



Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters

Candidate Information Forum

2018 Statewide Primary Election



Thursday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

- Introductions
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- Election overview
- Registered voters
- Voting options
- Conditional voter registration
- Polling places & procedures
- Ballot processing & counting
- Election results & posting schedule
- Elections Office communications
- Campaign finance
- Political sign regulations
- Poll watchers
- Key dates & deadlines
- Services available
- Process for ordering services



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- Election Day is June 5, 2018
 - Over 900,000 registered voters
 - 402 polling locations
 - Approximately 3,000 poll workers



- Voting in a California Primary
 - Proposition 14 – Top Two Open Primary Act (2010)
 - Previous Offices – Partisan and Nonpartisan offices
 - Current Offices – Party-nominated, Voter-nominated, and nonpartisan

- What's on the ballot in the 2018 Primary Election?
 - Voter-nominated offices
 - Nonpartisan offices
 - 2 local measures
 - 5 statewide propositions

- Voter-nominated offices
 - Includes contests for:
 - United States Senator
 - United States Representative
 - Statewide elective offices
 - State Board of Equalization
 - State Senator
 - Member of the State Assembly
 - The party preference of the candidate is listed on the ballot.
 - Voters may write in the name of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.
 - The top two vote-getters will proceed to the General Election.

- Nonpartisan offices
 - Includes contests for:
 - Judicial office
 - State Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - County offices
 - City offices
 - The party preference of the candidate is not listed on the ballot.
 - Voters may write in the names of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.
 - For nonpartisan judicial, state, and county offices, the top two vote-getters will proceed to the General Election. However, if a candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, that candidate is elected to office.
 - For most city offices, candidates that receive the most votes are elected to office.

- Official Ballot
 - All voters will receive a two-card Official Ballot with contests on each side of both cards.
 - Instructions printed in red – see handout

- Weekly Report of Registration (as of 5/6/18)

County of San Bernardino	TOTAL Registered Voters		Registered Polling Place Voters			Registered Mail Ballot Voters		
	Count	%	Count	% of Total Poll Voters	% of Reg. Voters	Count	% of Total Mail Voters	% of Reg. Voters
American Independent	31,641	3.5%	11,997	3.2%	1.3%	19,644	3.7%	2.2%
Democratic	359,460	39.9%	147,956	39.3%	16.4%	211,504	40.4%	23.5%
Green	2,986	0.3%	1,233	0.3%	0.1%	1,753	0.3%	0.2%
Libertarian	6,731	0.7%	2,461	0.7%	0.3%	4,270	0.8%	0.5%
No Party Preference	210,068	23.3%	95,719	25.4%	10.6%	114,349	21.8%	12.7%
Other	6,824	0.8%	3,060	0.8%	0.3%	3,764	0.7%	0.4%
Peace And Freedom	4,178	0.5%	1,888	0.5%	0.2%	2,290	0.4%	0.3%
Republican	278,882	31.0%	112,605	29.9%	12.5%	166,277	31.7%	18.5%
<i>District Total</i>	900,770	100.0%	376,919	100.0%	41.8%	523,851	100.0%	58.2%

- Voter Registration Deadline – May 21
- Citizens that miss the voter registration deadline can still register and vote
 - Must go to Elections Office or early vote site
 - Will vote a provisional ballot
- Conditional registrations accepted May 22 through June 5

- State-Mandated File Maintenance Activities
 - Change of Address Information
 - U.S. Postal Service
 - Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Undeliverable Mail
 - VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration Database
 - Deceased voters – Department of Public Health and the Secretary of State
 - Duplicate Voters – VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration Database
 - Non-Citizens – Superior Court's Jury Administration

- Optional File Maintenance Activities:
 - Duplicate Records Audit
 - Address Standardization Audit
 - Invalid Information Audit

- Voters Have Three Voting Options:
 - Vote by Mail
 - Vote Early
 - Vote on Election Day at their assigned Polling Place



■ Vote By Mail

- Mail ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office on May 9, 2018
- Mail ballot can still be requested: applications can be found on:
 - My Elections Gateway
 - SBCountyElections.com
 - Back of Voter Information Guide
- Voters can call (909) 387-8300 for a one-time application
- Application deadline is May 29, 2018



- Vote By Mail
 - Voted mail ballots can be returned:
 - Through the U.S.P.S. – Postmarked by Tuesday, June 5, and received no later than three business days after the election
 - At one of 57 mail ballot drop-off locations:
 - City clerks' offices
 - County branch libraries
 - Map for drop-off locations found on Elections Office website
 - At any early vote site
 - At the Elections Office
 - 24-hour mail ballot drop box available
 - At one of 402 polling places on Election Day

■ Vote By Mail

■ Benefits of mail ballots

- Increased convenience for voters
- Ability for candidates to track who has voted
 - Reports available daily or upon request
- Earlier Election Night results
- Increased voter turnout in low profile elections
- Lower number of voters at polling places allows for cost savings



