



To: Honorable Willie L. Brown Jr., Mayor
Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Gloria Young, Clerk of the Board

From: John Arntz, Director of Elections

Date: July 25, 2003

Re: Statewide Special Election Calendar – Recall of Governor

The Department of Elections is currently in the process of planning and preparing for the Statewide Special Election scheduled for October 7, 2003. The following are important dates for the special election:

- July 24-
Aug. 9** **Candidate Nomination Period**
Between July 24 and August 9, 2003 candidates for the special statewide election may file nomination documents including the nomination petition containing 65-100 signatures, and the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications, if candidate chooses to submit one for publication in the State Pamphlet. Forms may be obtained from either the Department of Elections or the Secretary of State's Office, but the candidate statement *must* be filed with Secretary of State's Office. (CA. Elections Code §11381)
- Aug. 13** **Certification of Candidates**
Secretary of State certifies the names of the candidates to succeed the recalled officer to be placed on the special election ballot (CA. Elections Code §11381(a).
- Aug. 14** **Election Officials to Prepare Ballots and Sample Ballots**
Once the candidate list is certified, county election officials can finalize ballot preparation. The ballot will contain the recall question, nominees, and any state ballot propositions that would be consolidated with this special election.
- Sept. 8** **Early Voting at City Hall**
Beginning September 8 voters may vote absentee for the Statewide Special Election at the Department of Elections Office at City Hall Room 48, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 8** **Begin Mailing Absentee Ballots**
First day for the Department of Elections to begin mailing absentee ballots.
- Sept. 22** **Voter Registration Deadline for Special Statewide Election**
Deadline to register or re-register to vote in the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election. Voter Registration Cards must be completed, signed and mailed by this date.

- Sept. 30** **Last day to Request a Mailed Absentee Ballot**
Deadline for voters to request an absentee ballot by mail. Requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Elections. (*Postmarks are NOT accepted*) Absentee voting is available in person at City Hall through Election Day.
- October 7** **Election Day for Statewide Special Election**
Polling Places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11** **Statement of Vote to Secretary of State**
One copy of the Statement of Vote must be sent to the Secretary of State no later than November 11, 2003. §15375

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 554-4375.