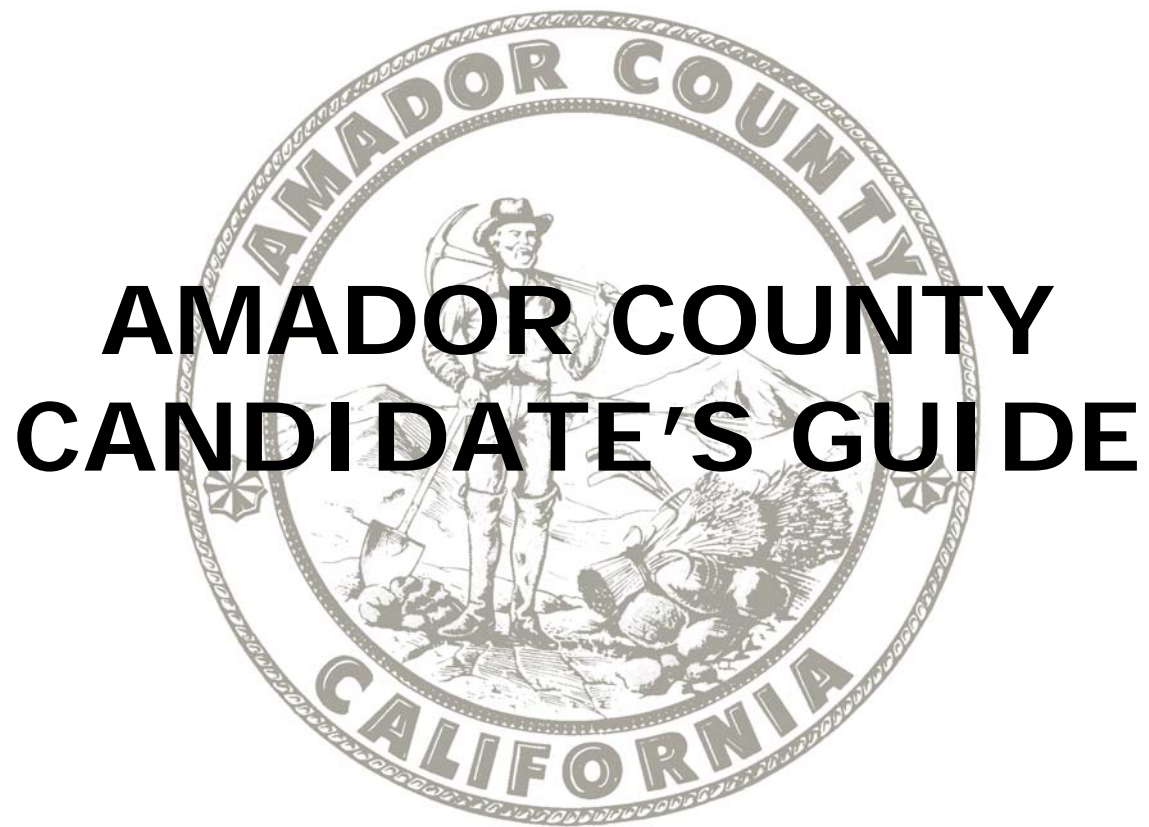


**ELECTION CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 UNIFORM DISTRICT ELECTION**

E DATE	DATE	EVENT
155	June 3, 2019	Special Districts Notice of Elective Offices To Be Filled
155	June 3, 2019	District Resolution Proclamation of Election
155	June 3, 2019	District Resolution of Consolidation
125	July 3, 2019	Districts Submit List of Offices To Be Filled
120	July 8, 2019	Publish Notice of Election
113	July 15, 2019	First Day - Declaration of Candidacy
88	August 9, 2019	Last Day - Declaration of Candidacy
83	August 14, 2019	Extension of Filing for Declaration of Candidacy
83	August 14, 2019	Appointment of Candidates in Lieu of Election
82	August 15, 2019	Random Draw by SOS
60	September 6, 2019	Publish Candidates List
57	September 9, 2019	First Day - Write In Candidate
40	September 26, 2019	First Day to Mail Sample Ballots
29	October 7, 2019	First Day -to mail Vote by Mail Ballots
15	October 21, 2019	Close of Registration
14	October 22, 2019	Last Day - Write In Candidate
10	October 26, 2019	Public Notice of Central Count, Poll Workers, Polling Places
7	October 29, 2019	Last Day - Absentee Ballots by Mail
0	November 5, 2019	***** ELECTION DAY*****
+26	December 1, 2019	Directors take office at noon or at nearest board meeting after this date



AMADOR COUNTY CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

NOVEMBER 5, 2019
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office.

