

March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

Important dates in the election cycle (as of 3/20/23)

Sept. 14 – Nov. 8, 2023	Signature in Lieu filing period.
Sept. 29 – Dec. 8, 2023	Central Committee nomination filing period.
September 2023	Suggested time for jurisdictions holding elections in March 2024 to pass a resolution that 1) orders the election; 2) requests the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to conduct the election, and 3) consolidates it with any other jurisdiction holding an election on that same day.
Oct. 30 – Nov. 8, 2023	Declaration of Intent for Judges. If the incumbent does not file, filing is extended for 5 calendar days to November 13 for anyone other than the incumbent to file.
Nov. 13 – Dec. 8, 2023	Candidate Nomination Period/Candidate Declaration of Candidacy Period. If the incumbent does not file, filing is extended for 5 calendar days to December 13 for anyone other than the incumbent to file.
December 8, 2023	Last day for a jurisdiction to call an election. Last day for a candidate to file for office.
December 8, 2023	Deadline for filing tax rate statement for bond measures appearing on the March ballot.
December 15, 2023	Deadline for filing arguments for or against local ballot measures. Deadline for filing analyses of local ballot measures.
December 22, 2023	Deadline for filing rebuttals.
January 5, 2024	First day to mail ballots to military and overseas voters.
January 25, 2024	First day to mail County Voter Information Guides.
February 5, 2024	First day to mail ballots to all Santa Cruz County registered voters. In-person voting open at two locations.
February 19, 2024	Last day to register to vote for the March 2024 election and receive a ballot and voter guide in the mail.
Feb. 20 – March 5, 2024	For those who missed the deadline to register, they can still register and vote at the county elections office or designated location.
February 24, 2024	Three additional in-person voting locations open.
March 2, 2024	Thirteen additional in-person voting locations open.
March 5, 2024	Election Day – polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.
March 12, 2024	Vote by mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by March 12 will be counted.
March 26, 2024	Last day to cure an unsigned signature on VBM envelope.
April 2, 2024	Last day to certify the election results.