

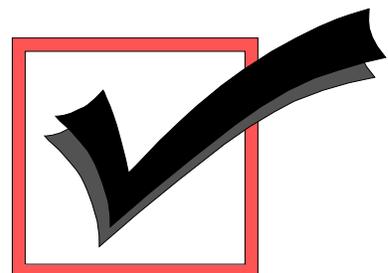


**COUNTY**  
**of**  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**JUNE 7, 2016**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET**  
**County Central Committees &**  
**County Councils**

**VOTE**



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# SETTING APPOINTMENTS

## **\*\*ATTENTION CANDIDATES\*\***

In an effort to make candidate filing more efficient, the County Clerk-Recorder's office will be setting up appointments for candidates to take out and file nomination documents.

Please contact our office at 805-781-5228 to set up your appointment during the nomination period. At that time we will ask you the following questions regarding your candidacy, which will allow us to have most of your paperwork completed when you arrive:

Name as Registered

Name to Appear on Ballot- see page 10

Residence Address

Mailing Address

Confidential Phone #

Daytime Phone #

Evening Phone #

Fax #

Email Address

Ballot Designation- see pages 10- 15 for information

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## JUNE 7, 2016 CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES FOR CANDIDATES

| <u>DATE</u>                | <u>EVENT</u>  |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>January 2* – Mar 11</b> | Nomination Period. Incumbents must file by March 11 at 5:00 PM. (EC 8020(b)) <b>Please call the Elections Division at 781-5228 to make an appointment to take out papers. E-158 to E-88.</b>  |
| <b>February 1</b>          | Semi Annual Campaign Statement Filing Deadline covering filing period 7/1/15 thru 12/31/15. (Gov Code 48200, 84218)   |
| <b>April 11- May 24</b>    | Write-In Candidate filing period (EC8601) <b>E-57 to E-14.</b>  |
| <b>April 28</b>            | Pre-Election Campaign Statement Filing Deadline covering filing period 1/1/16 thru 4/23/16. (Gov Code 84200.5, 84200.7(a))  |
| <b>May 9</b>               | 29 Day Close of Registration – First day Vote by Mail Ballots are available – Last day to register to vote in order to receive a Sample Ballot & State Ballot Pamphlet. (EC 3001, 3003) <b>E-29</b>                                   |
| <b>May 23</b>              | 15 Day Close of Registration – Voters registering between May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 23 <sup>rd</sup> will receive notification of their polling place, but will not receive any other voter information. (EC 2102, 2107) <b>E-15</b> |
| <b>May 26</b>              | Pre-Election Campaign Statement Filing Deadline covering filing period 4/24/16 thru 5/21/16. (Gov Code 84200.5, 84200.7(a))   |
| <b>May 31</b>              | Last Day for Vote-By-Mail ballot to be MAILED to a voter. (EC3001) <b>E-7</b>   |
| <b>June 7, 2016</b>        | Election Day  |
| <b>July 7</b>              | Complete Official Canvass <b>E+30</b>   |
| <b>August 1*</b>           | Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Filing Deadline covering period 1/1/16 thru 6/30/16 OR 5/22/16 thru 6/30/15. (GC 84200, 84218)   |

\* If a filing deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, it is moved to the next business day.

**\*CENTRAL COMMITTEE & COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED  
AT THE JUNE 7, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS** - Elections Code §201,7209,7407,7654,8001,8068,8101

1. The candidate must be registered with the party whose nomination he/she seeks for not less than three months prior to the time the declaration of candidacy is completed, or for as long as he/she has been eligible to vote in the state. **AND**
2. The candidate has not been registered as affiliated with a qualified political party other than the party whose nomination he/she seeks within twelve months immediately prior to the filing of the declaration of candidacy.

