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**STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**March 5, 2024**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Important Dates for Candidates & Districts**  
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DATE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee - All Candidates</b> EC §8023, 8061, 8105, 8106		
Sept. 14, 2023 to Nov. 8, 2023 E-173 to E-118	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Forms may be obtained from the County Election Official during this period. Petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in-lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in-lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition.  For judicial candidates, the In-Lieu Petition must be filed by the last day to file the Declaration of Intention since the filing fee must be satisfied by that day. The Registrar of Voters' Office will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing.
<b>Nomination Documents for Central Committee Candidates</b> EC §8020(b), 8062		
Sept. 29, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2023 E-158 to E-88	Central Committee Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, candidates for central committees, including incumbents running for re-election, must file their Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers with 20 signatures from voters registered with your party and in the district where you are running.

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<b>Report of Registration: 154 Day Report</b> EC §2187(a) & (c)(1)		
Oct. 3, 2023 to Oct. 22, 2023 E-154 to E-135	Registrar of Voters	During this period, the Registrar of Voters shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and by each political division.
<b>No Party Preference Voter Participation Notice</b> EC §13102(c)		
Oct. 22, 2023 E-135	Political Parties	Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that authorizes a person who has no party preference to vote the ballot of that political party at the primary election.
<b>Declaration of Intent of Judicial Candidates</b> EC §8023, 8105		
Oct. 30, 2023 to Nov. 8, 2023 E-127 to E-118	Judicial Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Every candidate for a judicial office shall file with the County Elections Official a written and signed declaration of his/her intention to become a candidate for judicial office and designate the seat number they are seeking. <u>Non-refundable filing fees</u> must be paid at the time the declaration of intent is filed.
<b>Cities Publish Election Notice</b> EC §12101, 12111		
Oct. 30, 2023 to Nov. 13, 2023 E-127 to E-113	Cities	Between these dates, any city that is consolidating an election with the March Primary will publish a one-time Notice of Election in a newspaper of general circulation.
<b>County Central Committee Members</b> EC §7671		
Nov. 1, 2023 E-125	Secretary of State	The Secretary of State shall compute the number of central committees to be elected in each county. This information shall be provided to each Registrar of Voters and to the Chairperson of the American Independent Party State Central Committee.
<b>County Publishes Notice of Election</b> EC §12109, 12112		
Nov. 6, 2023 to Dec. 6, 2023 E-120 to E-90	Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, the Registrar of Voters will publish a Notice of Election containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available and the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy. The notice may be combined with the notice of identifying the central county place.

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<b>Signature In-Lieu of Filing Fee - All Candidates</b> EC §8105, 8106		
Nov. 8, 2023 E-118	Candidates	Last day for all candidates, including judicial candidates, to submit Signature In-Lieu petitions to the Registrar of Voters of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote.
<b>Extension of Declaration of Intention - Judicial</b> EC §8023, 8105		
Nov. 9, 2023 to Nov. 13, 2023 E-117 to E-113	Judicial Candidates / Registrar of Voters	If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a declaration of intention to succeed to the same office by the end of the Declaration of Intent Filing Period, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention for that office during this extension period. <b><u>Non-refundable filing fees</u></b> must be paid at the time the declaration of intent is filed.
Nov.10, 2023	<b>Veteran's Day Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers</b> EC §8020, 8040, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8104, 8105, 8106, 13107		
Nov. 13, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2023 E-113 to E-88	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the Registrar of Voters. All candidates, except those for judicial offices, must pay their filing fee at the time they obtain their Nomination Papers. The fee may be represented by money, signatures in-lieu, or a prorated combination of money and signatures in-lieu. <b><u>The filing fee is non-refundable.</u></b> Candidates may authorize in writing that their in-lieu signatures count toward the number of signatures needed for their Nomination Paper.
<b>No Candidate May Withdraw</b> EC §8800		
Nov. 13, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2023 E-113 to E-88	Candidates	No candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.

