



CITY OF COVINA



June 2, 2026 General Municipal Election

How to Run for City Office

VACANT SEATS:

- One (1) City Council Member - District 1 for a full, four-year term (06/02/2026 – 06/04/2030)
- One (1) City Council Member – District 3 for a full, four-year term (06/02/2026 – 06/04/2030)
- One (1) City Council Member – District 5 for a full, four-year term (06/02/2026 – 06/04/2030)
- One (1) City Clerk for a full, four-year term (06/02/2026 – 06/04/2030)
- One (1) City Treasurer for a full, four-year term (06/02/2026 – 06/04/2030)

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Senate Bill 415

In 2015, the State Legislature adopted and signed Senate Bill (SB) 415, which required cities with voter turnout rates lower than that of statewide elections to consolidate with the State. In compliance with SB 415, the City of Covina General Municipal Election would have to align with statewide election dates.

City of Covina General Municipal Elections are consolidated with Los Angeles County Statewide Primary Elections pursuant to Covina Ordinance 21-04. Pursuant to Ordinance 22-01 the City of Covina has transitioned to a by-district election system and has established 5 districts. Voters in Districts 1, 3, and 5 will have the opportunity to vote for one Councilmember in the district in which they live. To locate which district you are in please [click here](#). All voters will also have the opportunity to vote for City measures that are placed on the ballot and one (1) Elected City Clerk and one (1) Elected City Treasurer position, which are voted on at-large, and will serve a four (4) year term.

ELECTIONS OFFICIAL
FABIAN VELEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK
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CITY OF COVINA DEMOGRAPHICS:

APPROXIMATE POPULATION: 48,728

(As of July 1, 2023 www.census.gov)

REGISTERED VOTERS: 31,299

(As of February 10, 2025 www.lavote.gov)

VOTER TURNOUT: APPROXIMATELY 21,265

BALLOTS CAST, (68.94%)

*(November 5, 2024 Presidential Election
www.lavote.gov)*

The following information is only intended to provide general guidance; it is not intended to provide legal advice.

General qualifications to run for and hold public office...

- A Covina Resident prior to filing Nomination Papers or declaration of candidacy.
- Registered to vote in Covina and live in the respective [District](#) at the time of their nomination. [Click here](#) to check your voter registration status
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must obtain not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) valid voters' signatures.

Pursuant to California Election Code 2101

How to Get Started...

What you need to do:

- [Form 501](#) – Candidate Intention Statement. Submit the form to the City Clerk's Office. The original must be mailed, or hand delivered to the Covina City Clerk's Office at the address below:

Covina City Clerk's Office
125 E. College Street
Covina, CA 91723

- [Form 410](#) – Statement of Organization Recipient Committee. If you expect to receive or spend \$2,000 or more on your campaign, please submit your original Form 410 to the Secretary of State. A copy must be submitted to the Covina City Clerk's Office via email to cityclerk@covinaca.gov or via U.S. Mail at the above listed address.

Form 410 - Statement Type:

Initial

Mark the "Initial" box and enter the date the committee qualification threshold was met.

If the committee has not met the qualification threshold, mark the "Initial" and "Not Yet Qualified" boxes.



Qualification Threshold

The “date qualification threshold met” is the date the committee received contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year.

Amendment

If any of the information reported on an initial statement of organization changes:

- Mark the amendment box;
 - Include the committee’s ID number and name;
 - Provide the changed information; and
 - Complete the verification.
- [Form 460](#) – Recipient Committee Campaign Statement. Once you qualify as a Candidate, a profile will be setup by the Covina City Clerk’s Office for your committee where you will submit all Form 460’s electronically at www.netfile.com/filer.
- [Form 470](#) – Officeholder Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form. If you are not anticipating on raising or spending \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, submit the original Form to the Covina City Clerk’s Office electronically at www.netfile.com/filer.
- [Form 700](#) – Statements of Economic Interests. All qualified candidates are required to submit the Form with the Covina City Clerk’s Office electronically at www.netfile.com/filer.

Note: Please read the back of each Form to ensure you are naming your committee the proper way and following the required Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) guidelines. On the back of each FPPC Form are instructions on how and when to file the Form. It is vital that before submitting any forms that you have read and understood the purpose of each form. This will assist you as you move farther along in the candidate qualification process.

Contribution Limit for Local Candidates... Since the City of Covina has not adopted a campaign ordinance that includes a local contribution limit, a default [state contribution limit](#) applies to city candidates; which is currently set at **\$5,900 per contributor per election**.

FPPC Questions...

The Covina City Clerk’s Office is available to answer general election questions but at no time is permitted to offer legal advice. For questions regarding the completion of FPPC forms, please contact the advice line directly at (866) 275-3772 or by email at advice@fppc.ca.gov.

Reporting Receipts of Contribution...

A monetary contribution is received on the date the candidate, committee, or an agent of the committee, obtains possession or control of the cash, check, or other item that constitutes the contribution.

When an agent of the committee, such as a campaign consultant, receives a contribution for the committee, the agent must notify the treasurer no later than the closing date of the next campaign statement due. The date of the contribution is the date the agent obtained possession of the contribution.

Note: A contribution of \$100 or more may never be made or received in cash.

For more information, please refer to the [FPPC Manual 2, Chapter 4 Contributions](#)

Candidate Open Nomination Period is February 9, 2026, to March 6, 2026

Nomination Papers may be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office Monday – Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **The deadline for filing Nomination Papers is March 6, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.**



How to Schedule an Appointment for the Open Nomination Period

It is highly recommended to schedule an appointment to pull Nomination Papers during the Open Nomination Period. An appointment may be scheduled by contacting the Covina City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@covinaca.gov or (626) 384-5430.

