

Office of Mark Church

Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
40 Tower Road, San Mateo, California 94402

Days Prior to Election	Date	Election Calendar for June 5, 2012 Presidential and Statewide Primary Election
158	December 30, 2011	By this date the Secretary of State shall issue notice designating the offices, except those of county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated in the direct primary election. EC §12103
158 118	December 30, 2011 February 8, 2012	Between these dates, Signatures In-lieu of Filing Fee Petitions are available to County Judicial candidates. EC §§8061, 8104, 8106
158	December 30, 2011	Between these dates, Signatures In-lieu of Filing Fee Petitions are available for all voter-nominated state and non-partisan countywide offices (excluding central committees). EC §§8061, 8103, 8104, 8106, 8023
103	February 23, 2012	
154	January 3, 2012	Last day that any person may register to vote and declare intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that political party to participate in the Presidential Primary Election candidate nominating process. EC §§2187(d)(1), 5100(b)
150	January 7, 2012	Between these dates, the Secretary of State will announce and distribute the list of the Democratic Party selected candidates that she intends to place on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. EC §§6041-6043
68	March 29, 2012	
148	January 9, 2012	By this date the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the election and shall state the time of the election and offices to be filled. EC § 12000
134	January 23, 2012	The county will prepare and send a Report of Registration to the Secretary of State, reflecting total number of voters as of January 3, 2012. (Note: Deadline falls on a Sunday, so it was moved to the next business day per EC §15, GC §6700.) EC §2187
134	January 23, 2012	Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that allows a person who has no party preference to vote on the ballot of that political party for party-nominated offices in the Primary Election. (Note: Deadline falls on a Sunday, so it has been moved to the next business day per EC §15, GC §6700) EC §13102(b)
131	January 26, 2012	Last day for an initiative measure, statewide constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure to qualify for the Primary Election Ballot. EC §9040; Cal. Const. Art. II §8(c)
130	January 27, 2012	(School or Special District Vacancy) Last day for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to call for an election to fill a vacancy to be on the Presidential Primary Ballot. GC §1780; ED §5091
127	January 30, 2012	Between these dates, the City Elections Official shall publish a notice of election including time of election and City office(s) to be filled. If a City measure is placed on the ballot before February 14, 2012, the notice of election shall be consolidated to include candidate(s) and measure(s). (Note: This deadline would normally fall on February 12, 2012. February 12th is a Sunday, meaning the deadline would normally move to February 13. However, because February 12, which is usually a holiday, falls on a Sunday, February 13, 2012, is deemed a holiday, and since the deadline then falls on a holiday, it has been moved again to the next business day per EC §15, GC §§6700, 6701). EC §§12101, 12111
112	February 14, 2012	
127 118	January 30, 2012 February 8, 2012	Between these dates, Declaration of Intention shall be filed by Judicial candidates. If the incumbent of a judicial office fails to file a declaration of intention by the end of this period, persons other than the incumbent may file declarations of intention no later than February 14, 2012. Filing fee must be paid at the time of filing. EC §§8023, 8103, 8105
126	January 31, 2012	Except as provided in EC §84200, elected officers, candidates, and §82013(a) committees shall file semiannual statements no later than January 31st for the period ending December 31st. §84200
123	February 3, 2012	(School District Vacancy) Last day for the school governing board to deliver a resolution to the County Superintendent and Elections Officer calling for an election of governing board members. ED §5322

