

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, City Council, and Board of Education Candidates and City Ballot Measure Committees

Candidates and committees are required to disclose financial information to the public by filing a Statement of Economic Interests (State Form 700) and a Recipient Committee Campaign Statement (State Form 460), in addition to other required forms. These forms must be filed with the City Ethics Commission.

Candidates and committees are also subject to other campaign finance laws, such as requirements regarding political communications. City candidates may also elect to participate in the public matching funds program.

More information regarding the campaign finance laws is available in the candidate guide that is available on the City Ethics Commission's website. Please contact the City Ethics Commission for additional guidance.

FORM 700 - STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Each candidate shall file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City Ethics Commission, which itemizes investments, interest in real property held by the candidate on the date of declaration of candidacy, and sources of income received during the 12 months prior to the date of filing.

Please contact the City Ethics Commission regarding Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interests filing requirements.

Los Angeles City Ethics Commission
200 N. Spring Street, 24th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 978-1960
Fax: (213) 978-1988
ethics.lacity.gov

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

The Political Reform Act of 1974 is a State of California statute that requires all candidates and committees supporting or opposing such candidates and committees, or supporting or opposing ballot measures in an election, to disclose their contributions and expenditures.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES



CITY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

2026

PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Conducted by the County of Los Angeles

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ELECTION CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY 3, 2026, SATURDAY

Last day to establish residency within applicable City/District boundaries.

FEBRUARY 2, 2026, MONDAY

First day to file a Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate. First day to file a Statement of Economic Interests.

FEBRUARY 7, 2026, SATURDAY

(Open 8 AM to 12 noon)

Last day to file a Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate or to withdraw said declaration. First day to obtain Nominating Petitions. First day to file Nominating Petitions.

MARCH 4, 2026, WEDNESDAY¹

Last day to obtain and file Nominating Petitions.

MARCH 9, 2026, MONDAY

Last day to withdraw Nominating Petitions.

MARCH 12, 2026, THURSDAY

Secretary of State conducts Random Alphabet Drawing to determine the candidate order on the ballot.

MAY 18, 2026, MONDAY²

Last day to register to vote to receive a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for the Primary Nominating Election.

JUNE 2, 2026, TUESDAY

PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

Last day to vote in the Primary Nominating Election.

JULY 2, 2026, THURSDAY

Last day for the County of Los Angeles to certify results for the Primary Nominating Election.

OCTOBER 5, 2026, MONDAY

First day to apply for and vote a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for the General Municipal Election.

OCTOBER 19, 2026, MONDAY²

Last day to register to vote to receive a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for the General Municipal Election.

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TUESDAY

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Last day to vote in the General Municipal Election.

DECEMBER 3, 2026, THURSDAY

Last day for the County of Los Angeles to certify results for the General Municipal Election.

¹The Office will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026, for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

²**Conditional Voter Registration:** Eligible Los Angeles County residents who miss an election's registration deadline can still vote at any Vote Center in L.A. County. Under California Election Law, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) allows a prospective voter to conditionally register and cast a ballot.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The first official step in running for office is to complete a Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate form, which is furnished by the City Clerk. This is processed at the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division on the following dates:

FILING DATES: [Charter Section 421(a)]

First Day - *Monday, February 2, 2026*

Last Day - *Saturday, February 7, 2026*

(Open 8 AM to 12 noon on Saturday, February 7, 2026)

Appointments are strongly recommended.

WITHDRAWING DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate may be withdrawn no later than *Saturday, February 7, 2026* [Charter Section 421(b)].

NOMINATING PETITIONS

The second official step in running for office is to obtain and file a Nominating Petition*. Petitions are issued only to the candidate or their Representative. The representative must have the candidate's written and signed request.

ISSUE AND FILING DATES: [Charter Section 422(b)]

First Day – Sat., February 7, 2026

Last Day – Wed., March 4, 2026

(Open 8 AM to 12 noon on Sat., February 7, 2026)

*Only forms provided by the City Clerk will be accepted.

Note: The office will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026, for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

SIGNATURES AND FILING FEE - ALL OFFICES:

Pursuant to Charter Section 422(a), each candidate shall do one of the following:

1. Pay a filing fee in the amount of \$300 and file Nominating Petitions on the form prepared by the City Clerk bearing at least 500 valid signatures;
Or
2. File Nominating Petitions on the form prepared by the City Clerk, bearing at least 1,000 valid signatures.

