

**SUMMARY OF NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THE JUNE 2, 2026, PRIMARY AND
NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION**

REGISTER TO VOTE HERE!

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The last day to register to vote for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election is
May 18, 2026

The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2026, General Election is
October 19, 2026

The next primary municipal election will be held June 2, 2026, to fill the office of mayor and the following seats for: **Districts 2, 3, and 4** on the City Council. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the primary municipal election for the office of Mayor, or for a seat on the City Council within their district, shall be candidates for the general municipal election on November 3, 2026, and only their names shall be printed upon the ballot to be used in the general municipal election. Any candidate who, in the primary municipal election, shall receive a majority of the total votes cast for candidates for said office shall be elected to such office and no further election for such office shall be held at the next general municipal election. City Clerk Pamela Christian is the Election Official and will assist you throughout the election process. **THE NOMINATION PERIOD IS FEBRUARY 9 THROUGH MARCH 6 AT 5:00 P.M. NOMINATION PAPERS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED DURING THE NOMINATION PERIOD!!**

TO PREPARE NOW:

- File [FPPC Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement](#) with the City Clerk before receiving contributions or spending your own funds. (Blank forms are available at www.fppc.ca.gov and [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) gives detailed instructions for completing Form 501.)
- File [FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization](#) with the Secretary of State along with a filing fee of \$50.00, made payable to the Secretary of State, within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. File a copy of the form 410 with the city clerk. (Forms are available at www.fppc.ca.gov and [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) gives detailed instructions for completing Form 410).

- The City Clerk will issue Nomination Papers and Candidate Packets during the nomination period ONLY which is February 9 through March 6 at 5:00 p.m. **The filing deadline will be extended to Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. if an incumbent does not file (FOR NON-INCUMBENTS ONLY). Individuals interested in running for office will be required to make an appointment.** The appointment is approximately 30 minutes. **The Clerk's Office will begin accepting calls for appointments on Monday, February 2, 2026 - call (510) 620-6513 to make an appointment.** Those interested in becoming a candidate for mayor must be a registered voter in the City of Richmond at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Those interested in running for a councilmember district seat must be registered voters residing in District 2, District 3, or District 4 at the time the Nomination Papers are issued.

NEW FILING FEES

- A filing fee of \$1,674 will be required to run for mayor. A filing fee of \$605.88 will be required to run for councilmember. The required filing fee must be made payable to the City of Richmond at the time the Nomination Papers are filed with the City Clerk. The fee covers the cost for duplicating the packet and processing Nomination Papers.
- Per the City of Richmond Charter (Article V, Sec.2. "A filing fee in the amount of two percent (2%) of the annual salary of the office to which nomination is sought shall be paid to the Clerk at the time of filing the petition for nomination."
- Effective January 21, 2025, by [Ordinance No. 04-25 N.S.](#) the annual salary for mayor is \$83,700
- Effective January 21, 2025, by [Ordinance No. 03-25 N.S.](#) the annual salary for a councilmember is \$30,294
 - An additional fee, determined by the County, will be applied should a candidate wish to file a candidate statement

NEW REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY FOR MAYOR

- Nomination papers hold 10 signatures per form. The seat for mayor will require not less than 30 nor more than 40 registered voters residing in the City of Richmond. A council district seat will require not less than 20 nor more than 30 registered voters residing in the district to which you seek office to sign your Nomination Paper.

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2026 ELECTIONS MAYBE FOUND AT: [ELECTION 2026 | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#) - INFORMATION IS CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED