

Candidate Checklist

Listed below is a description of the various mandatory and optional forms to be filed for candidacy in the June 2, 2026, Election. It is the obligation of the candidate, incumbents, and challengers, to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines have been met. All candidates are urged to file the required documents as early as possible to avoid a last-minute rush, confusion, or misunderstanding. Additionally, it is recommended that the candidate files all documents personally.

Document	Applies to	Filing Period	✓
Signature-In-Lieu Petition	All candidates – Congressional, Legislative, Judicial, Board of Supervisors, and Local candidates	Dec 11, 2025 – Feb 4 (E-173 to E-118)	
Declaration of Intention	Judicial candidates only	Jan 26 – Feb 4 (E-127 to E-118)	
Nomination Paper (Petition)	All candidates	Feb 9 – Mar 6 (E-113 to E-88)	
Declaration of Candidacy	All candidates – incumbents and challengers	Feb 9 – Mar 6 (E-113 to E-88)	
Declaration of Intention (Extension)	Anyone other than the judicial incumbent who did not file	Feb 5 – Feb 9 (E-117 to E-113)	
Nomination Paper (Petition) Extension	Anyone other than the incumbent who did not file	Mar 7 – Mar 11 (E-87 to E-83)	
Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)	All candidates running for offices specified in Gov. Code § 87200	File with Declaration of Candidacy or by Mar 6	
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications (must also file a Candidate Statement Agreement)	Optional for Judicial, Board of Supervisor, County, Congressional & Legislative candidates	Must be filed & paid for with Declaration of Candidacy	
Declaration of Qualification – Office of Superior Court Judge	Judicial candidates only	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
Internet Waiver	All candidates – incumbents and challengers	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional for all candidates	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement	All candidates – Incumbents and challengers.	File before making expenditures on behalf of your candidacy or with Declaration of Candidacy.	
Form 470 – Candidate Campaign Statement	All candidates appearing on the ballot who do not have an open campaign committee	File with Declaration of Candidacy, or must be filed by April 23	

Filing Extension

If the incumbent does not file for re-election to office, anyone other than the incumbent may file to run for office by 5pm, Wednesday, March 11.