



County of Santa Cruz

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To: Board of Supervisors, Special Districts, School Districts and Cities
From: Candidate Filing Division, Elections Department
Re: Elections in 2019
Date: March 28, 2019

There are no countywide elections scheduled in 2019. Costs for elections are less when districts share the ballot costs with other jurisdictions holding elections on the same date in the same territory, and costs increase when districts have a stand-alone election. General elections in November of even numbered years have the most jurisdictions and therefore the least cost to jurisdictions. Primary elections in even-numbered years are countywide. While costs to consolidate a primary election is more than November of even-numbered years, it is much less than a stand-alone election. Most elections in odd-numbered years are stand-alone elections and costs are the highest. The next primary election will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

There are two established election dates remaining in 2019:

- August 27, 2019
- November 5, 2019

The August 27 election is mail ballot only. The deadline to call for an election on August 29 is **5pm, Friday, May 31, 2019.**

The November 5 election is with polling places. The deadline to call an election on November 5 is **5pm, Friday, August 9, 2019.** However, we encourage jurisdictions to file resolutions calling their election and consolidating it with the November election sooner, rather than later.

There are six districts that have regular general district elections on November 5; however, their district boundaries do not overlap, so it is like a stand-alone election. Districts on the November 5 ballot are:

- Alba Park, Parkway and Recreation
- Opal Cliffs Recreation
- Salsipuedes Sanitary
- Depot Hill Geological Hazard Abatement
- Place de Mer Geological Hazard Abatement
- College Reclamation District

If there are an insufficient number of nominees, the candidates will be appointed and there will not be an election for that district.

Some important November 2019 election dates are:

- **May/June 2019** – suggested month that your governing body hold a meeting to adopt the resolution calling the election;
- **July 15 – August 9, 2019** – candidate filing period
- **August 9, 2019** – last day for governing bodies to file resolutions calling an election to place a measure on the ballot

For jurisdictions with elections on November 5, 2019, we have put together the following **cost estimates** to assist you:

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| • Jurisdictions with under 999 voters..... | \$9 to \$25 per voter |
| • Jurisdictions with 1,000 to 2,500 voters | \$8 per voter |
| • Jurisdictions with 2,500 to 10,000 registered voters | \$6 to \$7 per voter |
| • Jurisdictions with 10,001 or more registered voters..... | \$4 to \$5 per voter |

Sample resolutions and the administrative calendar may be found online at www.votescount.com

If you are planning on holding an election in 2019 please contact Gail Pellerin ASAP at 831-454-2419, gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us

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