

## GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

1. The Primary Nominating Election will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
2. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.
3. The filing period opens December 27, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. and closes on **January 23, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. *Appointments are recommended.*
4. The processing fee is \$300 and must be paid at the time the candidate takes out his or her nomination paper. **A Candidate MAY NOT pay the nomination fee in cash.**
5. The nominating petition must have a minimum of twenty (20), and no more than thirty (30) signatures. The candidates for Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the City at large. The candidates for Councilmatic District 2 and 3 shall be nominated and elected by their district.
6. If the candidate elects not to pay the \$300 processing fee, three-hundred (300) additional signatures are required. For those persons vying for Council seats, the signatures must be of qualified registered voters of that Councilmatic District.
7. Statement of Qualifications for English & Spanish (Optional):  
  
Maximum of 200 words - \$2500 Deposit for those candidates filing for at large positions. \$1500 Deposit for those candidates filing for Councilmatic Districts.  
  
***Note: The actual cost of the statement could be more or less than the deposit amounts quoted, depending on the number of candidates electing to file statements.***
8. There is a mandatory (\$500) refundable sign removal deposit for Political signs.

9. There are twenty-eight (28) precincts.
10. As of November 2016, there are 43,643 registered voters in the City of Compton; including 13,781 Permanent Vote-By-Mail voters.
11. The last day to register to vote for the primary election is April 3, 2017.
12. Voters may request Vote-by-Mail applications from March 20, 2017 to April 11, 2017.
13. Candidates' name will appear on the ballot as determined by the Secretary of State through random drawing.
14. Any Candidate or committee receiving \$2,000 or more shall, within ten (10) days after reaching the \$2,000 minimum in contributions, file a Form 410 with the Secretary of State's Office. The form is included in your candidate's packet or by writing the Secretary of State Office, 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 495, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.
15. Street indexes may be ordered and purchased at the Registrar Recorder's Office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2013, Norwalk. There is a 24-hour waiting period, and the order must be prepaid. The Registrar Recorder's Office will notify you when the order is ready. For cost information, please contact the Registrar-Recorder's Office at (562) 466-1310.
16. For Precinct Maps contact the County Registrar-Recorder's Office by calling (562) 462-2473.
17. Per the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), all expenditures of \$100 or more **must** be made by check or other written instrument.

18. The Form 501 must be filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission no later than 10 days after the candidate's Campaign bank account is opened.
19. As of January 1, 2013, Government Code section 84101.5, requires the Secretary of State to charge each qualified recipient committee that files a Statement of Organization (Form 410) \$50 per year, until the committee terminates pursuant to Government Code section 84214.

The City Clerk's Office is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the election process—however the easiest and **most expedient** method of addressing your questions or concerns is via email:

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