

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION ABBREVIATED CALENDAR

At Any Time	Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement A Form 501 must be filed before a candidate solicits or receives any contribution or makes any expenditure, including personal funds. <i>Government Code §§ 85200</i>
May 18 – July 16 (E-169 to E-110)	Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition – Supreme and Appellate Court Justices The Registrar of Voters (ROV) will issue official petitions during this period. Petition forms secure signatures in lieu of, or in addition to, all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the petition will meet the nomination signature requirements. <i>Elections Code §§ 8105(a) 8106(a)(3)(4)(b)(1)(3)(4),</i> Note: Declaration of candidacy is filed directly with the Secretary of State
June 8 (E-148)	Governor’s Proclamation – Issuance On or before this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the General Election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be up for election and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The SOS will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. <i>Elections Code § 12000</i>
June 22 (E-134)	Administrative Deadline to File Resolution The administrative deadline to file the resolution requesting election services and measure consolidation with the ROV.
June 29 – July 13 (E-127 to E-113)	Municipal Notice of Election Publication For cities consolidating with this election, the city clerk shall publish a Notice of Election between these dates. This notice shall contain the date of the election, polling hours, any offices to be filled and/or measures to be voted on, the qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed, and the deadline for filing these forms. <i>Elections Code §§ 12101, 12111</i>
July 1 (E-125)	General District Specifications of the Election Order The ROV must receive a resolution from all general districts consolidating with the election specifying the election date, purpose, boundary lines, and other election specifications by this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 10509, 10522, 12262, 13307</i>

July 3 (E-123)	School District Specifications of the Election Order The ROV office must receive a resolution from all school districts consolidating with the election specifying the election date, purpose, and other election specifications by this date. <i>Education Code §§ 5019.5, 5322</i>
July 6 – August 5 (E-120 to E-90)	County Notice of Election and Measure Publications The publication of the notice of election will be between these dates. The election notice contains the date of the election, any offices to be filled, the qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed, and the deadline for filing these forms. The measure notice contains the date of the election, the ballot question, the passage requirement, and argument and rebuttal deadlines. <i>Elections Code §§ 9163, 9205, 12112, 12113</i> Notice of Random Alphabet Drawing Publication The publication to news media and other interested parties of the place and time where the Random Alphabet Drawing is to be held. <i>Elections Code §§ 13112(b)(1)(B), 13112(c)</i>
July 12 (E-114)	Municipal Calling of Special Election to Fill Vacancy The last date for a city council to call a special election to fill a vacancy on the next regularly established election date. The vacancy cannot go to the election on this established election date if the election is not called by this date. <i>Government Code § 36512 (b)</i>
July 13 – August 7 (E-113 to E-88)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period All candidates, including incumbents, may pick up nomination papers at the ROV during this time. <i>Elections Code §§ 8020-8021, 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811</i> Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest Submittal Candidates must file a Form 700 Candidate Statement when submitting nomination papers, unless they have filed a Form 700 for the same jurisdiction within the previous 60 days. (U.S. Senate, congressional, and central committee candidates are exempt.) <i>Government Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500</i> Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal All candidates who opt to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the county voter information guide provided to voters by the ROV must submit a statement and pay the deposit when filing the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may not be changed, but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. <i>Elections Code §§ 13307-13308</i>

July 27 (E-99)	Measure Arguments Filing Administrative Deadline (300 Word Limit) The last day to file arguments for and against a measure. 10-Day Public Examination Period: July 28 – August 6 Government Code § 57146; Elections Code §§ 9162, 9163, 9282, 9286, 9315
July 28 (E-98)	Ballot Designation Change Deadline The last day that a candidate can submit a written request to change the ballot designation as used in the primary election.
July 31 {Date set by law}	Semi-annual Campaign Statements Due The last day for all required candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers to file semiannual campaign statements. Period Covered: The day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed. Government Code §§ 84200, 84218
August 5 – November 3 (E-90 to E-Day)	Election Cycle Reports Due – 24-Hour Contribution Report Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or more must be filed within 24 hours of the transaction. - Form 496 or Form 497 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer. - Form 462 is required only for certain independent expenditures related to state candidates. (<i>Title 2, Cal. Code Regs. § 18422.5</i>) Government Code §§ 82036, 82036.5, 84203, 84203.3, 84204, 84215(e), 85204, 85309
August 7 (E-88)	Administrative Deadline to file a Measure Rebuttal (250 Word Limit) The last day to file rebuttals to arguments for and against a measure. 10-Day Public Examination Period: August 8 – August 17 Elections Code §§ 9167, 9285, 9286, 9317 County Counsel Impartial Analysis Available (500 Word Limit) 10-Day Public Examination Period: August 8 – August 17 Elections Code §§ 9160, 9280, 9313, 9314, 9500
August 7 (E-88)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period Ends at 5 p.m. The deadline for all voter-nominated, non-presidential, and county central committee candidates to file all required nomination papers. Elections Code §§ 8020, 8022 Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest The deadline for candidates to submit Form 700. (U.S. Senate, congressional, and central committee candidates are exempt.) Government Code §§ 87100-87500, FPPC Reg. § 18723

