



CITY OF VALLEJO

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES SUPPLEMENT

Dear Candidate,

This information guide supplements information contained in the City's existing "Candidate Information Guide," which is available at the following website:

http://vallejo.hosted.civicle.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_13423/Image/City%20Clerks%20Office/City%20of%20Vallejo%20Candidate%20Information%20Guide%202020_REVISED%2070920.pdf

You should consult the Candidate Information Guide for other information relevant to the November 3, 2020, City of Vallejo General Municipal Election and your write-in candidacy.

The City Clerk's Office is located at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Third Floor, Vallejo, CA 94590. Due to the pandemic, access to City Hall is limited to the 2nd floor Lobby area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Please see "COVID-19 Process for Issuing & Filing Nomination Papers," which is available on the City's website at

http://vallejo.hosted.civicle.com/city_hall/departments_divisions/city_manager/city_clerk/voting_election_information. This process will strictly be adhered to.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, via e-mail at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net or at (707) 648-4528.



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This Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide is intended to provide general information about the nomination and election of candidates, and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. The City Clerk does not provide legal advice. It is also not the intent of the City of Vallejo to render legal advice. Accordingly, the guide is not a substitute for legal counsel for the individual, organization or candidate using it. In case of any conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply.

Candidates are responsible for seeking their own legal counsel and not relying on the City of Vallejo.

WRITE-IN PERIOD

This is the period when all candidates who would like to be on the ballot as a write-in candidate may fill out and leave their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the City Clerk, who is the Elections Official for the City of Vallejo.

The Write-in Period for the November 2020 General Municipal Election is between **September 7, 2020 and October 20, 2020**. Each candidate must circulate Nomination Papers for signatures within the jurisdiction of the office sought between these dates and file them with the City Clerk for examination by the Solano County elections official. Write-in candidates for City Council Districts 1, 3 and 6 must be an elector of that District or of territory lawfully annexed into that District. In order to be a write-in candidate for Mayor, a person must be an elector of the City of Vallejo or of territory lawfully annexed into the City limits of Vallejo.

Candidates must complete and submit the following documents to the City Clerk prior to the expiration of the Write-in Period in order to be a qualified write-in candidate:

1. A Statement of Write-in Candidacy including: [EC 8600]
 - Candidate's name
 - Residence address
 - Declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate
 - Title of the office for which he or she is running, including Council District if applicable.
 - Date of election
2. Nomination Papers containing the required number of signatures for the office on the nomination papers, which is 20.

The Statement of Write-in Candidacy form, Nomination Papers, Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), a copy of Government Code section 84305 (Literature & Mass Mailing Requirements), and Code of Fair Campaign Practice form [EC 20400], shall be available starting on the 57th day prior to the election (September 7, 2020), and will be issued by appointment only by the City Clerk. [EC 8602].

Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates with regard to disclosure of economic interests (Form 700) and campaign disclosures (discussed in greater detail below).

Signers of Nomination Papers for a write-in City Council candidates in Districts 1, 3 or 6 must reside and be registered to vote in that District. Signers of nomination papers for write-in mayoral candidates must be a registered voter within the Vallejo city limits. [EC 8603]

As required by Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 2.56, the candidate will pay a filing fee at the time the candidate files his/her completed Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers. The filing fee for write-in candidates seeking the office of Mayor is \$250 and \$100 for City Councilmember.

The completed Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers shall be delivered to the City Clerk and the filing fee paid no later than the 14th day prior to the election (October 20, 2020), 5:00 p.m. [EC 8601.]

The candidate alone is responsible for ensuring adequate time to remedy any defects in filing. Furthermore, if the candidate files nomination paperwork on the last day of the write-in candidacy period, there may or may not be time to remedy any defects in filing nomination papers.

The City Clerk shall submit the write-in nomination paper to the Solano County Registrar of Voter's Office who shall verify the requisite number of signatures in the same manner as on a regular nomination paper.

Write-in candidates are required to meet the same statutory and constitutional requirements as all others on the ballot.

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Every candidate for Mayor or City Council shall also file no later than the final filing date for the Statement of Write-in Candidacy, a "Statement of Economic Interests" (Form 700) disclosing his/her investments and his/her interests in real property and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. Such statement is not required if the candidate has filed, within 60 days prior to the filing of his/her Declaration of Candidacy, a statement for the same jurisdiction. [GC 82007, 87200-87203, 87500; EC 305.] Candidates shall also be required to file campaign disclosure forms in the time and manner required by law. For more information, visit the Fair Political Practices Commission website, *Candidate Toolkit* webpage at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/candidate-toolkit-getting-started.html>.

TALLY OF WRITE-IN VOTES

Write-in votes will be counted and certified only for qualified write-in candidates who file the required forms with the Elections Official no later than **14** days prior to Election Day (October 20, 2020). Any name written upon a ballot for a qualified write-in candidate, including a reasonable facsimile of the spelling of the name, shall be counted for the office, if it is written in the blank space provided and voted as specified. The write-in space will appear on the ballot directly below the list of candidates for that office. Use a pen to write-in the name of the candidate and mark the oval next to the write-in candidate's name. No write-in vote will be counted unless the voting space next to the write-in space is marked as directed by the voting instructions. [EC 15342]

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Vallejo contracts its General Municipal Election with the Solano County Registrar of Voter's office. The Registrar of Voters will provide polling places with a list of the qualified write-in candidates. The list will also be available on the Registrar of Voter's website.