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UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS FOR NOV. 3 ELECTION

The Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department and local City Clerks invite community members interested in running for office in the November 3, 2026 General Election to attend a Candidate Information Forum.

Candidate filing for local offices begins July 13, 2026, and ends at 5 p.m. on August 7, 2026. Prospective candidates are encouraged to begin preparing now by learning about filing requirements, nomination papers, campaign finance obligations, ballot designations, and important election deadlines.

Attendees will learn:

- How to file candidate paperwork
- Key candidate filing deadlines
- Campaign requirements and disclosures
- Resources available to candidates throughout the election process

Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	Watsonville
June 22, 6–7:30 p.m.	June 29, 3:30–5 p.m.	June 30, 2–3:30 p.m.
Basement Community Room, 701 Ocean Street	Basement Community Room, 701 Ocean Street	Community Room, 500 Westridge Dr.

The forums are free and open to the public. Candidate guides, forms, and additional election information are available at the Santa Cruz County Elections website, votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov.

For questions regarding county, school, or special district offices, contact the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at (831) 454-2060. For questions about city offices, contact your local city clerk.

