

GENERAL VOTER INFORMATION

In order to vote in the March 7, 2017 Special Election, you must register with the Registrar of Voters by Monday, February 20, 2017. You may obtain a voter registration form at the Post Office, Public Library, City Hall (2180 Milvia), Department of Motor Vehicles, the Registrar of Voters, or online at

<http://www.acgov.org/rov/registration.htm>.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOTERS

**Monday
February 6** **VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS**
First day Vote-by-Mail Ballots will be issued by the Alameda County Registrar and voted.

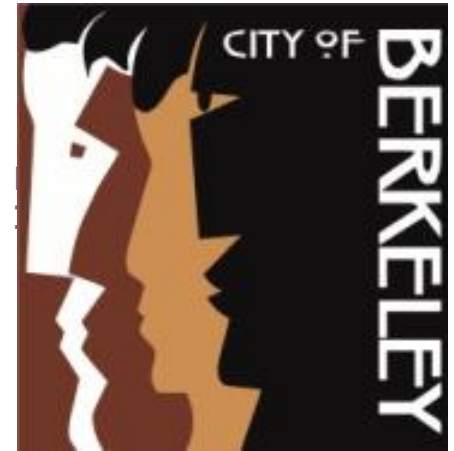
**Monday
February 20** **VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSURES**
This is the last day you may register to be eligible to vote in this election. If you are a citizen of the United States, not in prison or on parole for a felony, and if you will be 18 years of age on or before Election Day, you are eligible to register to vote.

**Tuesday
March 7** **ELECTION DAY**
Voting closes at 8:00 p.m. To be counted, ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day. Ballots can be received by the Registrar of Voters up to three days after Election Day.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

City Clerk Department
2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 981-6900 Phone
(510) 981-6903 TDD
(510) 981-6901 FAX
www.cityofberkeley.info/clerk
elections@cityofberkeley.info

County of Alameda
Registrar of Voters Office
1225 Fallon Street, Rm. G-1
Oakland, CA 94612-4283
(510) 267-8683 Phone
(510) 208-4967 TDD
(510) 272-6982 FAX
<http://www.acgov.org/rov/>



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SPECIAL ELECTION

March 7, 2017

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

A registered voter of the City may be nominated and run for City Council District 4.

The term is for the period from certification of the results through November 30, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CANDIDATES

**Monday
December 12** **SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE BEGIN**
First day to obtain Signature In-Lieu of filing fee petition forms from City Clerk.

**Monday
December 19** **SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE END**
Last day to submit Signature In-Lieu of filing fee petition forms to the City Clerk.

**Monday
December 12** **NOMINATIONS OPEN**
First day Nomination Papers may be obtained from the City Clerk.

**Friday
December 23** **NOMINATIONS CLOSE**
Deadline for filing Nomination Papers with the City Clerk. All relevant documents must be filed at one time.

VOTE-BY-MAIL ONLY ELECTION

The March 7, 2017 Special Election will be conducted entirely by Vote-by-Mail. All registered voters in District 4 will receive a ballot in the mail. The ballot will include a return envelope that is postage-paid; no additional postage will be needed to mail back a ballot. To be counted, ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day. Ballots can be received by the Registrar of Voters up to three days after Election Day.

CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENCY

A candidate must be a citizen of the United States and a registered voter of the State of California and of the City of Berkeley at the time nomination papers are issued. Each candidate for City Council must be a resident of his/her district for 30 days immediately preceding the date of filing for candidacy and must continue to reside within the district during his/her term of office.

NOMINATION PAPERS

Each candidate must be nominated by not less than 20, and not more than 30, registered voters. Candidates for district office must be nominated by registered voters of the district. A candidate may sign his/her nomination paper. No voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the same office.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

A candidate may prepare a candidate statement of qualifications (including a photograph and references) for inclusion in the Voter Information Guide mailed to all registered voters. The statement must be submitted at the same time nomination papers are filed.

FILING FEE

Candidates must pay a filing fee deposit of \$150 at the time nomination papers are issued. A candidate may submit signatures in lieu of a filing fee.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

A statement of economic interests must be filed at the time of filing nomination papers.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Candidates are required to file, with the City Clerk, a notice of intent to run for office, and set up a campaign bank account if they raise or spend \$250 or more. Every candidate and committee is also required to file campaign statements and copies of mass mailings with the City Clerk throughout the election. Committees which raise or spend \$1000 or more must file electronically. Copies of these filings are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office and will be made available on the City's website.

SALARIES

Councilmembers receive \$2,818 per month.

RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

Berkeley voters have used Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) since November 2010. This method allows the voter to rank candidates in order of preference, and eliminates the need for run-off elections.

In 2017, Berkeley voters will use RCV to elect the office of Council District 4. Additional information about Ranked-Choice Voting is available at: <http://www.acgov.org/rov/rcv/>