Nonpartisan Office

Elections Code section 8002.5 requires that all reference to party affiliation be omitted on all forms required to be filed by a candidate for a nonpartisan office.

Candidacy for More Than One Office Prohibited

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person shall not file nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election. EC 10510(b)

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nomination Documents

Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates for office must execute a Declaration of Candidacy with the county elections official or district secretary.

Time for Filing – July 15, 2019 through August 9, 2019

All forms required for nomination and election shall be furnished by the elections official at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, or the district secretary.

Extension if Incumbent Does Not File – August 10, 2019 through August 14, 2019

If an incumbent fails to file nomination papers by August 9 at 5:00 PM, the filing period is extended to August 14 at 5:00 PM, for all persons other than the incumbent.

Declaration of Candidacy

The Declaration of Candidacy is an official nomination document, wherein the candidate indicates how his or her name and occupational designation are to appear on the ballot. Additionally, the candidate declares that he or she meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought.

Withdrawal of Candidate

No candidate shall withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy after 5 p.m. on August 9, or August 14, if the nomination period is extended.

Oath of Candidate

Each candidate shall take the oath or affirmation of office, which shall be filed with the declaration of candidacy. The county elections official or the district secretary shall administer the oath.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Form 700

Candidates for elective offices are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests disclosing his or her investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date of filing their declaration of candidacy. In addition, candidates must also report income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing his/her declaration of candidacy. Incumbents who are filing for re-election need to file new forms as a candidate in addition to any officeholder forms they may have already filed.

Once a candidate is elected and takes office they will be required to file, within 30 days, another Statement of Economic Interests disclosing his or her investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date he or she assumed office. In addition, he or she must report income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date he or she assumed office.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

All candidates for public office are required to file campaign disclosure statements. Additionally, any committee formed to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure is required to file campaign disclosure statements IF \$2000 or more is received or spent in support of or opposition to a candidate or measure.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) issues a booklet entitled State of California Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act. This booklet is an instructional guide and provides information on who must file, when campaign statements must be filed, where statements are to be filed, etc. This booklet is available for review or copying on the FPPC's website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Disclosure of Contributor Information

No contribution of \$100 or more shall be deposited into a campaign checking account unless the name, address, occupation, and employer of the contributor is on file in the records of the recipient of the contribution.

Campaign Disclosure Forms

The following is a partial listing of the most commonly used FPPC campaign disclosure forms, and a brief explanation of the appropriate usage:

Form 501--Candidate Intention

For use by candidates and officeholders who intend to raise or spend campaign funds. The Form 501 must be filed before soliciting or receiving any contributions (including loans). Such candidates and officeholders also must establish a campaign account at a financial institution in California and file Form 410 within 10 days of opening the account.

Form 410--Statement of Organization/Termination

For use by all Recipient Committees and Candidates that receive contributions of \$2000 or more during a calendar year. Independent Expenditure Committees and Major Donor Committees do not need to file a Statement of

Organization. The Form 410 is also used once a campaign bank account has been established as well as to terminate a committee status once all filing obligations have been met. All committees required to file Form 410 must pay a \$50 annual fee in January to the Secretary of State to fund improvements in the electronic filing system (SB 1001).

EXCEPTION: Forms 410 and 501 and establishment of a campaign account are not required if a candidate does not receive contributions and the only expenditures made will be the candidate's personal funds for a filing fee or statement of qualifications that will appear in the voter ballot pamphlet.

Form 470--Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement--Short Form

For use by candidates and officeholders who do not have a controlled committee and who will not receive \$2000 or more during the entire calendar year.

Every candidate who has filed a short form campaign statement and thereafter receives contributions or makes expenditures totaling \$2000 or more, in a calendar year, must send written notification to 1) the Secretary of State 2) the local filing officer and 3) each candidate contending for the same office. The notice must be sent within 48 hours of receiving or expending the \$2000 and shall revoke the previously filed short form. The 48-hour notification must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service, personal delivery, fax or email. Regular mail may not be used.

