

CITY OF FORT BRAGG CALENDAR FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ELECTION

DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION	OFFICIAL DATE	COUNCIL MEETING DATE / OR NEXT BUSINESS DAY	ACTION TAKEN	CODE SECTION
180	May 7, 2026		Suggested Last Day to file initiative petitions	EC § 9208
			Suggested last day for Council to adopt resolutions to allow time for any changes that may/may not have to go back to Council. <i>(including call for election and measures; however, official last day is August 7th to submit the request to the Board of Supervisors for consolidation of services with County and Ballot Measures. County Election Official has expressed a preference to receive resolutions and measures by July 30th; also pay attention to when the Supervisors' meetings are actually scheduled)</i>	Clerk and County preference; Deadline per EC §10403 is August 7th
			Unofficial Deadline to Deliver Resolution to Board of Supervisors and Copied to County Election Official Calling for Election to be Consolidated with County; <i>BOS has no scheduled meetings for August; Items must be submitted by 6/22 for the 7/7 BOS meeting, or by 7/6 for the 7/21 BOS meeting.</i>	County Registrar
	June 23, 2026	Monday, June 22, 2026	Suggested last day to post notice of Deadline for filing arguments and impartial analyses	County Registrar/City Clerk
127	June 29, 2026	June 30, 2026	Time Period for Election Official to publish Notice of Election <i>(check Advocate News deadlines to comply with this timeline)</i>	EC §12101
110	July 16, 2026	<i>earliest date due to Advocate publishing dates</i>		
	Argument July 6	Rebuttal July 16	Last day to file rebuttal arguments/10 days after arguments <i>10 days after arguments are due (if election is called on June 22, and arguments are filed on July 6, then 10 days = July 16)</i>	County Registrar
Fixed Date	July 31, 2026		Semi Annual Campaign Statements due (1/1/26-6/30/26)	GC §81000-81015
113	July 13, 2026		FILING PERIOD - CANDIDATE NOMINATION PAPERS <i>(papers to be turned in anytime between July 13 and August 7)</i>	EC §10220; 10224; 10407
88	August 7, 2026			
91	August 4, 2026		Post Notice of Offices and Nominations to website <i>(three days before filing period deadline)</i>	EC §10224.5
88	August 7, 2026	June 17, 2026; or July 1, 2026	Official Deadline to Deliver Resolution to Board of Supervisors and Copied to County Election Official Calling for Election to be Consolidated with County; <i>BOS has no scheduled meetings for August; Items must be submitted by 6/22 for the 7/7 BOS meeting, or by 7/6 for the 7/21 BOS meeting.</i>	EC §10403;10002, 12001, 1405, 9241; 9400-9401
	Inland: August 5, 2026	Coastal: September 4, 2026	First day that campaign signs may be erected.	17.38.040(c)(4)18.38.040(c)(4)
87	August 8, 2026		Candidate filing period extended if an incumbent eligible for re-election does not file nomination documents by the August 7 deadline. Incumbents are not eligible to file during the extended period. EC 10225	EC §10225
83	August 12, 2026			
82	August 13, 2026		Secretary of State to conduct Random Alpha Draw for candidate name order on ballot	EC §13113; 13112
5 days of the close of Candidate filing	August 12, 2026		Last day to cancel election - insufficient candidates	County date - not yet sent
57	September 7, 2026		Filing Period - Candidate Nomination Papers for Write-in Candidates.	EC §8601
14	October 20, 2026			
40	September 24, 2026		First Pre-Election Campaign Statement due	GC §81000-81015
29	October 5, 2026		Period to obtain Vote-by-Mail ballots. Ballots may be obtained at the County Registrar's office	EC §3001
7	October 27, 2026			
15	October 19, 2026		Last Day to Register to Vote	EC §2102; 2107
12	October 22, 2026		Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement due	GC §81000-81015
0	November 3, 2026		ELECTION DAY	EC §1000
	Inland: November 8, 2026	Coastal: November 13, 2026	Deadline for political signs to be removed	
30	December 3, 2026		Last day for County to certify election results to city. EC §15372	EC §15372
35	December 8, 2026	December 14, 2026	Council to adopt and certify election results <i>(* County is not required to give election results until 12/3/26; therefore, unless the County produces election results before the 1st, the results will have to be certified on 12/16/26)</i>	EC §10263-10265
Fixed Date	December 14, 2026	December 14, 2026	Taking office date for newly elected officials	
Fixed Date	December 31, 2026		Terminate a Committee, Form 410 and 460 if desired	
Fixed Date	January 13, 2027		Filing of Statement of Economic Interest - assuming office <i>30 days after assuming office (1/13/27 if election results are given at the 12/14/26 meeting)</i>	GC §87314
Fixed Date	January 15, 2027		\$50 fee due to Secretary of State for open campaign committees	
Fixed Date	February 1, 2027		Semi-Annual Campaign Statement due. (10/18/26-12/31/26)	
EC = Election Code GC = Government Code				