



# CITY OF CAPITOLA

## 2014 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Capitola will be holding its General Municipal Election on **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**, to be consolidated with the Gubernatorial Election. The following information is provided to answer general questions regarding the city's election. Further information regarding Capitola's election should be directed to the City Clerk, Susan Sneddon, by calling 831-475-7300, or by email at: [ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us](mailto:ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us).

### **OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION**

Three (3) Members of the City Council (4 year terms)

### **INCUMBENTS PRESENTLY HOLDING OFFICE**

Council Members Stephanie Harlan, Michael Termini, and Mayor Storey (termed out)

### **SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Members of the City Council also serve as members of the Capitola Successor Agency.

Member of the City Council

\$500.00 per month plus reimbursement for  
for Council Member expenses

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

A person is eligible to hold office if he/she is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, and is a registered voter residing within the City of Capitola city limits at the time the nomination papers are issued. Verification will be required prior to issuing nomination papers.

**FILING FEES** - There will be no filing fees for taking out nomination papers.

### **DATES AND PROCEDURES FOR TAKING OUT, CIRCULATING AND FILING NOMINATION PAPERS**

***Monday, July 14, 2014 to Friday, August 8, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.***

*Nomination papers may be taken out and filed with the Capitola City Clerk during this period. Not less than 20 nor more than 30 valid signatures are required for nomination to elected office in the City of Capitola.*

A nomination paper may be circulated and subsequently filed by the candidate or by any other person registered to vote at the election. The circulator is required to indicate by affidavit the dates between which all signatures were obtained.

Nomination papers shall be filed with the Capitola City Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day (**Friday, August 8, 2014**) before the election. A candidate may withdraw his/her nomination paper after it has been filed until 5:00 P.M. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day, but not after then.

### **TIME EXTENSION IF INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE**

Should an incumbent fail to file by 5:00 P.M. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day, the voters shall have until 5:00 P.M. on the 83<sup>rd</sup> day (**Wednesday, August 13, 2014**) to nominate candidates other than the incumbent for such elective office.

### **BALLOT ORDER FOR CANDIDATES NAMES**

On Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the Secretary of State conducts the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the ballot for the election.

### **CANDIDATE FORUM**

The Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce will host a “**Candidates Forum**” on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Candidates will have an opportunity to discuss their candidacy and answer questions from the public on local issues. This forum will be televised “Live” on Charter Communications Channel 8 and rebroadcast on Community Television of Santa Cruz.

### **PROCEDURES FOR FILING CANDIDATES’ STATEMENTS, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS, AND CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE FORMS**

**Candidates’ Statements**, if desired, must be filed with the nomination papers and shall remain confidential until expiration of the filing period. The candidate is responsible for printing costs of the statement in the Sample Ballot. The cost will be approximately \$253.00 and will be collected at the time a candidate files nomination papers. Should a candidate also desire his/her statement to appear in the sample ballot in Spanish, a deposit of \$506 would be required.

Complete information regarding Campaign and Economic Interest Statements can be found on the Fair Political Practices Commission website at: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

**Statements of Economic Interest** - A Candidates’ Statement of Economic Interest (Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700) is required to be filed at the time nomination papers are filed.

**Campaign Statements** - Every candidate for any elective office and every committee must file campaign statements. **Before** a candidate for elective office can solicit or receive contributions, he or she *must* file the **Form 501 (Statement of Intention)**. A **Form 410 (Statement of Organization)** is required to be filed within 10 days of receiving \$1,000 in contributions.

### **ETHICS TRAINING**

As an elected official who receives compensation, salary, stipend, and/or reimbursement for expenses, council members and the city treasurer are required to receive ethics training every two years while in office. (*Assembly Bill 1234*)

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF SAMPLE BALLOT  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014, MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS:**

**Monday, October 6, 2014**

**FOR COMPLETE COUNTYWIDE ELECTION INFORMATION: [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com)**