



Capitola General Municipal Election

The City of Capitola will hold its General Municipal Election concurrently with the November 8, 2022, statewide election. Three of the five City Council at-large seats are up for election. These are currently held by:

- Jacques Bertrand (cannot run again; termed out)
- Yvette Brooks
- Sam Storey

Terms are for four years, from December 2022 through December 2026. Council members can only hold office for two consecutive terms before “terming out”.

The nomination period runs from **July 18 to August 12, 2022**. Candidates for City office must be nominated by not less than 20 nor more than 30 Capitola voters. Nomination papers are obtained from and filed with the City Clerk; there is no fee for filing nomination papers. The nomination petition includes an affidavit of the nominee (candidate) stating that they will accept the office if elected. Candidates may supply a statement, no more than 200 words, the cost of which is paid for to the County (charge dependent on: online only or print & online; English only or English & Spanish translation).

If you would like to run for a Council seat, please **schedule an appointment** to receive and review the required paperwork. Candidates must be 18 years or older and registered voters of the City at the time they pull nomination papers. Please provide your name and address as it appears on your voter registration at the time you make an appointment, so that staff can confirm qualifications and prepare nomination documents.

Potential candidates who wish to raise or spend money must also file paperwork with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) **before** taking any financial action, even if no other papers have been filed. The City uses NetFile, an electronic filing resource, to file campaign reports for this election cycle. Capitola has a \$200 per person limit on campaign contributions.

Information and links are available on Capitola’s website, CityofCapitola.org. Please call ahead or email to make an appointment.

Important Dates:

June 20: Virtual Candidate Information Workshop (via Zoom)

August 12 at 5PM: Last day to file nomination papers

September (date TBD): City Council Candidates’ Orientation

October (date TBD): Chamber of Commerce Candidates’ Forum

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