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<b>Candidate Statement of Qualifications</b> EC §13307, 13311		
Nov. 13, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2023 E-113 to E-88	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, candidates for judicial and county offices may prepare a Statement of Qualifications, not to exceed 200 words, to be included in the Voter's Information Guide. The statement will remain confidential until deadline for filing has passed. The statement may not be changed, but may be withdrawn up to 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023 if the contest closes on December 8, 2023 or December 14, 2023 if the contests closes on December 13, 2023 after the extension period. A written request to withdraw a Candidate Statement must be sent to the Registrar of Voters' Office prior to the deadline listed above.
<b>Candidate Statement of Qualifications - State Legislative &amp; Congressional Candidates</b> EC §13307.5, GC §85601(c)		
Nov. 13, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2023 E-113 to E-88	State & Federal Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, candidates for State Legislative and Congressional offices may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 250 words, to be included in the county Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be filed and paid for no later than December 8, 2023. The statement may not be changed, but may be withdrawn up until 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023 if the contest closes on December 8, 2023 or December 14, 2023 if the contest closes on December 13, 2023 after the extension period.
<b>Signatures In-Lieu: Voter-Nominated and County Candidates - Last Day to Determin Sufficiency</b> EC §8105, 8106(b)(3)		
Nov. 18, 2023 E-108	Registrar of Voters	Last day for the Registrar of Voters' Office to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for federal and county offices. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency.
Nov. 23-24, 2023	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>24-Hour Contribution Reports</b> GC 82036		
Dec. 6, 2023 to Mar. 5, 2024 E-90 to E-Day	Candidates	During the 90 days immediately preceding an election and including Election Day, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Registrar of Voters.  <b>Form 496:</b> File if independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more are made.

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<b>24-Hour Contribution Reports (Continued)</b>		
Dec. 6, 2023 to Mar. 5, 2024 E-90 to E-Day	Candidates	<b>Form 497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.
		<b>Form 497:</b> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to a candidate or measure being voted upon March 5, 2024, or to a political party committee.
		<b>Non-Monetary Contribution:</b> The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. File by personal delivery, email, guaranteed overnight service, fax or online if available.
<b>Last Day to Submit Resolution of Consolidation</b> EC §9190, 9380, 10401, 10402, 10403		
Dec. 8, 2023 E-88	Districts	Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school or other political subdivision which requests consolidation of a local election for candidates and/or measures to file the request with the county Registrar of Voters' Office.
<b>Last Day to Submit Resolution of Consolidation - Continued</b>		
Dec. 8, 2023 E-88	Districts	Whenever resolutions calling for a measure to be placed on the ballot are filed, immediately after that filing date will be a 10-day public inspection period. Documents will be on public display at the Registrar of Voters' Office located at 940 West Main Street, Suite 206 in El Centro, CA. During this period, any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted.
<b>Deadline for Filing Tax Rate Statement for Bond Measure</b> EC §9401		
Dec. 8, 2023 E-88	Districts	Last day to file Tax Rate Statement for any bond measure appearing on the March 5, 2024 ballot.
<b>Extension of Nomination Period</b> EC §8022, 8024, 8204		
Dec. 9, 2023 to Dec. 13, 2023 E-87 to E-83	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Petition if the incumbent did not file by December 8, 2023. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

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<b>Extension of Nomination Period - Continued</b>		
Dec. 9, 2023 to Dec. 13, 2023 E-87 to E-83	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	<p><b>For judicial offices</b>, if the incumbent of the office files a Declaration of Intention, but for any reason fails to qualify for nomination for the office by December 8, 2023, an additional five days shall be allowed for the filing of nomination papers for the office. Any person, other than the incumbent if otherwise qualified, may file nomination papers for the office during extended period, notwithstanding that he or she has not filed by December 8, 2023 a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office.</p> <p><b>NOTE: This extension does NOT apply...</b></p> <p>1) When the incumbent for judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intention for that same office (there is an earlier filing extension period from November 9 - 13, 2023), and 2) when there is no incumbent eligible to be re-elected.</p>
<b>Public Exam of Candidate Statements</b> EC §13313		
Dec. 9, 2023 to Dec. 18, 2023 E-87 to E-78	Candidates / Registrar of Voters / District Secretary	During this 10-day period, the Registrar of Voters will make candidates' statements available for public examination.
<b>Randomized Alphabet Drawing</b> EC §13112		
Dec. 14, 2023 E-82	Secretary of State / Registrar of Voters	<p>The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the primary election ballot.</p> <p>On the same day, the County Registrar of Voters shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing for State Senate and Assembly offices.</p>
<b>Write-In Campaign Against Incumbent Judge Running Unopposed for Primary Election</b> EC §8203(a), 8600-8604		
Dec. 18, 2023 E-78	Judicial Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed Superior Court judicial candidate who has filed Nomination Papers. The Petition must be signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. Write-in candidates must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy between January 8, 2024 and February 20, 2024.
Dec. 25, 2023	<b>Christmas Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
Jan. 1, 2024	<b>New Years Holiday - Office Closed</b>	

