

# JUNE 7, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below the dates, "E" stands for Election Day, followed by the number of days prior to (-) or after (+) Election Day.

Asterisk (\*) dates indicate that the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday; in most cases, the deadline will move forward to the next business day.

Dates and events exclusive to candidate filing are posted in blue.

<p><b>January 4, 2016</b>  <b>February 10, 2016</b>  <b>E-155 to E-118</b></p>	<p><b>Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee Period for Superior Court Judge</b>                  Between these dates, candidates for Judge of the Superior Court may obtain forms from the Merced County Elections Office for circulation of petitions to secure signatures to alleviate all or part of the filing fee. The petition must be filed no later than 5 p.m. February 10th with the Merced County Elections Office. Within 10 days of filing petitions, the candidate will be notified of any deficiency. The candidate may then submit by March 11th a supplemental petition, or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.  <a href="#">EC § 8061, 8105, &amp; 8106</a></p>
<p><b>January 4, 2016</b>  <b>February 25, 2016</b>  <b>E-155 to E-103</b></p>	<p><b>Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee Period for County Offices &amp; Voter-Nominated Congressional, State Constitutional, State Legislative Offices</b>                  Between these dates, candidates may obtain forms from the Merced County Elections Office for circulation of petitions to secure signatures to alleviate all or part of the filing fee. The petitions must be filed no later than 5 p.m. February 25th with the Merced County Elections Office. Within 10 days of filing petitions, the candidate will be notified of any deficiency. The candidate may then submit by March 11th a supplemental petition, or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.  <a href="#">EC § 8061, 8105, &amp; 8106</a></p>
<p><b>January 5, 2016</b>  <b>E-154</b></p>	<p><b>Last Day To Count Registrations Toward the Qualification of a New Political Party</b>                  The last day any person may register or re-register to vote to declare preference for a political body in order for that body to qualify to participate in the primary election.  <a href="#">EC § 5100(b)</a></p>
<p><b>January 18, 2016</b>  <b>E-141</b></p>	<p><b>County Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.) – Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>January 24, 2016*</b>  <b>E-135</b></p>	<p><b>Report of Voter Registration – 154 Day County Reporting</b>                  On or before this day, each county elections official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and each political subdivision as of January 5, 2016.  <a href="#">EC § 2187(a)(c)(d1)</a></p>
<p><b>January 24, 2016*</b>  <b>E-135</b></p>	<p><b>New Political Party Qualification Announcement</b>                  The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified either by registration or by filing a petition.  <a href="#">EC § 5100</a></p>
<p><b>January 28, 2016</b>  <b>E-131</b></p>	<p><b>Statewide Ballot Propositions</b>                  Last day for statewide initiative or referendum measures, constitutional amendments, bond measures, or other legislative measures to qualify for the primary election ballot.  <a href="#">California Constitution Article II §8(c) &amp; EC § 9040</a></p>
<p><b>February 1, 2016</b>  <b>February 10, 2016</b>  <b>E-127 to E-118</b></p>	<p><b>Declaration of Intention Period for Superior Court Judge</b>                  Between these dates, candidates for Judge of the Superior Court must file a Declaration of Intention with the Merced County Elections Office. The nonrefundable filing fee represented by money, petitions in lieu of filing fee, or any prorated combination must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention.  <a href="#">EC § 8023 &amp; 8105</a></p>

