

**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**  
**City of Santa Clara**  
**GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**  
**November 3, 2020**

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May 1, 2020 -  
December 31, 2020

**ELECTION CYCLE**

July 13, 2020  
Monday

**NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS**

First day candidates may pick up and file nomination papers with the City Clerk. Filing nomination papers is mandatory for all candidates; please contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220 to set an appointment and for more information.

July 31, 2020  
Friday

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE**

Semi-annual statement – file Form 460 with the City Clerk. Covers reporting period of 1/1/2020 through 6/30/2020 of the day after the closing date of the last statement filed before 6/30/2020.

August 5, 2020  
Wednesday

**POLITICAL SIGNS**

Signs cannot be placed more than 90 days before the November 3, 2020 Election.

August 7, 2020  
Friday until 5:00 p.m.

**NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSSES**

5:00 p.m. deadline to file all necessary nomination papers in the City Clerk's Office. Also, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline when a candidate may withdraw his or her candidacy.

August 8-12, 2020  
Saturday through  
Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

**EXTENSION PERIOD**

If an incumbent fails to file papers by August 7, there will be a five (5) calendar day extension during which any candidate, other than the incumbent, may file or withdraw from said office. Nomination papers will be due by 5:00 p.m. on the final date of the extension period.

August 13, 2020  
Thursday

**RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING**

The Secretary of State will conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the ballot.

September 24, 2020  
Thursday

**1st PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE**

Deadline for financial disclosure report Form 460 with the City Clerk. Covers reporting period of 7/1/2020 through 9/19/2020.

October 5 2020  
Monday

**FIRST DAY FOR MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**

First day of mailing of Vote by Mail ballots.

October 20, 2020  
Tuesday

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION**

Deadline to register to be eligible to vote in the November 3, 2020 election.

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| October 22, 2020<br>Thursday | <b><u>2nd PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE</u></b><br>Deadline for financial disclosure report Form 460 with the City Clerk.<br>Covers reporting period of 9/20/2020 through 10/17/20.                                     |
| October 23, 2020<br>Friday   | <b><u>LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT AND DEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b><br>Pursuant to City Campaign Finance Ordinance, the cutoff date for the last deposit of campaign contributions is 11 calendar days prior to the election.                |
| October 27, 2020<br>Tuesday  | <b><u>3rd PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE</u></b><br>Third Pre-election statement - file Form 460 with the City Clerk. Deadline for financial disclosure report for period of 10/18/2020 through 10/23/2020.              |
| November 3, 2020<br>Tuesday  | <b><u>ELECTION DAY</u></b><br>Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 3, 2020<br>Thursday | <b><u>OFFICIAL CANVASS OF VOTE</u></b><br>Registrar of Voters to certify election results by this date.                                                                                                                                  |
| December 31, 2020<br>Friday  | <b><u>ELECTION CYCLE ENDS</u></b><br>Last day to pay campaign expenses, disperse surplus funds and/or forgive loans.                                                                                                                     |
| *February 1, 2021<br>Monday  | <b><u>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE</u></b><br>Deadline for all committees to file a Form 460 covering the period 10/18/20 to 12/31/20 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2020 |

**NOTE:** Dates are subject to change.

\*Date falls on a weekend or public holiday, deadlines move forward to the next business day.