

### COUNTY CLERK / ELECTIONS

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To: Board of Supervisors, Special Districts, School Districts and Cities

From: Candidate Filing Division, Elections Department

Re: Elections in 2017

Date: March 17, 2017

There are no countywide elections scheduled in 2017. Costs for elections are less when districts share the ballot costs with other jurisdictions holding elections on the same date in the same territory and costs increase when districts have a stand-alone election. Elections in November of even numbered years have the most jurisdictions and therefore the least cost to jurisdictions. June elections in even-numbered years are countywide. While costs of consolidating an election in June of even-numbered years is more than November of even-numbered years, it is much less than a stand-alone election. Most elections in odd-numbered years are stand-alone elections and costs are the highest.

There are two more regularly scheduled election dates in 2017:

* August 29, 2017
* November 7, 2017

The August 29 election is mail ballot only. The deadline to call for an election on August 29 is **5pm, Friday, June 2, 2017.**

The November 7 election is with polling places. The deadline to call an election on November 7 is **5pm, Friday, August 11, 2017.** However, we encourage jurisdictions to file resolutions calling their election and consolidating it with the November election sooner, rather than later.

There are six districts that have regular general district elections on November 7; however, their district boundaries do not overlap, so it is like a stand-alone election. Districts on the November 7 ballot are:

* Alba Park, Parkway and Recreation
* Opal Cliffs Recreation
* Salsipuedes Sanitary
* Depot Hill Geological Hazard Abatement
* Place de Mer Geological Hazard Abatement
* College Reclamation District

If there are an insufficient number of nominees, the candidates will be appointed and there will not be an election for that district.

Some important November 2017 election dates are:

* **May/June 2017** – suggested month that your governing body hold a meeting to adopt the resolution calling the election;
* **July 17 – August 11, 2017** – candidate filing period
* **August 11, 2017** – last day for governing bodies to file resolutions calling an election to place a measure on the ballot

For jurisdictions with elections in November 2017, we have put together the following **cost estimates** to assist you:

* Jurisdictions with under 999 voters $9 to $25 per voter
* Jurisdictions with 1,000 to 2,500 voters $8 per voter
* Jurisdictions with 2,500 to 10,000 registered voters $6 to $7 per voter
* Jurisdictions with 10,001 or more registered voters $4 to $5 per voter

Sample resolutions and the administrative calendar may be found online at [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com)

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