

CANDIDATE GUIDE

MONO COUNTY ELECTIONS



March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

November 3, 2020 General Election

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All code sections quoted refer to the California Elections Code, unless otherwise stated.

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OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Office Name	Term
State	
<i>The top two candidates from the March Primary Election move forward to the November General Election.</i>	
President/Vice President	4 year term
United States Representative, 8 th District	2 year term
Member of the State Assembly, 5 th District	2 year term
County	
<i>If no candidate for any one local countywide seat receives more than 50% of the vote in the March Primary Election, the top-two candidates for that seat will move forward to the November General Election.</i>	
County Supervisor, 2 nd District	4 year term
County Supervisor, 3 rd District	4 year term
County Supervisor, 4 th District	4 year term
Open Seats Exist; Please Contact Us for Additional Information:	
Democratic Central Committee Members	4 year term
Republican Central Committee Members	4 year term

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN THE

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL

Office Name	Term
State	
<i>The top two candidates from the March Primary Election move forward to the November General Election.</i>	
President / Vice President	4 year term
United States Representative, 8 th District	2 year term
Member of the State Assembly, 5 th District	2 year term
County	
<i>County races will extend to the November General Election when more than two candidates filed for one open seat and no candidate received more than 50% of the vote in the March Primary Election.</i>	
Run-Off for County Supervisor, 2 nd District	4 year term
Town of Mammoth Lakes	
Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member	4 year term
Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member	4 year term
Schools	
<i>Offices open for filing in the November 3, 2020 General Election (Multiple seats are open unless otherwise indicated)</i>	All 4 year terms
Bishop Unified School District Board Member (coordinated with Inyo)	2 seats
Round Valley Unified School District Board Member (coordinated with Inyo)	1 seat
Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation Board Member (coordinated with Inyo)	2 seats
Mono County Office of Education, Trustee Area 1	1 seat
Mono County Office of Education, Trustee Area 3	1 seat
Mammoth Unified School District	3 seats
Eastern Sierra Unified School District, Trustee Area 2	1 seat
Eastern Sierra Unified School District, Trustee Area 3	1 seat
Mono County Special Districts	
	subject to change
Antelope Valley Fire Protection District	3 seats
Antelope Valley Water District	2 seats
Birchim Community Services District	3 seats
Bridgeport Fire Protection District	3 seats
Bridgeport Public Utility District	1 seats
Chalfant Community Services District / Fire Protection District	3 seats
Hilton Creek Community Services District	2 seats
June Lake Fire Protection District	3 seats
June Lake Public Utility District	3 seats
Lee Vining Fire Protection District	1 seats

Lee Vining Public Utility District	3 seats
Long Valley Fire Protection District	3 seats
Mammoth Community Water District	3 seats
Mammoth Lakes Community Services District	1 seat
Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District	3 seats
Mono City Fire Protection District	2 seats
Paradise Fire Protection District	2 seats
Southern Mono Healthcare District	3 seats
Tr-Valley Groundwater Management District	3 seats
Wheeler Crest Community Services District	1 seats
Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District	3 seats
White Mountain Fire Protection District	2 seats

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

***not all offices listed below may have open seats in the next election. Please refer to the lists on pages 3-5 for offices up for election.**

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office [EC 201].

Many local offices have education and/or certification requirements for holding the office. This publication contains ONLY the requirements for getting a candidate's name on the ballot. We urge all candidates to research the statutes pertaining to the other qualifications for the office in which he or she is interested [EC 13.5].

LOCAL OFFICES – NONPARTISAN

Candidates for county or district offices who receive more than 50% of the vote at the primary election are declared elected. A Certificate of Election is issued to such a successful candidate and neither the name nor the office appears on the November ballot [EC 8140]. If not, there is a runoff election in November between the top two candidates.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES

A candidate for a County Central Committee shall meet the following requirements, unless the County Central Committee, subject to the bylaws of the State Central Committee has adopted alternative rules:

1. At the time they file their Declaration of Candidacy, and for at least three months prior, be registered to be affiliated with the political party of the nomination of which he or she seeks. Or if they have been in California less than three months, since they have been eligible to register to vote in California; and*
2. The candidate shall not have been registered as affiliated with a qualified political party other than that political party of the nomination of which he or she seeks within 12 months, or, in the case of an election governed by Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10700) or Part 6 of Division 10, within three months immediately prior to the filing of the declaration. (E.C. 8001a)*

*Pursuant to a recent court decision, County Central Committees now have the option of not having their members appear on the primary ballot and can adopt rules that vary from the California Election Code. It is recommended that you check with the County Central Committees regarding their qualifications of office and the number of vacant seats to be filled.