<p><b>February 1, 2016</b> E-127</p>	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure – Semi-Annual Reporting Deadline</b> Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements, if required, by all candidates and committees for the period ending December 31, 2015. GC § 84200 &amp; 84218</p>
<p><b>February 11, 2016</b> <b>February 15, 2016*</b> E-117 to E-113</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Intention Extension Period for Superior Court Judge</b> If the incumbent Judge fails to file a Declaration of Intention to succeed to the same office by 5 p.m. February 11th, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file such declaration for that office during the extension period. The nonrefundable filing fee represented by money, petitions in lieu of filing fee, or any prorated combination must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention. EC § 8023(b) &amp; 8105</p>
<p><b>February 12, 2016</b> E-116</p>	<p><b>County Holiday (Lincoln’s Birthday) – Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>February 15, 2016</b> E-113</p>	<p><b>County Holiday (Presidents’ Day) – Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>February 15, 2016*</b> <b>March 11, 2016</b> E-113 to E-88</p>	<p><b>Candidate Filing Period – Declaration of Candidacy &amp; Nomination Documents</b> During this period, candidates may obtain and file their Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Documents with the Merced County Elections Office. EC § 8020</p>
<p><b>February 15, 2016*</b> <b>March 11, 2016</b> E-113 to E-88</p>	<p><b>No Candidate May Withdraw</b> No candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. EC § 8800</p>
<p><b>February 15, 2016*</b> <b>March 11, 2016</b> E-113 to E-88</p>	<p><b>Candidate Statement of Qualifications Filing Period</b> Between these dates, candidates may prepare a Candidate Statement of Qualifications on a form provided by the Merced County Elections Office to be printed in the Sample Ballot Booklet. The statement shall not exceed 200 words (250 if a state legislative office) and the candidate will be required to pay the predetermined advance payment. The statement shall be filed and advance payment made at the time nomination documents are returned for filing. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination documents and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. In addition to the restrictions set forth in §13307, any candidate's statement submitted shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section. EC § 13307 &amp; 13308</p>
<p><b>February 15, 2016*</b> <b>March 11, 2016</b> E-113 to E-88</p>	<p><b>Statement of Economic Interests-Form 700 – Candidate Requirement Filing Period</b> Between these dates, all candidates (except candidates for federal office) must file a Statement of Economic Interests-Form 700 disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the previous 12 months. Elected incumbents who have a statement on file for the same jurisdiction will not be required to file a Form 700. GC § 87200 et seq.</p>
<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> E-88</p>	<p><b>Candidate Filing – 5 p.m. Deadline</b> Last day for candidates to obtain and file their Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Documents, Candidate Statements of Qualifications, Statements of Economic Interests-Form 700, by the 5 p.m. deadline. EC § 8020, 10603, &amp; 13307, GC § 87200 et seq</p>

<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>E-88</b></p>	<p><b>Consolidation of Election - Final Submission of Resolutions</b> Final deadline for local jurisdictions to submit the resolution to consolidate their election with the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election and submit any measure text and a 75 word ballot question. <a href="#">EC § 10403, 10403.5, 10401 &amp; 13247</a></p>
<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>E-88</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Tax Rate Statement or Fiscal Impact Report – 5 p.m. Deadline</b> Last day to file Tax Rate Statement or Fiscal Impact Report for any local measure appearing on the ballot. <a href="#">EC § 9160, 9400 et seq., and other statutes may apply</a></p>
<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>E-88</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Impartial Analysis – 5 p.m. Deadline</b> Last day for County Counsel to transmit to the Merced County Elections Office an Impartial Analysis of each county, community college, school or special district ballot measure appearing on the ballot, showing the effect on existing law and the operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall not exceed 500 words and will be printed in the Ballot Sample/Voter Information Booklet. <a href="#">EC § 9160, 9313, 9500</a></p>
<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>E-88</b></p>	<p><b>Jurisdictional Boundary Changes Deadline</b> Last day for jurisdictions consolidating their elections to make boundary changes to file them with the county elections official. <a href="#">EC § 12262</a></p>
<p><b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>E-88</b></p>	<p><b>Mailed Ballot Precincts</b> Whenever, on the 88th day before the election, there are 250 or less voters in any precinct, the elections official may designate such precinct as a mailed ballot precinct. Each voter shall be furnished with an official ballot, along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election. <a href="#">EC § 3005</a></p>
<p><b>March 12, 2016</b> <b>March 16, 2016</b> <b>E-87 to E-83</b></p>	<p><b>Candidate Filing – Extension Period</b> Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Documents if the incumbent did not file by March 11, 2016. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. <a href="#">EC § 8022 &amp; 8024</a></p>
<p><b>March 12, 2016</b> <b>March 16, 2016</b> <b>E-87 to E-83</b></p>	<p><b>Candidate Filing Extension Period – Judge of the Superior Court</b> If an incumbent of a judicial office dies on or before the last day prescribed for the filing of nomination documents (March 11th), or files a declaration of intention but for any reason fails to file his or her nomination documents by the last day prescribed for the filing of the papers (March 11th), an additional five (5) calendar days shall be allowed for the filing of nomination papers for the office. Any person other than the person who was the incumbent on March 11th may file nomination papers for the office during this extension, regardless of whether that person filed a Declaration of Intention, if otherwise qualified. <a href="#">EC § 8204</a></p>
<p><b>March 14, 2016</b> <b>E-85</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Letter Assignment</b> Assign a letter designation to each local measure that will appear on the ballot. <a href="#">EC § 13116</a></p>