Form 460--Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (For use by all recipient committees)--Long Form

For use by a candidate or officeholder not eligible to file a Form 470 who has a controlled committee, or who has raised or spent or will raise or spend \$2000 or more during a calendar year in connection with election to office or holding office. The Form 460 is also required if \$2000 or more will be raised or spent during the calendar year at the behest of the officeholder or candidate.

Please refer to the State of California Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act for samples of the above forms and information on other forms, and instructions on how to complete the appropriate form(s).

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FILING SCHEDULE

TYPE OF STATEMENT	PERIOD COVERED	FILING DEADLINE
SEMI-ANNUAL	January 1 - June 30	July 31
Pre-election	July 1 – September 21	September 26
2 nd Pre-election**	Sept. 22 – October 19	October 24
SEMI-ANNUAL	October 20 – December 31	January 31

The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

**The 2nd Pre-election Statement must be sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service or delivered in person only.

Basic Requirements

Pre-election Statement

Candidates, officeholders, committees receiving/spending \$2000 in a calendar year, must file campaign disclosure statements for the pre-election period.

Exception: Officeholders, candidates, their controlled committees formed to support or oppose a candidate whose activities consist only of receiving contributions and making expenditures SOLELY with their own candidacy, or their candidate's campaign, do not have to file pre-election statements if there is no election for them within the six month period.

A candidate shall not be required to file any of the campaign statements by Government Code section 84200 (semi-annual/pre-election) IF, the Form 470 is filed with a declaration of candidacy or on or before the filing deadline for the first report required to be filed covering activities which occurred during the current calendar year. No additional campaign statements need be filed for the remainder of the year so long as total receipts remain less than \$2,000 and total expenditures remain less than \$2,000.

Candidate's statements and filing fees are exempt in computing the \$2,000 threshold level IF THE MONIES WERE PAID FROM PERSONAL FUNDS, as opposed to campaign contribution funds. If a candidate spends \$2,000 (excluding candidate's statement and/or filing fee), then the candidate's statement charges and/or filing fee are to be included in expenses on FPPC Form 460.

Filing is the Responsibility of Candidate and/or Committee

It is the responsibility of candidates and/or committees to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a timely manner. As a courtesy, the Elections Department mails a reminder notice to candidates who, based on nomination documents, appear to have a campaign disclosure filing requirement. This notice is mailed approximately five days prior to a campaign disclosure filing deadline. With the inception of threshold filing periods/requirements, however, only the candidate or committee can ascertain whether they do or do not have a threshold filing requirement.

Penalties Involved in Failure to Comply with Campaign Disclosure Requirements

Government Code section 91013, provides as follows:

(a) If a person files an original statement or report, after any deadline imposed by this act, he shall, in addition to any other penalties or remedies established by this act, be liable in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) per day after the deadline until the statement or report is filed. Liability need not be enforced by the filing officer if on an impartial basis he determines that the late filing was not willful and that enforcement of the liability will not further the purposes of the act, except that no liability shall be waived if a statement or report is not filed within 10 days, or five days for a campaign statement required to be filed 12 days before an election, after the filing officer has sent specific written notice of the filing requirement.

(b) If any person files a copy of a statement or report after any deadline imposed by this act, he shall, in addition to any other penalties or remedies established by this chapter, be liable in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) per day, starting 10 days or five days in the case of a campaign statement required to be filed 12 days before an election, after the officer has sent specific written notice of the filing requirement and until the statement is filed.

(c) The officer shall deposit any funds received under this section into the general fund of the jurisdiction of which he is an officer. No liability under this section shall exceed the cumulative amount stated in the last statement or report, or one hundred dollars (\$100), whichever is greater.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

In 1994 the California State Legislature established a "Code of Fair Campaign Practices" which can be voluntarily subscribed to by candidates for public office.

At the time a candidate files documents the elections official shall provide them with a copy of the provisions of the Chapter, and a form on which to subscribe to the Code.

Subscription to the Code is voluntary. Completed forms are to be filed with the elections official, and shall be retained for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties which merit such criticism.
- (2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

- (3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.
- (4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or which hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
- (5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.
- (6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from an individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics which I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- (7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Campaign Signs and Literature

Temporary Political Signs

Must meet the following criteria:

Cannot be placed before 90 days prior to the scheduled election and must be removed within 10 days of the election

Is no larger than 32 square feet

Is not placed on private property without written permission

Is not placed on State, County or City property

Political Advertising Requirements

Any paid political advertisement which refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and which is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." Such words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office. (EC 20008)