TO: All Candidates

FROM: Patty Rodriguez, City Clerk

DATE: July 13, 2026

SUBJECT: **NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION**
INFORMATION PACKET FOR CANDIDATES

This General Municipal Election has been consolidated with the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, who will administer the election, prepare ballots, and publish the voter information guide. The *Information Packet for Candidates* was prepared for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, which is being held to elect the Mayor for a two-year term, District 2 and District 4 Councilmembers for a four-year term.

The following forms must be completed and filed (at the same time) with the City Clerk Department no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.**

- The Nomination Paper/Official Filing Form
- Ballot Designation Worksheet
- Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)
  - To be filed using the FPPC's efiling system
- $25 Filing Fee (or Hardship Petition)
- Application/Check List for Nomination Papers
- Authorization to Release Personal Contact Information
- Candidate Statement Form with the optional Candidate's Statement including proper deposit payment

Optional filings include:

- Code of Fair Campaign Practices
- Candidate Personal Information Form

Each candidate must be nominated by at least 20, but no more than 30, registered Moreno Valley voters. The person circulating Nomination Paper/Official Filing Form must at least 18 years old.

If you choose to file a Candidate's Statement, which is not to exceed 200 words, a deposit is required, payable to the City of Moreno Valley. For the Office of Mayor, the deposit is $1,400. For a Councilmember office, the deposit is $700. The deposit for the Candidate's Statement must be paid at the time of filing nomination papers in order to have the Candidate's Statement appear in the sample ballot pamphlet. If a candidate chooses to have their Candidate's Statement posted electronically only on the Riverside County Registrar of Voters website, the required deposit is $260. Candidate's Statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the nomination filing period ending August 7th, 2026. The public examination period for the Candidate's Statements is the ten days immediately following the close of the filing period on Monday, August 17th, 2026.

On Thursday, August 13, 2026, the Secretary of State will conduct a "Randomized Alphabet" drawing to determine the order in which the candidate's names will appear on the ballot. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters will apply this randomized alphabet to the City's ballot to determine ballot name order.

The City Clerk Department's regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged for submitting the required nomination forms referenced above. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (951) 413-3001 or by email at cityclerkstaff@moval.org. Please note that while the City Clerk accepts nomination documents, all ballot preparation and election administration are conducted by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that in addition to this *Information Packet for Candidates*, candidates will be provided a separate *Candidate Nomination Folder*, which contains the aforementioned forms required to be completed and filed with the City Clerk Department. This *Information Packet for Candidates* was prepared as a resource to assist candidates with complying with all candidate filing requirements for the City of Moreno Valley.

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that the information provided by the City Clerk Department is being provided as a community service and shall not be interpreted as legal advice.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The City of Moreno Valley does not provide individual candidates with any assistance, guidance or advice related to any issues, topics or priorities of the City of Moreno Valley to avoid any appearance of bias or support regarding any specific candidate(s).

REMINDER

Filing Period begins on July 13, 2026, and ends on August 7, 2026

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT TO PICK UP AND SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION PAPERS DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS.

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.