November 6, 2012 Election FAQs

The City of Fullerton will hold a General Municipal Election in conjunction with this November's Presidential Election. The following information provides answers many of the frequently asked questions regarding the election and nominations process. Citizens requiring further information or clarification can contact the Fullerton City Clerk's Office at 714.738.6350.

Election Information

When is the election?

The City will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

What will be on the ballot?

The November 2012 ballot will contain races for U.S. President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senators from odd-numbered districts, Members of the State Assembly and all such other state, county, judicial or other officers as provided by law as well as any state and local measures that have qualified for inclusion on the November 2012 ballot.

Specifically to the City of Fullerton, the November 2012 ballot will have races for three city council seats (currently held by Council Members Quirk-Silva, Whitaker and Kiger) with terms expiring December 2016 and a referendum measure pertaining to the West Coyote Hills development project. City Council will consider measure repealing the fireworks ban on July 17, 2012.

How are the winning City Council Candidates determined?

City Council seats are "at-large" positions. The three candidates with the highest number of votes in the November 2012 election will win the three open seats.

Do Council Members have term limits?

Yes. Effective 2010, Council Members may serve three successive four-year terms and then are ineligible to serve again until four years has passed. No current City Council members will reach their term limits this November.

What are the campaign contribution limits?

The City of Fullerton has no campaign contribution limits.

How can I register to vote, verify an existing registration, cancel my registration, or update my registration?

You can verify your registration using the Registrar of Voters' new voter lookup feature. You can also register to vote, update your registration or learn more about voter registration here: http://www.ocvote.com/registration/voter-registration-info or call the Registrar of Voters at 714.567.7600.)

How do I request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot?

You can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the November 6, 2012 election through October 30, 2012 at http://www.ocvote.com/votebymail or call the Registrar of Voters at 714.567.7600. (You can also track the status of your Vote-by-Mail ballot at http://www.ocvote.com.)

I lost or damaged my vote-by-mail ballot, how can I get a replacement?

Follow this link to get a replacement vote-by-mail ballot: http://www.ocvote.com/voting/vote-by-mail-voting/request-replacement-vote-by-mail-ballot.

I would like to vote at my polling place and need the location. Where can I find the address?

You can look up your polling place here: https://www.ocvote.com/registration/verify-your-voter-registration or call the Registrar of Voters at 714.567.7600.

I notice the location of my polling place changed - why was it moved?

In California, polling places are not permanent sites. The locations may change from election-to-election. The most common reason for the change of a polling place location is that the facility is no longer available to serve as a polling place.

Can I opt out of receiving my sample ballot in the mail and/or view it online?

Yes. Just follow this link: https://www.ocvote.com/registration/verify-your-voter-registration.

How much will the election cost?

The estimated cost of a general election consolidated with the county is $ $87,000 - $111,000. The actual cost will depend on the number of contests and the number of candidates.

Who pays for the election?

The City of Fullerton.

I have been receiving political mail and phone calls at my home. Where are they obtaining my information?

This information can be obtained from a variety of sources, including the voter registration list. Current State law allows voter registration data to be obtained for election, governmental, scholarly or political research purposes.

How do I find election results?

You can find election results at www.ocvote.com.

Where can I find the list of candidates, Candidate Statements and campaign finance reports?

You find them all at: http://cityoffullerton.com/depts/city_clerk/elections/default.asp.

Information for Candidates

How do I run for City Council?

The City Clerk will issue nomination papers to candidates. It's best to contact the City Clerk at 714.738.6350 to schedule an appointment as the process takes 30-60 minutes to pull and another 30-60 to file nominations papers.

When can I pull/file nomination papers?

The nomination period for the November 6, 2012 election begins July 16, 2012 and ends August 10, 2012.

Can I run for more than one seat?

No.

What happens if an incumbent doesn't file to run by the August 10th deadline?

The filing period will automatically extend for five day and close on August 15, 2012.

Ballot Measure Info

What is the argument filing deadline?

Ballot measure arguments must be filed with the City Clerk's Office by the end of business on August 10, 2012.

What is the deadline to file rebuttal arguments?

Ballot measure arguments must be filed with the City Clerk's Office by the end of business on August 20, 2012.