# Attachment "A" - Administrative Calendar

Jurisdictions Consolidating Elections with the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election

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### All references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise noted.

Calendar Key – "E" stands for Election. The minus sign and the number after "E" indicate the number of days until the election. The plus sign and the number after "E" indicates the number of days after the election.

If there is an asterisk by the date, the date falls on a weekend or holiday; so the date listed is the next business day.

July 5* – July 18 (E-127 to E-113)	Cities Publish Election Notice  Between these dates, any city that is consolidating an election with the November general will publish a Notice of Election one time in a newspaper of general circulation stating:  The date and polling hours of the election  Any offices to be filled and any measure to be voted on, including a synopsis of each measure.  §12101, 12111
July 6 (E-125)	Special Districts & Cities Deliver Notice of Election to County Clerk  Last day for district secretaries and City Clerks to deliver Notice of Election listing the elective offices to be filled and any measure (if known at the time) to be voted on and to deliver a map of the District or City to the Elections Department. Cities and special districts should include in the notice how a tie vote will be resolved.  §10509, 10522, 10524, 10551, 15651
July 8 (E-123)	Schools to Deliver Specifications of the Election Order – Candidates  Last day for a school board conducting a governing board election to deliver a resolution known as "Specifications of the Election Order" and file it with the county Superintendent of Schools and county elections official, stating the date and purpose of the election.  Ed. Code §5322  A clause to determine a tie vote is included in the "Specifications of the Elections Order".  Ed. Code §5016

July 11 - Aug. 10 (E-120 to E-90)	Notice of Election  Between these dates the County Clerk, as a matter of policy, will publish a Notice of Election containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy.  Notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice.  §12109, 12112
July 18 – Aug 12 (E-113 to E-88)	Candidate Nomination Period  Candidates obtain and file their Declaration of Candidacy for school and special district boards, and, if applicable, file Candidate's Statement of Qualifications. Forms are obtained from and filed with the county Elections Department.
	(§10510, 13307, 13311)
	Candidates for city office must be nominated by not less than 20 nor more than 30 voters in cities with 1,000 or more registered voters. The nomination papers shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the nominee that he or she will accept the office if elected. Nomination documents shall be obtained from and filed with the City Clerk.
	(§10220-10230, Gov. Code §36503)
	<ul> <li>When nomination and/or candidacy papers are issued, the elections official shall provide candidates with:</li> <li>the rules governing conflicts of interest and campaign statements (candidates for city offices must file with Declaration of Candidacy);</li> <li>rules governing candidate statement charges and filings; and</li> <li>a blank form of the "Code of Fair Campaign Practices" and copies of Election Code §20440-20444.</li> </ul>
July 20 (E-111) (Date designated by SOS)	Statewide Candidate Statements Due  Last day for U. S. Senate candidates to submit 250-word candidate's statement and picture for publication in the State Ballot Pamphlet.
	SOS deadline
Aug. 1* (E-100)	Semiannual Campaign Statement Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees. For period ending 6/30/2016.  Gov. Code §84200, 84218
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Aug. 2 (E-98)	Change of Candidate's Ballot Designation  Last day for candidates to request in writing to <u>both</u> the Secretary of State and Elections Department that a different ballot designation be used for the November election than the designation used at the primary election. This request must be accompanied by a ballot designation worksheet.
	§13107(e), Cal. Code Reg., title 2 §20711(e)

