



Summary of
Qualifications and Requirements for the Office of
**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR AND
ALTERNATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

November 5, 2024, General Election

Only those names written on the ballot at the General Election for President of the United States, for which a group of 54 Presidential Electors and their alternates who pledge their votes to that write-in candidate, shall be counted as votes. §§ 8651, 8653¹

I. QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for Presidential Elector and Alternate Presidential Elector must have a valid voter registration affidavit on file in the county of residence at the time nomination papers are obtained. There are no political party preference restrictions on electors; they need only be registered voters in California. § 201

In addition to qualifying the 54 Presidential Electors and 54 Alternate Presidential Electors, the candidate for President of the United States must be a natural-born citizen of the United States, at least 35 years of age, and a resident of the United States for at least 14 years.

U.S. Const., art. II, § 1, cl. 5

II. REQUIREMENTS

**DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY—PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR AND ALTERNATE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**

1. Voters in the General Election are technically voting for the 54 Presidential Electors and their alternates, not directly for the candidates for President and Vice President. Therefore, in order to be a write-in presidential candidate, that candidate must have 54 write-in Presidential Elector candidates and 54 alternates file papers pledging themselves to the presidential candidate.
2. The 54 write-in candidates for Presidential Elector and 54 candidates for Alternate Presidential Elector who have pledged themselves to vote for a candidate for President

¹ All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

and a candidate for Vice President must file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy, which must be received by the Secretary of State on or before October 22, 2024 (E-14).
§§ 8650-8653

There are variations of the declaration form:

- a. Declaration of Write-In Candidacy — Presidential Elector - Multiple Signature Form. This form includes spaces for more than one Presidential Elector write-in candidate to sign.
- b. Declaration of Write-In Candidacy — Presidential Elector - Single Signature Form. This form allows each of the 54 Presidential Elector write-in candidates to sign and submit separate forms.
- c. Declaration of Write-In Candidacy — Alternate Presidential Elector Form. This form allows each of the 54 Alternate Presidential Elector write-in candidates to sign and submit their forms.

The Secretary of State and county elections officials do not supply declarations; however, attached are suggested formats for each.

In addition to the elector candidate's name, these forms must also include the elector candidate's residence address, the date of the Presidential General Election, a statement stating that they are a write-in candidate for the office of Presidential Elector, an oath of office which must be signed in front of an officer authorized to administer oaths, such as a county elections official or a notary public, and the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates to whom the elector candidate is pledged. § 8651

In addition to the alternate elector candidate's name, these forms must also include the alternate elector candidate's residence address, the date of the Presidential General Election, an oath of office which must be signed in front of an officer authorized to administer oaths, such as a county elections official or a notary public, and the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates to whom the alternate elector candidate is pledged. § 8651(b)

The Declarations of Write-In Candidacy can be mailed to the Secretary of State's Office at 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814, or filed in person in the Elections Division drop box located in the 1st floor lobby of the Secretary of State's Office or at any county elections office.

Please indicate on the envelope "Declaration of Write-In Candidacy." The Declarations of Write-In Candidacy must be received no later than October 22, 2024 (E-14). § 8652

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Because of the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, As Amended, candidates for federal office should contact the Federal Election Commission at 1050 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20463, or call toll-free (800) 424-9530 for a copy of the

Act, related regulations giving the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file.

B. No filing fee is required from any person in order to file as a Presidential Elector.

C. The term of office for United States President is four years, beginning January 20, 2025.

U.S. Const., art. II, § 1; 20th Amend., § 1

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This information sheet of candidate qualifications and procedures is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law.



California Secretary of State
DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – Multiple Signature Form
Presidential Elector
 November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 200, 8651)

Please take note: This Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be accompanied by a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy – Alternate Presidential Elector. (Elections Code § 8651(b).)

For County Elections and Secretary of State Officials USE ONLY

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Official Filing Form

County Elections Official

By: _____
 Date Issued: _____

Filed in County of: _____

County Elections Official

By: _____
 Date Received: _____

Secretary of State Official

Pledges

1

We, the undersigned, declare that we are write-in candidates for the office of Presidential Elector to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on **November 5, 2024**, and declare the following to be true. As write-in candidates for Presidential Elector, we are pledged to:

_____ for President of the United States
 (Name)

_____ for Vice President of the United States
 (Name)

Oath of Office, Candidates Names, and Addresses

2

We, the below-named candidates for Presidential Elector, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that we will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that we take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that we will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which we are about to enter.

Name	RESIDENCE (As Registered – No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
Print: 1	Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:	City or Town:	
Print: 2	Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:	City or Town:	
Print: 3	Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:	City or Town:	
Print: 4	Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:	City or Town:	
Print: 5	Residence Address ONLY:	
Signature:	City or Town:	

IMPORTANT: Please Complete Notary Jurat on Reverse Side

Notary Public
or
Other Officer

3

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal)

Signature of Notary Public
(or other officer) _____

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

County Elections Official _____

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in their possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202.)



California Secretary of State
DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY – Single Signature Form
Presidential Elector
 November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 200, 8651)

Please take note: This Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be accompanied by a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy – Alternate Presidential Elector. (Elections Code § 8651(b).)

For County Elections and Secretary of State Officials USE ONLY

!	Official Filing Form	Filed in County of: _____	
	County Elections Official	County Elections Official	
	By: _____ Date Issued: _____	By: _____ Date Received: _____	Secretary of State Official

Candidate Name, Address, and Pledges

I hereby declare myself a write-in candidate for the office of Presidential Elector to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on **November 5, 2024**, and declare the following to be true:

My name is: _____

My residence address is: _____

Address (Street and Number): _____ Apt. or Unit #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

As a write-in candidate for Presidential Elector, I am pledged to:

_____ for President of the United States
(Name)

_____ for Vice President of the United States
(Name)

Oath of Office

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

X

Signature of Candidate

Notary Public or Other Officer

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
 County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal) _____
 Signature of Notary Public (or other officer) _____

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

County Elections Official _____

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California Secretary of State
DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY
Alternate Presidential Elector
 November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 200, 8651)

Please take note: This Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must accompany a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy – Presidential Elector. (Elections Code § 8651(b).)

For County Elections and Secretary of State Officials USE ONLY

!	Official Filing Form	Filed in County of: _____	
	County Elections Official By: _____ Date Issued: _____	County Elections Official By: _____ Date Received: _____	Secretary of State Official _____

Alternate Candidate Name, Candidate Name, Alternate Candidate's Address, and Pledges

I hereby declare myself an alternate to the write-in candidate for the office of Presidential Elector to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on **November 5, 2024**, and declare the following to be true:

My name is: _____ **Alternate to:** _____

My residence address is: _____

Address (Street and Number): _____ Apt. or Unit #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

As an alternate write-in candidate for Presidential Elector, I am pledged to:

_____ for President of the United States
(Name)

_____ for Vice President of the United States
(Name)

Oath of Office

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

X _____

Signature of Alternate Candidate

Notary Public or Other Officer

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State of California
 County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal) _____
 Signature of Notary Public (or other officer) _____

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

County Elections Official _____

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