| <b>OFFICE<br/>Total<br/>Members: 23</b> | <b>NUMBER ELECTED FROM EACH<br/>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT<br/>Elections Code §7200</b> | <b>NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO<br/>QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>                 |   | Candidates for Democratic County Central Committee must secure 20 to 40 signatures - 20 must be valid and no more than 40 may be submitted. Elections Code §8062(a3).<br><br>Signers <b>MUST</b> be registered with the candidate's party and <b>MUST</b> live in the candidate's supervisorial district. Elections Code §8068 |
| District #1                             | 3   |  |
| District #2                             | 5   |  |
| District #3                             | 5   |  |
| District #4                             | 4   |  |
| District #5                             | 4   |  |

| <b>OFFICE<br/>Total<br/>Members: 25</b>   | <b>NUMBER ELECTED FROM EACH<br/>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT<br/>Elections Code §7400</b> | <b>NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO<br/>QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b>   |   | Candidates for Republican County Central Committee must secure 20 to 40 signatures - 20 must be valid and no more than 40 may be submitted. Elections Code §8062(a3).<br><br>Signers <b>MUST</b> be registered with the candidate's party and <b>MUST</b> live in the candidate's supervisorial district. Elections Code §8068. |
| District #1   | 5   |   |
| District #2   | 5   |   |
| District #3   | 5   |   |
| District #4   | 5   |   |
| District #5   | 5   |   |
| Members of the central committee take office at the first meeting in either December or January per Elections Code §7441 (b). |   |   |

| PARTY  | NUMBER ELECTED COUNTY WIDE   | NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE |
|--|--|--|
| <b>American Independent Party Central Committee</b>  | Chooses not to have Central Committee Nominees appear on the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Ballot |  |
| <b>Green Party County Council*</b>   | 7 AT LARGE   | Not less than 20 nor more than 30              |
| <b>Libertarian Party Central Committee**</b>   | 7 AT LARGE   | Not less than 20 nor more than 30              |
| <b>Peace &amp; Freedom Party Central Committee*</b>  | 7 AT LARGE   | Not less than 20 nor more than 30              |
| * Per Elections Code §7752, 7753, 7776   |  |  |
| **Per Elections Code § 7770, no later than 135 days prior to the direct primary, county elections officials will be notified if there are elections to be held in that county. |  |  |
| ***Signers <b>MUST</b> be registered with the candidate's party and live in the county. Elections Code §8068   |  |  |

There is **NO FILING FEE** to run for a central committee or county council office. The Candidate's Statement of Qualifications is not permitted for candidates for central committee or county council office. (Elections Code §8104(a); 13307(a)(1)).

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes (up to the number of members to be elected from each district) in the June Primary will be elected to that party's County Central Committee or County Council. There is no run-off in the November General Election. (Elections Code §7200-7244; 7400-7444; 7650 -7683; 7750-7782)

# CONDITIONS FOR PRINTING THE CANDIDATE'S NAME ON THE BALLOT

**Democratic, Republican & American Independent Parties** - Elections Code §7227, 7228, 7422, 7423, 7672, and 7673

If the number of candidates nominated for election to a committee from a supervisorial district does not exceed the number to be elected from that district, the designation of the office and the names of the candidates will not be printed on the party's ballot. Candidates who file nomination papers but do not appear on the ballot will be appointed in lieu of election by the County Board of Supervisors.

If a petition is filed with the elections official no later than 20 days after the close of the nomination period (March 31, 2016) indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by 25 registered voters affiliated with that party, then the contest and the candidates shall be printed on the ballot in that supervisorial district.

**Green and Peace & Freedom Parties** - Elections Code §7772, 7772.1

In each county the name of each candidate for member of central committee shall appear on the ballot only if he/she has done either of the following:

1. Filed a nomination paper signed on the candidate's behalf by voters in the appropriate district.
2. Qualified to have his/her name printed on the Direct Primary Ballot as a candidate for the party nomination to a partisan public office.

If the number of candidates nominated for election to a committee does not exceed the number to be elected, the designation of the office and the names of the candidates will not be printed on the party's ballot. Candidates who file nomination papers but do not appear on the ballot will be appointed in lieu of election by the County Board of Supervisors.

If a petition is filed with the elections official no later than 20 days after the close of the nomination period (March 31, 2016) indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by 25 registered voters affiliated with that party, then the contest and the candidates shall be printed on the ballot.

