



**CITY OF EL CERRITO
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EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION PERIOD TO OPEN

El Cerrito, California (Wednesday, July 11, 2012) – Persons interested in running for the office of City Council Member for the City of El Cerrito in the upcoming November 6, 2012 election may obtain Nomination Papers and a Candidate's Packet from the City Clerk beginning Monday, July 16, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. The General Municipal Election will fill three seats on the City Council for four year terms. The successful candidates will be installed in the month of December 2012.

To be eligible to hold office as a City Councilmember, a person must be 18 years old and a registered voter residing within the boundaries of the City of El Cerrito.

Each Nomination Paper must be signed by at least 20 and no more than 30 persons who are registered to vote in the City of El Cerrito. Nomination signatures can be collected between July 16, 2012 and August 10, 2012. The deadline for filing nomination and other associated papers is August 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Each candidate is required to file a Statement of Economic Interests disclosing investment, income, business positions, and interests in real property when Nomination Papers are returned for filing. Candidates may also prepare a Statement that includes their name and a brief description of no more than 300 words setting forth the candidate's education and qualifications. The Statement is filed with the Nomination Papers and is included in the voter pamphlet mailed to voters. The charge to each candidate for providing this service is estimated to be \$475 and is payable at the time of filing nomination papers.

All forms required for nomination and election to the City Council in the City of El Cerrito are furnished by and filed with the El Cerrito City Clerk. Appointments to obtain the Nomination Papers and Candidate's Packet are highly recommended to ensure ample time to thoroughly review the filing requirements and answer any questions. The process takes approximately 30 minutes.

The City Clerk's office is located at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays and between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2012.

For additional information please contact Cheryl Morse, City Clerk at 215-4305.