

Candidate Checklist

Listed below are the mandatory and optional forms for candidates in the November 3, 2026 General Election. Candidates are responsible for meeting all deadlines and are urged to file early to avoid last-minute complications. Personal filing is recommended, though you may authorize someone to pick up documents for you.

Nominees for county run-off offices, Congressional districts, and State Assembly nominees who accept Prop 34 expenditure limits may file a candidate statement and pay for its distribution by 5pm on August 7.

City council candidates must contact their respective City Clerk for specific filing requirements.

Document	Applies to	Filing Period	✓
*Declaration of Candidacy	All candidates – incumbents and challengers	Jul 13 – Aug 7 (E-113 to E-88)	
Nomination Documents for City candidates	All candidates – Incumbents and challengers	Jul 13 – Aug 7 (E-113 to E-88)	
Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications and **Candidate Statement Agreement	Optional for all candidates for school and special districts. Plus – Candidates for county offices in run-offs, and nominees for State Legislature who have accepted the Prop 34 campaign expenditure limits.	Must be filed & paid for with Declaration of Candidacy or For the June 2 nd Primary Election nominees: By 5 pm August 7	
**Confidential Voter Registration	All candidates – AB 1392 (2025) requires all candidates to state if they want their voter registration in the public roster during the election.	Must be file with Declaration of Candidacy	
**Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)	All candidates running for offices specified in Gov. Code § 87200	File with Declaration of Candidacy or by Aug 7	
**Internet Waiver	All candidates – incumbents and challengers	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
**Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional for all candidates	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
**Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement	All candidates – Incumbents and challengers.	File before making expenditures on behalf of your candidacy or file with Declaration of Candidacy.	
**Form 470 – Candidate Campaign Statement	All candidates appearing on the ballot who do not have an open campaign committee	File with Declaration of Candidacy, or must be filed by Sept 24	

* Declaration of Candidacy is printed at the elections office once all other forms have been filed.

** Forms are available to download and print from the **Candidate Resources** page (November 3, 2026) or may be picked up in person at the Santa Cruz County Elections office.

Filing Extension

If the incumbent does not file, anyone other than the incumbent may file by 5pm, Wednesday, August 12.