**All Parties** - Within five days after a committee meets for its organizational meeting, the newly elected chairperson of the committee shall notify the county elections official of his/her name. Elections Code §7244, 7444, 7694, 7884

## **CAN I FILE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT THE SAME ELECTION?**

Yes, with three exceptions:

1. **Primary Elections** - Elections Code §8003(b) prohibits filing nomination papers in the direct primary for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election. This prohibition does not apply to a party central committee. (Moore vs. Panish - California Supreme Court)
2. **School District Elections** - Elections Code §10603(c)(d) prohibits a person from filing nomination papers for more than one district office, including a county board of education office, at the same election. Except, if there is a proposal to form a unified school district on the same ballot as the election of governing board members of that district, any candidate for a position on the existing governing board may also file nomination papers for a position on the governing board for the proposed district.
3. **District Offices**- Elections Code §10510(b) prohibits a person from filing nomination papers for more than one district office or term of office for the same district at the same election.

## **IF I AM ELECTED, CAN I HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME?**

This is a legal question which the County Clerk-Recorder cannot answer. The County Clerk-Recorder cannot refuse to issue nomination papers unless it is prohibited as stated in the first question above. A person's legal right to hold more than one office at the same time is governed by common law doctrine of incompatible offices. Government Code §1099 was added January 1, 2006 to codify this common law rule. This new section states: a) that an officer shall not simultaneously hold two public offices that are incompatible, as defined, and 2) when two public offices are incompatible, a public officer shall be deemed to have forfeited the first office upon acceding to the second.

There are numerous court cases and attorney general opinions which address specific situations of incompatible offices. There is a list of case cites and copies of several of the opinions in the County Clerk-Recorder's Office that you may request; however, this is not an exhaustive list of all available information and you are advised to seek legal counsel to determine the incompatibility of the offices.

## CANDIDATE FILING

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY** - Elections Code §8020, 8024, 8028, 8040, 8064, 8800, 8809

**ALL CANDIDATES** are required to execute and file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of **January 2, 2016, and March 11, 2016**, in the office of the county elections official. If the candidate is out of the county during the Declaration of Candidacy period and is not able to come into the office of the elections official, the candidate may in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a person to pick up the Declaration of Candidacy form and deliver it to the candidate. The statement shall include language explaining that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the elections official in the county of the candidate's residence no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2016**.

There is no extension for Central Committees or County Council candidates. The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2016 (88 days before the election).

No candidate who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election.

**NOMINATION PAPERS** - Elections Code §7227, 7422, 7672, 7772, 8020, 8041, 8060, 8063, 8065-8069, 8081, 8101

A candidate who declares his/her candidacy will be issued a nomination petition between the dates of January 2 and March 11, so that registered voters living within the district and affiliated with his/her party can sign his/her nomination papers. Each candidate can submit up to 40 signatures of which 20 must be valid. The nomination paper shall be delivered to the elections official by the deadline of **March 11, 2016**.

The candidate may use circulators for purposes of securing signatures to the candidate's nomination paper. Circulators shall be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. The elections official shall not accept for filing any nomination paper unless all blanks in the affidavit of circulator are completed

No more signers shall be secured on the nomination paper than the maximum number required. If, however, through miscalculation or otherwise, more signers are secured than the maximum number, the candidate shall in writing authorize the elections official to withdraw the excess number. Signers shall not sign the nomination paper for more candidates than the number of offices to be filled.

The elections official shall verify the signatures of the signers with the affidavits of registration on file in his/her office. Any signer that is registered at a different residence address than what appears on the nomination paper or with a different political party than the candidate or whose signature does not appear to be in the same handwriting as the signature on the affidavit of registration shall be marked "not sufficient". The elections official may cease to check signatures once the minimum requisite number of signatures has been verified.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Any person who requests to be a write-in candidate and have his/her name as written on the ballot of an election counted for a particular office shall file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and nomination papers with the requisite number of signatures as required for the office between the dates of **April 11, 2016, and May 24, 2016**, with the elections official, except as specified below. Elections Code §8600-8605

Write-in candidates shall file nomination papers the same as declared candidates. Signers on the nomination papers shall be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. There is no filing fee to be a write-in candidate.

**NOTE:** In contests with insufficient candidates, a petition indicating a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office must have been filed no later than 20 days after the close of the nomination period (March 31, 2016) pursuant to Elections Code § 7227, 7228, 7422, 7423, 7672, 7673, 7772, 7772.1. See page 4.

