

**City of Oakland
Office of the City Clerk
General Municipal Election
November 3, 2026
Information Sheet**

PLEASE NOTE: The November 3, 2026 election will be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

Mayor	Councilmember, District 2	School Board Director, District 2
City Auditor	Councilmember, District 4	School Board Director, District 4
	Councilmember, District 6	School Board Director, District 6

QUALIFICATIONS*

Councilmember - Citizen of the United States, resident and registered voter of the City of Oakland and designated jurisdiction for at **least 30 days** at the time nomination papers are issued.

City Auditor – Citizen of the United States, resident and registered voter of the City of Oakland for **at least thirty days** at the time nomination papers are issued. Certified by the California State Board of Accountancy as a Certified Public Accountant or by the Institute of Internal Auditors as a Certified Internal Auditor.

Mayor - Citizen of the United States, registered voter and resident of the City of Oakland for **at least thirty days** at time nomination papers are issued.

School Board Director - Citizen of the United States, resident and registered voter of the City of Oakland and designated District for **at least thirty days** at the time nomination papers are issued.

*Voter name and address will be verified with the Registrar of Voters before any nomination documents are issued

CANDIDATE'S FILING FEE

The *non-refundable* filing fee for the City of Oakland is \$1,000*. The full amount can be paid when the papers are issued or \$50 can be paid when nomination documents are issued and pay the remaining balance when said documents are filed. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Checks should be payable to the City of Oakland. *The filing fee for the City of Oakland is subject to change.

NOMINATION PERIOD

The nomination period runs Monday, July 13, 2026 through Friday August 7, 2026.

If the incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended for five (5) calendar days to Wednesday, August 12, 2026. This extended period does not apply where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

Nomination documents are *issued* and *filed* only in the office of the City Clerk located at City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA. You should plan to complete and file nomination documents at the earliest possible time within the nomination period. Plan to spend at least 30 minutes in this office to accurately complete the issuance and filing processes (respectfully). Please type or legibly print all information on your forms as this will help avoid delays and prevent errors.

Nomination documents include but are not limited to the following – Nomination Petitions (returned to Clerk w/ min 50 *valid* signatures of registered voters within the jurisdiction of the seat you are running for); Ballot Designation Worksheet; Affidavit of Nominee; Verified Statement of Candidate (returned to Clerk w/ 150-word statement and min 10 *valid* signatures of registered voters within the City of Oakland); and Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700.

CEC §§ 10220 – 10227; OMC §§ 3.08.040-3.08.080

You may be asked to reschedule your appointment if your documents are incomplete at your issuance appointment and/or your filing appointment.

Please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (510) 238-3226 or electionservices@oaklandca.gov if you have any questions or concerns.