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<b>Military or Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications</b> EC §300(b), 3102, 3105		
Jan. 5, 2024 E-60	Registrar of Voters	First day the Registrar of Voters may process applications for military or overseas voter ballots. Any applications received by the Registrar of Voters prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which he or she has applied, the Registrar of Voters receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.
<b>Report of Registration: 60 Day County Report</b> EC §2187(a) & (c)(2)		
Jan. 5, 2024 to Jan. 15, 2024 E-60 to E-50	Registrar of Voters	During this period, the Registrar of Voters shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and by each political division.
<b>Nomination Period for Write-In Candidates</b> EC §8600, 8601 et seq.		
Jan. 8, 2024 to Feb. 20, 2024 E-57 to E-14	Candidates / Registrar of Voters	Nomination papers for write-in candidacy will be available beginning January 8, 2024 and must be filed with the Registrar of Voters no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2024.
Jan. 15, 2024	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>Filing Period for First Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement</b>		
Jan. 25, 2024 E-40	Candidates / Committees / Registrar of Voters	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period ending January 20, 2024. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.
<b>Voter Information Guide Mailing</b> EC §9094, 13303, 13304		
Jan. 25, 2024 to Feb.13, 2024 E-40 to E-21	Secretary of State / Registrar of Voters	Between these dates, the Registrar of Voters shall mail a Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot with a polling place notice to each registered voter. Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by February 5, 2024.

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<b>Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot by Mail</b> EC §9094, 13303		
Feb. 5, 2024 E-29	Voters	This is the last day voters may register to vote in order to ensure the receipt of a Voter Information Guide by mail. Voter registration cards received by this date will be added to the rolls and the voters will receive a Voter Information Guide booklet prepared by the Registrar of Voters. Voters who submit cards after this date will not receive a County Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot by mail; however, they will receive notification of registration received and polling place location.
<b>Vote-by-Mail Ballot Distribution</b> EC §3001, 3003		
Feb. 5, 2024 E-29	Registrar of Voters	On this day, the Registrar of Voters will begin to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all registered voters.
<b>Processing Vote-by-Mail Ballots</b> EC §15101		
Feb. 5, 2024 E-29	Registrar of Voters	On this day, the Registrar of Voters may begin to process vote-by-mail ballots including verifying the voter's signature on the vote-by-mail ballot return envelope, opening vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, preparation of ballot to be machine read, or machine reading them. However, under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.
Feb. 19, 2024	<b>President's Day Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>Deadline for Military or Overseas Voters to Register to Vote</b> EC §3102		
Feb. 19, 2024 E-15	Registrar of Voters	A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. When a county Registrar of Voters receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election for federal office in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

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<b>Same Day Registration Period</b> EC §2170		
Feb. 20, 2024 to Mar. 5, 2024 E-14 to E-Day	Registrar of Voters	Voters who missed the voter registration deadline can still register and vote up to and including Election Day at the Imperial County Registrar of Voters' Office located at 940 West Main Street, Suite 206, El Centro, CA. Ballots will be counted after the elections official verifies the voter's registration and confirms that they have not already voted in the election.
<b>New Citizens Registration Period</b> EC §331, 3500, 3501		
Feb. 20, 2024 to Mar. 5, 2024 E-14 to E-Day	Registrar of Voters	Registration for new citizens shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and ending at the close of polls on Election Day. A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot.
<b>Filing Period for Second Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement</b> GC §84200.5, 84200.8		
Feb. 22, 2024 E-12	Candidates / Committees / Registrar of Voters	Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period of January 21, 2024 to February 17, 2024. Statement must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight delivery.
<b>Publish Polling Places &amp; Precinct Board Member Party Preference</b> EC §12105-12108, GC §6061		
Feb. 27, 2024 E-7	Registrar of Voters	Not less than one week before the election, the Registrar of Voters shall publish the list of polling places and the party preference of precinct board members. The list shall not include names of the precinct board members.
<b>Presidential Primary Election Day</b>		
Mar. 5, 2024 E-Day	Registrar of Voters	Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. Vote-by-Mail ballots may be turned in before the polls close at any polling place or drop box within California.
<b>Official Canvass</b> EC §15301, 15372		
Mar. 7, 2024 to Apr. 4, 2024 E+2 to E+30	Registrar of Voters	The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time.

