

Key Election Dates and Deadlines - November 6, 2018, Consolidated General Election

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| Event or Action | Date/s | Description |
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| Military and Overseas Voter Ballots | September 22 | Deadline to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters who have requested them by that date. Transmission of ballots to voters who have submitted applications after this date continues through Tuesday, October 30. |
| Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter Ballots | October 8 | Estimated date when voters who have applied to vote by mail for all elections will begin receiving their ballots. Mailing to new applicants continues through Tuesday, October 30. |
| Voter Information Pamphlet and Sample Ballot Mailing | October 8 | Deadline to mail the Voter Information Pamphlet and Sample Ballot to voters. Mailing to voters who register after this date continues through the end of October. |
| City Hall Voting Center Opens | October 9 | Voting is available at the Department of Elections office on the ground floor of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voting is also available on the weekends of October 27–28 and November 3–4. <i>The Voting Center is closed on October 8, Columbus Day.</i> |
| Deadline to Register to Vote or Re-Register for the November 6 Election | October 22 | Last day to register to vote. The Voter Registration Form must be mailed (postmarked by this date), submitted online, or delivered to the Department of Elections by this date and is effective upon receipt. |
| Processing of Vote-By-Mail Ballots | October 23 | First day the Department of Elections may begin opening accepted vote-by-mail ballot envelopes and removing ballots in preparation for counting. |
| Conditional Voter Registration and Voting | October 23 - November 6 | Due to a change to state election law that became effective in 2017, voters who did not register by the deadline may come to the City Hall Voting Center to conditionally register and vote a provisional ballot. Conditional registration is only available at City Hall. By law, conditional registration is not available at polling places on Election Day. |

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| Weekend Voting at the City Hall Voting Center | October 27-28 | Hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (the public must enter City Hall on Grove Street) |
| Last Day to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot | October 30 | Written or telephone requests must be received by the Department of Elections by 5 p.m. Online requests must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. |
| Weekend Voting at the City Hall Voting Center | November 3-4 | Hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (the public must enter City Hall on Grove Street) |
| Election Day | November 6 | <p>Polling places, the City Hall Voting Center, and Vote-by-Mail ballot drop-off stations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>8 p.m. Deadline for Personal Delivery of Vote-by-Mail Ballots Ballots that are personally delivered must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.</p> <p>8 p.m. Deadline for Faxed Ballots Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside the U.S. may return a ballot by fax. Faxed ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day and must be accompanied by an Oath of Voter.</p> |
| Official Canvass | November 7 - December 6 | During the Official Canvass period, the Department of Elections conducts an internal audit of the election to ensure the accuracy and validity of the results. Random selection of precincts for a 1% manual tally takes place in mid-November. |
| Deadline for Mail or Delivery Service Receipt of Vote-by-Mail Ballots | November 9 | Any vote-by-mail ballot cast is deemed timely if it is received by the Department of Elections via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than three days after Election Day. To be counted, mailed ballots must be postmarked before or on Election Day. |
| Deadline to Complete Canvass and Certify Election Results | December 6 | The Department of Elections shall prepare a certified statement of results and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. |
| Deadline to submit the Statement of | December 7 | Deadline to submit the Statement of Results to the Secretary of State. |

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| Results to the Secretary of State | | |