Aug. 10 – Nov. 8 (E-90 - E)	<ul> <li>24-hour Contribution Reports During the 90 days immediately preceding an election and including Election Day, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the county elections official. <ul> <li>496: File if independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more are made.</li> <li>497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source.</li> <li>497: File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to a candidate or measure being voted upon November 8, 2016, or to a political party committee.</li> <li>The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more must file a Form 497 report within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received.</li> </ul> </li> <li>File by personal delivery, e-mail, guaranteed overnight service, fax or online, if</li> </ul>
	available.
By Aug 12 (E-88)	Candidate's Statement – Legislative, Congressional, Superior Court, Board of Supervisors  By this date, nominees may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 200/250 words, to be included in the Voter's Information Pamphlet. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time it is filed. Obtain cost information from the Elections Department.
	§13307
Aug. 12 (E-88)	Last Day to Submit Resolutions of Consolidation  Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school or other political subdivision which requests consolidation of a local election for candidates and/or measures to file the request with the county Elections Department.  Whenever resolutions calling for a measure to be placed on the ballot are filed, immediately after that filing date will be a 10-day public inspection period. Documents will be on public display at the Elections Department, 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz.  During this period, any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official
	may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted.
	§9190, 9380, 10401, 10402, 10403
Aug. 12 (E-88)	Deadline for Filing Tax Rate Statement for Bond Measures  Last day to file Tax Rate Statement for any bond measure appearing on the November ballot.
	§9401

Aug. 12 (E-88)	Notification of Mail Ballot Precinct  Last day for the county elections official to determine that there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct. The county elections official may then mail to each voter a vote-by-mail ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the general election.  §3005
Aug. 12	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Independent Candidates
(E-88)	The last day for independent candidates for an office for which there is no filing fee (presidential elector) to leave his or her declaration of candidacy and to circulate and leave the nomination papers with the county elections official.
	§8403, § 8550
Aug. 13 – 17 (E-87 to E-83)	Extension of Nomination Period  Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Petition if the incumbent did not file by August 12. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.  §8022, 8024, 8204
Aug. 17 (E-83)	Insufficient Number of Nominees  Special Districts: If by 5 p.m. on this day, only one person has been nominated or an insufficient number of persons has been nominated to fill an office or offices, and a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number) has not been submitted, the elections official shall certify this fact to the Board of Supervisors. A person who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors at a regular or special meeting held prior to the first Monday before the first Friday in December. If no one filed, another qualified person shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors on or before November 4 and shall take office and serve as if elected
	Schools/County Boards of Education: If by 5 p.m. on this day, only one person has been nominated or there are no nominees for the office(s) to be filled or in the case of members elected at large or by trustee areas, there are fewer than the number to be elected, and no petition is signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number), an appointment will be made. The qualified person nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board, or, if an insufficient number is nominated, the governing board shall appoint as necessary at a meeting prior to Election Day. Persons so appointed shall be seated at the organizational meeting as if they had been elected.  In the event no one is nominated, the governing board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district stating the board intends to make an appointment and informing the public how to apply for
	the office.  Ed. Code §5326, 5328, 5328.5

Aug. 18, 11 a.m. (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing  Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the general election ballot.
	On this same day, the County Clerk shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing for the offices of State Senate and Assembly.
	§13112(b)(1)(C)
Aug. 19 (E-81)	Deadline to File Arguments, Analyses for Measures  Arguments for or against any local measure called for the November 2016 election are due by 5 p.m.  §9163, 9316
	County Counsel to submit analysis for county and school/special district measures;
	§9160, 9313
	City attorney to submit analysis of city measures. §9280
	County Auditor, if previously directed by the Board of Supervisors, to submit fiscal analysis of measures.
	§9160
	Arguments and analyses are public after the 5 p.m. deadline. (Department Policy)
Aug. 20 – 29 (E-80 to 71)	10-day Public Inspection for Arguments and Analyses  10-day public inspection of arguments filed by August 18. During the 10- calendar-day public examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the county elections official, himself or herself, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10- calendar-day public examination period.
	§9190
Aug. 26 (E-74)	Deadline for Filing Rebuttals to Measures  On this date Rebuttal Arguments will be due by 5 p.m.  §9167, 9317
	Rebuttals are public after the 5 p.m. deadline.  (Department policy)
Aug 27 Copt 6*	
Aug. 27 – Sept. 6* (E-73 to E-63)	10-day Public Inspection for Rebuttals  Documents will be on public display at the Elections Department, 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz.
	During this period, any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted.
	§9190, 9380

