



CITY OF PERRIS

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BECOMING A CANDIDATE IN 2024

Qualifications for Candidacy. To qualify as a candidate for member of the City Council (1 seat-District 2 and 1 seat-District 4) or Mayor (1 seat), you must reside in and be registered to vote within the City of Perris city limits and the City Council District, if applicable, 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 (residing within the city limits of the City of Perris) 4) registered to vote within the city limits of the City of Perris, and 5) you must not be on parole or serving time for a felony conviction. To check your City Council District please visit the City of Perris website: <https://www.cityofperris.org/government/city-council/district-elections-information>

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 made 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 City Limits and within the district, if applicable. There are several additional forms that are also 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. There is no cost to be issued nomination papers. Once you have completed your Nomination Paper and all other necessary forms please call and make an appointment to submit your paperwork. There is a cost of \$25 to file your nomination papers and an optional fee (TBD) if you choose to have a candidate statement. 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 voter registration records on file with Riverside County for you to qualify as a candidate.

The nomination period will open on July 15, 2024. Updated information will be posted on the City of Perris website at www.cityofperris.org/departments/city-clerk as the time for nominations approaches.

You may withdraw your nomination paper, but only until the deadline for filing, which is August 9, 2024. 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, prior to the filing deadline, 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.