*****FILING FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE*****

WITHDRAWING NOMINATION

Candidates may withdraw their Nominating Petitions no later than *Monday, March 9, 2026* [Charter Section 423].

VALID SIGNATURES - WHERE OBTAINED

MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY and CITY CONTROLLER: from qualified, registered voters within the City of Los Angeles [Charter Section 422(a)];

MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL: from qualified, registered voters of the applicable Council District. [Charter Section 422(a)];

MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: from qualified, registered voters of the applicable Board of Education District. [Charter Section 422(a)].

FILING PETITIONS: Nominating Petitions must be filed at the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division beginning Saturday, February 7 (Open 8AM to 12 noon) through Wednesday, March 4, 2026, between 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. All sections of the Petition must be filed at the same time [Election Code Sections 111(b) and 310(a)].

SUPPLEMENTAL/REPLACEMENT PETITIONS: If a Petition is found to be insufficient prior to the deadline for filing Petitions, a Supplemental Petition may be filed. If a specific section is lost or damaged, a Replacement Petition section may be issued. All Petitions must be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division. Petitions will NOT be accepted for filing after the last day specified for filing Petitions – Wednesday, March 4, 2026 [Charter Section 422(c) and Election Code Section 310(j)].

CIRCULATING PETITIONS: Circulators of Nominating Petitions shall be at least 18 years of age [Election Code Section 307(f)].

Please note: The City of Los Angeles only conducts Candidate Filing and Petition Filing activities for municipal elections.

All forms mentioned above shall be obtained from and are to be filed with:

Office of the City Clerk
Election Division
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 978-0444, (888) 873-1000

TTY: 3-1-1 for LA Residents or (213) 485-2121

clerk.lacity.gov/elections

OFFICES TO BE FILLED

MAYOR

INCUMBENT: Karen Ruth Bass

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years, commencing December 14, 2026 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$318,145.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least January 3, 2026 [Charter Section 407(a)].

CITY ATTORNEY

INCUMBENT: Hydee Feldstein Soto

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years, commencing December 14, 2026 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$293,672.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be qualified to practice in all the courts of the state, and must have been so qualified for at least 5 years immediately preceding his or her election [Charter Section 270]. Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least January 3, 2026 [Charter Section 407(a)].

CITY CONTROLLER

INCUMBENT: Kenneth Mejia

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years, commencing December 14, 2026 [Charter Section 205]. 2 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$269,200.¹

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the City of Los Angeles since at least January 3, 2026 [Charter Section 407(a)].

¹Salary as of July 1, 2024

MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

<u>District</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
1	Eunisses Hernandez
3	Bob Blumenfield ¹
5	Katy Young Yaroslavsky
7	Monica Rodriguez
9	Curren D. Price Jr. ¹
11	Traci Park
13	Hugo Soto-Martinez
15	Tim McOsker

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years, commencing December 14, 2026 [Charter Section 205]. 3 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$244,727.²

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of the City of Los Angeles at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the Council District since at least January 3, 2026 [Charter Section 407(a)].

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

<u>District</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
2	Rocio Rivas
4	Nick Melvoin
6	Kelly Fitzpatrick-Gonez

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years, commencing December 14, 2026 [Charter Section 806(b)]. 3 terms maximum.

SALARY: \$52,025³ for members of the Board of Education with outside employment. [Charter Section 804].

Or

A Board Member who devotes his/her/their entire time to the duties of serving as a member of the Board of Education for the LAUSD and who accepts no compensation, fee, or honorarium from outside employment, shall be paid a full-time salary of \$130,062.³

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter of Los Angeles Unified School District at the time of nomination and election, and resident of the Board District since at least January 3, 2026 [Charter Sections 407(a) and 803].

¹Not eligible to run for an additional term due to term limits

²Salary as of July 1, 2024

³Salary as of July 1, 2025

OCCUPATIONAL BALLOT DESIGNATIONS

Candidates for office may have printed on the ballot their principal professions, vocations, or occupations in **not more than three words**. No proper name, other than a geographic place, may be used as part of the designation. Incumbents shall have printed on the ballot, at their option, the word "Incumbent" or the words designating their elective office [Election Code Section 306].

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.