



GENERAL ELECTION TIMELINE NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Date	Days Before Election	Event
June 2026		City Council to pass election related resolutions: Notice of Election, Consolidation with County Statewide, and Candidate Regulations
July 13, 2026	113	Nomination Period – First Day Nomination forms (Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers) to be issued upon payment of filing fee (E.C. § 8020)
July 31, 2026	97	Campaign Disclosure Semi-Annual Campaign Statements Due 31 days after the end of period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.
August 7, 2026	88	Nomination Period – Last Day No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, all candidates must file their declarations of candidacy, nomination papers, ballot designation worksheets and optional candidate statements. (E.C. § 8020, 10407)
August 7, 2026	88	Financial and Campaign Disclosure Last day to file Statement of Economic Interest – Form 700. (Gov. Code § 87200-87203, 87500)
August 8, 2026 - August 17, 2026	87-78	Review Period for Candidate Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations During this period, Candidate Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations will be available for public review. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the material in a Candidate’s Statement to be amended or deleted. For candidate ballot designation a writ may also be filed. (E.C. § 13313, 13314)
August 8, 2026 - August 12, 2026	87-83	Nomination Period – Extension Nomination Period extended ONLY to non-incumbents if the incumbent does not file Nomination Papers by August 7, 2026. (E.C. § 8022, 8024)
August 13, 2026 - August 22, 2026	82-73	Review Period for Candidate Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations EXTENSION For offices with 5-day extension, during this period, Candidate Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations will be available for public review. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the material in a Candidate’s Statement to be amended or deleted. For candidate ballot designation a writ may also be filed. (E.C. § 13313, 13314)

August 13, 2026	82	Random Alphabet Secretary of State will randomly draw letters of the alphabet to determine the order in which candidates' names appear on the ballot. (E.C. § 13112)
August 14, 2026	81	Candidate List Last day to file with the ROV a list of names and ballot designations of city candidates to appear on ballot. (E.C. § 10403)
September 7, 2026	57	Write-in Candidates – First Day First day for a person desiring to be a qualified write-in candidate to file the required documents. (E.C. § 8601)
September 24, 2026	40	Campaign Disclosure First Pre-Election Campaign Statements Due
October 14, 2026	20	Campaign Disclosure 20 th Day Pre-Election Campaign Statements Due (VMC 2.34.090)
October 20, 2026	14	Write-in Candidates – Last Day Last day for a person desiring to be a qualified write-in candidate to file the required documents. (E.C. § 8601)
October 22, 2026	12	Campaign Disclosure Second Pre-Election Campaign Statements Due
October 27, 2026	7	Deadline to Publish List of Names of the Nominees
October 28, 2026	6	Campaign Disclosure 6 th Day Pre-Election Campaign Statements Due (VMC 2.34.090)
November 3, 2026	0	Election Day Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
December 3, 2026	+30	Election Certification Registrar of Voters to certify the election results. (E.C. § 10000)
December 8, 2026	First regular meeting after ROV election certification	Swearing In City Council Member elected for Mayor and Districts 1 and 4 will be sworn in and seated for terms ending December 2030.
January 7, 2027	+65	Financial and Campaign Disclosure Last day to file Statement of Economic Interest – Form 700. (Gov. Code § 87202)
January 31, 2027	+89	Campaign Disclosure Semi-Annual Campaign Statements Due 31 days after the end of period July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.
January 31, 2027	+89	Campaign Disclosure (Unsuccessful Candidates) Unsuccessful Candidates must file Forms 501 and 410 if they intend to use money remaining for a future election. If the candidate has no remaining campaign funds and does not plan to run for a future election Form 460 should be filed with the City Clerk.