Sept. 1 (E-68)	Certified List of Candidates – Federal and State Offices  Last day for the Secretary of State to send to each elections official a list showing the name, party preference (or lack of party preference), and ballot designation of every person who has been nominated as a candidate for public office and is entitled to receive votes within the county at the general election.  §8148
Sept. 1 (E-68)	Randomized List from Secretary of State  By this day, the SOS shall provide to elections officials a list of candidates for each county arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on August 18, 2016.  §8149
Sept. 5 (E-64)	County Holiday – Office Closed
Sept. 9	Military or Overseas Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications
(E-60)	First day the county elections official may process applications for military or overseas voter ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which he or she has applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.
	A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status
	§300(b), 321, 3102, 3105
Sept. 9 – 19 (E-60 to E-50)	Report of Registration – 60-day County Report  During this period, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of Sept. 9, 2016.
	§2187
Sept. 12 – Oct. 25 (E-57 to E-14)	Statement of Write-in Candidacy & Nomination Papers for Special Districts only During this period write-in candidates must file their Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official.
	§8600, 8601
Sept. 15 (E-54)	54-Day Walking Lists Prepared  The County Elections Official will prepare the 54-day voter index that is available for purchase upon written application at a cost of 50 cents per 1,000 names.
	§2184
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Sept. 24 (E-45)	State Voter Guides Available  By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the State Ballot  Pamphlet to cities, counties, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and educational institutions.  §9096
Sept. 29 – Oct. 18 (E-40 to E-21)	Counties Mail County Voter Information Guide / State Voter Guide Mailing Between these dates the county elections official shall mail a Sample Ballot and County Voter Information Guide with a polling place notice to each registered voter.  Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail State Voter Guides to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, Sept. 9 (E-60). The county will do a supplemental mailing of the State Voter Guides to voters who register after Sept. 9.
	§9094,13303, 13304
Sept. 29 (E-40)	First Pre-Election Statement  Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period ending Sept. 24. (E-45).
	Gov. Code §84200.5, 84200.7b
Oct. 10* (E-29)	County Holiday – Office Closed
Oct. 11* (E-29)	Establish Precinct Boards and Polling Places  Last day for the county Elections Department to appoint board members and polling places and provide a copy to each county central committee and make a copy available to the public.
	§12286, 12318
Oct. 11* (E-29)	Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot  Voter registration cards received by this date (postmark NOT ACCEPTABLE)  will be added to the rolls and the voters will receive a Sample Ballot booklet  prepared by the county elections official. The voters who submit cards after  this date will NOT receive a Sample Ballot booklet, only a notice advising the late registrant that he/she will not receive a Sample Ballot and Voter's  Information Pamphlet.  §9094, 13303
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Oct. 11* - Nov. 1 (E-29 to E-7)	Vote-by-Mail Ballot Period – County Mails Ballots to Voters  Between these dates voters may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot from the Elections Department. Voters may also obtain a ballot during this period from the County Elections Office and Watsonville City Hall. Due to the holiday, on October 11 county elections will begin to mail ballots to voters registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter and those who reside in an all mail ballot precinct. Under certain conditions voters may obtain a vote-by-mail ballot after November 1.  §3001, 3003

