

City of California City Special Municipal Election – June 2, 2026

On December 22, 2025, during a Special Meeting of the City Council, the City Council voted unanimously to call a Special Election to fill the current vacancy seat on the City Council and to consolidate with the Kern County Clerk's Office for the June 2, 2026 Special Municipal Election.

REGISTER TO VOTE

To register to vote for the upcoming election, contact the Kern County Clerk's Office at (661) 868-3590, or register online at kerncounty.com or www.sos.ca.gov.

VOTE CENTER

Vote Centers will be open June 2, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Vote Center for the City of California City Special Municipal Election will be located at the Strata Center 10350 Heather Avenue, California City, CA 93505.

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION (BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION ONLY)

The Kern County Library is a ballot drop off location and will be open during normal business hours and accepting ballots on May 5, 2026 through June 2, 2026, from the following times: Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at California City Branch Library 9507 California City Boulevard California City, CA 93505.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY

To qualify as a candidate for member of the City Council, you must reside and be registered to vote within the jurisdiction when nomination papers are issued. Additionally, you must be:

- A registered voter at their current residence in the City of California City and residing within the City's limits in which they are running.
- A citizen of the United States.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Not disqualified from holding office by the Constitution or laws of the State of California.

NOMINATION PROCESS AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

To become a candidate, you must first be issued Nomination Papers by the City Clerk. The Nomination Paper filing period will begin on Monday, February 9, 2026, and will close on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The City Clerk will issue candidates a Candidate's Handbook, including an Official Nomination Paper, Candidate's Statement Form, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700, Campaign Disclosure Forms, and other information regarding the election. This information will be available by appointment at the City Clerk's Office

beginning February 13, 2026. Please call the City Clerk's office at 760-338-1506 or email jmaier@californicity-ca.gov to schedule an appointment to issue the Candidate Handbook and Nomination Papers.

Once you have filed the Nomination Papers, you may not make any changes to the form. If you fail to qualify as a candidate, supplemental nomination papers can be issued to you. There is no extension of the deadline for supplemental nomination papers.

For questions regarding polling locations and/or vote centers for the June 2, 2026 Special Municipal Election, please call or visit the County of Kern's County Clerk's Office: (661) 868-3590 or kerncounty.com

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Information, such as campaign forms will be provided after the close of the Nomination Period.