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NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS 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
- **If Choosing Issuance of Electronic Nomination Documents:** submit a "[Request to Receive Nomination Documents](#)" found online at www.sccvote.org/candidatesandmeasuresinformation, and set a video conferencing appointment or in-person appointment with an Election Specialist and 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 use the electronic filing options***
- 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.

The following local offices are currently in the nomination period for the November 3 election:

Santa Clara County Board of Education (Trustee Areas 1, 3, 4 & 5)

San Benito County Board of Education (Trustee Area 1)

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian
County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

Community College Districts

Foothill-DeAnza (Three seats)
Gavilan Joint (Trustee Area 2, 4 & 6)
San Jose-Evergreen (Trustee Areas 1, 3, 5 & 7)
West Valley-Mission (Trustee Areas 1, 2, 4 & 6)

School Districts

Gilroy Unified (Trustee Areas 2, 3, 5 & 6)
Milpitas Unified (Two seats)
Morgan Hill Unified (Trustee Areas 5, 6, & 7)
Palo Alto Unified (Three seats)
San Jose Unified (Trustee Areas 1, 3 & 5)
Santa Clara Unified (Trustee Areas 2 & 3)

Campbell Union High School District (Trustee Areas 4 & 5)
East Side Union High School District (Two seats)
Fremont Union High School District (Two seats)
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District (Two seats)
Mt. View-Los Altos Union High School District (Two seats)
San Benito High School District (Trustee Area 1)

Alum Rock Union School District (Two seats)
Berryessa Union School District (Two seats)
Cambrian School District (Two seats)
Campbell Union School District (Trustee Areas 2 & 3)
Cupertino Union School District (Two seats)
Evergreen School District (Two seats)
Franklin-McKinley School District (Two seats)
Lakeside Joint School District (Two seats)
Loma Prieta Joint Union School District (Two seats)
Los Altos School District (Two seats)
Los Gatos Union School District (Two seats)
Luther Burbank School District (Three seats)
Moreland School District (Trustee Areas 1 & 5)
Mountain View-Whisman School District (Three seats)
Mt. Pleasant School District (Two seats)
North County Joint Union School District (Three seats)
Oak Grove School District (Trustee Areas 1 & 4 seats)
Orchard School District (Two seats)
Saratoga Union School District (Two seats)
Sunnyvale School District (Two seats)
Union School District (Two seats)

City Offices

Campbell City Council (Districts 1 & 2)
Cupertino City Council (Two seats)
Gilroy City Council (Three seats & Mayor)
Los Altos City Council (Three seats)
Los Altos Hills Town Council (Three seats)
Los Gatos Town Council (Three seats)

Milpitas (Two seats & Mayor)
Monte Sereno City Council (Two seats)
Morgan Hill (Districts A & C, Treasurer, & Mayor)
Mountain View City Council (Four seats)
Palo Alto City Council (Four seats)
Santa Clara City Council (Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, City Clerk & Chief of Police)
Saratoga City Council (Two seats)
Sunnyvale City Council (Districts 4, 5, 6 & Mayor)

Special Districts

Aldercroft Heights County Water (Three seats)
Burbank Sanitary (Three seats)
Cupertino Sanitary District (Three seats)
El Camino Healthcare (Three seats)
Lion's Gate Community Services District (Three seats)
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Wards 3 & 4)
Purrissima Hills Water District (Four seats)
Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District (Four seats)
San Martin County Water District (Four seats)
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Districts 1, 3 & 4)
Santa Clara Valley Water District (Districts 2, 3 & 5)
Saratoga Fire Protection District (Commissioner)
Silver Creek Valley Country Club Geologic Hazard Abatement District (Two seats)
South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District (Three seats)
West Bay Sanitary District (Three seats)

“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, 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.



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