

June 2, 2026 Quick Reference Calendar for Statewide Direct Primary Election Candidates

What is it?	Where is it available?	When is it available?	When is it due?	How much/many?	Why?
Petition In-Lieu of Filing Fee Form (PIL)	Registrar of Voters (ROV) Elections Office	12/19/2025	2/04/2026	• Judicial Offices - no PILs can be filed after the Declaration of Intention is filed	• Optional to run for offices with a filing fee • Signers must live in the same district • May be applied to Nomination Petitions requirements
Judicial Offices: • Declaration of Intention (DOI) • Declaration of Qualifications for Office (DOQ)* • Candidate Filing Fee	ROV Elections Office	1/26/2026	2/04/2026	• Must be filed together with the Declaration of Intention * Declaration of Qualifications for Office may be filed at the time optional PILs are pulled	• Mandatory to run for judicial office • To declare that you meet the eligibility requirements and submit with your supporting documents, if required • \$2,447.27, which is 1% of the annual salary of the office on 12/19/2025 • Filing Fee may be offset by submission of Petition In-Lieu of Filing Fee Forms
Non-Judicial Offices: • Declaration of Qualifications for Office (DOQ)* • Candidate Filing Fee	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026	* Declaration of Qualifications for Office may be filed at the time optional PILs are pulled	• To declare that you meet the eligibility requirements and submit with your supporting documents, if required • Filing Fee is 1% of the annual salary of the office on 12/19/2025 • Filing Fee may be offset by submission of Petition In-Lieu of Filing Fee Forms
Candidate Guide	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	N/A - reference		Includes important candidate and campaign information
Nomination Petitions	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026	County offices: • 20 valid signatures • Maximum 40 signatures can be filed	• Signature requirement (not fewer than nor more than) to run for statewide (65-100), congressional (40-60), state assembly (40-60), and county office (20-40) • Signers must live in the same district as the office
Declaration of Candidacy (DOC)	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026		Mandatory to run for office
Character-Based Name Form	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026		Required, even if you do not have a character-based name
Ballot Designation Worksheet (BDW)	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026 or When you file your Declaration of Candidacy or if the ROV requests a new one	Optional	• Required only if you want a ballot designation to appear under your name on the ballot • Ballot designation must be approved
Candidate Statement Form and Guidelines for County Voter Information Guide	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026	Maximum number of words are determined by the district: • Congressional & State Assembly Offices: 250 words • Countywide Offices: 400 words	Completed and Check either • If you <u>want</u> a Candidate Statement printed in the County Voter Information Guide • If you <u>do not</u> want a Candidate Statement printed in the County Voter Information Guide Printed and Word versions of the candidate statement or the submitted Candidate Statement form with the statement are required.
Code of Fair Campaign Practices (CFCP)	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026	Optional	Voluntary to follow
Statement of Withdrawal	ROV Elections Office	2/09/2026	3/06/2026	Optional	Must be filed before the end of the nomination period or extension
Statement of Responsibility for Temporary Political Signs	CA Department of Transportation (DOT)	Any time	Due to DOT before placing temporary political signs		• Required if you are placing temporary political signs • Signs may not go up until 90 days before Election Day (3/04/2026) • Signs must be removed by 10 days after Election Day (6/12/2026)
Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests	ROV Elections Office or State: SOS & ROV copy	Any time	3/06/2026		Mandatory to run for office and copy to ROV
Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement	ROV Elections Office or for State: SOS and ROV copy	Any time	3/06/2026 or due PRIOR to accepting or spending any money for campaign		• Required <u>before</u> you raise or spend money toward your campaign • Congressional and State candidates who accept the voluntary expenditure limit may purchase space for a candidate statement in a state or county voter information guide.
Form 497 – Candidate Intention Statement	ROV Elections Office or for State: SOS and ROV copy	3/4/2026	6/02/2026 or within 24 hours of making or receiving contributions that total in the aggregate \$1,000 or more	File campaign finance committee statements following the FPPC Filing Schedule for the election	Must be filed in the 90 days before or on the date of an election
Form 470 – Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement	ROV Elections Office or for State: SOS and ROV copy	Any time	4/23/2026 or when you file your Declaration of Candidacy (recommended)	File campaign finance committee statements following the FPPC Filing Schedule for the election	Notification that you do not anticipate exceeding \$2,000 in contributions or expenditures in the 2026 calendar year
Form 410 – Statement of Organization Recipient Committee	Secretary of State Political Reform Division (SOS PRD) and ROV Elections Office	Any time	• Must be filed within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. • Can be filed earlier and marked the "not yet qualified" box.		To open a campaign finance recipient committee • Original with wet or digital signature to SOS PRD with \$50 annual payment made payable to Secretary of State • Also file a copy to Registrar of Voters
Form 460 – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement	ROV Elections Office or for State: SOS and ROV copy	Any time	• Must be filed when you spend or receive \$2,000.	File campaign finance committee statements following the FPPC Filing Schedule for the election	• 1st Pre-election Statement due 4/23/2026 (for filing period 1/01/2026 - 4/18/2026) • 2nd Pre-election Statement due 5/21/2026 (for filing period 4/19/2026 - 5/16/2026) • Semi-annual Statement due 7/31/2026 (for filing period 5/17/2026 - 6/30/2026)