee, American Independent Party, Assembly Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29
- County Central Committee, Peace and Freedom, Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- County Central Committee, Green Party

A Candidate Guide for the [March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election](#) is available to assist those running for office, with valuable information pertaining to qualifications for office, terms of office, procedures, fees, forms, and deadline dates. The Candidate Guide is available at no cost and may be picked up from the ROV or downloaded from the “[March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Candidate Resources webpage](#).”

**CITY OF SAN JOSE CANDIDATES:** Candidates interested in running for a City of San Jose office may have different filing requirements and deadlines; therefore, must pick up and file nomination documents with the Office of the City Clerk, located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Tower 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Jose, (408) 535-1260, [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov).

For more information, contact the Candidate Services Division directly at (408) 299-8639; or contact the Registrar of Voters’ Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at (866) 430-VOTE (8683), or visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

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