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SUBJECT: JUNE 8, 2010 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A June 8, 2010 Primary Municipal Election held for the purpose of electing Sacramento City Council Members in Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 for terms expiring November 23, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Sacramento City Charter, City Council Members shall serve four-year terms, with terms being staggered. In 2010, the terms of Members of Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 will expire. In January of 2010, the Sacramento City Council called a June 2010 election for the purposes of electing members to these seats.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

A candidate must be an elector and a resident within the district the candidate seeks to represent for not less than 30 days preceding the date of filing candidate papers (**no later than 2/10/10**). Or, 2/15/10 if filing candidate papers in a district where the incumbent does not file and the filing period is extended to March 17, 2010. The candidate's qualifications will be verified through Sacramento County voter registration files prior to the issuance of a nomination package. Elector and resident status must be maintained during the term of office.

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NOMINATION PERIOD:

The nomination period commences Tuesday, February 16, 2010* and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2010. The Sacramento City Clerk will issue and accept for filing official nomination documents during regular business hours. These hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

If the current office holder (incumbent) does not file his/her nomination documents by the March 12, 2010 deadline, the nomination period shall be extended (in only that district) to Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The incumbent cannot file nomination documents during this extended period.

During the nomination period, the candidate will complete a variety of documents. These documents include the Nomination Petition, Statement of Economic Interests Form 700, Candidate Statement, Statement of Acceptance/Rejection of Public Financing, Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a variety of other required and optional forms.

On the Nomination Petition, the candidate must obtain no less than 20, and no more than 30 signatures of registered voters in his/her district in order to qualify for placement on the ballot. **There is no filing fee.**

DATES:

The following events and/or activities are scheduled to occur.

Event/Activity	Date
City of Sacramento Calls Primary Election	01/26/10
Nomination Period Opens	02/16/10*
First Day Campaign Signs May Be Erected	03/10/10
Nomination Period Closes	03/12/10
Extended Nomination Period Closes (if applicable)	03/17/10
Secretary of State Holds Random Alpha Drawing	03/18/10
Write-In Nomination Period Opens	04/12/10
Last Date to Register to Vote	05/24/10
Write-In Nomination Period Closes	05/25/10
Election Day	06/08/10
Semi-Official Results Available	06/09/10

*Monday, February 15, 2009 is President's day holiday; City Hall is closed, therefore the nomination period opens February 16, 2010.

RESULTS:

In order to be successful in the June 8, 2010 Primary Election, one candidate must receive a majority of votes cast in that candidate's particular district. If one candidate does not win a majority (50% plus 1) of the votes cast, the top-two vote receivers will be placed on the November 2, 2010 ballot for a run off. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the run off will be declared elected.

The voted ballots will be canvassed by the Sacramento County Office of Voter Registration and Elections and certified to the City of Sacramento. Upon receipt of the election certification, the Sacramento City Council will adopt the results via resolution. Candidates winning in June will be sworn in on Tuesday November 23, 2010 when the terms of the Council Members in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 expire.

CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates who plan to raise contributions and/or make campaign expenditures of \$1,000 or more must form a campaign committee. This also applies to individuals who intend to raise and/or spend funds in support of or opposition to a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot.

An individual, group of individuals, organization or any other entity is a "committee" if it makes or receives "contributions" or makes "independent expenditures" as defined in the Political Reform Act. All committees are required to file periodic campaign disclosure statements with the appropriate filing officer (City Clerk) disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

Any individual, or group of individuals, who anticipate receiving and/or spending funds to support or oppose a candidate, should contact the Sacramento City Clerk's Office at (916) 808-7200 and request the current Fair Political Practices Commission Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions, or access the form on line at: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/manuals/manual2local.pdf> .

In addition, the City of Sacramento requires that campaign disclosure statements be filed electronically in addition to an originally signed paper version. All statements must be submitted into the City's Online Campaign Statement system which may be accessed on line at: <http://www.netfile.com/agency/sac/>.

The system is used by candidates to prepare or upload statements, or by any interested party to search or browse the contents. For more information on use of the system, contact Jennifer Carlino, Senior Deputy City Clerk, at 808-7200 for assistance. Qualified candidate committees shall file statements on the following schedule:

FILING SCHEDULE:

Event/Activity	Filing Date
Semi-Annual Statement (Period 7/1/09–12/31/09)	02/01/10
Supplemental Pre-Election Statement (1/1/10–3/12/10)	03/17/10
1 st Pre-Election Statement (Period 3/13/10–3/17/10)	03/22/10
2 nd Pre-Election Statement (Period 3/18/10–5/22/10)	05/27/10
Late Contribution Reporting (Period 5/23/10–6/7/10)	24 Hours
Supplemental Post-Election Statement (Period 5/23/10–6/30/10) *	07/06/10
Semi-Annual Statement (Period 5/23/10-6/30/10) *	07/06/10
Termination Statement (Period 7/1/10-Closing Date)	On Close
Semi-Annual Statement (Period 7/1/10-12/31/10)	01/31/11

* The Supplemental Post-Election Statement and Semi-Annual Statement shall be combined and filed no later than July 6, 2010. This only applies to committees involved in the election.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGULATIONS:

The City of Sacramento has adopted local campaign finance regulations, which apply to all candidates and candidate committees in some form or another. These regulations provide for public campaign financing (also referred to as matching funds), restrict spending and place limits on contributions.

Campaign finance regulations are very complicated. Interested individuals should refer to the City Code Chapters 2.13 and 2.14, which can be accessed on the City web page at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/campaign-information/finance-and-regulations/>

Generally, contribution limits for a Council Member are \$1,500 from a person and \$5,000 from a City-registered large political committee. The spending limits are \$88,000 (if accepting public financing). The public matching fund limits are \$35,200 per candidate.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

City election information is available in the Sacramento City Clerk's Office at Historic City Hall, 915 I Street, Room 116, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by calling (916) 808-7200. For the convenience of our customers, information is also available on line at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/elections/>. Updated status on candidate filings and election activities will be posted regularly, with more frequent updates in February and March of 2010. Internet customers are encouraged to subscribe to the City's e-mail notification system located on the City's main web page at www.cityofsacramento.org. Selecting the "elections" box will result in receipt of alerts when the "elections" web pages are updated with new information.

After nomination documents are filed, the documents (except nomination petitions) will be posted to the City's election web site, or available for public review in the Clerk's Office. Candidate statements shall remain confidential until one working day following the filing deadline.

Copies are \$0.10 per page for most materials.

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