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CANDIDATE FILING CLOSURES THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – For incumbents and individuals who would like to serve on a school or special district board, this Friday is the close of candidate filing.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY– July 13 – AUGUST 7, 2020: Eligible candidates must be registered voters of the district, trustee area or division, as applicable. Additional requirements apply to some offices; please refer to the online Election Notice at <https://bit.ly/2BYTR49>. Candidates **must** file a Declaration of Candidacy in person and meet Nomination requirements between July 13, 2020 and August 7, 2020 by 5 p.m. to qualify for the General Election.

If an eligible incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy and meet the Nomination requirements by 5 p.m. on August 7, 2020, a five-day extension expiring on August 12 is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for the office.

HOW TO OBTAIN AND FILE THE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (Except City Offices): Santa Barbara County is utilizing a new contact-less option for local candidates during the nomination period due to the coronavirus pandemic. Candidates can begin the candidate filing process by [applying](#) online by **no later than** Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Candidates will then be sent the documents via e-mail that they will need to print, complete and file to become a candidate.

The Declaration of Candidacy must be completed in the presence of an Elections Division Clerk or California Notary public who will administer the oath and sign the Declaration. All other forms are to be completed before filing.

Appointments are available to pick up and/or file candidacy documents between 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, contact an office listed below:

Santa Barbara Elections Main Office (4440-A Calle Real)

Go to <https://candidatefiling.as.me/SantaBarbaraOffice> or call (805) 696-8957

Santa Maria Elections Branch Office (511 Lakeside Parkway, Hearing Room)

Go to <https://candidatefiling.as.me/SantaMariaOffice> or call (805) 346-8374