

ABBREVIATED ELECTION CALENDAR FOR CITIES
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

THIS CALENDAR IS INTENDED AS A SHORT LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES FOR CANDIDATE FILING. CANDIDATES SHOULD OBTAIN A CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR FROM THE CITY CLERK. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO MEET ALL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES, REQUIREMENTS AND FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION FILING REQUIREMENTS. The contents of this calendar are not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel. Information contained herein does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule and is not a substitute for legal counsel and reader assumes all responsibility for its use.

2026	
June 29 – July 13	Cities publish Notice of Election and give copy to County Election Official EC 12101
July 13 – August 7 E-113 – E-88	CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD Between these dates, all candidates, including incumbents running for reelection, for Elected City Offices, obtain and file the following with the City Clerk: Nomination Signature Petitions and related candidate filing forms: Not fewer than 20 nor more than 30 petition signatures Statement of Economic Interests (form 700) Candidate's statement of qualifications filing Optional candidate statement (200 words or less), to be submitted and paid for at time of filing. EC 13307
July 23- August 7 E-103 – E-88	Initiative Measure Filing Period Between these dates the governing body of a City may call a special election for the purpose of submitting and initiative measure to the voters before the date on which the initiative measure would appear on the ballot pursuant to EC 1405 (a).
August 4 th E-91	Cities post or publish public notice a list of offices to be filled, whether the city elections official has furnished nomination papers to the incumbent for each office, the location nomination papers may be obtained, whether, due to redistricting, there is no eligible incumbent for an open office, the location, dates and hours of operation of the office where completed nomination papers may be filed. EC 10224.5
August 7 th E-88	Last day to submit City Resolution calling Election, listing elective offices to be filled, requesting consolidation, requesting County election services, and setting forth any measures. EC 10403(a)(1)
August 8 - 12 E-87 – E-83	EXTENDED CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD - IF INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE Open to persons other than the incumbent.
August 8 - 17 E-87 – E-78	10 DAY CANDIDATE STATEMENT PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD - Persons may view candidate's statements or purchase copies at the elections office. Voters or the elections official may seek a writ of mandate requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted.
August 13 at 11a.m. E-82	RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING Determines order of candidate names on the ballot.

August 14 E-81	Last day for cities to file the names of the candidates to appear upon the ballot where city offices are to be filled with the county elections official.
August 13 - 24 E-82 – E73	EXTENDED 10 DAY CANDIDATE STATEMENT PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD, IF APPLICABLE
September 7 – October 20 E-57 – E-14	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD - Write-in candidates for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office must file their Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official.
October 5 E-29	VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS TO BE MAILED NO LATER THAN THIS DATE
October 19 E-15	15 - DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
October 27 th E-7	Cities publish a list of the names of the nominees, in the order they appear on the ballot, and the respective offices for which they have been nominated. EC 12110
November 3	ELECTION DAY
November 5 E+2	OFFICIAL CANVASS - The official canvass begins.
November 10 E+7	DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MAILED, VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - Mailed ballots delivered through (bona fide mail service) postmarked before election day, or by the close of polls on election day and received up to 7 days after the election may be counted
December 3 E+30	OFFICIAL CANVASS COMPLETED - Certified statement of election results completed and submitted to the Board of Supervisors no later than this date.

Elections Office Closed - Holidays Observed

June 19 th	Juneteenth
July 2	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day & Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

See full administrative calendar for more dates and details. For more information contact the Colusa County Clerk-Recorder Registrar of Voters Office located at 546 Jay Street, Suite 200, Colusa or call 458-0500. Additional information available online at www.countyofcolusa.org/elections.