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

For information regarding running for a Voter-Nominated office in the State of California, please see the California Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>

CANDIDACY FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE

No person may file Nomination Papers for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election [EC 8003].

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Each member shall have been a registered voter of the district which he or she seeks to represent for at least 30 days preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents for the office of Supervisor and shall reside in the district during his or her incumbency [*Govt Code 25041*].

COUNTY OFFICES

A candidate for a county or district office must be a registered voter of the county or district at the time that Nomination Papers are issued to the person [*GC 24001*] [*EC 201*].

COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BOARD

A candidate for County Office of Education Board must be a registered voter of the district which he or she would like to represent. The county Superintendent of Schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district is not eligible to run for the County Office of Education Board [*Education Code 1006*].

HOSPITAL DISTRICTS

Any person, who is a registered voter within the hospital district and is not disqualified by any California law, is eligible to be a candidate for a hospital board office. [*EC 10508*].

INYO-MONO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Any person, who is a registered voter within the district and is either a landowner in the district or the legal representative of a landowner in the district, is eligible to be a candidate for the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Any person, who is a registered voter within the school district, is not disqualified by any California law, and is not an employee of the school district, is eligible to be a candidate for a school board office.

All candidates for office must complete and file a Form 700-Statement of Economic Interest by the close of the filing period (**November 12 to December 6, 2019 due to holiday**) [*Govt Code 87201*].

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Any person, who is a registered voter within the district, is eligible to be a candidate.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES-TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

A person is not eligible for these seats unless he or she is a registered voter in one of the five precincts that comprise the incorporated Town of Mammoth Lakes [*EC 13, 13.5*] [*Govt Code 36502*].

Candidates wishing to run for Mammoth Lakes Town Council must speak with the Town Clerk at 760-965-3602, or via email at igray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

LOCAL CANDIDATES' FILING DATES FOR THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Listed below is an informal checklist indicating the various forms required to be filed for candidacy in the March Election. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that he or she meets all filing requirements and deadlines. All candidates are urged to file the necessary papers as early as possible in order to avoid a last-minute rush, confusion, or any misunderstandings.

Filing Period or Deadline	Document	Applicable to
Sept. 12 – Nov. 6, 2019	Signature In-Lieu Petition	Optional
Sep. 27 – Dec. 6, 2019	Nomination Papers	County Central Committees
Nov. 11* – Dec. 6, 2019	Nomination Papers	All candidates
Nov. 11*– Dec. 6, 2019	Declaration of Candidacy	All candidates
Dec. 7 – Dec. 11, 2019	Candidacy/Nomination Extension	Anyone other than an incumbent
When Declaration of Candidacy is filed	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications	Optional
When Declaration of Candidacy is filed	Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional
Nov. 11* – Dec. 6, 2019	FPPC Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests	All Candidates EXCEPT for US Senate and Congress
Before soliciting or receiving any funds, including personal funds	FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention	All candidates
See FPPC website for information	FPPC Form 470	All candidates who will raise or spend less than \$2,000
See FPPC website for information	FPPC Forms 410, 460	All candidates who will raise or spend more than \$2,000

*Date falls on a weekend or holiday; moves forward to the next business day.

LOCAL CANDIDATES' FILING DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Listed below is an informal checklist indicating the various forms required to be filed for candidacy in the November Election. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that he/she meets all filing requirements and deadlines. All candidates are urged to file the necessary papers as early as possible in order to avoid a last-minute rush, confusion, or any misunderstandings.

Filing Period	Document	Applicable to
July 13 – Aug. 7, 2020	Declaration of Candidacy	All candidates
Aug. 8 – Aug. 12, 2020	Candidacy/Nomination Extension	Anyone other than an incumbent
When Declaration of Candidacy is filed	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications	Optional
When Declaration of Candidacy is filed	Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional
July 13 – Aug. 7, 2020	FPPC Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests	All Candidate EXCEPT for US Senate and Congress
Before soliciting or receiving any funds, including personal funds	FPPC Form 501 – Candidate Intention	All candidates
See FPPC website for information	FPPC Form 470	All candidates who will raise or spend less than \$2,000
See FPPC website for information	FPPC Forms 410, 460	All candidates who will raise or spend more than \$2,000

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LOCAL CANDIDATES' FILING FEES

In order to become a candidate for a paid elected office, you must pay a filing fee. The filing fee for most local offices is a percentage of the salary for the office sought.** Instead of paying the filing fee, a candidate may choose to circulate a petition gathering signatures of registered voters, called an “in-lieu petition”. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. Each signature is worth the dollar amount listed in the table below [EC 8020, 8022, 8040, 8041, 8061-8063, 8105-8106].

