

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR COUNTY MEASURES
November 3, 2026 General Election**

Shown below is a sequence of events, including statutory deadlines and Registrar of Voters' administrative deadlines, leading to the General Election on November 3, 2026. This sequence shows the actions the Board of Supervisors would need to take to place a countywide measure, including one proposing to amend the County Charter, on the ballot.

The recommended administrative deadlines will enable the Registrar of Voters to establish deadlines for the submittal of filings related to a measure, which provide a reasonable time to prepare the election material, the full 10-day public examination periods for the submitted filings, and sufficient time to resolve a petition for writ of mandate challenging any of the election materials without substantially interfering with the conduct of the election.

It is statutorily permissible for the Board of Supervisors to order a countywide measure election up until 88 days before Election Day. If the election is ordered less than 109 days before Election Day, the Registrar of Voters would endeavor to conduct the election as ordered and would set expedited filing deadlines for election materials. Even with such shortened deadlines, there would not be much time left for a court to resolve a legal challenge without impacting the conduct of the election.

All statutory references are to the Elections Code, unless stated otherwise.

<p>July 17, 2026 (E-109)</p>	<p>The Registrar of Voters requests that the Board of Supervisors by this date adopt a Resolution to order a countywide measure election to be consolidated with the General Election.</p> <p>If the Board of Supervisors wishes to have a full text of the measure printed in the County Voter Information Guide, the Registrar of Voters requests the Board include that direction in the Resolution.</p> <p>§§ 9140, 9190, 10400, 10401, 10403; Govt. Code § 23722</p>
<p>July 31, 2026 (E-95)</p>	<p>The Registrar of Voters requests that the Auditor-Controller prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement and to submit such statement to the Registrar of Voters by this date. § 9160(c); Orange County Charter § 701</p>
<p>July 31, 2026 (E-95)</p>	<p>The Registrar of Voters requests that the County Counsel submit the Ballot Question, Measure Ordinance Text, and Impartial Analysis to the Registrar of Voters by this date. §§ 13120, 9160(b)</p>
<p>July 31, 2026 (E-95)</p>	<p>Recommended date for Direct Arguments for and against all proposed ballot measures to be filed at the Registrar of Voters' office.</p> <p>§§ 9162, 9163</p> <p>When filing direct arguments, the parties must provide a list of supporters or opponents to the countywide measure that will be printed on the ballot. The list must not exceed 125 characters in length including spaces, commas, semicolons, and other characters. Note: At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or</p>

	against county measures, July 1, 2026 , the Board may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots. § 9170
August 1, 2026 through August 10, 2026 (E-94 – 85)	10-day Public Review period. Registrar of Voters shall make the Measure Ordinance Text, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement, and selected Direct Arguments for and against available for public examination for a period of 10 calendar days immediately following the deadline for each to be filed. These materials will be available for public review at the Registrar of Voters' office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until August 10, 2026 , and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. During the Public Review period, any voter may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any of these materials to be amended or deleted. § 9190
August 7, 2026 (E-88)	Statutory deadline for Board of Supervisors to adopt a Resolution to order a countywide measure election to be consolidated with the General Election. § 10403; Govt. Code § 23722
August 10, 2026 (E-85)	The Registrar of Voters will notify the Board of Supervisors of letters assigned to measures.
August 10, 2026 (E-85)	Recommended deadline for filing of rebuttal arguments. Rebuttals must be filed 10 days after the direct arguments. § 9167
August 11, 2026 through August 20, 2026 (E-84 – 75)	Public Review period for rebuttal arguments begins on August 11, 2026 and closes August 20, 2026 . Only Rebuttal Arguments are subject to legal action during this public review period. § 9190
August 12, 2026 (E-83)	Statutory deadline for Board of Supervisors to submit a resolution to the Registrar of Voters to withdraw a prior countywide measure order of election. § 9605
August 28, 2026 (E-67)	The Registrar of Voters requests that the Court issue a potential order to change measure ordinance text, impartial analysis, fiscal impact, direct and rebuttal arguments by this date to ensure Registrar of Voters can meet election material mailing deadlines. § 9190
September 4, 2026 (E-60)	First day ballots may be transmitted to military and overseas voters. Deadline to transmit ballots requested by military and overseas voters is September 19, 2026 (E-45) . §§ 3105, 3114; 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)
September 19, 2026 (E-45)	Statutory deadline for Registrar of Voters to issue ballots and Voter Information Guides to military and overseas voters. § 3105
September 24, 2026 (E-40)	Voter Information Guide mailing begins approximately this date. Mailing completed by October 13, 2026 . § 13303(a)
October 5, 2026 (E-29)	Ballot mailing to active registered voters begins. All Vote-By-Mail ballots will be issued through the Registrar of Voters. Requests for replacement mail ballots should be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters. §§ 3000.5, 3001, 3014, 4005(a)(8)(A)

October 5, 2026 (E-29)	Ballot drop boxes are open this day through Election Day. § 4005(a)(1)(B)
October 13, 2026 (E-21)	Last day to mail Voter Information Guides. § 13303(a)
October 19, 2026 (E-15)	Last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2026 General Election. § 2102
October 20, 2026 through November 3, 2026 (E-14 – 0)	Conditional Voter Registration period. During the 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office of their county elections official, a satellite office, or to a Vote Center to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot. § 2170
October 24, 2026 (E-10)	Beginning 10 days before the day of the election and continuing daily up to Election Day, select Vote Centers are open to the public. § 4005
October 31, 2026 (E-3)	Beginning 3 days before the day of the election and continuing daily up to Election Day, additional Vote Centers are open to the public. § 4005
November 3, 2026 (E-0)	Election Day. All Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballots will be centrally tallied at the Registrar of Voters' office. §§ 1000, 14212
December 3, 2026 (E+30)	Registrar of Voters will certify on or before this date. §§ 15372, 15375