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CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD TO OPEN JULY 18 FOR NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

Nominations Accepted Through August 12

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The nomination period opens on Monday, July 18, for local offices participating in the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 12, and can be extended to Wednesday, August 17, for contests in which an incumbent officeholder does not file.

Candidates are encouraged to make an appointment and begin the nomination filing process as early as possible to ensure all paperwork is completed and submitted on time.

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 an 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.

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, www.sccvote.org, under the Candidates & Measures tab.

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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