Oct.11* (E-29)	29-Day Walking Lists Prepared  The County Elections Official will prepare the 29-day voter index available for purchase upon written application at a cost of 50 cents per 1,000 names.  §2184
Oct. 24	15-day Voter Registration
(E-15)	Last day to register to vote in the primary election. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date), received online by midnight, or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.
	52 U.S.C. § 20301; § 300(b), 321, 2102, 2107, 3102
	Last day for military or overseas voters to register to vote.
	A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election for federal office in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.
	§2107
Oct. 25 – Nov. 1 (E-14 to E-7)	New Residents Registration Period  Any person who becomes a new resident after Oct. 24, 2016 (E-15), may register to vote beginning on Oct. 25, 2016 (E-14), and ending Nov. 1, 2016 (E-7). This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. A new resident is eligible to vote for only president and vice president.  The ballots of new residents shall be received and canvassed at the same time
	and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail ballots.
	§332, 3400
Oct. 25 – Nov. 8 (E-14 to E)	New Citizens Registration Period  Registration for new citizens shall begin the 14 <sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and ends at the close of polls on November 8, 2016. A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot.
	§331, 3500 - 3501
Oct. 27 (E-12)	Second Pre-Election Statement  The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period from 9/25/2016 to 10/22/2016.  Gov. Code §84200.5, 84200.7

Oct. 29* (E-10)	Notice of Central Counting Place  Last day for county elections official to publish the notice that the general election ballots will be counted at a specified public place. The notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.
	§12109
No later than Nov. 1 (E-7)	Publish Polling Places and Precinct Board Members  Not less than one week before the election, the elections official shall publish the list of polling places and precinct board members.
	§12105-12108, Gov. Code §6061
Nov. 2 – Nov. 8 (E-6 to E)	Obtaining a Ballot After the Close of Vote-by-Mail  Period in which any voter may apply in writing for a ballot if, because of specific conditions, he/she will be unable to go to the polls. A written statement is not necessary if the ballot is voted in the office of the elections official at the time of the request. The voter may either personally or through any authorized representative return the ballot to the Elections Department or polling place in the county.
	§3021
Nov. 4 (E-4)	County Campaign Disclosure Statement – 3rd Pre-Election Statement  The last day for county candidates to file their disclosure statement for the period 10/23/2016 to 11/1/2016.  Santa Cruz County Code §8.04.080(2)c
Nov. 5 & 6 (E-3 to E-2)	Weekend Voting  The Santa Cruz County Elections Department and Watsonville City Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for weekend voting.
Nov. 8 (E)	Presidential General Election Day Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. §1000, 14212
Nov. 8, 8 p.m.	Semifinal Official Canvass
(E)	Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.
	§15150, 15151
Nov. 8 (E)	Unopposed Judge: Superior Court  On this date, the County Clerk declares elected any incumbent superior or municipal court judge who has filed for office but whose name did not appear on either the primary or general election ballots because he or she was unopposed.  §8203
Nov. 10 – Dec. 8 (E+2 to E+30)	Official Canvass  The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time. §15301, 15372

Nov. 11 (E+3)	County Holiday – Office Closed
Nov. 14* (E+3)	Vote-by-Mail Ballots Returned Via Post Office - Deadline  Vote-by-mail ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, and received by the county elections official shall be considered received on time.
	If the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote by mail ballot identification envelope must be signed and dated by the voter pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day in order to be considered received on time.
	§3017, 3020
Nov. 24 – 25 (E+16 to E+17)	County Holiday – Office Closed
Dec. 2 <sup>1</sup> (E+24)	Candidates Elected to Special Districts and School Districts Assume Office Special Districts: Officers declared elected or appointed (i.e. as provided in §10515) take office this date at noon after having taken the oath or posted any bond required by the principal act.
	§10554  School and Community College Districts: Officers elected to school office take office this date pursuant to Ed. Code §5017, though no reference is made to "noon" as is the case in Elec. Code §10554.
Dec. 5 <sup>1</sup> (E+27)	State Senators and State Assemblymembers Assume Office Terms begin on the first Monday in December following the election. However, elections may not be certified until December 8.
	CA. Const. Art. IV §2
Dec. 8 (E+30)	Statement of Vote to Board of Supervisors – Certificates of Election Prepared  The elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the Board of Supervisors.
	The Board of Supervisors shall declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election.
	§15372, 15400-15401

<sup>1</sup> The law gives elections officials until Dec. 8 to certify the vote. The vote may not be final by this date and the person with the most votes may change by the time all votes are counted and certified.