- Vote Early
 - San Bernardino County Elections Office
 - May 7 to June 4, 2018
 - Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, June 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Election Day, Tuesday, June 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



■ Vote Early

■ Four additional early vote sites

■ May 29 through June 4

Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 4, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Election Day, June 5, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■ Lake Arrowhead Fire Station #91

- 301 S. State Highway 173, Lake Arrowhead

■ Montclair Branch Library

- 9955 Fremont Avenue, Montclair

■ Victorville City Hall

- 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville

■ Yucca Valley Elks Lodge, BPOE #2314

- 55946 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley

- Vote on Election Day
 - Voters must vote at their assigned polling place
 - Polling place assignments can be found:
 - On the back of the Voter Information Guide
 - On My Elections Gateway
 - On the Elections Office website
 - www.sbcountyelections.com
 - By calling 800-881-VOTE (8683) or 909-387-8300
 - Hours of operation - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Polling place consolidations
 - Consolidations began in 2011 and continue each election
 - GIS & data models to project voter turnout
 - No expected lines or overcrowding
 - Efficient use of space and labor by maintaining a steady flow of voters
 - Choice of polling places
 - Better quality polling places – (ADA compliant, ample parking)
 - Easy to locate, well-known facilities
 - Keep voters as close to polling place as possible
 - Savings for taxpayers and very few voter complaints

- Procedures built for speed
 - New roster design
 - New Hourly Voter List
 - Use of supervisors to handle special exceptions
 - Use of 3 ballot boxes, new ballot box design
 - Faster closing and delivery procedures

- Procedures built for accuracy
 - Use of polling place maps to direct voters to correct voting location
 - Reduce provisional ballots
 - Count ballots for all races
 - Ballot design
 - Easy for poll workers
 - Easy for voters
 - New provisional envelope design
 - Allows voter to re-register
 - Simplifies process
 - New Translated Sample Ballots
 - Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese
 - Voters residing in precincts where 3% or more of the voting age residents

- Procedures Built for Accuracy
 - Field support plan
 - Supervisors
 - Field representatives
 - Machine technicians
 - Ballot security teams
 - Supply depot teams



- Return of ballots to Elections Office
 - Midday: pickups by ballot security and delivered to Elections Office
 - Close of polls: Ballots delivered by 2 poll workers to supply depot
 - Supply depot trucks deliver ballots to Elections Office
- Processing of ballots
 - Green boxes – Ballots counted
 - Yellow boxes – Mail ballot envelopes scanned
 - Red boxes – Provisional ballot envelopes inventoried

- Counting of ballots
 - Ballots counted on high speed ballot scanners
 - Damaged ballots rejected and duplicated
 - Results uploaded to isolated ballot tabulation computer
 - Results uploaded to website and emailed to media and candidates



- Processes built for speed
 - 2008 Election night results posted 12:30 p.m.
 - 2012 6:00 a.m.
 - Increased space and staff
 - Improved procedures
 - New ballot programming to count without manually sorting
- Processes built for accuracy
 - Pre and post election logic and accuracy tests
 - Election Day transparency
 - Election night audits

- New legislation allows for early ballot delivery
 - AB 363 - Effective January 1, 2016
 - Allows for ballots to be picked up from polling places midday
 - Faster election night results reporting

- Election results
 - Sent to the media and candidates on distribution list
 - Uploaded to Elections Office website at SBCountyElections.com
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018
 - 8:05 p.m. - Results posted for mail ballots received from the U.S.P.S. and mail ballot drop-off locations prior to Election Day
 - 10 p.m. - Results for mail ballots received from the U.S.P.S. on election morning and results for ballots cast at nearby polling places on Election Day added to previous results posting
 - Results update every two hours following 10 p.m. posting until election night counting is complete

- Canvass begins Wednesday, June 6th
 - Count mail ballots received at polling places on Election Day
 - Reconcile number of voters in roster with ballots cast
 - Duplicate and count damaged ballots
 - Process and count provisional ballots



- Updated results released beginning Thursday, June 7:
 - Mail ballots received at polling places on Election Day
 - Mail ballots and ballots cast at polling places on Election Day that were damaged, duplicated, and counted
 - Mail ballots postmarked by Election Day and received within three business days following the election
- Election certification
 - Provisional ballots added to results
 - Deadline to deliver certified results to SOS is July 5, 2018
 - Goal is to complete canvass as soon as possible

- Website: SBCountyElections.com
 - Award winning My Elections Gateway
 - Voter specific information:
 - Polling place
 - Voter Information Guide
 - District information
 - Mail ballot application
 - Traditional Website:
 - Election-specific webpage for important information
 - Polling place and Voter Information Guide look-up tool
 - District look-up tool
 - Online ballot delivery tool for military and overseas voters
 - Accessible Voter Information Guide

