

CITY OF BERKELEY - GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

November 3, 2026

**Offices to be Elected: City Auditor, City Council Districts 1, 4, 7, 8
Rent Board (5 seats); School Board (3 seats)**

<u>DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
		Public Financing payments are made on the Thursday following the Tuesday submission of matching funds requests.
Fixed Date	April 30, 2026	Each committee that makes expenditures in excess of \$270 in support of or in opposition to a measure must file campaign statements for quarterly reporting period (1/1/26 - 3/31/26) BMC § 2.12.271
180	May 7, 2026	Suggested Last Day to file initiative petitions. Qualified petitions received after this date will be accepted, but may not be on the November ballot.
158 103	May 29, 2026 July 23, 2026	Signature In-Lieu of Filing Fee - Candidates may collect signatures during this period to offset the \$150 filing fee. Valid signatures are worth \$1 each. Charter Art. III, Sec. 6.1, BMC §2.16.020
113	July 13, 2026	FILING PERIOD OPENS - CANDIDATE NOMINATION PAPERS
103	July 23, 2026	Deadline to file Signature In-Lieu petitions with City Clerk.
Fixed Date	July 31, 2026	Semi-Annual Campaign Statements due. (1/1/26 - 6/30/26)
90	August 5, 2026	Independent Expenditure Disclosure Period Begins. (\$1000+)
90	August 5, 2026	Late Contribution Disclosure Period Begins. (\$1000+)
88	August 7, 2026	Deadline to deliver resolution placing a measure on the ballot to Registrar and request election consolidation.
88	August 7, 2026	FILING PERIOD CLOSES - CANDIDATE NOMINATION PAPERS
87 83	August 8, 2026 August 12, 2026	Candidate filing period extended if an incumbent eligible for re-election does not file nomination documents by the 8/7/25 deadline. Incumbents cannot file during the extended period. EC §10225
82	August 13, 2026	Secretary of State to conduct Random Alpha Draw for candidate name order on ballot. EC §13111
81	August 14, 2026	Primary ballot measure argument filing deadline (12:00 p.m.).
74	August 21, 2026	Rebuttal ballot measure argument filing deadline (12:00 p.m.).
57 14	September 7, 2026 October 20, 2026	Filing Period - Candidate Nomination Papers for Write-in Candidates.
40 21	September 24, 2026 October 13, 2026	Voter Information Guide mailing period.
40	September 24, 2026	First Pre-Election Campaign Statement due.
29	October 5, 2026	Voting period opens. Ballots mailed to all voters starting 29 days before Election Day.

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16	October 18, 2026	48-Hour Late Contribution Reporting Period begins for contributions of \$100 - \$999 (FPPC Form 497) BMC §2.12.295
15	October 19, 2026	Last Day to Register to Vote for the 11/3/2026 election
14	October 20, 2026	Close of write-in candidate filing period at 5:00 p.m.
12	October 22, 2026	Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement due.
7	October 27, 2026	Campaign contributions list published online and at designated locations in the final seven days before Election Day. BMC §2.12.065
Election Day	November 3, 2026	Election Day - EC §1000; Charter Art. III, Section 4. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
<u>DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
15	November 18, 2026	All campaign signs must be removed fifteen days after the Election (BMC §§ 20.08.240, 20.44.030)
Fixed Date	December 1, 2026	Taking office date for newly elected officials (actual swearing in at later date). Charter Art. V , Sections 14, 14.1, 15, 16.
30	December 3, 2026	Last day for County to certify election results to City. EC §15372
30	December 3, 2026	Last day to submit matching funds requests (public financing) BMC §2.12.505.J
42	December 15, 2026	Council to certify election results. EC §§9217, 10262, 10263; Charter Art. III, Sec. 10
Fixed Date	December 31, 2026	All unspent funds held by Public Financing candidate committees must be repaid to the Fair Elections Fund no later than the close of the semi-annual reporting period. BMC 2.12.505(H)
Fixed Date	January 15, 2027	\$50 fee due to Secretary of State for open campaign committees
Fixed Date	February 1, 2027	Semi-Annual Campaign Statement due. (January 31 is a Sunday, deadline moved to next business day)
Fixed Date	March 31, 2027	Campaign funds become surplus (defeated candidate or candidate that withdrew). Surplus funds may not be used for a future election.
		EC: Election Code; GC: Government Code; BMC: Berkeley Municipal Code Updated 4/14/2026