## BALLOT NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS

### **NAME ON BALLOT**

The candidate indicates on the Declaration of Candidacy how his/her name should appear on the ballot. This notation should be recognizable as the name under which the candidate is registered, though the two need not be identical. (Example: A candidate registered as “Jonathan William Smith” may use such variations as “John W. Smith”, “John Smith”, or “J. William (Bud) Smith”.)

No title or degree may appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name. Elections Code §13106.

### **RULES FOR THE ORDER OF PRINTING CANDIDATE'S NAMES ON BALLOTS**

Names of candidates shall be printed on the ballot in accordance with the following rules:

#### **Local Candidates**

- (1) If the office is to be voted upon wholly within, but not throughout, one county, as in the case of Municipal, District, County Supervisor, and County Central Committee offices, the official responsible for conducting the election shall determine the order of names in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in Elections Code §13112 and §13111(f).
- (2) If the office is to be voted on throughout a single county and there are not more than four Assembly Districts wholly or partly in the county, the County Elections Official shall determine the order of names in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in §13112 for the First Supervisorial District. Thereafter, for each succeeding Supervisorial District, the name appearing first for each office in the last preceding Supervisorial District shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged. Elections Code §13111(g).

## **RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING**

For each election, the Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet pursuant to the procedures set forth in Elections Code §13112. For the Primary election, this drawing will be conducted on March 17, 2016. The result of this drawing shall be known as the randomized alphabet and will be used to determine the order of candidates as specified above.

## **BALLOT DESIGNATION**

The ballot designation is the word or group of words that will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name, designating the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate. Acceptable ballot designations are governed by Elections Code §13107 and Secretary of State Regulations. All candidates (except candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or Court of Appeal) may choose a ballot designation to appear immediately under their name on the ballot. Elections Code §13107. Cal. Code of Regulations §20710-20719.

**BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET:** In October of 2007, Elections Code §13107.3 was added, requiring a ballot designation worksheet be completed and filed with the elections official **at the same time** that the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy. The statute mandates that no designation will appear under the candidate's name on the ballot if the candidate fails to file the required ballot designation worksheet. Elections Code §13107.3 E.C.

**The ballot designation must be chosen from one of the four categories below:**

(1) **ELECTIVE OFFICE:** Elections Code §13107 (a)(1), SOS Reg. §20712. Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which he or she was elected by vote of the people, or to which he or she was appointed, in the case of a superior court judge.

**Example 1:** An acceptable ballot designation for an assembly representative from the 33rd Assembly District would be "Member of the Assembly, 33rd District."

**Example 2:** For local offices, a candidate who is currently in office as mayor may use the designation "Mayor, City of San Luis Obispo."

**Example 3:** Proposed ballot designations indicating a position of legislative leadership or leadership in another elected body, such as "Majority Leader of the California Senate," Speaker of the California State Assembly," or City of San Luis Obispo Mayor Pro Tem are not elective offices and therefore not allowed. However, they may, subject to the three-word limit, be considered as an occupation- see (4) below.

(2) **INCUMBENT:** Elections Code §13107 (a)(2)., SOS Reg. §20713- The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people, or, in the case of a superior or municipal court judge, was appointed to that office.

- The term "incumbent" must be used as a noun. It shall not be used in conjunction with any other words, including any accompanying adjectives or modifiers. For example, "Incumbent Assemblymember, 33rd Assembly District" or "Incumbent City Councilmember" would be impermissible designations.
- Incumbent cannot be combined with any other designation and must stand alone. For example: Incumbent/Rancher is not permissible.

(3) **APPOINTED INCUMBENT:** Elections Code §13107 (a)(4)., SOS Reg. §20715- The phrase

“appointed incumbent” if the candidate holds an office other than a judicial office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word “appointed” and the title of the office, subject to the three word limit in (4). In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word “incumbent” or any words designating the office unmodified by the word “appointed.”

- If an incumbent was appointed in lieu of an election because the number of candidates did not exceed the number required to be elected at the last election for that office, the candidate is not required to use “appointed”.

