



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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CANDIDATE FILING FOR JUNE 2026 PRIMARY OPENS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Those interested in running for a statewide or local office on the June 2, 2026 Statewide Primary ballot are advised that they must file candidate nomination documents during the candidate filing period, open from February 9 to March 6.

The following offices are on the June 2, 2026 ballot:

- State Constitutional Offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Member of the State Board of Equalization, 2nd District
- 18th and 19th Congressional Districts
- 28th, 29th and 30th State Assembly Districts
- Countywide offices: Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, County Clerk, and County Superintendent of Schools
- County supervisors: 3rd and 4th Districts
- Six Superior Court Judges
- City of Santa Cruz Mayor, Councilmembers 4th and 6th Districts.

Candidates interested in running for an office in the City of Santa Cruz will need to file with the City Clerk, Bonnie Bush. Call 831-420-2222 for an appointment.

During this filing period, candidates file the following documents:

- Nomination Papers. Candidates must file a specified number of valid signatures on a Nomination Petition to have their name on the primary ballot;
- Declaration of Candidacy. Filed after the candidate satisfies their nomination signature requirement;
- Candidate's Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and/or posted online at

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- Candidates for Superior Court Judge and Board of Supervisors – 200 words or less and must be filed and paid for at the time they file their Declaration of Candidacy.
- Candidates for State Senate or State Assembly– 250 words or less candidate statements if they have agreed to adhere to the spending limits on Form 501. Must be filed by 5 p.m. March 6.
- Candidates for Congress – 250 words or less candidate statements must be filed by 5 pm March 6.
- Fair Political Practices Form 700 Conflict of Interest Statement.

Filing fees for the various offices up for election are based on 1 or 2 percent of the annual salary for that office. Fees range from \$4,918.58 for Governor to \$1,346.94 for State Assemblymember. Filing fees for each office are available on votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov.

Judicial candidates must file a Notice of Intent prior to filing other documents. The Notice of Intent period is from January 26 to February 4.

Filing periods may extend five (5) days if the incumbent does not file.

A “Candidate’s Handbook” detailing deadlines, forms, candidate filing requirements, and election processes for the June 2, 2026 Primary Election is available from the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz. Candidate’s handbooks are available online at votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov.

In addition, a daily update of candidates who have taken out papers or have filed is available online at votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov as well as other important information regarding the June Primary.

For more information, please call 831-454-2060, visit us online at votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov or email tricia.webber@santacruzcountyca.us.