

**KERN COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

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<p><b>Tues, Sept 14 - Wed, Nov 8 E-173 - E-118</b></p>	<p><b>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITONS</b> During this period, petition forms may be obtained and filed back to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition. <b>CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DEFICIENCY WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF FILING THE PETITION.</b> Candidates may then pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency (<b>prior to the close of the nomination period</b>). <b>(E.C. 8061, 8105 and 8106)</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Sep 29 - Fri, Dec 8 E-158 - E-88 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>NOMINATION PERIOD FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES</b> During this period, candidates must file Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be executed in the Elections Division. <b>(E.C. 8020, 8105 and 10407)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Oct 9 E-148</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</b> No later than this date, the Governor shall issue the Presidential Primary Election Proclamation. <b>(E.C. 12000)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Oct 30 - Wed, Nov 8 E-127 - E-118</b></p>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTENT (CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE)</b> First and last day for candidates for judicial office to file a Declaration of Intention. The filing fee must be paid or signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions must be filed at the time the Declaration of Intent is filed. <b>(E.C. 8023 and 8105 (b))</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Nov 3 E-123</b></p>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (School Districts)</b> Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution calling a governing board member election and setting for the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and the Election Division Official. <b>(Ed. Code 5322)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Nov 6 E-120</b></p>	<p><b>FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (School Districts)</b> No later than this date, the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver the formal notice of a governing board member election to the Elections Official. <b>(Ed. Code 5324 and 5326(b))</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs, Nov 9 - Mon, Nov 13 E-117 - 113</b></p>	<p><b>EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF INTENT PERIOD (JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY)</b> If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intent to succeed to the same office by <b>November 8</b>, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intent for that office no later than the first day for filing nomination papers. <b>(E.C. 8023 (b))</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Nov 10 E-116</b></p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY - VETERANS DAY</b> <b>The Elections Division will be closed.</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Nov 13 - Fri, Dec 8 E-113 - E-88 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>NOMINATION PERIOD</b> During this period <b>CANDIDATES MUST FILE</b> Declarations of Candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be executed in the election official's office. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination requirement on the in-lieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required. <b>(E.C. 8020, 8061, 8062, 8100, 8105, 8106, and 10407)</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: FAX AND E-MAIL SUBMISSION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.</b> A candidate may prepare a Candidate Statement on the appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name, occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall be filed in the election's office at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. Candidates for judicial offices must file Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers during this period.</p>
<p><b>Mon, Nov 13 - Mon, Nov 27 E-113 - E-99</b></p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDED DEADLINE FOR LOCAL MEASURES</b> Recommended time frame for local ordinances, resolutions, tax rate statement for bond measure, or orders for calling an election to be filed with the Elections Division. <b>(E.C. 10401, 10402, and 10403)</b></p>

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<b>Thurs, Nov 23 -Fri, Nov 24 E-103 - E-102</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY AND DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</b> The Elections Division will be closed.
<b>Fri, Dec 8 E-88 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS</b> Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors and Elections Division requesting consolidation (including placement of a measure on the ballot) with the Presidential Election. <b>(E.C. 1405, 10403, 12001)</b> <b>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL</b> No candidate who has previously filed Declaration of Candidacy for this primary election may withdraw as a candidate at this time. <b>ONLY</b> candidates for a municipal office or school district office are permitted to withdraw up to and including the deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy. <b>(E.C. 8800, 10224, 10510, and 10603(b))</b>
<b>Fri, Dec 8 E-88 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CODE DEADLINE FOR LOCAL MEASURES</b> Deadline for local ordinances, resolutions, tax rate statements for bond measure or orders for calling an election to be filed with the Elections Division. <b>(E.C.10401,10402 and 10403)</b>
<b>Sat, Dec 9 - Wed, Dec 13 E-87 - E-83</b>	<b>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION IF ELIGIBLE INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE</b> If nomination documents for any eligible incumbent are not filed by <b>December 8, 5:00 p.m.</b> , the nomination period for such office shall be extended until <b>December 13, 5:00 p.m. for persons other than incumbent.</b> <b>NOTE: Extension period does not apply when:</b> 1.) The incumbent for judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intent for office. 2.) There is no incumbent eligible to be elected or the incumbent has served the maximum number of terms as permitted by the California Constitution for that office. 3.) The office in question is for County Central Committee, Central Committee or County Council. <b>(E.C. 8022, 8024 and 10407(b))</b>
<b>Sat, Dec 9 - Mon, Dec 18 E-87 - E-78</b>	<b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, NAMES, AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS</b> During this period, Candidate Statements, candidate names, and ballot designations shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all the material in a Candidate Statement to be amended or deleted.  <b>(E.C. 13313, 13314)</b>
<b>Mon, Dec 11 E-85</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT WITHDRAWAL</b> Last day for a candidate to withdraw their Candidate Statement. This must be requested by 5:00 p.m. in writing. This deadline does not pertain to any offices that are in extension. <b>(E.C. 13307(3))</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 13 E-83</b>	<b>ARGUMENTS - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</b> Last day to submit direct arguments for or against any county, district, or school measure. Direct arguments may not exceed <b>300 words</b> in length. <b>(E.C. 9162, 9163, 9286, 9315, 9316, 9501, 9502, and 9503)</b>
<b>Wed, Dec 13 E-83</b>	<b>AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE DEADLINE</b> Last day for a jurisdiction to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot. <b>(E.C. 9605)</b>
<b>Thurs, Dec 14 - Sun, Dec 24 E-82 - E-72</b>	<b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS</b> During this period, the Elections Division shall make available for public examination a copy of the <b>ballot measure text, direct arguments, impartial analysis, or bond tax rate statement for any county, district, or school measure.</b> A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted.  <b>(E.C. 9190, 9380 and 9509)</b>