Exception: Town of Mammoth Lakes candidates for Town Council are not required to pay a filing fee

When a candidate files the signature in-lieu petition, the county elections official will verify and count all signatures. The signatures submitted may cover all or a prorated portion of the filing fee.

Only valid signatures on the signature in-lieu petition will count towards the nomination signature requirement. The county elections official will notify candidates of the number of invalid signatures within 10 days of filing. No additional signatures may be filed after the deadline; however, prior to the close of the nomination period, a candidate may submit supplement signatures or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficit.

Important! Please refer to “Becoming a Candidate for Office” on pages 13 & 14 for important information on the policies and procedures of signature gathering.

County Office	% of Annual Salary	Filing Fees	In Lieu Sigs	Value of Each Sig	Nomination Sigs
Supervisor, 2 nd Dist.	1.00%	\$493.08	237	\$2.08	20 to 40
Supervisor, 3 rd Dist.	1.00%	\$493.08	216	\$2.29	20 to 40
Supervisor, 4 th Dist.	1.00%	\$493.08	192	\$2.57	20 to 40

A master petition form will be available from the elections department beginning on **September 12, 2019 through November 6, 2019** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Deadline: **5:00 p.m. November 6, 2019** – ALL candidates for the March 3, 2020 Presidential primary election.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

The County Central Committees of the six political parties qualified by the State of California have the option of selecting members by either (i) electing them at a presidential primary election or (ii) appointing them according to their respective bylaws and rules. The Registrar of Voters has contacted those County Central Committees known to be active in Mono County, and also the State Central Committees where it is unknown whether a political party has an active County Central Committee in Mono County, to determine whether political parties prefer that candidates for County Central Committees be selected by election at the upcoming presidential primary or by appointment according to the party's bylaws and rules. In the below table, the County Registrar of Voters has provided the results of its contact with political parties' State and County Central Committees.

Political Party	County Central Committee Status	County or State Central Committee Preference
American Independent Party	Not Active	Appointment Preferred
Democratic Party	Active	Appointment Preferred
Green Party	Not Active	Election Preferred
Libertarian Party	Not Active	Appointment Preferred
Peace and Freedom Party	Not Active	Election Preferred
Republican Party	Not Active	Election Preferred

SELECTION BY ELECTION

The State Central Committees of the Green, Republican, and Peace and Freedom Party prefer to select members by election. However, these Central Committees are not currently active in Mono County. The Parties have requested that interested candidates contact the State Central Committee for more information about how to participate in the Central Committee. The Party's contact information is provided on the next page.

SELECTION BY APPOINTMENT

The Democratic, American Independent, and the Libertarian Parties have expressed preferences for selecting members for their respective County Central Committees by appointment. There are currently no active Libertarian or American Independent Party County Central Committees in Mono County. Accordingly, candidates for the County Central Committees of the Democratic Party will not be placed on the ballot for the 2020 presidential primary election. Interested candidates wishing to learn more about eligibility requirements for the County Central Committees of the Democratic, American Independent, and the Libertarian Parties may contact the state or local party representatives as provided below.

QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES

American Independent Party

Markham Robinson, *State Chairperson*
476 Deodara Street
Vacaville, CA 95688-2637
(707) 359-4884
markyvavelli@gmail.com
www.aipca.org

Libertarian Party

Honor "Mimi" Robson, *State Chairperson*
770 L Street, Suite 950
Sacramento, CA 95814-3361
(916) 446-1776
office@ca.lp.org
www.ca.lp.org

Democratic Party

Alexandra "Alex" Gallardo-Rooker, *Acting Chair*
1830 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 442-5707
info@cadem.org
www.cadem.org

Peace and Freedom Party

John C. Reiger, *State Chairperson*
5301 Harte Way
Sacramento, CA 95822
(916) 456-4595
reigers@earthlink.net
www.peaceandfreedom.org

Green Party

Jared Laiti, *Liaison*
515 18th Street #3
Sacramento CA 95811-1026
(916) 549-6788
liaison@cagreens.org
www.cagreens.org

Republican Party

Jessica Patterson, *State Chairperson*
1001 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 448-9496
info@cagop.org
www.cagop.org

BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE

➤ ***Signatures In-Lieu-Of-Filing Fee Petition (Only Required for Paid Seats):*** [EC 8105, 8106]

A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of paying the filing fee to run for office. The signatures submitted may cover all or a portion of the filing fee.

Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. Signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions may be submitted to the election's official on an on-going basis up until the deadline for examination, filing, and certification purposes [EC 8068]. Duplicate signatures will not be counted toward the prerequisite number needed.

