

June 2, 2026 Statewide Primary Election

Important dates in the election cycle (as of 9/1/2025)

Dec. 19, 2025 – Feb. 4, 2026	Signature in Lieu filing period.
January 2026	Suggested time for jurisdictions holding elections in June 2026 to pass a resolution that 1) orders the election; 2) requests the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to conduct the election, and 3) consolidates it with any other jurisdiction holding an election on that same day.
Jan. 26 – Feb. 4, 2026	Declaration of Intent for Judges. If the incumbent does not file, filing is extended for 5 calendar days to February 9 for anyone other than the incumbent to file.
Feb. 9 – March 6, 2026	Candidate Nomination Period/Candidate Declaration of Candidacy Period. If the incumbent does not file, filing is extended for 5 calendar days to March 11 for anyone other than the incumbent to file.
March 6, 2026	Last day for a jurisdiction to call an election. Last day for a candidate to file for office.
March 6, 2026	Deadline for filing tax rate statement for bond measures appearing on the June ballot.
March 12, 2026	Deadline for filing arguments for or against local ballot measures. Deadline for filing analyses of local ballot measures.
March 19, 2026	Deadline for filing rebuttals.
April 3, 2026	First day to mail ballots to military and overseas voters.
April 23, 2026	First day to mail County Voter Information Guides.
May 4, 2026	First day to mail ballots to all Santa Cruz County registered voters. In-person voting open at two locations.
May 18, 2026	Last day to register to vote for the June 2026 election and receive a ballot and voter guide in the mail.
May 19 – June 2, 2026	For those who missed the deadline to register, they can still register and vote at the county elections office or designated location.
May 23, 2026	Three additional in-person voting locations open.
May 30, 2026	Thirteen additional in-person voting locations open.
June 2, 2026	Election Day – polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.
June 9, 2026	Vote by mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by June 9 will be counted.
June 28, 2026	Last day to cure an unsigned signature on VBM envelope.
June 30, 2026	Last day to certify the election results.