Nomination Extension Period...

If an eligible incumbent does not file their Nomination Papers by the deadline date of March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., the Nomination Period shall be extended until March 11, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., for candidates other than the incumbent for that seat only.

Filing Fee...

The filing fee for Nomination Papers is \$25 is made payable to the City of Covina and is non-refundable ([California Elections Code Section 10228](#)). Cash, check, debit card, and credit card payments will be accepted as payment for this fee. There will be an additional fee for card transactions.

Qualification of a Candidate...

A potential candidate is considered a qualified candidate once signatures are verified by the City Clerk's Office and all required FPPC forms are submitted. The candidate will be responsible for submitting all required paperwork on or before respective deadlines.

A complete list of qualified candidates will be made available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City [website](#).

Candidate Statements...

Covina Resolution CC 2026-11 states that each candidate for a City of Covina elective office may prepare a candidate statement of no more than two hundred (200) words due at the time the Nomination Papers are filed. Please review Covina Resolution CC 2026-11 for other specific requirements. Word Counting Guidelines for Candidate statements can be found in the Los Angeles County Candidate Handbook/Resource Guide at www.lavote.gov.

Cost for Statements will be determined by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk prior to the opening of the Nomination Period and will be made available at the time Nomination Papers are requested.

Indigent Candidates

If a candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay the advanced candidate statement fee, then the candidate shall submit to the City Clerk an Affidavit of Financial Worth to be used in determining the candidate's eligibility to defer the candidate statement fee to a later time determined by the city.

The candidate will have to disclose the necessary data requested which includes the candidate's employer, real estate holdings, tangible personal property and the IRS Form 4506 "Request for Copy of Tax Return." AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL WORTH — The candidate shall certify the content of the affidavit as to its truth and correctness under penalty of perjury. The affidavit shall be submitted by the candidate together with their candidate statement in accordance with the specified election deadline.

A determination shall be made whether or not the candidate is indigent. The City Clerk will notify the candidate of its findings. If it is determined that the candidate is not indigent, the candidate shall within three (3) days of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays, withdraw their candidate statement or pay the requisite fee. If the City Clerk makes the determination that the candidate is indigent, the elections official shall print and mail the candidate statement in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

For more information, please refer to the [County of Los Angeles Municipal Information Booklet](#).

Withdrawing a Nomination...

[California Elections Code Section 10224](#) states all nomination papers shall be filed with the city elections official during regular business hours as posted, not later than the 88th day before the election (March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.). Until that time, but not after, a candidate may withdraw his or her nomination paper after it is filed with the Elections Official.

State and County Elected Officials

The below information is subject to change following elections.

Honorable Susan Rubio

Congresswoman (22nd District)

<https://sd22.senate.ca.gov/>

West Covina District Office
100 S. Vincent Ave, Ste. 401
West Covina, CA 91790
(626) 430-2499

Honorable Gil Cisneros

Congressman (31st District)

<https://cisneros.house.gov/>

Covina District Office
100 S. Citrus Ave., Suite 204
Covina, CA 91723
(626) 646-0369

Honorable Blanca Rubio

Assembly Member (48th District)

<https://a48.asmdc.org/>

District Office:

100 North Barranca Street, Suite 895
West Covina, CA 91791
Tel: (626) 960-4457 | Fax: (626) 960-1310

Honorable Kathryn Barger

LA County Board of Supervisors (5th District)

<https://kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov/>

San Fernando Valley Field Office:
21943 Plummer Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 993-5170

Honorable Hilda Solis

LA County Board of Supervisors (1st District)

<https://hildalsolis.org/>

856 Kenneth Hahn
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-4111

What to Expect as a Council Member Term

Term for each elected position is four (4) years.

Pay and Benefits

Per [Covina Municipal Code Section 2.04.050](#), "Pursuant to Government Code Section 36516 or any successor statute, the Mayor and each member of the City Council shall receive a salary of \$1,600 per month. The salary of the Mayor and members of the City Council may be changed in the manner provided by law." (Ord. 24-01 § 3, 2024.)

Responsibilities

- Attendance at Council Meetings and various City Events including but not limited to groundbreaking, ribbon cuttings, holiday events, memorial services, etc.
- Attendance at designated Regional meetings
- Completion of Bi-Annual AB1234 Ethics Training
- Completion of Annual Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700)

What to Expect as a City Clerk and City Treasurer

Term for each elected position is four (4) years.

Pay and Benefits

Effective April 2024, the compensation for City Clerk and City Treasurer shall be fixed at \$800 per month. (Resolution CC 2024-07)

The Elected City Clerk and City Treasurer are eligible to receive a monthly technology reimbursement of up to \$100 which covers the cost of voice/data plans (i.e. cell phone bill, internet) (Per City Policy).

Responsibilities

- Attendance at Council Meetings and various City Events as requested
- Attendance at designated Regional meetings, if applicable
- Completion of Bi-Annual AB1234 Ethics Training
- Completion of Annual Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700)



RESOURCES:

California Secretary of State

www.sos.ca.gov/elections

California Fair Political Practices Commission

www.fppc.ca.gov [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#)

California Elections Code

<https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/elections-code/>

County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

www.lavote.gov

LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Municipal Information Booklet

<https://content.lavote.gov/docs/rrcc/documents/municipal-information-booklet-6-2-2026-v-5000.pdf>

City of Covina Elections Webpage

<https://covinaca.gov/city-departments/city-clerk/elections-and-voting/>

City of Covina Municipal Code

<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Covina/>

PLEASE NOTE:

The information contained within this document is subject to change.

Please refer to the City of Covina Election Website for updates.

<https://covinaca.gov/city-departments/city-clerk/elections-and-voting/>



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