<p><b>March 16, 2016</b> <b>E-83</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Amendment or Withdrawal 5 p.m. Deadline</b> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a legislative body has ordered that a measure or proposal be submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction at a special election, the order shall not be amended or withdrawn after the 83rd day prior to the election. The order of election shall be amended or withdrawn upon the filing of a resolution by the legislative body stating the specifics concerning the amendment or withdrawal. The resolution shall be filed with the election official not later than the 83rd day prior to the election. <a href="#">EC § 9605</a></p>
<p><b>March 17, 2016</b> <b>E-82</b></p>	<p><b>Candidate Name Placement – Randomized Alphabet Drawing</b> The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet to determine the order of the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot. The resulting random order of letters constitutes the alphabet for all offices other than multi-county state legislative offices. In addition, and only if applicable, the candidate’s names will be rotated pursuant to E.C. §13111. For candidates for multi-county state legislative offices, the county elections official shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. <a href="#">EC §13112</a></p>
<p><b>March 21, 2016</b> <b>E-78</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Argument For or Against – 5 p.m. Deadline</b> Last day to file arguments for or against any local measure appearing the ballot. Arguments must be filed in the Merced County Elections Office no later than 5 p.m. on this date. Arguments shall not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Merced County Elections Office. Each argument shall be titled either “Argument in Favor of Measure...” or “Argument Against Measure....” (letter designation to be filled in after assignment). <a href="#">EC § 9162 - 9166, 9315, 9316, 9502, 9503 &amp; 9600</a></p>
<p><b>March 21, 2016</b> <b>E-78</b></p>	<p><b>Judicial Incumbent Only Nominee – Write-In Campaign</b> In any county in which only the incumbent has filed nomination papers for the office of Judge of the Superior Court, his or her name shall not appear on the ballot unless there is filed with the elections official, within 10 days after the final date for filing nomination documents, a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by 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. In addition to filing the petition, any judicial write-in candidate must file, between the 57th day and the 14th day before the election, a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and obtain and file the required nomination paper. <a href="#">EC § 8203, 8600 &amp; 8601</a></p>
<p><b>March 31, 2016</b> <b>E-68</b></p>	<p><b>Ballot Measures – Rebuttal Argument – 5 p.m. Deadline</b> If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any measure have been filed, the county elections official shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 5 p.m. on this day. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Merced County Elections Office. Each argument shall be titled either “Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ...” or “Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ...” (letter designation to be filled in after assignment). <a href="#">EC § 9167, 9317, 9504 &amp; 9600</a></p>
<p><b>March 31, 2016</b> <b>E-68</b></p>	<p><b>Certified List of Candidates Deadline</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates. <a href="#">EC § 8120 - 8125, 8148 &amp; 8149</a></p>