On **September 12, 2019**, the County Clerk shall, upon request, furnish forms to each candidate for securing signatures in lieu of paying the required filing fee. Forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's Office located in Annex I (Library Building), Bridgeport, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

All candidates (except for Judicial Candidates) must submit and file all signatures in lieu of the filing fee with the County Clerk, Elections Department, no later than 5:00 pm on **November 6, 2019**, and **prior to filing a Declaration of Candidacy**, which cannot be done until the nomination signature requirement has been satisfied or the filing fee has been paid.

If forms are issued as Signatures In-Lieu Petitions, they must be returned by the deadlines listed above. DO NOT use the Signatures In-Lieu Petition for collecting nomination signatures during the Nomination petition signature gathering period from September 12, 2019 to November 6, 2019 (see below). Candidates must obtain a Nomination petition during that period in order to collect any nomination signatures that may be needed. The names and addresses of candidates requesting Signatures In-Lieu Petitions is considered public information.

➤ ***Signatures In-Lieu Toward Nomination Signatures (Not Required for All Candidates):*** [EC 8020, 8022, 8040-8041, 8061-8063, 8105-8106]

If a candidate submits a Signatures In-Lieu Petition, the County Elections Official shall also count those valid signatures appearing on the petition toward the number of voter signatures required for the candidate's Nomination Petition.

If the Signatures In-Lieu Petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures required for the Nomination Paper, the candidate is NOT required to circulate and file a separate Nomination Paper. However, the other required documents (e.g., Declaration of Candidacy, etc.) must still be filed during the appropriate time frame.

If the Signatures In-Lieu Petition does not contain the requisite number of valid signatures required for the Nomination Petition, the candidate must circulate and file a separate Nomination Petition to be signed by qualified registered voters during the nomination period.

➤ **Petition Circulator Information:** [EC 106]

A candidate for any office may obtain signatures and sign his or her own Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee or Nomination Petition. His or her signature will have the same effect as that of any other qualified signer. Either the candidate, or someone to whom the candidate gives permission who is 18 years of age or older, may circulate petitions. An Affidavit of Circulation must be completed by each circulator and submitted with petitions. [EC 104].

➤ **Qualified Signers:** [EC 100]

A person who is a registered voter at the time he or she signs the Nomination or Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions is entitled to sign it. At the time of signing the petition or paper, each voter shall personally sign, and print his or her name and place of residence (P.O. Boxes are not allowed). The residence must indicate the street and number, and if no street or number exists, then a description of the place of residence.

A qualified signer may only sign one candidate's Nomination or Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition per office, unless the race has more than one open seat to be filled.

➤ **Validation of Signatures:**

The following guidelines will be used when validating signatures on Nomination or Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions.

A signature is **INVALID** if the signer:

- Is not a registered voter
- Provides a signature on the petition that does not match the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration
- Uses a P.O. Box number for residence
- Uses a mail drop number for residence
- Provides an address that is different from the voter's residence address on the affidavit of registration on record
- Does not reside in the appropriate district
- Signs a Nomination Paper for a party-nominated office and is not registered with the same political party as the candidate seeking party-nominated office or those parties allowing cross-over voting
- Prints his/her name for the signature, unless registered as such
- Lists her name as Ms. John Jones (i.e., not does use her own first name)
- Uses ditto marks for an address

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY [EC 8002.5, 8020, 8023, 8028, 8101, 8105]

The Declaration of Candidacy is the official nomination document, wherein the candidate indicates how his/her name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot. Additionally, the candidate declares that he/she meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, and that if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw. **The candidate's name will be printed on the ballot exactly as it appears on the Declaration of Candidacy.**

No candidate's name shall be printed upon the primary ballot unless he/she files a Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the County Clerk, Elections Department between the dates of July 13, 2020 through August 7, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. At the time of filing, the candidate must state the office for which he or she is running and must pay the filing fee by check payable to the **Mono County Clerk**. In the event that the candidate fails to qualify as a candidate, filing fees are not refundable. Only forms issued by the County Clerk may be used.

Please see the Ballot Designation Guide on pages 17-18 for additional information.

➤ **Obtaining the Declaration of Candidacy:**

- **March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election** - A Declaration of Candidacy form can be filed with the Elections Department beginning on **November 11, 2019 (holiday; moves to next business day) until December 6, 2019**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). The form will be issued directly to the candidate or to someone bearing written authorization from the candidate.
- **DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., December 6, 2019** – All candidates for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. If the incumbent does not file, the deadline is extended until 5:00 p.m., December 11, 2019.
- **November 3, 2020 General Election** - A Declaration of Candidacy form can be filed with the Elections Department beginning on **July 13, 2020 until August 7, 2020**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). The form will be issued directly to the candidate or to someone bearing written authorization from the candidate.
- **DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., August 7, 2020** – All candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election. If the incumbent does not file, the deadline is extended until 5:00 p.m., August 12, 2020.