(4) **3-WORD PROFESSION/OCCUPATION/VOCATION:** Elections Code §13107 (a)(3)., SOS Reg. §20714- No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, and/or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, and/or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

**DEFINITIONS** of some of the above terms as they are used in Elections Code §13107, subdivision (a)(3), are defined as follows:

**“Profession”** means a field of employment requiring special education or skill and requiring knowledge of a particular discipline. Examples of an acceptable designation of a “profession,” as defined in this subdivision, include, but are not limited to, “attorney,” “physician,” “accountant,” “architect,” and “teacher.”

**“Occupation”** means the employment in which one regularly engages or follows as the means of making a livelihood. Examples of an acceptable designation of an “occupation,” as defined in this subdivision include, but are not limited to, “rancher,” “restaurateur,” “retail salesperson,” “manual laborer,” “construction worker,” “computer manufacturing executive,” “military pilot,” “secretary,” and “police officer.”

**“Vocation”** means a trade, a religious calling, or the work upon which a person, in most but not all cases, relies for his or her livelihood and spends a major portion of his or her time. Examples of an acceptable designation of a “vocation,” as defined in this subdivision include, but are not limited to, “minister,” “priest,” “mother,” “father,” “parent”, “homemaker,” “dependent care provider,” “carpenter,” “plumber,” “electrician,” and “cabinetmaker.”

**“Principal”** as that term is used in this subdivision, means a substantial involvement of time and effort such that the activity is one of the primary, main or leading professional, vocational or occupational endeavors of the candidate. Involvement that is only nominal, pro forma, or titular in character does not meet the requirements of the statute.

- If a candidate holds a current and active license from the State of California to engage in a profession, vocation or occupation, the candidate is entitled to consider it one of his or her **“principal”** professions, vocations or occupations.

- A candidate may not claim such profession, vocation or occupation as one of his or her **“principal”** professions, vocations or occupations if (i) the candidate’s licensure status is “inactive” at the time the candidate files his or her nomination document, or (ii) the candidate’s license has been suspended or revoked by the agency issuing the license at the time the candidate files his or her nomination documents.

- A candidate may designate **multiple principal professions**, vocations and/or occupations. If more than one profession, vocation or occupation is listed, it shall be separated by a slash (“/”). **Example:** An Assembly representative who happens to be a lawyer and rancher can use the designation “Legislator/Lawyer/Rancher”.

- If a candidate proposes a ballot designation including multiple principal professions, vocations or occupations, the proposed ballot designation must comply with the following: Each such proposed profession, vocation or occupation must independently qualify as a “**principal**” profession, vocation or occupation, as that term is defined above.

“**Community Volunteer**” means a person who engages in an activity or performs a service for or on behalf of, without profiting monetarily, one of more of the following:

- 1) A charitable, educational, or religious organization as defined by the United States Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3);
- 2) A governmental agency; or
- 3) An educational institution.

The activity or service must constitute substantial involvement of the candidate’s time and effort such that the activity or service is the sole, primary, main or leading professional, vocational or occupational endeavor of the candidate, who is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation or occupation. Community Volunteer cannot be used in conjunction with any other Profession, Occupation or Vocation.

### **OTHER RULES**

- The proposed ballot designation shall be grammatically correct, generic, and all words must be spelled correctly.

- Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

- Punctuation shall be limited to the use of a comma (e.g., District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County) and a slash (e.g., Legislator/Rancher/Physician), pursuant to subdivision (e) of this section. A hyphen may be used if, and only if, the use of a hyphen is called for in the spelling of a word as it appears in a standard reference dictionary of the English language.

- All California geographical names shall be considered to be one word and shall be limited to the names of cities, counties and states. The names of special districts and political subdivisions are not “geographical names.” If the candidate desires, the geographical name may be used in the form of “City of.....” “County of.....,” or “....County.”

- An acronym shall be counted as one word.

- A ballot designation may not comprise or include commercial identification information such as a trademark, service mark, trade name, or the specific name of a business, partnership, corporation, company, foundation, or organization.

Examples of an improper use of commercial identification information include, but are not limited to, “Acme Company President,” “Smith Foundation Director,” and “UCLA Professor.”

- A candidate who does not want a ballot designation should indicate this in the space provided for ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, by writing “NONE”.

