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CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD CLOSSES ON AUGUST 12 FOR THE NOVEMBER 8 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The filing period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 12, for local candidates and measures that will appear on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election.

Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey emphasized the fact that there is little leeway in the filing deadline. “Candidates who are running for office in this election should call the Candidate Services Division at 1-408-299-8639 or come into the office in order to review their forms and the requirements for a successful filing.”

Bushey added, “It is always best to file nomination papers as early as possible so that any incorrect or incomplete forms may be corrected before the filing deadline, which in most cases cannot be extended.”

Candidates must submit all nomination documents, signatures, and applicable fees to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’ Office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 12 (or by Wednesday, August 17, if the incumbent does not file) in order to qualify as a candidate. August 12 is also the filing deadline for local measures that will appear on the November ballot.

Except for those running for city and town offices and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, candidates may pick up and file nomination papers at the Registrar of Voters’ Office, which is located at 1555 Berger Dr. in San Jose. Candidates running for a city, town, or Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District seat must pick up and file nomination papers with the clerk for that contest.

Local offices with open seats include elementary school districts, high school districts, unified school districts, community college districts, the Santa Clara County Board of Education, and special districts including sanitary and water districts. Please note that appointment to each elective office will be made if there are no nominees, or an insufficient number of nominees, for each office and if a petition for the election, signed by ten percent (10%) of the voters or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number in the District), has not been filed by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, as provided by law.

A complete list of open seats and qualifications may be found in the Registrar of Voters’ Candidate Guide for the November 8 Election. The Candidate Guide is available at no cost and may be picked up from the Registrar of Voters’ Office or downloaded from the Registrar of Voters’ website at <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Info/Nov2016Info/Documents/E110%20Candidate%20Guide.pdf>.



For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org.

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