



GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: What are the dates for the nomination period?

A: July 18 through August 12, 2022.

Q: How many nomination signature does an interested candidate need?

A: Nomination signatures are **not** required for special districts.

Q: When is the next General District Election?

A: (November 8, 2022).

Q: What divisions are up for election?

A: Divisions One and Four

Q: What are the names of the current Directors and the divisions they represent?

A: Silvia Paz – Division One
Rudy Acosta Division Five

Q: What are the terms of the election?

A: Four-year terms.

Q: What jurisdictions do these divisions cover?

A: **Division One** (1) covers communities of Thermal, Mecca, Oasis, North Shore, Vista Santa Rosa, 100 Palms, Indio and La Quinta
Division Four (4) covers communities of La Quinta, Palm Desert, Bermuda Dunes, Indian Wells and Desert Palms

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Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A: At the time the nomination papers are issued, a candidate must be a registered voter of the District and live within the division.

Q: Is there a cost to run for office?

A: There is no filing fee for the Application and Declaration of Candidacy.

Q: Is there a cost to file a Candidate's Statement (Statement is optional)?

A: Yes. There is a cost to the candidate to file a Candidates Statement. The fee is:

Division 1 \$600

Division 4 \$600

Q: May I withdraw my candidate's statement after it is filed?

A: Your statement may be withdrawn during the nomination period, and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

Q: Why does the cost of the candidate's statement vary from district to district?

A: The cost for the candidate's statement is based on the number of registered voters in each jurisdiction.

Q: To whom is the check made payable for a candidate's statement?

A: Make your check payable to the Registrar of Voters.

Q: When are election documents available?

A: As required by state law, election documents will be issued between July 18 and August 12.

Q: May I change my ballot designation after I file my documents?

A: Yes. The ballot designation may be changed by a candidate until 5 p.m. on the final date for filing nomination documents.

Q: When is the last day of the nomination period?

A: Election documents must be at the Riverside County Registrar of Voters by 5:00 pm on August 12.

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Q: What is required for a candidate to obtain election documents?

A: Make an appointment with the District Clerk. The process takes approximately 20 minutes. You can also pick up election documents at the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office at the address mentioned and highlighted below.

Q: Who is responsible for filing the election documents?

A: The candidate

Q: May I mail my nomination documents?

A: Yes. However, they must be received in the Registrar of Voters' office by the filing deadline. A postmark or certified letter receipt does not constitute the receipt of documents in our office.

Q: May I fax my nomination documents to your office?

A: No. Only original documents will be accepted.

Q: May I file my nomination documents with the district office?

A: No. Your nomination documents must be filed with the Registrar of Voters office.

Q: When am I considered a candidate?

A: You are considered a candidate when your nomination documents have been filed and verified.

Q: What happens if I change my mind about running for office after I have filed my nomination documents?

A: You may withdraw anytime up to the close of the nomination period. Withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Registrar of Voters' office. After the nomination period closes, you are not permitted to officially withdraw and your name will appear on the ballot. It is the candidate's responsibility to inform voters that he/she does not want to be elected to office.

Q: What determines the order in which my name will appear on the ballot?

A: A random alphabet drawing is conducted by the Secretary of State, which determines the order that candidates' names will appear on the ballot.

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Q: What happens if I'm the only candidate?

A: If you are the only candidate for a special district office, you will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If you are the only candidate for a school district, you will automatically be seated at the district's organizational meeting.

Q: When will results be available and how?

A: First results will be available shortly after 8:00 pm on the final day. Results will be available over the phone, on the website and in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters. Address: 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507; Phone Number: (951) 486-7200; website: www.voteinfo.net

Q: When is the Canvass/Certification completed and how?

A: The office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters will mail, to the winning candidate(s), the Certificate of Election on November 28, 2022, and a copy will be sent to the District Clerk.

Q: When is the successful candidate sworn in?

A: The first meeting in December.

Q: May the oath be administered by a notary?

A: Yes. The oath may be executed before a notary, district secretary/clerk, district superintendent, or a deputy in the Registrar of Voters' Office.

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