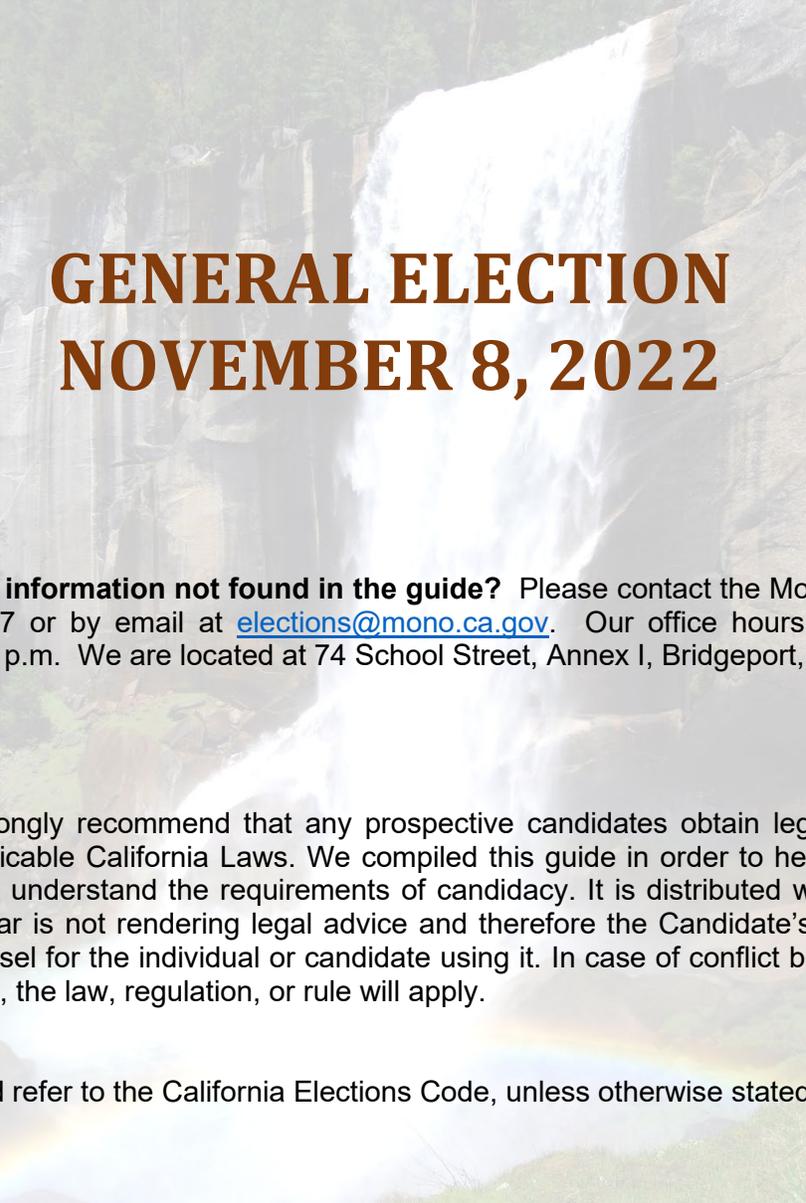


# MONO COUNTY ELECTIONS MEASURES GUIDE



## GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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All code sections quoted refer to the California Elections Code, unless otherwise stated.



# What Governing Bodies Need to Provide

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) is the county elections official in Mono County. Governing bodies are required to submit several documents to the ROV office in Bridgeport when proposing a ballot measure to voters.

## 1. Prepare a Resolution to Call the Election and Consolidate

**Cities and Special Districts:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election” and a “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”

**County:** Submit a “Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election.”

**School/College Districts:** Submit a “Resolution Ordering Election, Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation” and a “Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters.”

Statutory deadlines apply to the placement of ballot measures and ordering of elections. The county elections official can provide an administrative calendar to help plan the timing of your resolution.

## 2. Full Text of Ballot Measure

The county elections official needs clear instructions on what portion of the resolution or ordinance is considered the “Full Text of the Ballot Measure” to be printed in the voter information guide. There is no limit on the number of words that can be printed.

If your governing body does not want the ballot measure text printed in the voter information guide, please provide this direction in writing within the resolution. In this case, the voter information guide will direct voters to contact the ROV office for a copy of the ballot measure text.

Jurisdictions will be billed for costs.

## 3. The 75-word Ballot Question

A ballot question must be no more than 75 words (Elections Code §§9051, 13247). Punctuation is not counted. Please contact the ROV office for specific guidelines on how words are counted.

Jurisdictions may want to consider beginning the ballot question with a few key summary words to summarize the measure. The words will count toward the 75-word limit. The ROV office has samples.

Ballot questions are followed by the words “YES” and “NO.”

School bond ballot questions are followed by the words “Bonds – Yes” and “Bonds – No” (Ed. Code §15122).

School reorganization ballot questions are followed by the words “Reorganization of School Districts – Yes” and “Reorganization of School Districts – No” or similar wording (Ed. Code §35762).

## Assigning Letters to Ballot Measures

Ballot measures will be assigned letters by the county elections official in alphabetical order, starting with the next letter following the previous election. Measures appear on the ballot in the following order:

- County Board of Education
- Community College Districts
- Unified School Districts
- High School Districts
- Elementary School Districts
- County
- Cities
- Districts

The county elections official may vary the order of the measures on the ballot to use space most efficiently. (Elections Code §13109)

Ballot measures will be assigned letters through Z, or as close to the end of the alphabet as possible to accommodate all measures filed for the current election. For example, if the previous election ended with Measure V, and five measures are set to appear on the ballot in the next election, the measures will be assigned A, B, C, D, E rather than W, X, Y, Z, A.

The elections official may commence designating local ballot measures with any letter of the alphabet following letter “A” and continuing alphabetically, to avoid voter confusion that might result from different local measures carrying the same letter designation in successive elections. (Elections Code §13116)

For districts that overlap into other counties, the county elections officials will mutually agree to use a letter designation for the ballot measure that will not conflict or confuse the voter.

## Arguments For and Against Ballot Measures

The county elections official will prepare and publish a legal notice of the ballot measure including deadlines to file arguments for or against the measure. The county elections official also will prepare a news release announcing the measure(s) on the ballot and the deadlines for filing arguments. This information will be posted on the Mono County website at [www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections).

If more than one argument is submitted, the elections official will select one argument based on the following preference: 1) the governing body or members thereof, 2) the individual voter(s), or bona fide association of citizens, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure, 3) bona fide citizen associations, and 4) individual voter(s) eligible to vote on the measure. (Elections Code §§9166, 9287, 9503)

All ballot measure arguments, for or against, must be filed with the signature statement provided by the county elections official. Arguments are limited to 300 words. The ROV office can provide general guidance if you are planning on submitting a ballot measure argument.

## Other Ballot Materials

**Rebuttals** – If arguments in favor and against a ballot measure are submitted, filers will have the opportunity to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals are limited to 250 words.

**Impartial Analysis** – An impartial analysis of the ballot measure will be submitted by county counsel or the city attorney, whichever is applicable. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words in length. (Elections Code §§9160, 9280)

**Fiscal Analysis** – For county ballot measures, the Board of Supervisors may direct the county auditor to prepare a fiscal impact statement that estimates the amount of any increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county if the proposed measure is adopted. The fiscal impact statement shall not exceed 500 words in length. (Elections Code §9160)

**Bond Measures** – Bond measures require a tax rate statement to be filed by the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election. A fiscal impact statement also may be ordered.