August 7 (E-88) August 12 (E-83)	Deadline to Withdraw Candidacy The last day a candidate can withdraw their nomination for a non-statewide office is by 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day before the primary election. Note: If the nomination period is extended, the deadline is by 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day before the primary election. <i>Elections Code § 8020.5</i>
August 8 – 12 (E-87 to E-83)	Nomination Extension Period If the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by the deadline for their office. There will be a 5-calendar-day extension period during which any candidate, other than the incumbent, may file for office. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8100, 8105, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i>
August 8 – 17 (E-87 to E-78)	10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications The public examination period for Statements of Qualifications submitted during nomination periods that close without an extension period. <i>Elections Code § 13313</i>
August 12 (E-83)	Last Day to Withdraw a Local Measure This is the deadline to withdraw a measure from the election that has been submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction. The order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 9605</i> Last Day to Submit Political Party Endorsements The deadline for the chairperson of any qualified political party to submit an official list of candidates endorsed by the party to the ROV. <i>Elections Code § 13302(b)</i> Appointments Submitted to the Board of Supervisors A letter requesting the names for appointments by the Board of Supervisors in lieu of the election will be submitted by the ROV. Special districts governed by the Uniform District Election Law may submit a letter requesting the names for appointment in lieu of election to the Board of Supervisors. <i>Elections Code § 10515</i>
August 13 11:00 a.m. (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing The SOS and the ROV will draw letters to determine the order in which candidates appear on the ballot. <i>Elections Code § 13112</i>
August 13 – 22 (E-82 to E-73)	10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications The public examination period for Statements of Qualifications submitted during an extended nomination period. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i>

September 4 – 19 (E-60 to E-45)	Military / Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballots The mailing and processing period for military and overseas voters. <i>Elections Code §§ 300, 3101-3123, 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)</i>
September 7 – October 20 (E-57 to E-14)	Write-in Candidacy Period Candidates may pick up write-in candidacy nomination papers at the ROV anytime between these dates. <i>Elections Code § 8600-8606</i>
September 24 (E-40)	County Voter Information Guides are Mailed to Registered Voters The ROV will begin mailing the County Voter Information Guides. <i>Elections Code § 13303</i> First Pre-election Financial Statement Due The last day for candidates listed on the ballot to file a Form 460 or Form 470 First Pre-election Statement. Period Covered: June 1- September 19, 2026 <i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218</i>
October 5 (E-29)	Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing <u>No later than E-29</u> , the ROV will mail vote-by-mail ballots to all registered voters. <i>Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(B)</i> Early Voting Begins Voters may vote in person or drop off a ballot at the ROV. <i>Elections Code §§ 3001, 3200-3206</i> Official Ballot Drop Box Deployment ROV drop box locations will be available on or before this date. A list will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and on the ROV website. <i>Elections Code §§ 3025.5(a)(b), 4005(a)(1)</i>
October 18 – November 2 (E-16 to E-1)	24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirements Due Any recipient committee (Form 410) or slate mailer organization (Form 400) that qualifies during the 16 days before the election must file its Statement of Organization within 24 hours of qualification. <i>Government Code §§ 84101, 84108</i>
October 19 (E-15)	Last Day to Register to Vote The deadline to register to vote for this Election. Postmarks, DMV submissions, and elections office delivery/drop-off are acceptable. <i>Elections Code §§ 1070-2171, 2102</i>
October 20 (E-14)	Last to file as a Write-in Candidate The deadline for candidates to file write-in candidacy nomination papers. <i>Elections Code § 8600-8606</i>