- Press releases
 - May 5 – Voter Information Guides and mail ballots
 - May 8 – Poll workers needed
 - May 10 – Vote early and take a ballot selfie
 - May 17 – Voter registration deadline is May 21
 - May 24 – Early voting expands
 - June 1 – Election Day reminder
- Public notices
 - May 1 – Public observation schedule
 - May 8 – Polling places and central counting place
 - May 29 – Poll workers assigned
 - www.SBCountyElections.com/News.aspx

- Paper Voter Information Guide
 - Delivered to U.S. Post Office beginning May 2, 2018
 - Available at polling places on Election Day

- Electronic Voter Information Guide
 - Now ADA compliant
 - Available on the website and M.E. Gateway
 - PDF file available for campaign use

- Voter Information Guide
 - 2018 Statewide Primary Election Information
 - Voting Information
 - Candidate Information
 - State Senate District 29 Recall Election
 - Measure L Information
 - Measure M Information
 - General Information

- Background
 - Political Reform Act – Adopted in 1974
 - Requires disclosure of contributions and expenditures in connection with campaigns supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures
- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC):
 - Regulates campaign financing and spending
 - Creates campaign disclosure manuals and forms
 - Determines filing schedules and requirements

- Candidate responsibilities

- File all required FPPC financial disclosure forms

Candidate's who spend less than \$2,000	Candidates who spend more than \$2,000
Candidate Intention (Form 501)	Candidate Intention (Form 501)
Officeholder/Candidate (Form 470) Campaign Statement-Short Form	Statement of Organization (Form 410)
	Recipient Committee Campaign (Form 460) Statement
	Late Contribution Report (Form 497)

- Refer to the Campaign Disclosure Manual published by the FPPC for information regarding detailed candidate and committee reporting requirements

■ FPPC Filing Schedule

- May 24, 2018 – Candidates who have established a committee and are listed on the ballot must file a second Pre-Election Form 460.
 - *Exempt only if Form 470 has been previously filed.*
- July 31, 2018 – Every active committee must file a Semi-Annual Form 460.



- Training
 - FPPC provides free online webinars and seminars for candidates, treasurers, and committees
- Information and resources
 - FPPC Website: www.fppc.ca.gov
 - Toll-free advice line: (866) ASK-FPPC

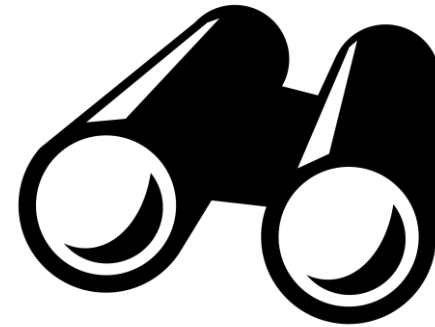


- Guidelines pertaining to the posting of temporary political signs in San Bernardino County can be found in the Candidate Filing Guide.
 - State Outdoor Advertising Act
 - Statement of Responsibility for temporary political signs
 - County Code Enforcement Office
 - San Bernardino County right-of-ways
- For more detailed information, contact your local code enforcement office.

- Poll watchers are individuals representing:
 - A political party
 - A candidate
 - The opponents / proponents of a ballot measure

- What poll watchers are allowed to do:
 - May review the voter index
 - May leave and return during the day
 - May bring a list of electors previously maintained by another watcher
 - May witness and verify each step in the conduct of the election from prior to the opening of the polls through the completion of the count and announcement of the results

- What poll watchers are not allowed to do:
 - May not interact with anyone but the supervisor
 - May not be within the voting booth area
 - May not sit at the roster table
 - May not interfere with voter's right to cast their ballot or a poll worker's ability to work



- May 2 – Voter Information Guides delivered to U.S. Post Office
- May 7 – Early voting began
- May 9 – Mail ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office
- May 21 – Voter registration deadline
- May 22 – Conditional voter registration begins
- May 24 – 2nd Pre-Election Deadline (FPPC)
- May 29 – Deadline to apply to vote by mail
- June 5 – Election Day
- June 6 – Official canvass begins
- July 5 – Official canvass must be completed

- Provide information about the election
- Review mailers for accuracy
- Historical statistics
- Maps – electronic and paper copies
- Poll watcher education
- Public viewing of ballot counting
- Voter registration reports
 - Multi-purpose voter file (.txt)
 - PDF voter list
 - Polling place list with precinct information

- Products and Services Request Form
 - Specific products requested and method of delivery
 - Products available
 - Maps – Electronic and paper
 - Lists – Voter, walking, etc.
 - Reports – Polling place, precinct, etc.
 - Files – Voter file (.txt) use with Excel
 - Labels – per voter, surname, or household

- Recurring Vote by Mail File Request Form
 - Helps track vote by mail voters
 - See voters who returned ballot and/or have been issued a ballot
 - Available starting May 7
 - Daily or on-demand
- Election Day voter file
 - Provided on June 4 - FREE of charge
 - Must be requested
 - To be used with Hourly Voter List or the Voter List

Thank You

For participating in today's information forum.

