DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES

DATE	DESCRIPTION
July 13 - August 7	**Nomination Period** (E.C. § 10220 et seq.) During this period, candidates may obtain nomination material and file completed nomination papers with the City Clerk Department, who serves as the local filing officer for this consolidated election, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The nomination period may be extended by five calendar days if either the respective incumbent does not file nomination papers or files but then withdraws by 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2026. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters will apply the extended nomination period for ballot preparation purposes.
August 7	**Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy** (E.C. § 10224) On this date, but not after, a candidate may withdraw his or her nomination paper after it is filed with City Clerk Department. The City Clerk will notify the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, who administers the consolidated election.
August 10	**Last Day to Withdraw Candidate Statement** (E.C. §§ 13307, 13311) This is the last day to withdraw (but not change) your candidate statement. Request to withdraw a candidate statement must be made in writing and submitted to the City Clerk Department by 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026. However, if the nomination period is extended because the respective incumbent does not file nomination papers by 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2026, the respective candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2026. Candidate statements shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.

August 8 - August 17	**Election Material Available for Public Examination (**E.C. § 13313) During this period, candidate statements will be available for public examination through the Riverside County Registrar of Voters. However, if the nomination period is extended because the respective incumbent does not file nomination papers by 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2026, the public examination period of the respective candidate statement will be from August 13, 2026 through August 22, 2026.
August 12	**Last Day of Extended Nomination Period** (E.C. § 10225) If the respective incumbent fails to file nomination documents by 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2026, the nomination period will be extended to 5:30 p.m. on August 12, 2026, for persons other than the incumbent who are running for the incumbent's office.
August 12 - August 20	**Insufficient Nominees** (E.C. § 10229) During this period, it there is only one nominee or no nominee for a particular office on the ballot, the City Council must take one of the following actions: 1) appoint to the respective office the sole person who was nominated and cancel the election for the respective office; 2) appoint to the respective office an eligible elector if no one has been nominated and cancel the election for the respective office; or 3) hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated. If the City Council proceeds with the election for a particular office where there are no nominees, this means whoever receives a plurality of "write-in" vote will be elected to the respective office, provided that the person meets the eligibility requirements for holding the respective office.
August 13	**Drawing of Randomized Alphabet** (E.C. § 13112) On this date, the California Secretary of State's Office will conduct a random drawing of the letters of the alphabet to determine the order the candidates' names will appear on the ballot. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters will apply the randomized alphabet to the City's ballot.
September 7	**Labor Day Holiday**

	City Hall and the County Registrar's Office will be closed on Labor Day.
September 8	**First Day Forms will be Available for Write-In Candidacy** (E.C. § 8600 et seq.) On this date, any qualified person wishing to file as a write-in candidate may pick up the appropriate documents at the City Clerk Department, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Write-in documents must be filed with the City Clerk Department, who will notify the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, no later than 14 days prior to election day on October 20, 2026, prior to 5:30 p.m.

DATES OF INTEREST TO CANDIDATES (Continued)

DATE	DESCRIPTION
Within 24 Hours of Qualifying Event	**Filing Period for 24-hour/10-day Contribution Report - Election Cycle Reports** (G.C. §§ 84203, 83204) During the election cycle, or between August 5, 2026 through November 3, 2026, candidates must file be submitted within 24 hours of receiving contributions of $1,000 or more in the aggregate.
Sept. 20 – Sept. 24	**Filing Period for First Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement** (G.C. § 84200.5) During this period, the campaign disclosure statement covering the period starting July 1, 2026 and ending September 19, 2026, must be filed online at filershelp@netfile.com or sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service to City Clerk Department, 14177 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.
October 13	**Date Registrar of Voters must Mail County Voter Information Guide, including the Candidates' Statements, to Voters who registered to vote at least 29 days before the election.** (E.C. §§ 13303,13307)

	By this date, the County Registrar of Voters Office will mail the Voter Information Guide (a.k.a. "Voters Pamphlet") to all eligible voters who registered to vote at least 29 days before the election.
October 5 – Oct 10	**Date Registrar of Voters must Mail Vote-by-Mail Ballots to voters who registered to vote at least 29 days before the election** (E.C. §§ 3000.5, 3010) During this period, the County Registrar of Voters Office will mail official ballots to all eligible voters who have registered to vote at least 29 days before the election.
Oct. 18 – Oct. 22	**Filing Period for Second Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement** (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.8) During this period, the campaign disclosure statement covering the period ending October 17, 2026, must be filed online at filerhelp@netfile.com or sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service to City Clerk Department, 14177 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.
October 19	**Last Day to Register to Vote or Change Address for this Election** (E.C. §§ 2101, 2102) This is the last day to register to vote and to change the voter's address.
October 20	**Last Day to File Statement of Write-In Candidacy** (E.C. § 8600 et seq.) This is the last day to file the statement for a write-in candidacy.
November 3 	**Election Day** (E.C. 3020) All vote by-mail ballots must be submitted to the elections official from whom they were obtained or by the precinct board no later than 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026 (Election Day). In the alternative, any vote by mail ballot shall be deemed timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after election day and either of the following is satisfied:

	(1) The ballot is postmarked on or before election day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before election day, or it is otherwise indicated by the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company that the ballot was mailed on or before election day; or (2) If the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, and no other information is available from the United States Postal Service or the bona fide private mail delivery company to indicate the date on which the ballot was mailed, the vote by mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote by mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Elections Code Section 3011 on or before election day. "Bona fide private mail delivery company" means a courier service that is in the regular business of accepting a mail item, package, or parcel for the purpose of delivery to a person or entity whose address is specified on the item.
December 1 (or 15)	**Declare Candidates Elected and Install Officers** (E.C. §§ 10262, 10263, 15372) The City Council must meet no later than the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following receipt of the results of the election from the County, or at a special meeting called for this purpose, to declare the results and to install the newly elected officers.
Jan. 1 – Feb. 1, 2027	**Filing Period for Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement** (G.C. § 84200) During this period, the Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements covering the period ending December 31, 2026, must be filed online at filershelp@netfile.com or sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service to City Clerk Department, 14177 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Note: Whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day. (E.C. § 15)