



Tulare County Registrar of Voters

⚠ Important Process Change: The Nomination Portal is no longer being used to file nomination paperwork. Please review the updated candidate filing process below.

FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ONLY

Candidate Nomination Filing Process — Updated for 2026

Effective for the 2026 General Election Filing Period

The Tulare County Registrar of Voters Office has updated the nomination paperwork filing process for the 2026 General Election. **Candidates will no longer use the Nomination Portal** to submit their nomination paperwork. All nomination filing is now completed in person through a two-appointment process at our office.

2026 Candidate Filing Period

NOMINATION FILING WINDOW
July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026

An extended filing deadline of **August 12, 2026** applies for non-incumbents only, if an incumbent does not file.

How to File: New Two-Appointment Process

All candidates must schedule and complete two in-person appointments during the filing period. Appointments can be scheduled on our website or by calling our office.

1

Before Your First Appointment — Download Forms

Visit our website to download and complete the following forms prior to your appointment: Candidate Application, Code of Fair Campaign Practices, Candidate Statement Form, and Ballot Designation Worksheet (Optional).

2

First Appointment — Submit Your Application

Bring your completed Candidate Application, Code of Fair Campaign Practices, Candidate Statement Form, and Ballot Designation Worksheet to your first in-person appointment. Once your Candidate Application is approved, you will receive the Nomination Petition to collect the required 20 signatures from registered voters in your district. Additionally, you will be issued your Declaration of Candidacy.

3 Collect 20 Nomination Signatures
Gather signatures from at least 20 registered voters who reside in the same district for which you are filing. We recommend that you gather 30 to 40 signatures to ensure you reach the 20 required. Some signatures may not be acceptable for several reasons.

4 File Your Form 700
File your Form 700 as a candidate through the FPPC Portal. The Registrar of Voters office will verify that your Form 700 has been filed in order for you to qualify as a candidate prior to the close of the Nomination Period.

5 Second Appointment — Complete Your Filing
Return your completed Nomination Petition for filing and signature verification. Once 20 valid signatures are confirmed, your candidate filing will be complete. If you choose to file a Candidate Statement of Qualifications, the payment is due at this time.

Candidate Filing Forms


The following forms are part of the candidate filing process:


- Candidate Application
- Nomination Petition — 20 signatures required
- Declaration of Candidacy
- Candidate Statement of Qualifications — 200 words or fewer (Optional)
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Optional)
- Ballot Designation Worksheet (Optional)
- Statement of Economic Interest — Form 700 (filed with the FPPC)
- FPPC Campaign Finance Forms (Form 501, 410, 460, or 470 — filed via e-campaign system)

Schedule an Appointment

Two appointments are required for all candidates. You may schedule your appointments online at www.tularecounty.ca.gov/elections or by calling our office at **(559) 839-2100**.

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