DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES

July 15 - August 9	Nomination Period (EC § 10220) Between these dates (during normal business hours), a candidate may obtain nomination materials and file complete nominations with the City Clerk.
August 9 - August 14	Extended Nomination Period (EC § 10225) If an incumbent fails to file nomination papers by August 9, 2024, the nomination period for the applicable district will be automatically extended an additional five (5) days.
August 7 through November 5	Filing Period for 24-Hour Contribution Reports (GC § 82036) The Form 497 is due within 24 hours of making or receiving contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more. Statements must be sent by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight, fax, or email.
August 9	Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy (EC § 10224)
August 12	Last Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement (EC § 13307 & 13311) Last day to withdraw candidate statements. Request to withdraw candidate statements must be made in writing and submitted by 5:00 p.m. Candidate statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.
August 10 through August 19	Election Material Available (Public Exam Period) (EC § 13313) During this period Candidate Statements are available for public inspection.
August 22	Insufficient Nominees – Action by Governing Body (EC § 10229) Legislative body to take action on whether to appoint or hold an election during this time frame if there are insufficient nominees.
August 15	Drawing of Randomized Alphabet (EC § 13112) The Secretary of State will conduct a drawing of the alphabet for determining the order of candidates' names on the ballot.
September 9 through October 22	First Day Forms will be Available for Write-In Candidacy (EC § 8600 et seq.) Any qualified person wishing to file as a write-in candidate may pick up nomination papers beginning this date. Papers must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 14 days prior to Election Day.
September 22 through September 26	Filing Deadline for First Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement (GC § 84200.5 & 84200.8) Covers the period of July 1 through September 21, 2024. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first-class mail.

October 07	First Day for Mailing Permanent Vote by Mail Ballots.
October 20 through October 24	Filing Period for Second Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement (GC § 84200.5 & 84200.8) Covers the period of September 21 through October 19, 2024. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first-class mail.
November 5	Election Day The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. Voted ballots must be received by the election's official no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day and received no later than three days after the election to be counted. (EC § 3020 & 4103)
December 5	Declare Candidates Elected and Install Officers (EC § 10262, 10263, & 15372) Upon receipt of certified results from the Registrar of Voters, the governing body shall meet at its usual place of meeting no later than the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the certification of the election to declare and install newly elected officers.
January 1 through January 31	Filing Period for Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement (GC § 84200) Covers the period of October 19 through December 31, 2024. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first-class mail.