

# May 17, 2016 Primary Election Candidate Quick Notes

- ❖ **County Candidate Filing Deadlines: Sept. 10, 2015 - March 8, 2016 at 5 pm**
  - Election Filing Officer – Coos County Clerk
  - Candidates Manual & Campaign Finance Manual
  - Manuals & Forms located online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)
  
- ❖ **Filing Forms required to be filed with County Election Officer for County Positions**
  - Filing by “Declaration”
    - ✓ SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan
      - \* Filing Fee \$50.00
  - Filing by “Prospective” Petition
    - ✓ SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan
      - \* Mark “Prospective Petition with proposed signature sheet
    - ✓ SEL 121 Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan
      - \* Signatures required, min. 254 within 10% of Coos County Precincts (min. of 2 precincts)
      - \* Petition must be approved in writing by the County Clerk before gathering any signatures
    - ✓ SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan
      - \* Mark “Completed” Petition with certified signature sheets
      - \* Filed after signatures have been verified and certified by the County Clerk
  - Withdrawal of Filing
    - ✓ SEL 150 Withdrawal of Candidacy or Nomination
    - ✓ Deadline to withdraw is March 11, 2016
  
- ❖ **Filing Forms required to be filed with the Secretary of State for the purpose of Campaign Finance Reporting**
  - SEL 220 Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee
  - SEL 223 Campaign Account Information

## **“County Commissioner,” “County Assessor” or “County Surveyor” – 4 year terms**

### **Candidate(s) will be printed on the Primary Election Ballot.**

- If a candidate receives a majority of votes cast for the office, that candidate is elected at the Primary Election.
- If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast for the office, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes are nominated and their names will be printed on the General Election ballot.

## **“County Treasurer” Position – 4 year term**

If only 1 or 2 candidate(s) file for the office at the Primary they are both considered nominated and go forward to the General Election and their name(s) will be printed on the **General Election ballot only**. The candidate(s) name(s) **will not** appear on the Primary Election ballot.

If three (3) or more candidates file for the office at the Primary, their names **will be** printed on the Primary Election Ballot.

- If **one** (1) candidate receives the **majority of votes** that candidate is then “nominated” and his/her name will be printed on the General Election ballot.
- If **no** candidate receives the **majority of votes**, the top two (2) candidates who received the most votes will go forward to the General Election and their names will be printed on the General Election ballot.

## **Voters’ Pamphlet**

Coos County does not publish a Voters’ Pamphlet for local candidates or measures. County Candidates that choose to be in the State’s Voters’ Pamphlet, for a primary or general election, are **required to file their statements using the electronic filing system, ORSTAR, located online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).**

### **Timeline to File Candidate Statements to be included in the State’s Voter Pamphlet:**

- January 18, 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> day to file
- March 10, 2016 - Last day to file or withdraw statements