



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

Californians must be registered to vote at least 15 days before an Election date. Registration can be accomplished online at <http://www.cocovote.us/current-election/> or is also available at the [California Secretary of State](#) website. Registration forms are also available at any Department of Motor Vehicle office, most post offices, public libraries, and at Richmond City Hall lobby. To receive a voter registration application by mail from the Secretary of State call the toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE.

Registration is permanent and a new affidavit of registration need only be executed if you have changed your name, address, or wish to change your political party affiliation.

A person, 18 years of age or older and not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony, may register to vote at any time.

Registration Deadline (last date to register for the primary is May 18, 2026; for the general election is October 19, 2026)

If you are registering or re-registering less than 15 days before an election you will need to complete the **Same-Day Voter Registration** process and request your ballot in person at your county elections office or polling location.

The City Clerk is the City Elections Official and is responsible for administering the City's general municipal elections and special elections for both candidates and measures; and processing petitions relating to initiatives, recalls and referendums.

Candidate Requirements

To hold an elected office in the City: the person must be:

- (1) 18 years of age by Election Day;
- (2) a citizen of Richmond and a registered voter of the City when nomination papers are issued to the person and qualified to vote for the office; and
- (3) Eligible to take the Oath of Office.

Richmond Mayor is elected at large and City Councilmembers are elected by districts beginning with the November 3, 2020, election, and serve staggered four-year terms. The City of Richmond consolidates its Primary and General Municipal Election with the statewide and presidential elections held in even-numbered years. The next Primary Election will be held on June 2, 2026, and the General Municipal Election will be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing a new mayor and three City Council members to represent districts 2, 3, and 4 for four-year terms. Candidates must specify which office or district they are seeking to represent when filing Nomination Papers. The Primary Election Nomination Period for candidates to pull and file nomination papers with the Election Official is February 9, 2026, to March 6, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

The Contra Costa County Elections website can be accessed at <http://www.cocovote.us/>