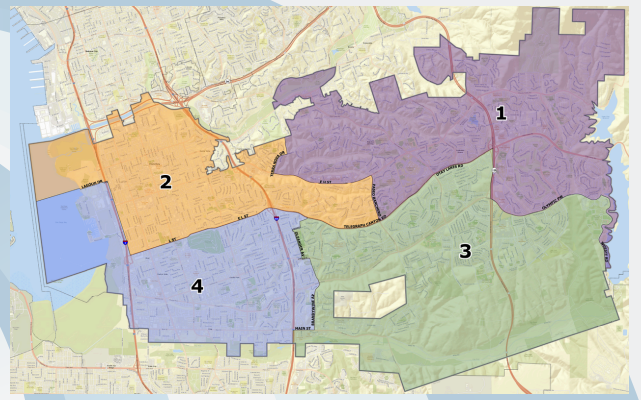
RESIDENCY

At the time nomination papers are issued, a person running for Mayor or City Attorney must be a Resident of Chula Vista, and a person running for City Council must be a resident of the Council district to which that person seeks election.

District lookup: www.chulavistaca.gov/districts



CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Chula Vista has City-specific rules related to campaign contributions (CVMC 2.52). Visit www.chulavistaca.gov/elections for details.

ELECTION CYCLES

Regular elections for the City of Chula Vista are held as follows:

Year	Seats
2028, 2032, 2036, etc,	District 3 and 4 City Councilmembers
2026, 2030, 2034, etc.	Mayor, District 1 and 2 City Councilmembers, & City Attorney

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CITY OF CHULA VISTA

Dear Potential Candidate,

The City Clerk is the elections official for City of Chula Vista municipal elections. As the elections official, I strive to assist all Chula Vista candidates before, during, and after their campaigns. I've prepared this brochure to help you as you consider running for office.

Chula Vista has six elected offices: an at-large Mayor and City Attorney, and four City Councilmembers elected by their respective districts. Regular primary municipal elections are conducted every even-numbered year and are consolidated with the State primary election, which is held in March or June. General (runoff) elections are held in November of the same year. A runoff election is required, regardless of whether a candidate receives greater than 50 percent of the vote in the primary election.

This brochure should address many of your preliminary questions. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (619) 691-5041 or cityclerk@chulavistaca.gov if you need additional information.

Best wishes,
Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC
City Clerk

This guide is not all-encompassing; it merely summarizes the basic requirements to establish candidacy. Candidates, political committees, and anyone interested in elective office should not rely solely on this guide; they should seek legal counsel or contact the City Clerk for more detailed information.

QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR OFFICE

A person must be 18 years of age and a citizen of the State of California at the time of his or her election. *Gov. Code § 1020*

The City Attorney shall be licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of California, and be so licensed for at least ten years preceding their assumption of office following election under this Charter. *City Charter § 503(E)*

A person must be a Resident and registered voter of the City at the time they are issued their nomination papers for such office. A person running for City Council must be a Resident of the Council district to which that person seeks election. *City Charter § 300(B), 300(C), 503(D)*

A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State. *Gov. Code § 1021*

No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. *Elec Code §§ 8003(b), 10220.5*

GETTING STARTED

DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY

1



You must file an original FPPC Form 501 with the City Clerk before you solicit or accept any contributions. Digital signatures are accepted. FPPC forms can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov.

You cannot accept a contribution sooner than 11 months before the primary election. *CVMC 2.52.040(E)*

FORM A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

2



An FPPC Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of receiving $2,000 or more in contributions. The original must be mailed or emailed to the Secretary of State and a copy sent to the City Clerk's office.

A candidate is not required to open a campaign committee if they do not plan to raise or spend more than $2,000 in an election.

OBTAIN AND FILE NOMINATION PAPERS

3



Candidates must obtain and file qualified nomination papers to appear on the ballot. The filing period for primary elections is 113 to 88 days prior to the election, which is approximately the following timeframes:

Election	Nomination Timeframe
March (Primary)	Mid-November through early December of the prior year
June (Primary)	Mid-February through early March of the same year
November	Mid-July through early August of the same year