

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR CANDIDATES



LOS ANGELES CITY ELECTIONS

2017

PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION*
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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ELECTION CALENDAR – 2016-2017

OCTOBER 8, 2016, SATURDAY

Residence deadline.

NOVEMBER 7, 2016, MONDAY

First day to file Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate; Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, and City Council also file Statement of Economic Interests.

NOVEMBER 12, 2016, SATURDAY (until noon)

Last day to file Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate or to withdraw said declaration. First day to obtain Nominating Petitions. First day to file Nominating Petitions.

DECEMBER 7, 2016, WEDNESDAY

Last day to obtain Nominating Petitions. Last day to file Nominating Petitions and/or Supplemental Petitions.

DECEMBER 12, 2016, MONDAY

Last day to withdraw candidacy.

DECEMBER 15, 2016, WEDNESDAY

Secretary of State Random Alphabet Drawing to determine candidate order on the ballot.

FEBRUARY 6, 2017, MONDAY

First day to apply for and vote a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for Primary Nominating Election.

*FEBRUARY 21, 2017, TUESDAY**

Last day to register to vote in Primary Nominating Election.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017, TUESDAY

Last day to apply by mail for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for Primary Nominating Election.

MARCH 7, 2017, TUESDAY

PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

APRIL 4, 2017, TUESDAY

Last day for official canvass and certification of results for Primary Nominating Election.

APRIL 17, 2017, MONDAY

First day to apply for and vote a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for General Municipal Election.

MAY 1, 2017, MONDAY

Last day to register to vote in General Municipal Election.

MAY 9, 2017, TUESDAY

Last day to apply by mail for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for General Municipal Election.

*Last day to register due to February 20, 2017 holiday.

MAY 15, 2017, MONDAY

Last day to vote a Vote-By-Mail Ballot in person at the City Clerk's Election Division Office for General Municipal Election.

MAY 16, 2017, TUESDAY

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

JUNE 13, 2017, TUESDAY

Last day for official canvass and certification of results for General Municipal Election.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The first official step in running for office is to complete a Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate form, which is furnished by the City Clerk. This is done in the City Clerk's Election Division on the following dates:

FILING DATES: First Day - *Mon., November 7, 2016*
[Charter Section 421(a)] Last Day - *Sat., November 12, 2016*

The office will be open on Veteran's Day,
Friday, November 11, 2016.

(Closes at noon on Sat., November 12th)

WITHDRAWING DECLARATION OF INTENTION

You may withdraw your Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate no later than *Saturday, November 12, 2016* [Charter Section 421(b)].

NOMINATING PETITIONS

The second official step in running for office is to obtain and file a Nominating Petition. Petitions are issued only to you or your representative. The representative must have your written and signed request.

ISSUE AND FILING DATES: First Day – *Sat., November 12, 2016*
Last Day – *Wed., December 7, 2016*
[Charter Section 422(b)] (Closes at noon on Sat., November 12th)

Note: The office will be closed on Thanksgiving holidays, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2016.

WITHDRAWING NOMINATION

You may withdraw your nomination no later than *Monday, December 12, 2016* [Charter Section 423].

SIGNATURES AND FILING FEE - ALL OFFICES: Pursuant to Charter Section 422(a), each candidate shall do one of the following:

1. Pay a filing fee in the amount of \$300 and file with the City Clerk a petition for nomination on the form prepared by the City Clerk, bearing the signatures of no less than 500 and no more than 1,000 petitioners (500 signatures must be valid);

or

2. File a petition for nomination on the form prepared by the City Clerk, bearing the signatures of no less than 1,000 and no more than 2,000 petitioners (1,000 signatures must be valid).

*****FILING FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE*****

VALID SIGNATURES - WHERE OBTAINED:

MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY and CITY CONTROLLER – from qualified, registered voters within the City of Los Angeles [Charter Section 422(a)];

MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL – from qualified, registered voters of the Council District in which you are running [Charter Section 422(a)];

MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – from qualified, registered voters of the Board of Education District in which you are running [Charter Section 422(a)];

MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – from qualified, registered voters within the Los Angeles Community College District [Education Code Section 5223].

FILING PETITIONS: Nominating Petitions must be filed at the City Clerk's Election Division office beginning Saturday, November 12* through Wednesday, December 7, 2016, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All sections of your petition must be filed at the same time [Election Code Sections 111(b) and 310(a)].

*Open 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, November 12, 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL PETITIONS: If the Petition is found to be insufficient prior to the deadline for filing Petitions, you may file a Supplemental Petition. These Petitions must be obtained from the City Clerk's Election Division. No Supplemental Petitions are accepted for filing after the last day specified for filing Petitions – Wednesday, December 7, 2016 [Charter Section 422(c) and Election Code Section 310(j)].

