

## Residency & Other Requirements for elected office in Selected Cities

As of 7 April 2025

City	Population	Charter / General Law	Applicable to:	Requirement
Cupertino	57,285	General Law	Council	Registered voter within the city
Fremont	226,208	General Law	Mayor & Council	Resident for 30 days before filing nominating papers Elector for 30 days before filing nominating papers
Fresno	545,716	Charter	Council	30-day before nomination or appointment.
Gilroy	58,250	Charter	Mayor & Council	Registered voter in City of Gilroy by the last day to file papers U.S. Citizens Residents w/i City limits >18 years old on election day Not in prison or on parole for a felony
Huntington Beach	191,129	Charter	Council	Resident Registered Voter
Los Angeles	3,821,000	Charter	Mayor & Council	30-day residency prior to date nomination papers are available. Registered voter
Los Gatos	32,216	General Law	Council	U.S. Citizen 18 years old by election day Registered to vote in incorporated parts of the city Not in prison, in jail, on parole Not mentally incompetent
Milpitas	77,321	Charter	Mayor & Council	City Resident by last day to file papers Gain at least 20 signatures on filing form
Morgan Hill	44,478	General Law	Mayor & Council	U.S. Citizen Resident w/i city limits for Mayor when nomination papers are issued Resident w/i district for council when nomination papers are issued 18 years old

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Mountain View	81,785	Charter	Mayor & Council	U.S. Citizenship (for 5 years – Mayor only) Qualified elector in Mountain View Resident in city for 1 year
Oakland	440,646	Charter	Mayor & Council	U.S. Citizen qualified elector Mayor: Resident of the City for 30 days Council Members: Resident in district for 30 days.
Palmdale	161,194	Charter	Mayor & Council	Current elector 30-day residency prior to nomination papers
Petaluma	58,800	Charter	Mayor & Council	U.S. Citizen Qualified elector of the State of California and of the City of Petaluma.
Placentia	52,192	Charter	Mayor & Council	25-day residency U.S. Citizen 18 years old
Pomona	145,502	Charter	Mayor & Council	U.S. citizen Qualified Elector Resident of district if council member
Redondo Beach	63,749	Charter	Mayor	Registered Voter 30-day residency prior to filing or appointment 30-day residency within district for council
Sacramento	526,384	Charter	Mayor	Elector & Resident 30-dys before candidacy and term in office
San Bernardino	223,728	Charter	Mayor & Council	Residential address in respective ward 30 consecutive days of residency

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San Diego	1,388,000	Charter	Mayor & Council	<p>U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old.</p> <p>Citywide office, registered voter anywhere in the city at least 30 days prior to the date you file your nomination papers.</p> <p>Registered voter of the district you want to serve for at least 30 days prior to the date you file your nomination papers.</p> <p>Upon taking on any office, you must be a resident of the appropriate jurisdiction.</p>
San Francisco	808,988	Charter	Mayor and Supervisors	<p>Resident of SF when nomination docs issued</p> <p>Registered to vote in SF</p> <p>Board of Supervisors candidates must reside in district at least 30 days prior to filing paperwork</p>
San Jose	969,655	Charter	Mayor & Council	<p>U.S. Citizen for 11 months</p> <p>City resident for 12 months</p> <p>Registered voter in San Jose for 11 months</p>
San Mateo	101,327	Charter	Council	<p>18 years old</p> <p>U.S. Citizen</p> <p>Resident of State of California</p> <p>Registered to vote in City</p> <p>Resided continuously of 30 days in San Mateo preceding filing date</p>
San Rafael	59,555	Charter	Council	<p>Live in San Rafael</p> <p>Registered voter in the District or Trustee Area where you're running when you file Nomination Papers.</p> <p>Registered in the City of San Rafael at the time you file Nomination Papers, and for district seats, be registered in the specific <a href="#">district</a></p>

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Santa Clara	131,062	Charter	Mayor & Council	No residency time requirement Registered voter Living in district if for council member
Santa Rosa	175,845	Charter	Council	Resident & registered voter at time of nomination & throughout term.
Saratoga	26,607	General Law	Council	Resident of Saratoga 18 years old Registered to vote in Saratoga
Sunnyvale	151,967	Charter	Mayor & Council	Registered Voter for 30 days prior to filing Registered voter in district for council members