

City of Laguna Hills

2022 Municipal Election

Guide to Candidacy



ELECTION DATE

The Laguna Hills General Municipal Election will be held on the same day as the CA Statewide General Election and will be consolidated with the County of Orange General Election held on:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2022 ELECTION

Candidates can run for only one (1) of two (2) available positions

- Three (3) City Council Members for full four-year terms
- One (1) City Council Member for partial two-year term

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years or older
- Registered voter living in the City of Laguna Hills

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS!

The following information is intended to assist residents who are considering running for public office.

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

The filing period begins on July 18, 2022 and ends on August 12, 2022. If an incumbent does not file by August 12, the filing period shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022 for candidates other than the incumbents.

A Candidate's Handbook, including an Official Nomination Paper, Candidate's Statement Form, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 and Campaign Disclosure Forms, and other Information concerning the election will be available by appointment at the City Clerk's Office beginning July 18, 2022.

All filings must be made by appointment with the City Clerk's office.

To schedule your appointment, please email jlee@lagunahillsca.gov or call (949) 707-2635.



GETTING STARTED EARLY

- Review the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) Campaign website at www.fppc.ca.gov
- File FPPC Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement with the City Clerk before receiving contributions or spending your own funds.
- 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.

File FPPC Form 410 Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions. File a copy of the form with the City Clerk.

IMPORTANT: Contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) with any questions you have regarding campaign expenditures or contributions (866) 275-3772 or by e-mail at advice@fppc.ca.gov. The FPPC website: www.fppc.ca.gov offers overviews of the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations, FPPC forms are available through the website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Laguna Hills incorporated in 1991 as a General Law city, with a Council-Manager form of government. The Laguna Hills City Council is comprised of five Council members, each sharing equal voting powers on all items coming before the Council.

Council members are elected to at-large positions for four-year terms, with elections held in November of even-numbered years. Due to the appointment of a City Council Member to fill a vacancy during the first half of the term, this year’s election will also have an at-large position for a partial two-year term.

The City Council meets annually to select one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for one year but no more than two consecutive years.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

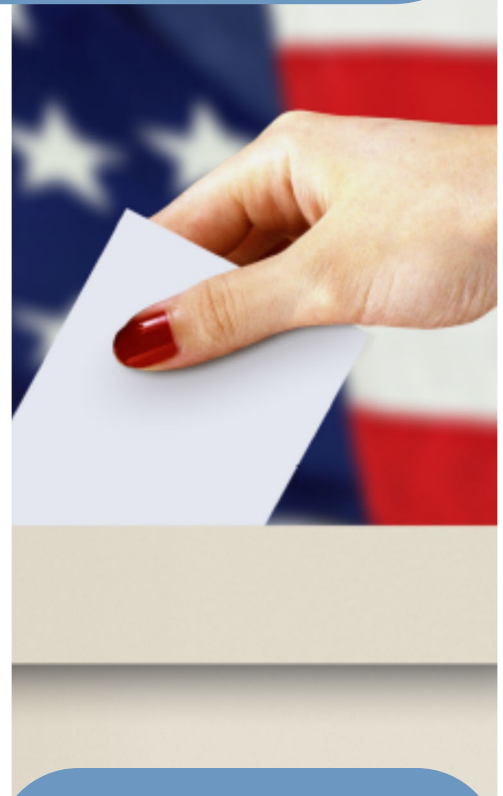
City Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Laguna Hills Council Chambers, 24035 El Toro Road, unless otherwise noticed. The agenda can be viewed on the City’s website at: LagunaHillsCA.gov.

SALARY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Each Council Member will receive a monthly salary of \$623.66.

POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are allowed in the City’s parks and open space areas. We ask that no signs be placed at City Hall or the Laguna Hills Community Center. For a map of parks and open space areas, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (949) 707-2630.



LAGUNA HILLS’ POPULATION:

According to April 1, 2020 Census

31,374

REGISTERED VOTERS:

According to January 4, 2022 OCROV report to CA SOS

19,990