



How to Run For Office

Eligibility and Qualifications for Candidacy

The next City Council Election will be held on November 3, 2020. The two seats to be filled are those currently held by Mayor Will Lee and Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell. To be eligible to run for City Council, you must be a registered voter of Fort Bragg at the time nomination papers are issued. Registered voters must be U.S. Citizens, age 18 or older, a resident of the City of Fort Bragg residing within the City limits, and not convicted of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the State.

Getting Started

The following steps will give you an overview of how to get started on becoming a candidate for the City of Fort Bragg City Council. Contact City Clerk June Lemos, jlemos@fortbragg.com, (707) 961-1694, with questions.

1. Review the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#), which is available online at www.fppc.ca.gov. This manual provides information on campaign disclosure rules as required under the Political Reform Act. The FPPC provides advice by phone at 1 (800) 275-3772 or by e-mail at advice@fppc.ca.gov.
2. File [FPPC Form 410](#) – Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State, along with a filing fee of \$50.00, made payable to the Secretary of State, within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. File a copy of the Form 410 with the City Clerk. The Form 410 can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov and Campaign Disclosure Manual 2 gives details on how to complete the Form 410.
3. File [FPPC Form 501](#) - Candidate Intention Statement before you solicit or receive any contributions or before you make expenditures from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. The Form 501 can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Nomination Period

The nomination period is when individuals officially receive, circulate and file nomination papers for candidacy. The nomination period for candidates opens at 8:00am on July 13, 2020 and closes at 5:00pm on August 7, 2020. If an incumbent fails to submit nomination papers by this deadline, non-incumbent candidates will then have until 5:00pm on August 12, 2020 to file nomination papers.

Candidates **must schedule an appointment** with the City Clerk to take out nomination papers. To schedule an appointment please contact City Clerk June Lemos, (707) 961-1694, or email jlemos@fortbragg.com.

Additional information regarding the 2020 General Municipal Election and modifications made due to COVID-19 will be posted as more information becomes available.

Resources

[Election Calendar](#)

[2020 Candidate Handbook](#)

[Political Signs](#)

[California Secretary of State](#)

[Mendocino County Registrar of Voters](#)

[FPPC Candidate Toolkit](#)

[Election Results](#)

[2020 Fort Bragg City Council Election Brochure](#)

[2020 Ciudad de Fort Bragg Elección de Ayuntamiento](#)

Election Documents

[Resolution 4262-2020 Calling Election](#)

[Resolution 4263-32020 Consolidating the Election](#)

[Notice of Election](#)

Contact the City Clerk's Office

Please contact the City Clerk's Office by phone at (707) 961-1694 or by email at jlemos@fortbragg.com if you have any questions.