

Important Dates

For the November 5, 2013 Election

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| July 15, 2013 Nomination period opens | 113 | School District and Special District candidates must pick up nomination packets at the Marin County Elections Office. City and Town Council candidates must pick up and file papers at their City Clerk's office. (Some cities charge a fee.) |
| August 9, 2013 Nomination period closes | 88 | Deadline for all candidates and incumbents to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File all required and optional documents, or • Withdraw as a candidate |
| August 10-19, 2013 Public review of candidate statements | 87- 78 | During this period, voters can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get copies of any candidate statement, and • File a <i>Writ of Mandate</i> in Superior Court to make a candidate correct or delete his/her candidate statement. |
| August 14, 2013 Extended nomination period | 83 | If an incumbent does not file by the August 9, 2013 deadline, a candidate for the incumbent's office may file or withdraw as a candidate by this date. |
| August 15-24, 2013 Public review of candidate statements filed in extended nomination period | 82- 73 | During this period, voters can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get copies of any candidate statement filed during this extended period, and • File a Writ of Mandate in Superior Court to make a candidate correct or delete his/her candidate statement filed during this period. |
| August 15, 2013 Random alphabet drawing | 82 | At 11 a.m., the Secretary of State does a random drawing to decide the order of candidate names on the ballot. If more than 1 candidate's last name starts with the same letter, the next letters of the last name will decide the order. |
| September 6, 2013 Overseas & Military Ballots | 60 | Marin County's Elections Office starts mailing overseas and military voters' ballots. |
| Sep. 9 – Oct. 22, 2013 Write-in candidates | 57-14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council Write-In Candidates: Pick up and file your papers at your City Clerk's Office. • School and special district Write-In Candidates: Pick up and file your papers at Marin County's Elections Office. |

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| September 26, 2013 Sample Ballot Mailing | 40 | Marin County Elections Office starts mailing Voter Information Pamphlets to all registered voters in the county. |
| October 4, 2013 Campaign finance | | Candidates must file at least 1 campaign finance statement by this date. Candidates who have campaign finance committees must report all financial activity from the date of their last statement through 9/30/13. |
| October 7, 2013 Vote-by-Mail ballots | 29 | Marin County Elections Office starts mailing vote-by-mail ballots to all vote-by-mail voters in the county. Any Marin County voter may get and vote a ballot at the Elections Office, starting this date. |
| October 21, 2013 Voter Registration deadline | 15 | This is the last day to register to vote for this election. Voter registration forms received by mail must be postmarked by this date. |
| October 24, 2103 Campaign finance | | Candidates who have campaign finance committees must report all financial activity from the date of their last statement through 10/19/13. |
| October 29, 2013 Deadline to apply for vote-by-mail ballots by mail | 7 | This is the last day the Elections Office can receive vote-by-mail applications sent by U.S. Mail. Voters who miss this deadline can pick up a vote-by-mail ballot at the Elections Office until 8:00 pm, November 5, 2013. Beginning 7 days before the election, voters who are unable to get to the elections office can authorize someone to pick up and return their ballots to the Elections Office or to any polling place on election day. |
| November 5, 2013 Election Day | | Marin County Elections Office and the polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. |
| November 14, 2013 Manual Tally | +9 | At 9 a.m., Marin County Elections Office randomly selects 1% of the precincts to count votes by hand (manual tally). |
| December 3, 2013 Election certification | +28 | Marin County Elections Office must certify the county's election results by this date. |