

2026 Simplified Election Calendar

To assist the Board in planning, we have separated the schedule into two categories:

1. **Governance Actions:** Legislative items the Board must vote on to authorize the election.
2. **Candidate Actions:** Deadlines for individuals filing to run for office.

1. Governance Deadlines (Board Action Required)

Before the election can proceed, the Board must adopt specific resolutions. Please mark these dates for upcoming agendas in Summer 2026:

- **July 16, 2026 — Authorize Vote-by-Mail:** Deadline to adopt the resolution allowing the election to be conducted by mail rather than in-person proxies.
- **August 5, 2026 — Assessment Roll Ordinance:** Deadline to adopt the ordinance updating the assessment roll to reflect land ownership as of 45 days prior to the election.

2. Candidate Deadlines (Individual Responsibility)

For Directors intending to run for re-election, strict statutory deadlines apply to the filing of paperwork. These deadlines cannot be waived by District staff.

- **July 13, 2026:** First day to obtain "Declaration of Candidacy" forms from the Secretary.
- **July 31, 2026:** Deadline for semi-annual campaign finance statement (Form 460/470) covering the period ending June 30.
- **August 7, 2026 (5:00 P.M.): HARD DEADLINE.** Last day to file Declarations of Candidacy and Candidate Statements.
 - *Note:* If an incumbent does not file by this date, the filing period extends to **August 12** for non-incumbents only.

3. Post-Filing Schedule

Once the ballot is set, candidates must adhere to the following reporting schedule:

- **September 24, 2026:** 1st Pre-Election Campaign Statement due.
- **October 22, 2026:** 2nd Pre-Election Campaign Statement due.
- **November 3, 2026:** Election Day
- **December 7, 2026:** Newly elected (or re-elected) Directors take the official oath of office.