# Varies between 10 days to 6 months following the certification of the vote

### **Recount May Be Requested**

Within five (5) days after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the Elections official and specifying that candidates and/or measures are to be recounted.

The request may specify the order of the precincts for the recount, and the petitioning voter shall, before commencement of each day's recount, deposit such sum as the official requires to cover costs (approximately \$500 per day). "Completion of the canvass" shall be presumed to be the time when the elections official signs the certified Statement of Vote.

§15620 **–** 15634

# days to Contesting Election Any elector of a

Any elector of a county, city, or of any political subdivision of either may contest any election held therein for any of the following causes:

- a) That the precinct board or any member thereof was guilty of malconduct.
- b) That the person who has been declared elected to an office was not, at the time of the election, eligible to that office.
- c) That the defendant has given to any elector or member of a precinct board any bribe or reward, or has offered any bribe or reward for the purpose of procuring his election, or has committed any other offense against the elective franchise defined in Division 18 (commencing with Section 18000).
- d) That illegal votes were cast.
- e) That eligible voters who attempted to vote in accordance with the laws of the state were denied their right to vote.
- f) That the precinct board in conducting the election or in canvassing the returns, made errors sufficient to change the result of the election as to any person who has been declared elected.
- g) That there was an error in the vote-counting programs or summation of ballot counts. §16100

The contestant shall verify the statement of contest, as provided by Section 446 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and shall file it within the following times after either the declaration of the result of the election or the declaration of the results of any postcanvass risk-limiting audit conducted pursuant to Section 15560 by the body canvassing the returns thereof:

- a) In cases other than cases of a tie, where the contest is brought on any of the grounds mentioned in subdivision (c) of Section 16100, six months.
- b) In all cases of tie, 20 days.
- c) In cases involving presidential electors, 10 days.
- d) In all other cases, 30 days.

§16401

## Dec. 9 (E+31)

# Statement of Vote to Secretary of State

No later than this date the elections official shall send one copy of the Statement of Vote to the Secretary of State. §15375

Dec. 16	Certificates of Election
(E+38)	The Secretary of State shall issue certificates of election to persons elected to
	U.S. Senate, Congress, and legislative offices.
	§15503-15504
Jan. 2, 2017 (E+55)	Candidates Elected to County Offices, Supervisors, Judges & Statewide Offices  Assume Office  Terms begin at noon on the first Monday after January 1 succeeding their
	election for county offices and supervisors. Superior Court Judges also begin on this date; although, there is no mention of the noon hour.  Gov. Code §24200; CA Const. Art. VI, §16 & Art. V
Jan. 3, 2017 (E+56)	Candidates Elected to U.S. Senate and Congress Assume Office  Terms begin at noon on January 3 for candidates elected to U.S. Senate and Congress.
	20 <sup>th</sup> Amendment US Constitution
Jan. 20, 2017	Inauguration Day
(E+73)	Inauguration Day occurs in the USA once every four years on January 20. The new terms of office of the president and vice-president officially begin at noon in Washington DC.
	20 <sup>th</sup> Amendment US Constitution
Period Following Election	Document Retention  Nomination documents and signatures in-lieu of filing fee petitions (if applicable) shall be held during the term of office for which they were filed and for four years after the expiration of the term. They may be destroyed as soon as practicable thereafter provided no legal action or proceeding is pending.
	Since the November 2016 election has federal offices on the ballot, precinct supplies and voted ballots must be preserved for 22 months following the election. If no legal action is pending at the time, the documents may be destroyed or recycled. Unused ballots may be destroyed or recycled after the November 2016 election.
	Initiative, referendum and recall petitions must be preserved for eight months following certification of the election for which the petition qualified or eight months after final examination of the petition by the clerk. If no legal action or proceeding is then pending, the petitions may be destroyed as soon as practicable.
	Elections Code Division 17, commencing with §17000
Jan. 31, 2017	Semiannual Campaign Statement
(E+84)	Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.  Gov. Code §84200, 84218