

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