



# County of Fresno

COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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## ATTENTION CANDIDATES

November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election  
Candidate Filing Period: July 13, 2020 to August 7, 2020

In light of COVID-19 and the challenge to maintain the 6ft. social distancing requirements, and to maintain health and safety for our employees and candidates, we have made modifications to our candidate filing process for the November election. We understand that this is an exciting time for you and our goal is to provide you with a safe and satisfactory experience. A Virtual Candidate Filing Seminar will be held on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Contact our office at [clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov) to request an invite. To stay well informed, we recommend that you visit our website periodically at [www.votefresnocounty.com](http://www.votefresnocounty.com).

Please see candidate filing guidelines below:

**Candidates wishing to run for a City Office** (including incumbents) – Shall file their candidate filing documents directly with the City Clerk. Please contact the City Clerk for instructions on candidate filing procedures.

**Candidates wishing to run for a Special District Office** (including incumbents) – Shall file their candidate filing documents directly with the District Secretary. Please contact the District Secretary for instructions on candidate filing procedures.

### All other Candidates, file directly with the County Clerk's Office

Candidates who file directly with the County Clerk's office are encouraged to file their candidacy forms by appointment. **For the safety of all, masks will be required.** However, you may authorize someone else to pick up documents by appointment on your behalf; please complete Letter of Authorization Form.

1. To initiate the process, download and complete the Candidate Application and email it to [clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov); or fax it to (559) 488-3279.
2. An election official will prepare and return the following forms to you via email during the filing period. Candidate should review, complete, and sign prior to appointment.
  - a) Ballot Designation Worksheet
  - b) Candidate Statement of Qualifications (optional)
  - c) Permission to Post
  - d) Code of Fair Campaign Practices
  - e) Statement of Responsibility for Caltrans

Note: An election official is available to assist you with this process if needed, via a web conference. A web camera is required for this option. Please contact our office at [clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov).

3. Schedule your appointment with the County Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., via our website at [www.votefresnocounty.com](http://www.votefresnocounty.com), by email at [clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov); or call (559) 600-VOTE (8683). Please allow 30-45 minutes to complete the process. *Candidates without an appointment or who have missed their appointment will be seen on a walk-in basis, (**masks are required**) and in the order of arrival. To prevent overcrowding in the office, walk-in customers may be asked to wait in their vehicle until called by an election official.*

**NOTE:** Candidates may submit their completed documents electronically to [clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov) at any time during the filing period so that we may begin the review and verification process. However, candidates are responsible for returning all properly executed documents, with wet signatures, to the County Clerk's Office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2020**. A candidate is not considered a "Qualified Candidate" until all documents with a wet signature are returned to an election official.

**For additional information, contact our office at (559) 600-VOTE (8683)**