### **DESIGNATIONS NOT ACCEPTED**

Neither the Secretary of State nor any other election official shall accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:

- It would **mislead** the voter.
- It would **suggest an evaluation** of a candidate.
  - A laudatory adjective that would suggest an evaluation of the candidate’s qualifications shall not be permitted. Examples of ballot designations usually considered to suggest an evaluation of a candidate, may include but are not limited to, “outstanding”, “leading”, “expert”, “virtuous”, “eminent”, “senior,” “emeritus,” “specialist,” “magnate,” “best,” “famous,” “respected,” “honest,” and “prominent,” or words connoting a status.
- It would suggest a **Status**: A status is a state, condition, social position or legal relation of the candidate to another person, persons, or the community as a whole. Examples of a status include, but are not limited to, “veteran,” proponent,” “reformer,” “scholar,” “founder,” “philosopher,” “philanthropist,” “activist,” “taxpayer,” “husband,” “wife,” “patriot”, “citizen”, “appointee” and “advocate.”
- It abbreviates the word “**retired**” or places it following any word or words that it modifies.
  - Examples “Ret. Army General,” “Navy Admiral, Retired” and “City Attorney, Retired.” are not permissible
  - Generally, a **retired** status may be allowed if the candidate can demonstrate retirement. The following are examples of evidence supporting retired status:
    - Served in the position being requested to be listed as retired from for more than 5 years;
    - Is collecting or eligible to collect retirement benefits/pension;
    - Is 55 or more years old;
    - Left the position voluntarily after serving a minimum of 5 years;
    - If requesting the use of a retired public office designation, was not recalled from or did not fail to win that office or surrender it to run for another office in a previous election campaign;
    - Has not had another more recent occupation;
    - Retirement benefits are providing a principal source of income.
- It uses a word or prefix, such as “former” or “ex-,” which means a **prior status**. The only exception is the use of the word “retired.”
  - Examples: “Former Congressman,” “Ex-Senator,” and “Former Educator” are not permissible
- Retired cannot be used in conjunction with another principal profession, occupation or vocation.
  - Example: Retired Educator/Salesperson is not permissible.

- It uses the name of any **political party**, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
  - Example: “Democratic Party Chair”, “Republican Central Committeemember”, and “Socialist” are not permissible.
- It uses a word or words referring to a **racial, religious, or ethnic** group.
  - Examples: “Indian Sculptor,” “Latino Notary,” “African-American Firefighter,” “Christian Physician,” and “Caucasian Policeman” are not permissible.
  - If the candidate is a member of the clergy, the candidate may not make reference to his or her specific denomination. However, the candidate may use his or her clerical title as a ballot designation: for example, “Rabbi,” “Pastor,” “Minister,” “Priest,” “Bishop,” “Deacon,” “Monk,” and “Nun.”
- It refers to any activity **prohibited by law**.

### **DESIGNATION REJECTED**

If upon checking the ballot designation worksheet and accompanying nomination documents, the election official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the election official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address appearing on the candidate’s nomination documents.

**Note: It is important for the candidate to include a correct telephone number, facsimile number (if available) and mailing address on the ballot designation worksheet in order to expedite communication in the event the ballot designation is being questioned.**

1. The candidate shall, within three days from the date of receipt of the notice, appear before the election officer or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide an alternate designation.
2. In the event the candidate fails to provide an alternate designation, no designation shall appear after the candidate’s name.

### **FORMAT, CHANGES, ETC.**

1. No designation given by a candidate shall be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the election official.
2. In all cases, words shall be printed in 8-point Roman uppercase and lowercase type **except** that, if the designation selected is so long that it would conflict with the space requirements of Elections Code §13207 and §13211, the election official shall use a type size for the designation for each candidate for that office sufficiently smaller to meet these requirements.

### **BALLOT DESIGNATION BASIC TEST**

These questions will help determine if a ballot designation is acceptable:

1. Is it true?
2. Is it accurate?
3. If it is true and accurate, does it mislead?
4. Is it generic? (This means “IBM” is out, “Computer Company” is okay.)
5. Is it neutral? (This means not for or against.)
6. Is it how this person makes a living?