<p><b>April 8, 2016</b> E-60</p>	<p><b>Military and Overseas Voters (Vote By Mail Applications)</b> The first day county elections officials may process applications for military and overseas voters' ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. <a href="#">EC § 300(b) &amp; 3103</a></p>
<p><b>April 11, 2016</b> <b>May 24, 2016</b> E-57 to E-14</p>	<p><b>Write-In Candidate Filing Period</b> All non-presidential write-in candidates who desire to have his or her votes counted for a particular office must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy along with the requisite number of signatures, if any, for such office. Nomination documents for write-in candidacy may be obtained from and delivered to the Merced County Elections Office between the 57th day and 14th day prior to the election. <a href="#">EC § 8601</a></p>
<p><b>April 18, 2016</b> E-50</p>	<p><b>Report of Voter Registration – 60 Day County Reporting</b> On or before this day, each county elections official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a detailed summary of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and each political subdivision as of the 60th day (April 8th). <a href="#">EC § 2187(a)(c)(d)(2)</a></p>
<p><b>April 28, 2016</b> E-40</p>	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure – Pre-Election Reporting</b> Last day for candidates and committees to file campaign disclosure statements covering the period 1/1/16 – 4/23/16. <a href="#">GC § 84200.5 &amp; 84200.7</a></p>
<p><b>April 28, 2016</b> <b>May 17, 2016</b> E-40 to E-21</p>	<p><b>State Voter Information Guides Mailing Period</b> Mailing range for voters to receive the State Voter Guide. <a href="#">EC § 9094 (a)(c)</a></p>
<p><b>April 28, 2016</b> <b>May 17, 2016</b> E-40 to E-21</p>	<p><b>County Sample Ballot Booklets Mailing Period</b> During this period, voters receive their sample ballot booklet in the mail. The booklet will also contain polling place location and the polling place accessibility to disabled citizens. <a href="#">EC § 13300 &amp; 13304</a></p>
<p><b>May 9, 2016</b> <b>May 31, 2016</b> E-29 to E-7</p>	<p><b>Vote by Mail Ballots</b> Any registered voter may apply for a vote by mail ballot. Ballots must be obtained from and returned to the Merced County Elections Office either in person, via authorized representative, or by mail. Applications received prior to 29 days before the election will be processed during this period. <a href="#">EC § 3001, 3003, 3006, 3009 &amp; 3017</a></p>
<p><b>May 9, 2016</b> E-29</p>	<p><b>Polling Places &amp; Precinct Boards</b> At least 29 days prior to the election, the county elections official shall establish precincts, define precinct boundaries, designate polling places for each precinct, and appoint precinct board members. <a href="#">EC § 12286</a></p>
<p><b>May 9, 2016</b> E-29</p>	<p><b>Mailed Ballot Precincts</b> On this day the county elections official shall begin mailing official ballots to voters residing in mailed ballot precincts, along with a notice indicating there will be no polling place for this election. Voted ballots must be received no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in Merced County or at the Merced County Elections Office. <a href="#">EC § 3005</a></p>

<p><b>May 23, 2016</b> E-15</p>	<p><b>Last Day to Register to Vote</b> Closing date for any qualified elector to register or re-register to vote in the upcoming election. A person, who has moved, changed his or her name or wishes to change political party preference, must re-register by this date. A properly executed registration shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the form by the Merced County Elections Office if any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the Merced County Elections Office.</li> <li>• The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. §1973gg) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.</li> <li>• The affidavit is delivered to the Merced County Elections Office by means other than those described in paragraphs (2) and (3) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">EC § 2102, 2107, 2115, 2116 &amp; 2152</a></p>
<p><b>May 24, 2016</b> E-14</p>	<p><b>Write-In Candidate Filing - Deadline</b> Last day to file Statement of Write-in Candidacy and nomination documents by 5 p.m. <a href="#">EC § 8601</a></p>
<p><b>May 24, 2016</b> <b>May 31, 2016</b> E-14 to E-7</p>	<p><b>New Residents</b> Registrations for new residents and citizens shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and end on the 7th day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the Merced County Elections Office, and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. The new resident is eligible to vote for President and Vice-President and no other office. <a href="#">EC § 332 &amp; 3400</a></p>
<p><b>May 24, 2016</b> <b>June 7, 2016</b> E-14 to E-0</p>	<p><b>New Citizens</b> A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the Merced County Elections Office with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot. <a href="#">EC § 331, 3500 &amp; 3501</a></p>
<p><b>May 25, 2016</b> E-13</p>	<p><b>Notice of Central Counting Place</b> Last day for the county elections official to submit a notice for legal publication specifying the public place to be used to tally votes when ballots are to be counted in a central counting place. The notice shall be published one time, no later than 10 days before the election. <a href="#">EC §12109</a></p>
<p><b>May 26, 2016</b> E-12</p>	<p><b>Notice of Polling Places</b> Last day for the county elections official to submit a notice for legal publication the list of polling places designated for each election precinct. The notice shall be published one time, no later than 7 days before the election. <a href="#">EC § 12105</a></p>
<p><b>May 26, 2016</b> E-12</p>	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure – Second Pre-Election Reporting</b> Last day for candidates and committees to file campaign disclosure statements covering the period 4/24/16 – 5/21/16. <a href="#">GC § 84200.5 &amp; 84200.7</a></p>

