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## **CANDIDATES ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF NOMINATIONS PAPERWORK FOR NOVEMBER 3 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The nomination period opens on July 13 at 8:00 a.m. for offices participating in the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election, and can be extended to Wednesday, August 12, for contests in which an eligible incumbent officeholder does not file.

In preparation for candidates filing under the COVID-19 and stay at home order issued by the Governor, the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' office is electing to provide candidates with online support and options for issuing and filing nomination documents during the nomination period. The purpose of the following options is to ensure candidates and county elections officials have a healthy and safe environment during the candidate nomination period.

- **Options for Issuing Documents:** appointment in-person; appointment online via video conference and secured OneDrive folder; by USPS mail; or, walk-in
- **Options for Filing Documents:** appointment in-person or walk-in; USPS mail; overnight delivery; or, other delivery service [Authorization Form to Obtain/File Nomination Documents](#) must be submitted before anyone other than the candidate can be issued or file papers. The form can be found online at [www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation](http://www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation)
- **If Choosing Issuance of Electronic Nomination Documents:** submit a "[Request to Receive Nomination Documents](#)" found online at [www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation](http://www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation), and set a video conferencing appointment or in-person appointment with an Election Specialist to discuss your options
- **If Choosing to File In-person:** walk-ins will be welcomed; however, wait times may occur/vary and physical distancing requirements will be implemented – ***the ROV is strongly encouraging candidates to participate in the above options for electronic processing of nominations paperwork***
- Eligibility to run for office must be completed before issuance of nomination documents by an Election Specialist
- Refer to the [Candidate Guidelines for Issuing and Submitting Nomination Paperwork](#) located online at [www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation](http://www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation)

“There is no leeway in the filing deadline,” Bushey said. “Candidates should file their nomination papers as early as possible so that any incorrect or incomplete forms may be corrected before the filing deadline, which in most cases cannot be extended.”

All fees and originally signed nomination documents, including a Declaration of Candidacy and nomination signatures, must be filed together in one packet with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’ Office, Candidate Services Division no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 7 (or by Wednesday, August 12, if an eligible incumbent does not file) in order to qualify as a candidate.

Except for those running for City offices, all candidates running for special district and school district offices are encouraged to be issued nomination papers electronically and may file nomination papers at the Registrar of Voters’ Office, which is located at 1555 Berger Drive in San Jose, Building 2.

Candidates running for a City office – who have different filing requirements and deadlines – must pick up and file nomination papers with their respective City Clerks’ Office.

A 2020 Presidential General Election Candidate Guide 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 Registrar of Voters’ Office or downloaded from the Registrar of Voters’ website, [www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation](http://www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation), under the Candidates & Measures tab.

For more information, 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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