**News Release**

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**Candidate Filing for Judges is October 28 to November 6**

Candidates for Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge must file a Declaration of Intention with the County Clerk during the filing period from October 28 to November 6.

Incumbent judges and challengers must pay the entire filing fee of $2,000.42 at the time of filing their Declaration of Intention represented by money, signatures or any prorated combination of money and signatures. **The filing fee is non-refundable.**

There are seven Superior Court Judges up for election in March:

* Ariadne Symons
* Denine Guy
* Paul Marigonda
* Timothy Schmal
* Paul Burdick
* John Salazar
* Stephen Siegel

Only incumbents and challengers to the Office of Superior Court Judge must file a Declaration of Intention by 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 6. Candidates for all other offices must file Nomination Papers and Declarations of Candidacy during the filing period from November 11 to December 6.

Other Offices on the March 2020 ballot include:

* President;
* 18th and 20th Congressional Districts;
* 17th State Senate District;
* 29th and 30th Assembly Districts;
* County Supervisors for the 1st, 2nd and 5th Districts;
* San Benito County Board of Education, Trustee Area 2; and
* Party Central Committees and County Councils.

A *“Candidate’s Handbook”* detailing filing fees, candidate qualifications, deadlines, candidate’s statements of qualifications, and other important candidate information for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is available from the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz or online at [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com) The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 831-454-2060.

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