

**CITY OF ELK GROVE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
Candidate Information and
Abbreviated Elections Calendar**

The City of Elk Grove is a general law city. General Municipal Elections are governed by the State of California Government Code and Elections Code and are consolidated with statewide elections. The information offered here is intended to provide the general public and potential candidates with a general reference to the elections process.

Offices to be Filled

Council Residency **Districts 2 and 4**

Term of office is four (4) years, commencing with the certification of the election results by the City Council.

Nomination (Filing) Period

July 12 thru August 6

The filing period for the nomination of candidates opens on **July 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m., and closes on August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** Official nomination papers and election forms for municipal offices will be available and must be issued only from the Office of the City Clerk during the nomination period. The City Clerk's Office is located at 8380 Laguna Palms Way, Suite 200, Elk Grove, California. (Telephone: 916-478-2202)

Last Day to Withdraw Nomination Papers

August 6, 2010

Nomination papers may be withdrawn until the end of the nomination period. If the nomination period is extended because an incumbent did not file, the nomination papers may be withdrawn to the end of the nomination period extension for that specific district. The filing fee is not refundable.

Nomination Period Extension

August 9, 2010 thru August 11, 2010

August 11, 2010 is the last date a candidate may file nomination papers during the extension period. The extension period is instituted **if nomination papers are not filed by an incumbent** by the August 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m. deadline. The extension period is exclusive to the district wherein the incumbent did not file nomination papers.

Candidate Qualifications

Candidates interested in running for Elk Grove public office must meet the following requirements established by the State of California Elections Code:

1. Must be a registered voter.
2. Must be a resident of the Council district from which he/she will be elected at the time the nomination papers are issued and throughout the term of office. (Offices to be filled are in Council Residency **Districts 2 and 4**)
3. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on Election Day.
4. Must be a citizen of the United States.

Nomination Papers

The nomination petition filed with the City Clerk shall be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 30 registered voters residing in the City of Elk Grove. The signatures affixed to the nomination paper will be verified by the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters.

All nomination documents must be completed and submitted to the City Clerk **no later than August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** If an incumbent fails to file by the deadline, the nomination period for that district will be extended to August 11, 2010, 5:00 p.m. The incumbent may not file nomination papers during this extended period.

Parties interested in candidacy will be provided additional information on the filing of other required documents at the issuance of the candidate packet during the nomination period.

Filing Fee

A non-refundable filing fee of \$25 is payable at the time the completed nomination petition is returned to the City Clerk for filing.

Campaign Disclosure Statements

The Political Reform Act (PRA) requires candidates and committees to regularly file reports disclosing information relative to campaign contributions and expenditures. The Fair Political Practices Commission is the enforcement body of the PRA. Information manuals and forms prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission will be provided to candidates during candidate orientation at the issuance of the nomination packet. Inquiries relative to the interpretation and applicability of the Political Reform Act should be directed to the Technical Assistance Division of the FPPC at 1-866-275-3772. Manuals, forms and information on filing requirements may also be accessed at the FPPC (see page 4 for more information).

Randomized Alphabet Drawing

August 12, 2010

The Secretary of State will conduct the randomized alphabet drawing on ***August 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.*** The randomized alphabet drawing determines the order in which candidates' names appear on the ballot.

Candidate Write-in Filing Period

September 6 through October 19, 2010

The filing period for write-in candidates is **September 6 to October 14, 2010**. The filing requirements for the write-in candidate are the same as for other candidates. The write-in candidate's name, however, will not appear on the ballot.

Absentee Voter Information**October 4, 2010 to October 26, 2010**

Voters may request absentee/vote by mail ballots during the period of October 4, 2010 to October 26, 2010. Absentee ballots may be requested by contacting the Voter Registration and Elections Office at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823; 916-875-6451. Criteria and information on absentee voting may be accessed at the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Office.

Polling Place Information

Polling place information is maintained by the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters. The information is also available through the Secretary of State's Office or online at www.smartvoter.org (see page 4 for more information).

Deadline for Voter Registration**October 18, 2010**

October 18, 2010 is the last date to register to vote in the November 2, 2010 General Municipal Election. Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's Office and the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Office (see page 4 for more information).

Election Day**November 2, 2010**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
CITY OF ELK GROVE ELECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Elk Grove City Hall
Office of the City Clerk
8380 Laguna Palms Way, Suite 200
Elk Grove CA 95758
(916) 478-2202**

sblackston@elkgrovecity.org

The City Clerk can give general information, but cannot give legal advice.

**OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS
AND ADDRESSES:**

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

428 J Street, Suite 800, Sacramento CA 95814

**Toll Free Technical Assistance 1-866-275-3772
Main Telephone 916-322-5660
Fax 916-322-0886
Internet www.fppc.ca.gov**

SECRETARY OF STATE

1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento CA 95814

**General Information 916-653-6814
Elections Division 916-657-2166
Political Reform Division 916-653-6224
Polling Place information www.ss.ca.gov/elections**

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