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<p><b>Thurs, Dec 14</b> <b>E-82 11:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE</b> The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. <b>(E.C. 13111 and 13112)</b></p> <p><b>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY ELECTIONS DIVISION</b> A public drawing shall be held to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot for state legislative districts that encompass more than one county by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. <b>(E.C. 13111(i))</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Dec 15</b> <b>E-81</b></p>	<p><b>REBUTTALS - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</b> Last day for authors of direct arguments for and against any county, district, or school measure to submit rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments may not exceed <b>250 words</b> in length. <b>(E.C. 9167, 9317 and 9504)</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Dec 22 - Tues, Jan 1</b> <b>E-74 - E-64</b></p>	<p><b>HOLIDAYS - CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, WINTER RECESS, NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>The Elections Division will be closed.</b></p>
<p><b>Sat, Dec 16 - Tues Dec 26</b> <b>E-80 - E-70</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD - REBUTTALS</b> During this period, the Elections Division shall make available for public examination a copy of the <b>rebuttal arguments for any county, district, or school measure</b>. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted. <b>(E.C. 9190, 9380 and 9509)</b></p>
<p><b>Sat, Dec 23</b> <b>E-73</b></p>	<p><b>COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES - NUMBER TO BE ELECTED (AMER INDEP, DEM, AND REP PARTIES)</b> Last day to determine whether the number of American Independent, Democratic, and Republican County Central Committee candidates who have filed for each assembly or supervisorial district exceeds the number to be elected. If not, the designation of the office or the candidates shall <b>not</b> be included on the ballot, and the Board of Supervisors shall declare the candidates who have been nominated. <b>(E.C. 7228, 7423, and 7673)</b></p>
<p><b>Sat, Dec 23</b> <b>E-73</b></p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COMMITTEE - NUMBER TO BE ELECTED (PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY)</b> Last day to determine whether the number of Central Committee candidates who have filed for each district exceeds the number to be elected. If not, the designation of the office or the candidates shall not be included on the ballot, and the Board of Supervisors shall declare the candidate(s) who have been nominated elected. <b>(E.C. 7772.1)</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO CANDIDATES (Excluding County Central Committee, Central Committee, and County Council)</b> On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for partisan and voter-nominated office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations and party affiliations of all other persons who have filed for the same office. <b>(E.C. 8121)</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs, Dec 28</b> <b>E-68</b></p>	<p><b>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the elections official a certified list of candidates. <b>(E.C. 8120)</b></p>
<p><b>Fri, Jan 5 -Sat, Jan 20</b> <b>E-60 - E-45</b></p>	<p><b>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS</b> Last day for the Elections Official to transmit ballots and balloting materials to Military and Overseas voters who have requested them by <b>Jan. 20, 2024</b>. <b>(E.C. 3114)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Jan 8 - Tues, Feb 20</b>  <b>E-57 - E-14</b></p>	<p><b>WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PERIOD</b> Between these dates is the candidate filing period for write-in candidates. Write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Elections Official. <b>(E.C. 8600 and 8601)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Jan 15</b> <b>E-50</b></p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY</b> <b>The Elections Division will be closed.</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs, Jan 25 - Tues, Feb 13</b> <b>E-40 - E-21</b></p>	<p><b>COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING</b> Between these dates, a voter information guide shall be mailed to all voters. <b>(E.C. 9094)</b></p>

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<p><b>Mon, Feb 5 E-29</b></p>	<p><b>MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b> No later than <b>29 days</b> before the day of the election, the Elections Official shall begin mailing the materials required by Section 3010. <b>(E.C. 3001, 3010)</b></p> <p><b>PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b> The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the <b>29th day</b> before the election. <b>(E.C. 15101 (b))</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Feb 5 E-29</b></p>	<p><b>BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN</b> All ballot drop-off locations are opened this day through Election Day. <b>(E.C. 3025.5)</b></p>
<p><b>Mon, Feb 19 E-15</b></p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> <b>The Elections Division will be closed.</b></p>
<p><b>Tues, Feb 20 E-14</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE TO REGISTER</b> Last day to transfer or register to vote in the Presidential Primary Election. <b>(E.C. 2102)</b></p>
<p><b>Tues, Feb 20 - Mon, Mar 4 E-14 - E-1</b></p> <p><b>Tues, Mar 5 E-0</b></p>	<p><b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Conditional Voter Registration in the <b>Elections Division Only</b>. <b>(E.C. 2170-2171)</b></p> <p>Conditional Voter Registration at Poll Sites and in the Elections Division. <b>(E.C. 2170-2171)</b></p>
<p><b>Tues, Feb 20 - Mon Mar 4 E-13 - E-0</b></p>	<p><b>NEW CITIZEN RESIDENT VOTING</b> A new citizen is eligible to register and vote in the Elections Division, beginning on the 14th day before an election following the date on which that person became a citizen. <b>(E.C. 331, 332, and 3500)</b></p>
<p><b>Tues, Mar 5 E-0 8:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>Poll Sites open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>(E.C. 1000, 1201, 14212 and 14401)</b></p>
<p><b>Tues, Mar 5 E-0 8:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED</b> Last day for Vote by Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by voter to the Elections Division Official's Office or at any poll site in the County. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specific conditions. <b>(E.C. 3017 and 3020)</b></p> <p>Any vote by mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's Elections Division Official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than <b>7 days after election day</b> in addition to the provisions set forth in E.C. 3020(b), Sections 1 and 2. <b>(E.C. 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs, Mar 7 E+2</b></p>	<p><b>OFFICIAL CANVASS</b> The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. <b>(E.C.15301)</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs, Apr 4 E+30</b></p>	<p><b>COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS</b> A certified statement of election results must be complete within 30 days of the election. <b>(E.C. 15372)</b></p>