

Congratulations on your interest in becoming a candidate for La Mesa City Council!

The next municipal election will be held November 8, 2022, for the positions of Mayor, City Treasurer, and two seats on City Council. City Clerk Megan Wiegelman is the Election Official and will assist you throughout the election process. The following steps will give you an overview of what you may do now prior to pulling Nomination Papers.

“Getting Started Now”

- Review the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#), which is available online at www.fppc.ca.gov. This manual provides information on campaign disclosure rules as required under the Political Reform Act. If you have any questions, the FPPC provides advice by phone at 1-800-275-3772 or by e-mail at advice@fppc.ca.gov.
- File [FPPC Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement](#) with the City Clerk before receiving contributions or spending own funds. (Blank forms are available from the City Clerk or at www.fppc.ca.gov and [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) gives detailed instructions for completing Form 501.)
- Keep a record of all expenditures and contributions of \$25 or more (refer to [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) for record keeping guidelines).
- Never accept or spend \$100 or more in *cash*.
- Open a bank account if you plan to receive contributions from others or you plan to expend personal funds totaling \$2,000 or more. All money used for campaign purposes, including the candidate’s personal funds, must be deposited in the campaign bank account prior to the expenditure. The only exception is the filing fee and candidate statement deposit.
- File [FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization](#) with the Secretary of State along with a filing fee of \$50.00, made payable to the Secretary of State, within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. File a **copy** of the Form 410 with the City Clerk. (Blank forms are available from the City Clerk or at www.fppc.ca.gov and [Campaign Disclosure Manual 2](#) gives detailed instructions for completing Form 410).