



CITY OF PERRIS

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BECOMING A CANDIDATE

Qualifications for Candidacy. To qualify as a candidate for member of the City Council or City Clerk, you must reside and be registered to vote within the jurisdiction at the time nomination papers are issued. More specifically, you must be 1) at least 18 years old, 2) a U.S. citizen, 3) a City of Perris resident, 4) registered to vote in the city, and 5) you must not be on parole or serving time for a felony conviction.

Private Versus Public. Becoming a candidate for public office means that information about you will become a matter of public record immediately. With a few exceptions, this includes any and all documents submitted to the city during the course of the election. As such, these documents must, by law, be available to the public for inspection and/or copying.

Filing Requirements. To become a candidate, you must first be issued a Nomination Paper which specifies the office you are seeking. You must obtain the signatures of at least 20 and not more than 30 registered voters within the City of Perris. A number of additional forms are required to be filed. **Please call the City Clerk's office to set an appointment for issuance of the Candidate Packet and Nomination Paper.** Please allow 1-1 ½ hours for this appointment. Once you have completed your Nomination Paper and all other necessary forms please call and make an appointment to submit your paperwork. Upon receipt, the City Clerk's Department will forward your Nomination Paper to the County Registrar of Voters to compare the names, addresses and signatures on your nomination paper with voter registration records. At least 20 must match the records for you to qualify as a candidate.

The nomination period runs from Monday July 18, 2016 through Thursday August 11, 2016 during regular business hours. Regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. We are closed on Friday's

You may withdraw your nomination paper, but only until the deadline for filing, which is August 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Once you have filed the Nomination Paper, you may not make any changes to it. If you fail to qualify as a candidate, a supplemental nomination paper can be issued to you, along with a photocopy of your nomination paper which will show which signatures are valid. There is no extension of the deadline for a supplemental nomination paper.

Write-In Candidates. Write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy, a nomination paper and a Statement of Economic Interests, as well as other forms, during the period of September 12 through October 24, 2016. Signatures and voter registration information on the nomination paper will be verified in the same manner as a regular nomination paper. Write-in candidates' names do **not** appear on the ballot or in the sample ballot pamphlet.