October 20 – November 3 (E-14 to E-Day)	Conditional Voter Registration Eligible voters who missed the 15-day close may appear in person at the ROV or a polling place on Election Day and register to vote provisionally for this election. <i>Elections Code § 2170</i>
October 22 (E-12)	Second Pre-election Financial Statement Due The last day for committees to file a Form 460 Second Pre-election Statement. Period Covered: September 20 – October 17, 2026 <i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b), 84218</i>
October 23 (E-11)	Certified List of Nonpartisan Write-in Candidates The SOS will prepare and send a certified list of write-in candidates to the affected county officials, and each candidate will run in the affected offices. <i>Elections Code §§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822</i>
October 27 (E-7)	Last Day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot The deadline for submitting a request to the Registrar of Voters to have a ballot mailed.
November 3 (Election Day)	Election Day All polling places are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for drop-off or in-person voting. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 1000, 1500, 14212</i> Beginning at 8:00 p.m., the ROV reports election results and reports totals to the SOS at least every two hours until completed.
November 4 (E+1)	Semifinal Official Canvass Beginning at 8 a.m. until completed, the ROV conducts the semifinal official canvass of votes and reports the totals to the SOS. <i>Elections Code §§ 15150, 15151</i> Beginning of Ballot Cure Period From this date until no later than eight days before the election is certified, the ROV shall notify voters whose vote-by-mail ballot signatures are missing or do not match, informing them that they have until 5 p.m. two days before certification to verify their signature.
November 10 (E+7)	Deadline to receive Vote-by-Mail ballots. The last day for the ROV to receive ballots postmarked on or before Election Day. <i>Elections Code § 3020</i>
{ROV Designated Date}	Deadline to return Signature Verification Statements The last day for voters to return signature verification statements must be received by the ROV no later than 5 p.m. on the date provided in their cure letter. <i>Elections Code § 15392</i>

December 3 (E+30)	Election Certification The ROV must complete the official canvass and certify election results by this date; the governing bodies consolidated with this election will receive a certified statement of the votes. <i>Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372, 15375</i> Refunds of Excess SOQ Payments The ROV issues refunds to candidates if applicable. <i>Elections Code § 13307(d)</i>
December 11 (E+38)	Statement of the Votes Filed The deadline for the SOS to compile and file the statement of the votes for this election. <i>Elections Code §§ 15500, 15501, 15503</i>
{Date set by ROV}	Certified Statement of Results On or around this date, the ROV will compile and present each district with certified results and certificates for their appointed and winning candidates in this election. <i>Elections Code §§ 15372, 15400, and Government Code § 23568</i>
December	Elected and Appointed State Assemblymembers and State Senators Will Take Office All State Assemblymembers and State Senators will take office on the first Monday in December following their election. <i>California Constitution Article IV § 2(a) 3</i>
December	Elected and Appointed Special District Officials Will Take Office The governing board members of a special district take office at noon on the first Friday in December following their election. <i>Elections Code § 10554</i>
December	Elected and Appointed School District Officials Will Take Office The governing board members of a school district or community college district take office on the second Friday of December following their election. <i>Education Code § 5017</i>
December {Confirm the actual date with your city clerk}	Elected and Appointed Municipal District Officials Will Take Office Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy City Mayors and Council Members will take office at the first council meeting in December following the election.
January 1, 2027	Elected and Appointed City of Stockton Officials Will Take Office All City of Stockton elected officials will take office on January 1 of the year following their election. <i>Stockton Municipal Code Article VI § 601</i>

January 4, 2027	Elected and Appointed Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of Superior Courts Will Take Office All judges will take office on the first Monday after January 1 following their election. <i>California Constitution Article VI § 16</i> Elected and Appointed County Officers Will Take Office All County officers will take office at noon on the first Monday after January 1 succeeding their election. <i>Government Code §§ 24000, 24200</i>
January	Elected and Appointed United States Officials Will Take Office All U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives will take office at noon on the 3rd day of January. The U.S. President and U.S. Vice President will take office at noon on the 20th day of January. <i>United States Constitution 12th Amendment</i>
February 1 {Date set by law}	Semi-annual Campaign Statement The last day for all required candidates, organizations, and committees to file Semi-annual campaign statements, unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026. • Period Covered: October 18 – December 31, 2026 <i>Government Code §§ 84200, 84218</i>

* Because this deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it is extended to the next business day, as provided by Elections Code § 15.

Elections Code § 15, Government Code §§ 6700, 6701, 6707

**The E-45 deadline that requires ballots to be sent to military and overseas voters must be adhered to and does not move forward even if the date falls on a Saturday.

Elections Code § 3114, Federal Move Act

Note: "E-" days indicate the number of days prior to Election Day. "E+" days indicate the number of days after Election Day.

The ROV has no authority to extend filing deadlines established by law. The candidate must be aware of all deadlines and make sure that they file their appropriate documents and forms before the deadline.