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120	February 6, 2012	On or before this date the Secretary of State shall announce and distribute a list of the Republican Party, American Independent Party, and Peace and Freedom Party candidates, she intends to place on the ballot for the Presidential Primary Election. EC §§6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724
120	February 6, 2012	(School District or Community College District Vacancy) Last day for the County Superintendent to deliver an official order and formal notice of election of governing board members to the Elections Official. ED §5325(b)
120	February 6, 2012	Between these dates, the County shall publish the Notice of Election (date of election, identification of offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and deadline for filing required forms, statement regarding appointment, and related information). EC §§12109, 12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
90	March 7, 2012	
118	February 8, 2012	First Candidate Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
113	February 13, 2012	Between these dates is the candidate filing period. Nomination papers and declarations of candidacy are available during this time. A non-refundable filing fee (if applicable) and optional candidate statement are due at the time of filing. Paperwork must be in by the close of business on March 9, 2012. Candidate Statements may not be changed during the nomination period. Candidates may withdraw their statement until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. EC §§8020, 8028, 8040-8041, 8061, 8100, 8105-8106, 10220, 10407, 10510, 10603, 13107, 13307
88	March 9, 2012	
112	February 14, 2012	(City Vacancy) Last day in relation to the Presidential Primary Election for the remaining Council members to call a special election to fill a vacancy in an elective office. The City shall immediately publish the Notice of Election. (Note: Deadline falls on a holiday so it was moved to the next business day per EC §15, GC §6700.) EC §§ 12101-02; GC §36512
110	February 16, 2012	Second Candidate Seminar to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
103	February 23, 2012	Last day to file in-lieu-filing-fee petitions with the Elections Officer. EC §8106(b)(3)
102	February 24, 2012	Data Seminar to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.
88	March 9, 2012	(School District Measure) Last day for the school governing board to deliver to the Elections Officer a resolution calling for an election on a measure. ED §§5322, 5325; EC §9400-9401
88	March 9, 2012	For bond issues proposed by a county, city and county, city, district, or other political subdivision, or by any agency, department, or board thereof, the Tax Rate Statement must be filed by this date. EC §§9400-9401
88	March 9, 2012	Last day for a local entity to request election services and consolidation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors by filing with the Board of Supervisors and submitting a copy to the Elections Officer a resolution of its governing board requesting the consolidation. EC §§1405, 10002, 10403, 12001
88	March 9, 2012	Last day to submit nomination documents (declaration of candidacy and nomination papers to Elections Official - due by 5:00 p.m. EC §§8020(b), 10510(a)
88	March 9, 2012	Last day for a candidate who has qualified for the ballot to withdraw their candidacy (until 5:00 p.m.). EC §§10510(a), 10603
88	March 9, 2012	10-Calendar day public review period begins March 9 at 5:00 p.m. and ends March 19 at 5:00 p.m. for all documents filed as of the filing deadline of March 9. Between these dates any registered voter or the Elections Officer may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate. Documents subject to this review include resolutions, ordinances, declarations and candidate statements. EC §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313
78	March 19, 2012	

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85	March 12, 2012	County to publish a notice regarding County, School District & Special District measures, the dates for submitting primary arguments and rebuttals, the 10 day public examination period, and the central ballot counting location. EC §§9502, 10242, 12109, 12112; GC §6061; ED §5363
83	March 14, 2012	Candidate Filing Period closes at the close of business for extended offices. Extended filing periods occur when a non-term limited incumbent does not file for re-election, and the extension only applies to non-incumbent candidates for such an office. EC §§8022(h), 8024, 10407
83	March 14, 2012	Last day for an order of election calling for a ballot measure to be amended or withdrawn. A resolution of the legislative body that issued the order of election must be filed with the Elections Official by today in order to amend or withdrawal a ballot measure. EC §9605
82	March 15, 2012	Random Alpha Drawing is conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the ballot and letters that will be assigned to each ballot measure. EC §§13112, 13116
81	March 16, 2012	Primary Arguments in favor of and against local measures are due by 5:00 p.m. EC §§9162-9163, 9282-9283, 9286, 9315-9316, 9501-03
81	March 16, 2012	10-Calendar day review period begins March 16 at 5:00 p.m. and ends March 26 at 5:00 p.m. for Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against measures. Between these dates any registered voter or the Elections
71	March 26, 2012	Officer may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate.
78	March 19, 2012	Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed Superior Court Judicial Candidate who has filed nomination papers. The petition must be signed by at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. (Note: This rule just changed per AB 326, effective 1/1/12 per GC §9600) EC §§8203, 8600-8604
75	March 22, 2012	First Pre-election campaign statements (for the period ending March 17, 2012), if applicable, are due. All candidates for elective state office and their controlled committees, committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected state officer or a state candidate, state or county general purpose committees, a city general purpose committee, and any other entity that must submit periodic reports should consult the Government Code to determine whether a statement is due. GC §§84200.5, 84200.7
71	March 26, 2012	10-Calendar day review period begins March 26 at 5:00 p.m. and ends April 5 at 5:00 p.m. for Rebuttal Arguments filed in favor and/or against measures. Between these dates any registered voter or the elections
61	April 5, 2012	official may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted if found to be misleading or inaccurate.
71	March 26, 2012	Rebuttal Arguments for measures where a primary argument was filed both in favor and against are due. Impartial analysis for city measures are also due. EC §§9163, 9167, 9285-86, 9316-17, 9501- 9504
68	March 29, 2012	By this date the Secretary of State will provide a certified list of Federal and State candidates, including a ballot rotation list to each County. EC §8120-8125
61	April 5, 2012	For consolidated City elections, last day to supply the County elections official with a list of its precincts, or consolidated precincts, as applicable. EC §10002
57	April 9, 2012	During this time write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Elections Office.
14	May 22, 2012	EC §§8600, 8601
50	April 16, 2012	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of April 6, 2012 to the Secretary of State. EC §2187

