This timeline references time periods based on Primary Nominating Election dates and includes major event deadlines. Dates are expressed as the number of months/days prior to the Primary Nominating Election.

- A more detailed calendar, which includes dates specific to the next election for these offices, is provided at the time of filing your candidacy.
- If any candidate receives a majority of the total votes cast in the Primary Election, he/she is declared the winner. If not, the top two vote-getters in a race move to the General Election.
Yes, if you...
- Are a United States citizen, AND
- Are at least 18 years of age at the time of election, AND
- Are a registered voter of the City of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Unified School District at the time of election

For City Attorney, additional requirements apply.

**WHAT ARE MY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS?**

At least 30 days prior to the first day to file for candidacy, you must:
- Reside in the City of Los Angeles if running for Mayor, City Attorney, or City Controller
- Reside within the applicable Council District if running for Council Member
- Reside within the applicable LA Unified School District if running for School Board Member

**HOW MANY ELECTED TERMS CAN I SERVE?**

Up to two elected terms of four years each for:
- Mayor
- City Attorney
- City Controller

Up to three elected terms of four years each for:
- City Council Member
- LAUSD Board Member

**WHEN ARE THESE ELECTIONS HELD?**

Primary Nominating and General Municipal Elections for the City will be **consolidated with California State elections**, conducted in March* (Primary) and November (General) of even-numbered years (ex.: 2020, 2022, 2024, etc.)

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**TO BECOME A CANDIDATE YOU MUST ...**

- File fundraising paperwork with the City Ethics's Commission
- Officially declare your intention to become a candidate by filing Declaration of Intention paperwork, in person, at the City Clerk – Election Division's office
- File Nominating Petition with the City Clerk containing a sufficient number of valid signatures from eligible voters

The City of Los Angeles’ **Ethics Commission** requires you to:
- File campaign disclosure statements
- Attend Ethics Commission Campaign finance training
- Disclose your financial interests

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

Filing your Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate is the fastest, easiest part of the process. Gathering signatures on your Nominating Petitions requires significant time, effort, and attention to detail.

The more you know about what you need to do, the better your chances at success. To help you succeed, the City Clerk’s Election Division is committed to providing tools to help you by:
- Offering on-site seminars
- Conducting on-site petition training workshops
- Referring you to sources for voter information

**HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

For the **City Clerk’s Election Division**: Call (213) 9780444- or visit our website at clerk.lacity.org/elections

For the **Ethics Commission**: Call (213) 9781960- or visit their website at ethics.lacity.org

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"As a result of Charter Amendments 1 and 2 approved by the voters in 2015, the City’s municipal elections will now be held in even-numbered years and consolidated with California State elections conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/City Clerk. The City expects to hold its primaries in March (pending approval of a Charter Amendment this fall to realign City election dates with State dates) and general elections in November of even-numbered years."