NOMINATION PAPERS [EC 8020, 8041, 8062-8070]

After a candidate files his or her Declaration of Candidacy, the corresponding County or Town Elections Official will issue Nomination Papers, if Nomination Papers are required for the office. If the candidate has already filed Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions, all valid signatures will be counted toward the nomination requirement. Nomination Papers must be signed by voters residing within the district in order to be counted. The required number of signatures (not less than 20 but no more than 40) on the Nomination Papers are to be obtained by either the candidate or appointed circulators of the candidate. If an office is not listed below, then there are no nomination signatures required for that office.

Office name	Nomination signatures required
President and Vice President of the United States & Voter-Nominated offices	Visit the California Secretary of State's website: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/
County Central Committee	20 to 40
Supervisor, 2 nd District	20 to 40
Supervisor, 3 rd District	20 to 40
Supervisor, 4 th District	20 to 40

➤ ***Obtaining the Nomination Papers***

Nomination Papers will be issued by the Elections Department upon filing of a Declaration of Candidacy.

➤ ***Deadlines***

Presidential Primary Election: 5:00 p.m., December 6, 2019 – candidates for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. If the incumbent does not file, the deadline is extended until 5:00 pm December 11, 2019.

General Election: 5:00 p.m., August 7, 2020 – candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election. If the incumbent does not file, the deadline is extended until 5:00 pm August 12, 2020.

BALLOT DESIGNATION GUIDE

[EC 13107 & CCR 20710 et seq.]

The candidate may request a ballot designation to appear under his/her name on the ballot but is not required to and may leave the space for such designation blank. In order to notify the Elections Official of the candidate's intention to forego a designation, the word "none" must be written on the application in the appropriate space. "None" will not appear on the ballot. A Ballot Designation worksheet will be provided by the Elections Official at the time Nomination Papers are requested by the candidate. Additional information about Ballot Designations can be obtained on the Secretary of State's web page by visiting:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations/elections/ballot-designations/>

Candidates who wish to have a ballot designation appear under his/her name may choose only ONE of the following:

Office Title	
<p>Words designating the elective city, county, district, state or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the Nomination Papers to which he or she was elected by vote of the people, or to which he or she was appointed, in the case of a Superior Court Judge.</p>	<p><i>Examples:</i> Representative in Congress, 19th District Member of the Board of Supervisors</p>
Superior Court Judge [EC 13107]	
<p>A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of his or her principal professions shall use of the following examples as his or her ballot designation: (see examples) The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.</p>	<p><i>Examples:</i> Attorney Attorney at Law Lawyer Counselor at Law</p>
Incumbent	
<p>The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers and was elected to that office by a vote of the people.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i> Incumbent</p>
Appointed Incumbent	
<p>The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office other than a judicial office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed".</p>	<p><i>Examples:</i> Appointed Incumbent Appointed Governing Board Member Appointed City Council Member</p>

Principal Occupation, Vocation, or Profession in 3 Words or Less	
<p>The candidate may use a generic form of their principal profession, vocation, or occupation in <u>no more than three words</u>. Note: California geographical names will be considered one word.</p> <p>See the following for Restrictions on Occupational Designations.</p>	<p><i>Examples of acceptable designations:</i> Farmer, schoolteacher, small business owner, legislator</p> <p><i>Examples of acceptable designations denoting a vocation:</i> <i>Housewife, homemaker, parent, mother, father</i></p> <p><i>Examples of unacceptable designations:</i> Sunkist Farmer, Owner of McDonald's</p>
<p>NO MISLEADING DESIGNATIONS: The designation must not mislead the voter. No acronyms.</p>	<p>Example: You cannot use "teacher" if you volunteer as a teacher at Sunday School and are not a credentialed teacher</p>
<p>NO STATUSES: The designation must be the candidate's principal occupation or vocation and cannot be a status.</p>	<p><i>Example of unacceptable designations:</i> Activist, taxpayer, patriot, concerned citizen, husband, wife, or veteran</p>
<p>NO ABBREVIATION OF THE WORD "RETIRED" No abbreviation of the word "retired" may be used and "retired" may not be placed following any word or words it modifies.</p>	<p><i>Examples of acceptable designations:</i> Retired Police Officer</p> <p><i>Examples of unacceptable designations:</i> Ret. Police Officer Police Officer, Retired</p>
<p>NO PREFIXES: No prefix that indicates prior status may be used, except for the word "retired" (see above).</p>	<p><i>Examples of unacceptable designations:</i> Former Surgeon Ex-School Principal</p>
<p>NO POLITICAL PARTY: The name of a political party may not be used, whether or not it has been qualified for the ballot. Note: Central Committee candidates are the exception to this rule.</p>	<p><i>Examples of unacceptable designations:</i> Republican Legislator Democratic Congressman</p>
<p>NO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES: No references related to any activity, which is prohibited by law, may be used.</p>	<p>Examples of unacceptable designations: Drug Dealer</p>
<p>NO RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR ETHNIC GROUP: No words may be used that refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.</p>	<p>Examples of acceptable designation: <i>Priest</i></p> <p>Examples of unacceptable designation: <i>Catholic Priest</i></p>

CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

[EC 13307 – 13308]

➤ **Time for Filing:**

The Candidate's Statement of Qualifications **must be filed on a form provided by the County Clerk at the time of filing Nomination Papers.**

The Candidate's Statement of Qualifications is optional and may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing Nomination Papers and until 5:00 P.M. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period [EC 13307]. Please note: requests to withdraw must be in writing, signed by the candidate, and submitted to the Elections Department.

➤ **Cost of Statement:**

All costs in handling of the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications must be paid by each candidate or district at the time of filing.

➤ **Schedule of Costs – Estimate:**

Printing of Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in sample ballot: English \$250.00; Spanish \$250.00 (optional). The Candidate must inform the Elections Department whether or not they wish to have a Spanish translation at the time of filing. **All fees are due at the time of filing; no exceptions.**

➤ **Guidelines Regarding Statements:**

Each candidate for elective office in any local agency, city, county, or district may prepare a candidate's statement. Such statement may include the name, age, occupation of the candidate, and brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself/herself. Such statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

If you choose to submit a Statement of Qualifications, you must adhere to the following instructions:

- This statement may contain your name, age, occupation, and a brief description of no more than **200 words** of your education and qualifications.
- Statements shall be in upper and lower case. Capitalization is only allowed at the beginning of a sentence or for proper nouns. No **bold**, underlines, or *italics* may be used. Must be in block paragraph. No bullets, stars or asterisks are allowed. Tables or lists of items or phrases should not be vertical or indented but must be strung together in paragraph format.
- Statements must be **TYPED** on the form provided – or printed separately and adhered to the form for filing.
- An **ELECTRONIC COPY** of your statement is also required.
- Statements shall not include the political party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

- Statements should be about the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates. The county elections official shall not print or circulate any statement that does not meet this restriction. *[EC 13308]*
- If a statement contains endorsements, you must file written authorization with your statement from the person(s) giving you the endorsement.
- If a statement uses someone else's name or the name of a business, the candidate's must file written authorization from the person(s) or business(es) stating that the candidate had permission to use their name in this manner. Letters must be signed and dated.
- Your statement will be printed EXACTLY as submitted, and in the format prescribed by Elections Code 13307; therefore, all statements should be carefully checked for content, spelling, punctuation and grammar before submission.
- Statements that are not in compliance with the format as described in the Candidates' Guide will be reformatted and set in uniform type by the elections official.

➤ **Word Count Guidelines:**

There are guidelines in determining the number of words submitted on any document (such as the candidate's statement) that is limited by statute *[EC Division 0.5, Chapter 1, Section 9]*. Please contact the Elections Department for additional information.

➤ **Additional Information:**

The Candidate's Statement shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk when his/her Nomination Papers are returned for filing no later than **5:00 p.m., August 7, 2020**. After this date, anyone may examine any candidate's statement for a period of 10 days, commencing the day after the period closes, August 8 – 17, 2020.

The County Clerk shall send to each voter, together with the sample ballot, a voter's pamphlet which contains the written statements of each candidate, that are prepared. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make any such statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's pamphlet.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENT

Any paid political advertisement which refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and which 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. [EC 20008]

SIMULATED BALLOT REQUIREMENT

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 the 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:

<p>Notice to Voter (Required by Law)</p> <p>"This is not an official ballot, or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State.</p> <p>"This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof)."</p>

Such notice is not required in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement [EC 20009].

No such simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall any such seal or the insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered [EC 20009].

MASS MAILING AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

No campaign newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense [Govt Code 89001].

REQUIREMENTS FOR MASS MAILING [Govt Code 84305; Govt Code 84502; EC 18303]

A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not 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 that is in a color or print that 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 candidate's, candidate-controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate's, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

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.

A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words **“Ad paid for by”** or **“with”** in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

Any advertisement paid for by a committee pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 82013 that is a political party committee or a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office of the controlling candidate shall include the words “Ad paid for by” followed by the name of the committee as it appears on the most recent Statement of Organization filed pursuant to Section 84101 if the advertisement is any of the following:

- Paid for by an independent expenditure
- An advertisement supporting or opposing a ballot measure
- A radio or television advertisement
- A text message advertisement that is required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84504.7

For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meaning:

“Mass electronic mailing” means sending more than two hundred substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month, including text messages.

