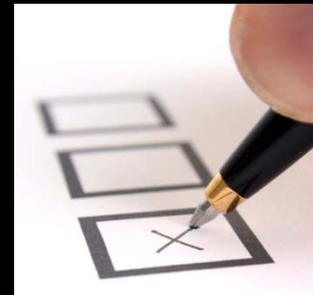




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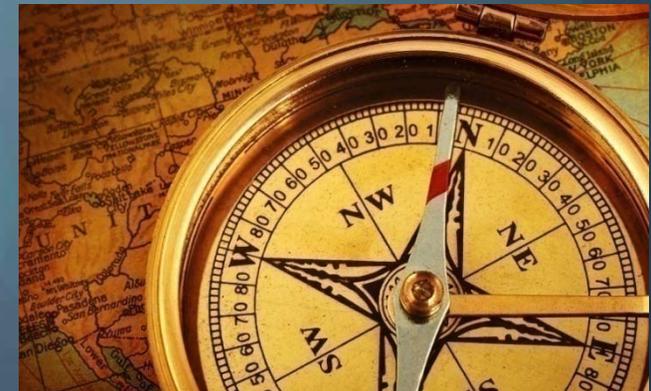


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# Roadmap

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- Nomination Period/Candidate Statements
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- Election Results
- Resources
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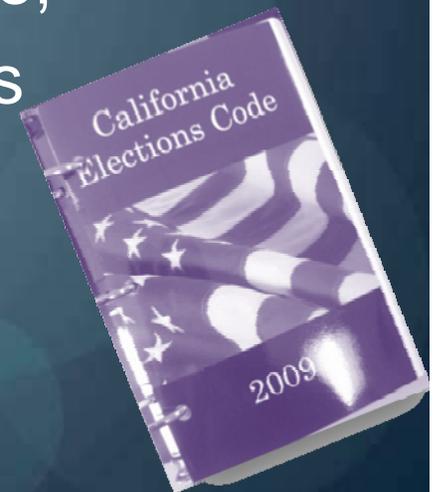


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# Elections Code 2009

- Always refer to the Code for the law
- The City Clerk will defer to the City Attorney's interpretation should legal questions arise
- The City Clerk's role is one of compliance, accuracy, timeliness and responsiveness as your Elections Official



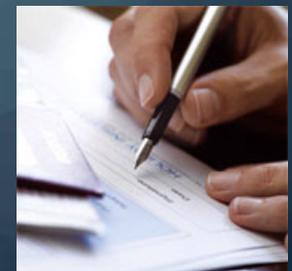
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# Nomination Period

- To File for Office - Nomination Period **July 13, 2009** through **August 7, 2009**
- Minimum of 20 signatures supporting the nomination
- If an incumbent does not file by the end of the nomination period, the nomination period will be extended (for non-incumbents only) until **August 12, 2009**
- Until the closing of the Nomination Period, either August 7 or August 12, 2009 depending on the circumstance, the Candidate Statements are **not** public

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# Nomination Period

**(continued)**

- After the closing of the Nomination Period, the 10-day examination period begins
- All nominations available for review at the City Clerk Department.
- During the nomination period candidates may choose to have a candidate statement (up to 400 words)
- There will be a fee for printing and translating the statement (estimated at \$545 for this November)

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# Candidate Statements

- Candidate Statements are about the candidate and his/her: education and qualifications
- Candidate Statements, once filed, may not be changed but may be withdrawn until the closing of the nomination period
- There are parameters and rules associated with what is permitted as far as look, content and number of words permitted on the statement (400 words)
- Candidate statements will have a 10-day public review period
- Candidate statements may be challenged through a legal process

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# Fair Political Practices Commission

- The agency and its enforcing and regulating power
- Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest must be filed by candidates with the City Clerk
- Every Candidate must abide by the reporting obligations regarding his or her campaign expenditures and contributions, some provisions of which are governed by local ordinance which was just amended
- Every Candidate is invited to abide by and sign a Code of Conduct (optional)

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# Campaign Disclosures/ Filing Obligations

- Candidates first file a Form 501 Intention to Run
- Candidates file a Form 410 with the Secretary of State's Office to form a Campaign Committee
- Candidates have filing obligations
- All filings will be scanned and posted online for public review 24/7
- Committees created to support or oppose measures also have reporting deadlines – all forms due to the City Clerk

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# Filing Obligations

- Calendar of Deadlines posted on the City Clerk website at:

[www.belmont.gov/](http://www.belmont.gov/)

- For Technical Assistance please contact the FPPC at Toll-Free Number 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772) or online at

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/>

- For all filing submittals, please contact the City Clerk at 650-595-7413 or via email at

[tcook@belmont.gov](mailto:tcook@belmont.gov)

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# Election Results

- Finish line – November 3, 2009 election day and how many of the approximately 15,000 registered voters will go to each candidate
- Per the code, after election day, the County has 28 days to report the election results
- City Council certifies the election in early December (likely the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting)



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# Other Resources

- County of San Mateo Workshop Information:  
<http://shapethefuture.org/>
- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC):  
<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/>
- Official California Legislative (Elections) Code Information: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>
- League of Women Voters non-partisan election information  
<http://www.smartvoter.org/>
- Secretary of State, Election Information:  
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm>

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# Questions?



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