

News Release

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Candidate Filing for June Election Opens Tuesday

Candidates interested in running for an office on the June 7, 2016 primary ballot must file candidate nomination documents during the filing period from February 16 to March 11.

The following offices are on the June 7, 2016 ballot:

- President of the United States;
- United States Senator;
- 18th and 20th Congressional Districts;
- 17th State Senate District;
- 29th and 30th Assembly Districts;
- District Attorney-Public Administrator (short term)
- Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (short term)
- County Supervisors in the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Districts;
- 3 Superior Court Judges; and
- San Benito County Board of Education, Trustee Area 2.

The nomination period for persons running for local political party committees began January 4 and ends March 11.

- Democratic and Republican Party County Central Committees who are elected by Supervisorial District;
- Peace and Freedom Party County Central Committee who are elected at-large; and
- Green Party County Council, also elected at-large.

The American Independent and Libertarian parties have decided not to use the June ballot to select their party central committee members this year.

During this filing period, candidates file the following documents:

- Nomination Papers. Candidates must file a specified number of valid signatures on a Nomination Petition in order to have his or her name on the primary ballot;
- Declaration of Candidacy;

- Candidate's Statement of Qualifications is optional for candidates running for County offices, Superior Court Judge, and Board of Supervisors. Statements not exceeding 200 words must be filed and paid for at the time of filing the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy. Candidates for state offices may file a 250-word statement by the deadline if he or she has agreed to adhere to the spending limits pursuant to Proposition 34. Candidates for Congress may also file a 250-word candidate statement for printing in the county Sample Ballot by the March 11 deadline; and
- Fair Political Practices Form 700 Conflict of Interest Statement.

Filing fees for the various offices up for election are based on 1 or 2 percent of the annual salary. Fees range from \$3,480 for US Senate to \$1,001.13 for State Assembly Member. Candidates may collect signatures that have a specific value per signature to cover all or part of the filing fee. Signature In-Lieu Petitions may be obtained from the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department, located at 701 Ocean Street, Room 210 in Santa Cruz.

The deadline to file Signature In-Lieu petitions for persons running for Superior Court Judge is February 10 due to the requirement that judicial candidates have to file a Declaration of Intention by February 10. However, all other offices have until February 25 to file their Signature In-Lieu petitions.

A "Candidate's Handbook" detailing deadlines, forms, candidate filing requirements, and election processes for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is available from the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz. Candidate's handbooks are also available online at www.votescount.com. In addition, a daily update of candidates who have taken out papers or have filed is available online at www.votescount.com as well as other important information regarding the June Primary.

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