



Presidential Primary Election

June 7, 2016

Election Calendar in Brief

Candidate Filing	
Jan 4 – Feb 10	Petition in Lieu – Judicial
Jan 4 – Feb 25	Petition in Lieu – all other candidates
Feb 1 – Feb 10	Declaration of Intention – Judicial only (filing fee paid at this time)
Feb 11 – Feb 15	Declaration of Intention extension – Judicial only
Feb 16 – Mar 11	Candidate filing period
Mar 12 – Mar 16	Candidate filing extension period
Mar 17	Random Alphabet Drawing
Mar 31	Certified list of local candidates from Merced County Elections Office
Mar 31	Certified list of federal and state candidates from Secretary of State
Apr 11 – May 24	Write-in candidate period
Campaign Disclosure Filing	
Feb 1	Last day - Semi-Annual Statements
Apr 28	Last day - Pre-Election Statements – period of 1/1/16 – 4/23/16
May 26	Last day - Pre-Election Statements – period of 4/24/16 - 5/21/16
Within 24 Hours	Late Contributions & Independent Expenditures Reports – period of 5/22/16 -6/7/16
Aug 1	Last day - Semi-Annual Statements
Ballot Measure Filing	
Mar 11	Last day to file Resolution requesting consolidation
Mar 11	Last day to file Impartial Analysis, Tax Rate Statement, or Fiscal Impact Report
Mar 21	Last day to file Arguments in Favor of or Against a measure
Mar 31	Last day to file Argument Rebuttals
General Information	
May 23	Last day to register to vote (postmarked is acceptable)
June 7	Election Day – Polling Places open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Vote by Mail Ballots	
Apr 8	First day to request a Vote by Mail ballot – Military and Overseas voters only
May 9	First day to request a Vote by Mail ballot
May 31	Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot by mail
Jun 1 – Jun 7	A Vote by Mail ballot request can be submitted over the counter at Elections Office
Jun 7 – Jun 10	A Vote by Mail ballot must be postmarked by Jun 7 and received by Jun 10
Sample Ballots	
Apr 28	First day Secretary of State starts mailing Voter Information Guides
Apr 28	First day Merced County Elections Office starts mailing Sample Ballot Booklets
Canvass	
Jun 9	Official Canvass period begins
July 5	Last day to certify results – Official Canvass period ends