All forms mentioned above shall be obtained from and are to be filed with:

Office of the City Clerk
Election Division
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 978-0444, (888) 873-1000
TTY: 3-1-1 for LA Residents or (213) 485-2121
clerk.lacity.org/elections

OFFICES TO BE FILLED MAYOR

INCUMBENT: Eric Garcetti

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$249,096.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least October 8, 2016 [Charter Section 407(a)].

CITY ATTORNEY

INCUMBENT: Mike Feuer

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$229,934.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be qualified to practice in all the courts of the state, and must have been so qualified for at least 5 years immediately preceding his or her election [Charter Section 270]. Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least October 8, 2016 [Charter Section 407(a)].

CITY CONTROLLER

INCUMBENT: Ron Galperin

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$210,773.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least October 8, 2016 [Charter Section 407(a)].

¹Salary as of July 1, 2016

*Onetime adjustment to align terms with new election dates in 2022 in accordance with Charter Amendments 1 and 2 passed on March 3, 2015.

**MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES
CITY COUNCIL**

<u>District</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
1	Gilbert Cedillo
3	Bob Blumenfield
5	Paul Koretz
7	Vacant
9	Curren D. Price, Jr.
11	Mike Bonin
13	Mitch O'Farrell
15	Joe Buscaino

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Charter Section 205]. 3 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$191,612.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the Council District at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the Council District since at least October 8, 2016 [Charter Section 407(a)].

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<u>District</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
2	Mónica Garcia
4	Steve Zimmer
6	Monica Ratliff

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Charter Section 802(g) and Education Code Section 5224]. 3 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$2,000 per month for each member who actually attends all meetings held [Education Code Section 35120(a)(1)].

OR

For a Board Member who devotes his or her entire time to the duties of serving as a member of the Board of Education for the LAUSD and who accepts no compensation, fee or honorarium from outside employment, shall be paid a full time salary of \$45,637.²

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the School District at the time of nomination and election, and resident since at least October 8, 2016 [Charter Sections 407(a) and 803].

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
2	Mike Eng
4	Ernest Henry Moreno
6	Nancy Pearlman

TERM OF OFFICE*: 5 ½ years, commencing July 1, 2017 [Board of Trustees Resolution dated August 10, 2016].

No term limits.

SALARY: \$2,000 per month for each member who actually attends all meetings held [Education Code Section 35120(a)(1)].

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter and resident of the Los Angeles Community College District. [Education Code Section 72103].

¹Salary as of July 1, 2016

*One-time adjustment to align terms with new election dates in 2022 in accordance with Charter Amendments 1 and 2 passed on March 3, 2015.

²Salary as of June 20, 2012

*Onetime adjustment to align terms with new election dates in 2022 in accordance with Charter Amendments 1 and 2 passed on March 3, 2015.

OCCUPATIONAL DESIGNATION ON BALLOT

Candidates for office, other than the incumbent, may have printed on the ballot their principal professions, vocations, or occupations in **not more than three words**. No proper name, other than a geographic place, may be used as part of the designation. Incumbents shall have printed on the ballot, at their option, the word “Incumbent” or the words designating their elective office [Election Code Section 306].

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

The Political Reform Act of 1974 is a State of California statute that requires all candidates and committees supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures to disclose their contributions and expenditures.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District Candidates

The Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County serves as the filing officer for all campaign disclosure filings for the Board of Trustees candidates.

For Campaign Disclosure Requirements contact the Registrar-Recorder:

**Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County
Campaign Finance Disclosure Section
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2003
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 462-2339
lavote.net**

FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Each candidate shall file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City Ethics Commission which itemizes investments and interest in real property held by the candidate on the date of declaration of candidacy, and sources of income received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing.

If you have any questions regarding Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests filing requirements, please contact the City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, City Council and Board of Education Candidates and City Ballot Measure Committees

Candidates and committees are required to disclose financial information to the public by filing Statements of Economic Interests (state Form 700), Recipient Committee Campaign Statements (state Form 460), and other forms. These forms must be filed with the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

Candidates and committees are also subject to other campaign finance laws, such as requirements regarding political communications. City candidates may also elect to participate in the public matching funds program.

More information regarding the campaign finance laws is available in the candidate guide that is available on the Ethics Commission’s website. Please contact the Ethics Commission for additional guidance.

**Los Angeles City Ethics Commission
200 N. Spring Street, Room 2410
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 978-1960
Fax: (213) 978-1988
ethics.lacity.org**

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