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<b>Vote-by-Mail Ballots Returned Via Post Office Deadline</b> EC §3020		
Mar. 12, 2024 E+7	Registrar of Voters	Vote-by-Mail ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day or are date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, and received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 7 days after Election Day shall be considered received on time.
<b>Vote-by-Mail Ballots Returned Via Post Office Deadline (Continued)</b>		
Mar. 12, 2024 E+7	Registrar of Voters	If the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope must be signed and dated by the voter pursuant to Elections Code §3011 on or before Election Day in order to be considered received on time.
Mar. 29, 2024	<b>Good Friday Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>Last Day to Cure Non Matching &amp; No Matching Signatures</b> EC §3019		
Mar. 31, 2024 E+26	Registrar of Voters	Last day to cure a vote-by-mail ballot received with no signature or a non-matching signature compared to that one file for the voter in the Registrar of Voters Election Management System. Voters will have until 2 days before certification of the election to provide their signature on a statement and file it with the Registrar of Voters.
Apr. 1, 2024	<b>Cesar Chavez Holiday - Office Closed</b>	
<b>Nonpartisan Candidates Elected if Majority Vote Received</b> EC §8140		
Apr. 4, 2024 E+30	Registrar of Voters	Any candidate for a nonpartisan office who at a primary election receives a majority of the votes cast for candidates for that office shall be elected to that office. The office shall not appear on the general election ballot, notwithstanding the death, resignation, or other disqualification of the candidate at a time subsequent to the primary election.

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<b>Recount May be Requested</b> EC §15620-16542		
5 Days After Canvass	Registrar of Voters	<p>Within five (5) days after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the Registrar of Voters and specify which candidate(s) and/or measures are to be recounted. The request may specify the order of the precincts for the recount. The petitioning voter shall, before commencement of each day's recount, deposit such sum as the Registrar of Voters deems required to cover costs of the recount. "Completion of the canvass" shall be the time when the Registrar of Voters signs the certified Statement of Vote.</p>
<b>Contesting Election</b> EC §16100, 16401		
Varies between 10 days to 6 months following the certification of the vote	Registrar of Voters / Board of Supervisors	<p>Any elector of a county, city, or of any political subdivision of either may contest any election held therein, for any of the following causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That the precinct board or any member thereof was guilty of malconduct.</li> <li>b) That the person who has been declared elected to an office was not, at the time of the election, eligible for that office.</li> <li>c) That the defendant has given to any elector or member of a precinct board any bribe or reward, or has offered any bribe or reward for the purpose of procuring his election, or has committed any other offense against the elective franchise defined in Division 18 (commencing with Section 18000).</li> <li>d) That illegal votes were cast.</li> <li>e) That eligible voters who attempted to vote in accordance with the laws of the state were denied their right to vote.</li> <li>f) That the precinct board in conducting the election or in canvassing the returns, made errors sufficient to change the results of the election as to any person who has been declared elected.</li> <li>g) That there was an error in the vote-counting programs or summation of ballot counts.</li> </ul>

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<b>Contesting Election - Continued</b>		
Varies between 10 days to 6 months following the certification of the vote	Registrar of Voters / Board of Supervisors	<p>The contestant shall verify the statement of contest, as provided by Section 446 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and shall file it within the following times after the declaration of the results of any post-canvass risk-limiting audit conducted pursuant to Section 15560 by the body canvassing the returns thereof.</p> <p>a) In cases other than cases of a tie, where the contest is brought on any of the grounds mentioned in subdivision (c) of Section 16100, six (6) months.</p> <p>b) In all cases of tie, 20 days.</p> <p>c) In cases involving presidential electors, 10 days.</p> <p>d) In all other cases, 30 days.</p>
<b>Statement of Vote to Secretary of State</b> EC §15375		
Apr. 5, 2024 E+31	Registrar of Voters	No later than this date, the Registrar of Voters shall send one copy of the Statement of Vote to the Secretary of State.
<b>Certificates of Election or Nomination to be Prepared</b> EC §8145, 8146, 8147		
Apr. 5, 2024 E+31	Registrar of Voters	The county Registrar of Voters will prepare certificates of nomination for each candidate nominated for nonpartisan offices voted for wholly within one county. The Secretary of State will prepare certificates of nomination for Congressional and Legislative candidates.
<b>Semiannual Campaign Statement</b> GC §84200, 84218		
Aug. 2, 2024 E+150	Candidates / Committees	Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.