To “pay for” a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.

PRINT ADVERTISEMENTS

“Advertisement” means any general or public communication that is authorized and paid for by a committee for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or candidates for elective office or a ballot measure or ballot measures.

Any advertisement paid for by a committee, that is a political party committee or a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office of the controlling candidate, shall include the words “Paid for by” followed by the name of the committee as it appears on the most recent Statement of Organization [Govt Code 84504.5].

AUDIO/VISUAL

A video advertisement, including television, radios, and videos disseminated over the Internet, shall include the required disclosures in writing at the beginning or end of the advertisement in a text that is

of sufficient size to be readily legible to an average viewer and in a color that has a reasonable degree of contrast with the background of the advertisement for at least four seconds. The required disclosure must also be spoken during the advertisement if the written disclosure appears for less than five seconds of a broadcast of thirty seconds or less or for less than ten seconds of a broadcast of sixty seconds or more [Govt Code 84504.5].

TELEPHONE CALLS

This section does not apply to telephone calls made by the candidate, the campaign manager, or individuals who are volunteers.

A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization shall not expend campaign funds, directly or indirectly, to pay for telephone calls that are similar in nature and aggregate 500 or more in number, made by an individual, or individuals, or by electronic means and that advocate support of, or opposition to, a candidate, ballot measure, or both, unless during the course of each call the name of the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization that authorized or paid for the call is disclosed to the recipient of the call. Unless the organization that authorized the call and in whose name it is placed has filing obligations under this title, and the name announced in the call either is the full name by which the organization or individual is identified in any statement or report required to be filed under this title or is the name by which the organization or individual is commonly known, the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization that paid for the call shall be disclosed.

A candidate, committee, or slate mailer organization that pays for telephone calls shall maintain a record of the script of the call for the period of time set forth in Section 84104. If any of the calls qualifying under subdivision (a) were recorded messages, a copy of the recording shall be maintained for that period [Govt Code 84310].

DISTRIBUTION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes literature to any voter which includes a designation of the voter's precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at some time not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution [EC 18302].

DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE INFORMATION

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to a voter that includes false or misleading information regarding the qualifications to vote or to register to vote or false or misleading information regarding the date of an election or the days, dates or times voting may occur in the county [EC 18302].

ELECTIONEERING NEAR POLLING PLACE [EC 18370]

No person, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place or an election official's office:

a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, nomination petition or any other petition.

- b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in [EC 14240].
- d) Do any electioneering [EC 319.5].

As used in this section "100 feet of a polling place or an election official's office" means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

POLITICAL SIGNS

The placement of political signs may be regulated by the state, county, or city, depending upon the location of such signs:

State of California:

The provisions of the Federal Highway Beautification Act [23 CFR 750.704] make it illegal to place political signs within 660 feet of the edge of the right-of-way of an Interstate or Federal-Aid Primary system highway. (Signs are allowed within 660 feet of the right-of-way if the area is zoned or officially designated as a commercial or industrial area.) In rural areas, signs should not be visible from the Interstate or Primary Highway if they are erected for that purpose—even if they are more than the required 660 feet away from the edge of the right-of-way. State governments typically enforce this law fairly stringently, since it is a condition for receiving millions of dollars in highway aid.

Before signs are erected, a **Statement of Responsibility must be completed and returned to the Department of Transportation district office. This statement is available online at:**
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda/political-signs>

Otherwise, the Outdoor Advertisement Act and Caltrans standards provide that temporary political signs are stipulated as **90 days before** an election and that there shall be no signage within 660 feet of a freeway; however, Federal statute clarifies that freeway can be interchangeable with highway.

The Department of Transportation district office is prepared to answer any questions candidates may have about the state law regulating campaign signs. Candidates may write to:

Department of Transportation, Encroachments & Permits
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA., 93514.

Phone: (760) 872-0674; Fax: (760) 872-5215.

Mono County:

Political Signs: Definition: A sign that indicates or displays the name or picture of an individual seeking election or appointment to a public office or relates to a forthcoming public election or referendum or advocates a person's, group's or party's political views or policies.

Requirements: 1. Political signs shall be posted only so long as needed to convey the message intended by the posting and shall be removed immediately thereafter. 2. Political signs that have an adhesive backing shall not be affixed directly to any structure. Such a sign with adhesive backing shall first be affixed to a temporary backing of wood, paper or plastic for support that can be removed easily from its posted location [Gen Plan 07.020 (C)].

If you have questions about whether the location of a political sign is acceptable, please contact the Mono County Public Works Department at (760) 932-5440. Additional restrictions regarding the

placement of signs may also apply. Please contact Mono County Community Development at (760) 924-1800.