<p><b>May 26, 2016</b> E-12</p>	<p><b>Processing Vote By Mail Ballots</b> First day the Merced County Elections Office may begin to process (open, prepare and tabulate) vote by mail ballots for the upcoming election. No results of ballot tabulation may be released until the polls close on election day. <a href="#">EC § 15101</a></p>
<p><b>May 30, 2016</b> E-8</p>	<p><b>County Holiday (Memorial Day) – Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>May 31, 2016</b> E-7</p>	<p><b>Report of Registration – 15-Day County Reporting</b> On or before this day, each county elections official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a detailed summary of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and each political subdivision as of the 15th day (May 31st). <a href="#">EC § 2187(a)(c)(d)(3)</a></p>
<p><b>June 1, 2016</b> <b>June 7, 2016</b> E-6 to E-0</p>	<p><b>Vote by Mail Ballots – Late Conditions</b> On or between these dates, any voter may apply in person to obtain a vote by mail ballot from the Merced County Elections Office. Voters unable to request a ballot in person may designate, in writing, any person as an authorized representative to obtain and return the vote by mail ballot on their behalf. <a href="#">EC § 3021</a></p>
<p><b>June 7, 2016</b> <b>June 10, 2016</b> E-0 to E+3</p>	<p><b>Vote by Mail Ballots Returned</b> Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked on or before June 7th. Merced County Elections Office must receive the postmarked vote by mail ballot by June 10th. <a href="#">EC § 3017 &amp; 3020</a></p>
<p><b>June 7, 2016</b> E-0</p>	<p><b>Election Day</b> Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Ballot tabulation will begin immediately after 8 p.m. and run continuously until all ballots are tabulated and results are posted online at <a href="http://www.MercedElections.org">www.MercedElections.org</a> and also submitted to the Secretary of State. <a href="#">EC § 14212 &amp; 15150</a></p>
<p><b>June 9, 2016</b> E+2</p>	<p><b>Official Canvass</b> The county elections official will begin the tasks of the official canvass. <a href="#">EC § 335.5, 15301, 15302 &amp; 15360</a></p>
<p><b>July 4, 2016</b> E+27</p>	<p><b>County Holiday (Independence Day) – Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>July 5, 2016</b> E+28</p>	<p><b>Completion of Official Canvass &amp; Certify Results</b> No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the official canvass, certify the results, and submit it to the Board of Supervisors and to each jurisdiction that consolidated their election on the primary ballot. <a href="#">EC § 15372 &amp; 15400</a></p>
<p><b>July 8, 2016</b> E+31</p>	<p><b>Statement of Vote to Secretary of State</b> No later than this date, the county elections official shall send, by registered mail, one complete copy of the Statement of Votes Cast to the Secretary of State. <a href="#">EC § 15375</a></p>
<p><b>July 11, 2016</b> E+34</p>	<p><b>Certificate of Election</b> Approximately on this date, the elections official shall prepare and deliver to each person elected or nominated a certificate of election or nomination signed by the elections official. <a href="#">EC § 15401</a></p>

<p><b>August 1, 2016</b> <b>E+54</b></p>	<p><b>Campaign Disclosure – Semi-Annual Reporting</b> Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements, if required, by all candidates and committees for the period ending June 30, 2016. GC § 84200 &amp; 84218</p>
<p><b>Within 30 Days of Assuming Office</b></p>	<p><b>Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) – All Newly Elected Officials</b> All newly elected officials must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) within 30 days of assuming office. GC § 87200 et seq.</p>