

Thinking about running for a local office?

Did you know that decisions that affect your community are made daily by appointees and uncontested officeholders because too few people file for office?

Running for office is one of the best ways to get involved and give back to your community.

Here's some information to help you decide!

More Information

DISTRICTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

For more information on Districts and Elected Officials, visit our website at:

www.elections.saccounty.net/CampaignServices/Pages/default.aspx



RUNNING FOR A COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICE

For more information on running for a county or local office:

Contact our office at (916) 875-6276

RUNNING FOR A STATE OFFICE

For more information on running for a state office visit the Secretary of State's website at:

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/



Your Guide to Running for Office in Sacramento County

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Voter Registration and Elections
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Visit us at www.elections.saccounty.net

Call Toll Free (800) 762-8019

What offices can I run for?

Prior to each election cycle, our office will post on our website the positions that are up for election. This is your opportunity to review which office you are interested in running for. Jurisdictions include:



SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Recreation and Park
Fire Protection
Flood Control
Water/Irrigation
Community Services
Resource Conservation
Municipal Utility



COUNTY OFFICES

Assessor
Sheriff
Board of Supervisors
District Attorney



EDUCATION DISTRICTS

Sacramento County Board of Education
Community College Districts
School Districts

What are some of the Qualifications?

- United States Citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- A registered voter living within the district in which they wish to represent at the time of appointment

Candidate Nomination Period

- The nomination period is when candidates can obtain the necessary paperwork to officially run for an office. Candidates must obtain and complete official nomination documents that are issued at our office. The nomination period is between 113 days to 88 days prior to the election.
- Candidates interested in running for city offices can contact their city clerk's office for information on obtaining nomination documents.

Does it cost to obtain paperwork for filing for office?

Some but not all offices will require a filing fee in order to run for office.

- Schools and Special Districts will not require a filing fee
- County and State offices will have a filing fee associated with the process of obtaining the proper paperwork

*For more information contact our office.

What paperwork will I need to complete?

Some of your paperwork may include:

- **Nomination Petitions:** For offices that require signatures
- **Declaration of Candidacy:** An official form which states that you are running for an office
- **Ballot Designation Worksheet:** A form which justifies your title on the ballot
- **Candidate Statement (optional):** Statement of Qualifications
- **Campaign Disclosure Statements:** Contributions and Expenditure reports filed by a candidate

What resources will the Elections Office provide?

In addition to the list of positions up for election, our office will also provide the following items on our website:

- Candidates Guide
- Election Calendars
- Candidate Report
- Fillable Nomination Forms