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40	April 26, 2012	Between these dates, the County Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Pamphlet and the State Voter Information Guide will be mailed to each voter who is registered at least 29 days prior to the election. EC §§9094, 13303-13304, 13306
21	May 15, 2012	
29	May 7, 2012	Between these dates, any registered voter may request a Vote by Mail Ballot. EC §3001
7	May 29, 2012	
16 1	May 20, 2012 June 4, 2012	Contributions received of \$1,000 or more per source must be reported within 24 hours during this period. GC §84203
15	May 21, 2012	Voter Registration closes on this date for the June Presidential Primary Election. Voters must register by this date to be eligible to vote in this election. Postmarked voter registration forms with this date are accepted. EC §§2102, 2107
14 7	May 22, 2012 May 29, 2012	New California residents who established California residency on or after May 22, 2012, can register to vote during this time to receive a "New Resident's" ballot containing options to vote only for the office of President and Vice President at the Elections Office. EC §§332, 3400
14	May 22, 2012	Between these dates, those who become new United States citizens on or after May 22, 2012, are eligible to register and vote at the Elections Office. A new citizen registering during this time must provide proof of citizenship and declare that he or she has established residency in California. EC §§331, 3500, 3501
0	June 5, 2012	
12	May 24, 2012	Second Pre-election campaign committee statement (for the period ending May 19, 2012) is due. All candidates for elective state office and their controlled committees, committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected state officer or a state candidate, state or county general purpose committees, a city general purpose committee, and any other entity that must submit periodic reports should consult the Government Code to determine whether a statement is due. GC §84200.7
10	May 26, 2012	Last Day for County to mail Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Pamphlets to voters registered less than 29 days before the election. EC §13303
7	May 29, 2012	By this date each County must send the report of registration, reflecting the total number of voters as of May 24, 2012 to the Secretary of State. EC §2187
7	May 29, 2012	By this date, the County shall publish a notice listing the polling places for this election and precinct board members appointed for this election by May 21, 2012. EC §§12105, 12105.5, 12106
0	June 5, 2012	Election Day. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Semifinal official canvass commences upon the closing of all polls at 8:00 p.m. At 8:05 p.m. San Mateo County issues first report of election results and continues to issue updates until all precincts have reported. EC §§1000, 1001, 14212, 15150, 15151
28	July 3, 2012	Last day for County to certify election results to the jurisdictions participating in the election. EC §15372
28	July 3, 2012	Last day for County elections official to post an updated list of the precinct board members who actually served on election day. EC §12105.5
<p><u>Footnotes</u></p> <p>EC: California Elections Code ED: California Education Code GC: California Government Code</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All above California Codes may be referenced online at: www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html</p>		