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Candidate Filing Period Opens on February 12 for the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election

Filing Period is Open from February 12 through March 9

(Redwood City, CA) Mark Church, San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, announced the opening of the candidate filing period for the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election.

For candidates seeking elected office, the filing period opens at 8 a.m. on February 12 and closes at 5 p.m. on March 9. For offices without an eligible incumbent seeking re-election, the candidate filing period is open for an additional five (5) calendar days and closes at 5 p.m. on March 14.

“The vitality of local government depends upon the willingness of responsible leaders to step forward and offer themselves in service to the community,” said Church. “There are many opportunities available to serve with 19 County, 12 State and 3 Federal elected offices open for election this year.”

Persons interested in running for an elected office should call Candidate Filing Officer, Michelle Yue, at 650.312.5293, to make an appointment to review the steps, forms and requirements to run for office.

The offices that will be up for election on the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election ballot include:

Federal Offices

- U.S. Senator: one 6-year term
- U.S. Representative - 14th District, 18th District: one 2-year term each

State Offices

- Governor: one 4-year term
- Lieutenant Governor: one 4-year term
- Attorney General: one 4-year term
- Secretary of State: one 4-year term
- State Treasurer: one 4-year term
- State Controller: one 4-year term
- Insurance Commissioner: one 4-year term
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction: one 4-year term
- State Board of Equalization, 2nd District: one 4-year term
- State Assembly - 19th District, 22nd District, 24th District: one 2-year term each

County Offices

- Board of Supervisors - 2nd Supervisorial District, 3rd Supervisorial District: one 4-year term each
- Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder: one 4-year term
- Controller: one 4-year term
- Coroner: one 4-year term
- District Attorney: one 4-year term
- Sheriff: one 4-year term
- Tax Collector-Treasurer: one 4-year term
- County Superintendent of Schools: one 4-year term
- Superior Court Judges – Office #1 through Office #10: one 6-year term each

New Election Model for June 5, 2018

The June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election will be the first election conducted under the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA). The VCA will implement an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center model, with every registered voter receiving a Vote-by-Mail Ballot through the mail. The Vote-by-Mail Ballot may be returned by mail, dropped off at any Vote Center or Special Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout the county. Return postage will be prepaid for those voters wishing to return their ballots through USPS.

Vote Centers will replace traditional polling places and will be open for voting throughout the early voting period. Vote Centers will be providing expanded voter services such as voter registration, multilingual assistance, and disabled access voting options.

For more information on candidate filing, the California Voter's Choice Act and the new All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election model, please call 650.312.5222, visit www.shapethefuture.org or follow us on Twitter [@smcvote](https://twitter.com/smcvote).

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