## **News Release**

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## June Election Candidate Filing for Judges Begins February 1

Candidates for Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge are required to file a Declaration of Intention with the County Clerk between February 1 and February 10, 2016.

Incumbent judges and challengers must pay the entire filing fee of \$1,890.41 at the time of filing their Declaration of Intention represented by money, signatures or any prorated combination of money and signatures. **The filing fee is non-refundable.** 

There are three Superior Court Judges up for election in June:

- Timothy R. Volkmann
- John Gallagher
- Rebecca Connolly

Only incumbents and challengers to the Office of Superior Court Judge must file a Declaration of Intention by 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 10. Candidates for all other offices, including judges, are required to file Nomination Documents and Declarations of Candidacy during the filing period from February 16 to March 11.

Other offices on the June 2016 ballot include:

- U.S. President;
- U.S. Senate;
- 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts;
- 17<sup>th</sup> State Senate District;
- 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts;
- District Attorney-Public Administrator (short term);
- Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (short term);
- County Supervisors for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> districts; and
- San Benito County Board of Education Trustee Area 2 governing board member.

A "Candidate's Handbook" detailing filing fees, candidate qualifications, deadlines, candidate's statements of qualifications, and other important candidate information for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is available from the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz or online at <a href="https://www.votescount.com">www.votescount.com</a> The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 831-454-2060.