Town of Mammoth Lakes:

Political signs shall not exceed six square feet and shall not be located within any State or Town right-of-way or on public property. A campaign sign may be displayed on a wooden post or wire frame, shall be no taller than four feet, and shall be removed within five days following the election. Political signs within 660 feet of a State highway shall comply with the Outdoor Advertising Act.

For more information please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes at (760) 965-3602.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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

The statutory requirements of the Political Reform Act are now contained in Sections 81000 through 91014 of the California Government Code. Information and assistance relating to campaign reporting obligations under the Act may be obtained from your local elections official or from the Technical Assistance Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC):

E-Mail: advice@fppc.ca.gov

Toll Free Helpline: 1-866-ASK-FPPC

Telephone Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Website: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/>

Filing is the responsibility of the candidate or committee. It is the responsibility of the candidates and/or committees to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late filing fee.

Below is a list of filing forms that a candidate may be required to file. Please contact the FPPC with any questions regarding the proper completion of the forms. It is the candidate's responsibility to file the proper forms in a timely manner.

Form 501 - Candidate Intention Statement

Form 470 – Officeholder/Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form

Form 410 - Statement of Organization

Form 460 – Consolidated Campaign Disclosure Form

Form 497 - 24 Hour Contribution Report

Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest

FILING SCHEDULE FOR THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period Covered by Statement	Method of Delivery
January 31, 2020	Semi-Annual	¹ through 12/31/19	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
Within 24 Hours	Contribution Reports File if you receive \$1,000 or more from a single source or if you give \$1,000 or more to another candidate. If you receive a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more, file Form 497 within 48 hours.	12/4/19 – 3/3/20	Personal Delivery Guaranteed Overnight Service Fax
Jan 23, 2020	1 st Pre-Election	1/1/20 – 1/18/20	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
Feb 20, 2020	2 nd Pre-Election	1/19/20 – 2/15/20	Personal Delivery Guaranteed Overnight Service
July 31, 2020	Semi-Annual	2/16/20 – 6/30/20	Personal Delivery First Class Mail

Please see the FPPC Filing Calendar for more information.

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

¹ 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.

FILING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION (under construction)

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period Covered by Statement	Method of Delivery
Jul. 31, 2020	Semi-Annual	¹ 6/30/20	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
Within 24 Hours	Contribution Reports File if you receive \$1,000 or more from a single source or if you give \$1,000 or more to another candidate If you receive a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more, file Form 497 within 48 hours.	8/5/20 – 11/3/20	Personal Delivery Guaranteed Overnight Service Fax
Sept. 24, 2020	1 st Pre-Election	7/1/20 – 9/19/20	Personal Delivery First Class Mail
Oct. 22, 2020	2 nd Pre-Election	9/20/2020 – 10/17/20	Personal Delivery Guaranteed Overnight Service
Feb. 1, 2021	Semi-Annual	10/18/20 – 12/31/20	Personal Delivery First Class Mail

¹ 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.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Any candidate for public office in this state is encouraged by the legislature 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 candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions [EC 20400].

At the time an individual files his or her Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the Clerk shall give the individual a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of this chapter. The Clerk shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary [EC 20440].

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

REQUESTING VOTER INFORMATION

Voter registration information is available to persons or groups for political purposes. If you would like to request voter registration information from the Mono County Registrar of Voter's office, you will need to complete an application and you may need to pay a fee. The application form and fee schedule are available on the Mono County Elections website:

https://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/elections/page/9777/voter_file_request_form_2018.pdf [EC 2188].

MEMO FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN MANAGERS:

Dear Election Cybersecurity Partner,

In a blog post on Wednesday, Microsoft reported that it notified almost 10,000 customers over the past year that they were targeted or compromised by nation-state attacks, mainly from Iran, North Korea and Russia, including attacks against political campaigns.

According to the company the attacks follow a pattern. The early stages involved attacking candidates, parties, and NGOs. This serves as a precursor to direct attacks on campaigns and election systems. **The Secretary of State is reminding candidates and campaigns to follow best cyber hygiene practices.**

The resources below are also available to help mitigate the threat of cyber attacks.

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/election-security) provides services such as cybersecurity assessments, detection and prevention of threats, and information sharing and awareness. <https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/election-security>

The [Global Cyber Alliance \(GCA\)](https://gcatoolkit.org/elections/) also offers several free toolkits to help election officials mitigate cyber risks. <https://gcatoolkit.org/elections/>

To read more go to the [Microsoft AccountGuard](https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2019/07/17/new-cyberthreats-require-new-ways-to-protect-democracy/) blog: <https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2019/07/17/new-cyberthreats-require-new-ways-to-protect-democracy/>

Thank you,

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