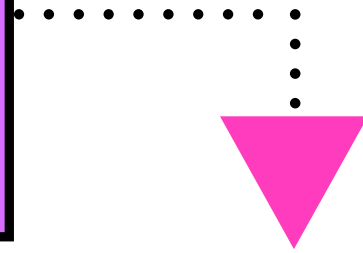


### What is an election period and how does it apply to contributions?



**There** are three types of time periods associated with contributions: 1) primary election; 2) general election; and 3) special election periods. For purposes of calculating the total amount of contributions received from a single source, contributions must always be attributed to a period.

**Primary** Election Period - starts on July 1st of the year preceding the election and ends on June 30th of the election year (if candidate wins the primary election).

**General** Election Period - starts on July 1st of the election year and ends on December 31st of that year. (The general period is only applicable if there is no winner in the primary election and the candidate is on the ballot in a general 'run-off' election).

**Special** Election Period - starts the day the office becomes vacant and ends at the end of the month in which the special election is held.

**Simply** defined, periods are associated with elections and contributions must be attributed to the appropriate election period.

**Also**, contributions received before or after an election period are attributed to the period in which the candidate wins or unsuccessfully ran for office. Contributions received prior to committee qualification would be considered for purposes of the City's contribution limits and shall be attributed to the appropriate period. The limits shall also apply to candidates who raise less than \$1000 per calendar year, and do not meet the qualifications for forming a campaign committee.



For more detailed information on the provisions of contributions periods refer to the Sacramento City Code on line at:

[http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/view.php?topic=2-2\\_13-i&frames=on](http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/view.php?topic=2-2_13-i&frames=on)