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Filing Period Opens for Write-in Candidates on September 9

Filing Period Ends October 22

(Redwood City, CA) Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer and Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, announced today that the filing period for write-in candidates for the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election will open on Monday, September 9, 2024. Eligible individuals interested in running as write-in candidates must submit a Statement of Write-In Candidacy, along with the required documentation, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Write-in candidacy documents for county, school, and special district elections must be filed at the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division, located at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo. City write-in candidates are required to submit their paperwork to their respective City Clerk's office.

County, school, and special district candidates can initiate the filing process by requesting a registration form via email at CandidateServices@smcacre.gov. Candidates may also obtain the form by scheduling an appointment, walking in, or completing it in person. The completed form can be returned by email to CandidateServices@smcacre.gov.

Once the form is received, our office will contact the write-in candidate to arrange an electronic or in-person filing appointment to finalize the process.

For any questions about the write-in candidate process or to schedule an appointment to review the requirements, please email CandidateServices@smcacre.gov or call 650.312.5222.

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Potential write-in candidates must submit a Statement of Write-In Candidacy, which includes the candidate's name, residential address, the office they are running for, and the specific election date. Additionally, they must file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). No filing fee is required.

Information about qualified write-in candidates, including their names, will not appear on voter materials such as the Official Ballot or the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. However, the Roster of Candidates, which is updated daily, includes qualified write-in candidates and can be viewed online at smcacre.gov. Additionally, a list of qualified write-in candidates will be available at Vote Centers starting Saturday, October 26.

Early Voting Period Begins October 7 to November 4, 2024

San Mateo County's registered voters will be mailed their ballot in October 2024. Three Vote Centers will be open for in-person voting starting on October 7, 2024, through Election Day. Additional Vote Centers will open on October 26 and November 2.

For more information, please call or text the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division at 650.312.5222, visit smcacre.gov, or follow us on X ([Twitter](#)) and [Instagram](#) @smcvote.

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