

## **Candidate Checklist**

### **June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election**

A number of documents must be filed at the local county elections office, and for some offices also at the Secretary of State's office, in order to qualify as a candidate for the statewide ballot. Below is an overview of the required documents for candidates running for United States Representative in Congress, Statewide Offices, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.

For more information with respect to qualifications and requirements of the above offices please visit the [Secretary of State's website \(https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/primary-election-june-2-2026\)](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/primary-election-june-2-2026).

#### **United States Representative in Congress**

Candidates running for the office of United States Representative in Congress must file the following with ***their local county elections office\*, by 5:00 p.m., March 6, 2026 (E-88):***

- Filing fee payable to the Secretary of State and/or signatures in lieu of filing fee
- Declaration of Candidacy (includes the Oath of Office and Political Party Preference History)
- Nomination Petitions (in the county of the signer)
- Ballot Designation Worksheet
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices Statement (voluntary)

\*If the candidate's residence is not in the district where the candidate is seeking office, file in the county elections office in the district where the candidate is seeking office.

#### **Candidate Statements in the County Voter Information Guide**

Candidates running for United States Representative in Congress may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide of the county in their jurisdiction. In multi-jurisdictional contests, candidates must submit and purchase statements in each county in which they want their candidate statement to appear. For more information, please contact the corresponding county elections office(s).

#### **Additional Filing Information**

A candidate for United States Representative in Congress should contact the Federal Election Commission for a copy of the Federal Election Campaign Act, As Amended, related regulations providing the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file. The Federal Election Commission can be contacted toll-free at (800) 424-9530 or at 1050 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20463.

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#### **Office of Governor**

Candidates running for Governor must file the following with the:

***Local county elections office, by 5:00 p.m., March 6, 2026 (E-88):***

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- Declaration of Candidacy (includes the Oath of Office and Political Party Preference History for Voter-Nominated Offices)
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***Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, by 5:00 p.m., March 6, 2026 (E-88):***

- Two (2) hardcopies of every income tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service in the five (5) most recent taxable years (one copy without redactions and the other copy with specified redactions)

**NOTE:** The five most recent taxable years include 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025

- Signed Income Tax Return Disclosure Consent and Acknowledgement Form

***Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, by 5:00 p.m., March 16, 2026 (E-78):***

If the Secretary of State determines that the candidate has redacted information other than that permitted or failed to redact information required to be redacted, the candidate shall submit:

- Corrected hard copies of the tax return(s)

#### **Candidate Statements in the State Voter Information Guide**

Candidates running for Governor, who have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits on their Form 501, may purchase a 250-word candidate statement to be published in the official State Voter Information Guide. In order for the statement to be published in the official State Voter Information Guide, the following information must be timely received by the ***Elections Division of the Secretary of State in Sacramento, by 5:00 p.m., February 11, 2026 (E-111):***

- Candidate Statement (typewritten and double-spaced)
- Candidate Photograph (submitted via email or delivered)
- Candidate Contact Information Form

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- Candidate Statement & Declaration Form (Signed)
- Candidate Statement Checklist
- Payment
  - Check or money order payable to the Secretary of State, or
  - Credit card payment may be made by phone

For any questions regarding candidate statements or to make a credit card payment by phone, please call (916) 657-2166.

#### ***Political Reform Division of the Secretary of State in Sacramento:***

The following campaign finance forms:

Candidates who anticipate receiving or spending contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year for their election campaign:

- Form 410 – Statement of Organization Recipient Committee
- Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement
- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement (includes voluntary expenditure limit designation)

Candidates who *do not* anticipate receiving or spending contributions totaling \$2,000 in a calendar year for their election campaign:

- Form 470 – Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement
- Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement (includes voluntary expenditure limit designation)

Candidates for Governor should also visit the website of the Fair Political Practices Commission at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) for the most recent copy of the Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act, which gives the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, etc.

#### **Statewide Office**

Candidates running for a statewide office (other than Governor) must file the following with the:

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Code of Fair Campaign Practices Statement (voluntary)

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#### **State Senator and Member of the State Assembly**

Candidates running for the office of State Senator and Member of the State Assembly must file the following with the:

***Local county elections office in their county of residence, by 5:00 p.m., March 6, 2026 (E-88):***

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Candidates for State Senate and State Assembly should also visit the website of the Fair Political Practices Commission at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) for the most recent copy of the Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act.

Additional campaign finance information can also be found in Section 2-6.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This candidate checklist is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law.