

Municipal Election

November 4, 2014

Nomination Period

Monday, July 14, 2014 - Friday, August 8, 2014

Note: If the incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended for 5 (five) days to Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

Offices to be Filled

Mayor

City Auditor

Councilmember,
District 2

Councilmember,
District 4

Councilmember,
District 6

School Board
Director, District 2

School Board
Director, District 4

School Board
Director, District 6

Terms of Office

*Four-year terms
commencing
January 2015*

Filing Fee

Each candidate who receives Nomination Petitions from the Office of the City Clerk must pay the filing fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Candidates may opt to pay an initial deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) when they pick up Nomination Petitions, and remit the balance of the filing fee when the nomination petitions are filed. No portion of the filing fee is refundable.

Nomination petitions

Will be issued by the Office of the City Clerk as part of the Nomination Packet. Petitions will be issued to candidates or to an authorized representative of the candidate. Potential candidates may pick up and return Nomination Petitions only during the Nomination Period. Once complete, all required documents must be filed together. Petitions may be withdrawn after filing, however amendments are not allowed.

Signature Requirement For Nomination Petitions

District Offices:

For district offices, candidates must obtain signatures from at least 50, but no more than 100 registered voters of the City residing within the district from which the candidate seeks election. A registered voter may nominate only one candidate for each office.

Citywide Offices:

For citywide offices, candidates must obtain signatures from at least **50** and no more than 100 registered voters of the City. A registered voter may nominate only one candidate for each office.



Qualifications

Councilmember

Registered voter and resident of the designated district for which he/she is a candidate for **at least 30 days** at the time nomination papers are issued.

City Attorney

Registered voter and resident of the City resident for at least 30 days at the time nomination papers are issued. Must be licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of California and so licensed for at least ten years preceding his or her election.

City Auditor

Registered voter and resident of the City for **at least 30 days** at the time nomination papers are issued. Must be certified by the California State Board of Accountancy as a Certified Public Accountant; or by the Institute of Internal Auditor as a Certified Internal Auditor.

School Board Director

Registered voter and resident of the designated district for which he/she is a candidate for **at least 30 days** at the time nomination papers are issued.

Mayor

Registered voter and resident of the City for at least 30 days at time nomination papers are issued.

Ballot Designation

At the time of filing, the candidate shall set forth in writing, on the form provided by the City Clerk, the designation to appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

The candidate is not required to have a designation; however, if one is chosen, it shall comply with Elections Code 13107 and 13107.5 (e.g., name of elective office or the word "incumbent" or not more than three words designating the principal profession, vocation or occupation).

NOTE: The random drawing is used to determine the order candidate names appear on the ballot. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Date of Random Drawing

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Place: City Hall, Hearing Room 4
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Campaign Disclosure Statements

Most candidates and committees must file pre-election statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made in connection with an election. Campaign disclosure forms are provided with the nominations packet. The City of Oakland requires all campaign statements be filed electronically. If you have not already done so, go to www.netfile.com/filer to set up an account.

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period Covered by Statement*
July 31, 2014	Semi-Annual	Thru June 30
October 6, 2014	First Pre-Election	July 1 – September 30
October 23, 2014	Second Pre-Election	October 1 – October 18
Within 24 Hours	Late Contributions*** Late Independent Expenditures	October 21 – November 5
February 2, 2015	Semi-Annual	October 19 – December 31

*The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

***Late Contributions are contributions made or received in the **16 days immediately preceding the election** totaling \$1,000 or more from a single source.

Note:
For additional campaign disclosure requirements, instructions and information refer to the City of Oakland Campaign Reform Act (OCRA) and the Limited Public Financing Act.

What Documents Should I File?

Nomination Petitions (required)

Must contain 50 valid signatures from registered voters in the district. You may submit up to 100 signatures.

Affidavit of Nominee (required)

Informs the City Clerk of exactly how you want your name to appear on the ballot and also provides your occupational designation for the ballot.

Qualifications Statement (required)

Photo (optional)

150 word statement of your qualifications for office and a 4x6 inch glossy black and white photo when you file. Included with the statement should be the names of at least 10 and no more than 20 Oakland residents sponsoring your candidacy.

Code of Fair Campaign Practices (optional)

States that you will run a clean and fair campaign. If you choose to file this form, it must be filed with the other documents.

Statement of Economic Interests (required)

Discloses any financial interest you have in your jurisdiction that may be a conflict for you as an elected official.

FPPC Form 501

Candidate Intention Form is required to be filed before you raise or spend any money on your campaign.

OCRA Form 301 (optional)

The voluntary expenditure ceiling form that states you will not exceed the prescribed expenditure amount for your campaign. This form must be filed no later than the close of the nomination period.

In order to ensure proper processing of your nomination papers, please try to complete and file them with the Office of the City Clerk at the earliest possible time. In order to complete the filing process, plan to spend twenty minutes in the Office of the City Clerk. Except where your signature is required on a document, please **type or **print legibly** all required information. This will help avoid delays and prevent errors.*

Note:

All documents filed by a candidate will remain confidential, and not open to public inspection, until after the close of the official nomination period. (California Elections Code §13311)

Voter Information

Close of Voter Registration Period:

Monday, October 20, 2014

Last Day to Request a Vote By Mail Ballot:

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Voted absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 PM on the day of the election. Ballots may be dropped off at a polling place on the day of the election.

First Day to Mail Voter Information Guide:

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Early Voting Begins:

Monday, October 6, 2014

Voter Registration Information:

Potential voters can register in the Office of the City Clerk at 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor and the Registrar of Voters Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Voter registration forms are also available at most public libraries, fire stations, City offices and public agencies.

If you wish to sponsor a voter registration drive and are in need of voter registration affidavits, please call the Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6973.

The Office of the City Clerk has provided this information as a general overview of what to expect as a candidate in the City of Oakland's November 4, 2014 Municipal Election. Please be aware that this information in no way supersedes applicable election laws. Legal requirements for all elections are contained in the Charter of the City of Oakland, the California Elections Code, and the California Government Code.

As always, the Office of the City Clerk strongly encourages all candidates and potential candidates to research applicable codes and seek legal guidance regarding campaign requirements and strategies.


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