



RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL

Future Openings on the Redlands City Council

November 6, 2018 – Districts 1, 3 and 5
November 6, 2018 – At-Large Voting

Candidate Filing Period: July 16, 2018 to August 10, 2018

November 3, 2020 – Districts 2 and 4

City Council Authority

The City Council is the legislative body of the City of Redlands. It decides policy for the municipal government, enacts laws, and oversees all activities of the City. The City Council also serves as the governing body of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands. It has significant control of the administrative function because it appoints the City Manager, the City Attorney, the City's independent auditors, and all board and commission members who serve as unpaid advisors to the City Council. The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

How Are Council Members Elected?

The Council consists of five members who are elected by-district in November of even-numbered years. All are non-partisan positions serving four-year terms. The five Council Members are voted into office by electors in each of the City's five Districts. Registered voters cast ballots for City Council candidates only for the District in which they reside. Following a municipal election, Council Members select one of their members as Mayor and another as Mayor Pro Tempore for two-year terms. Council Members are paid \$500.00 per month for their service.

Adopted in 2017, Ordinance No. 2848, amended the Redlands Municipal Code to change the City's electoral system for City Council Members from at-large to by-district elections. The City Clerk serves as the local elections official. For more information related to the approval process of Ordinance No. 2848, please see the Elections page.

Vacancy Filled by Appointment

Due to the passing of Council Member Pat Gilbreath in 2017, the City Council elected to fill the vacant seat through an appointment process, inviting interested residents to apply. After interviewing eleven candidates, on November 21, 2017 the City Council unanimously appointed Toni Momberger to serve until the next municipal election in November 2018. At that time, voting for this Council seat will be conducted at-large and Redlands voters will select one candidate to serve the remainder of the term expiring in December 2020.

Who Can Run?

A citizen who wants to run for office must be a registered voter and reside within the District for which he or she is running. Citizens choosing to run for the at-large seat are required to be registered voters within the City of Redlands. Nomination papers are issued only by the City Clerk or her deputy during normal office hours. The nomination paper must be signed by at least 20, no more than 30, registered voters within the District. Any person registered to vote within the District at the election may circulate the nomination paper. The circulator must sign

the "Declaration of Circulator" and the candidate must sign the "Affidavit of Nominee and Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance."

Candidate Reporting Requirements

A candidate must complete and file with his or her nomination paper a Statement of Economic Interests (also known as a conflict of interest filing). This document, required by State law, informs voters of the candidate's investments, interests in real property, and income. There is no filing fee to submit with the nomination paper.

A candidate may prepare a candidate's statement for inclusion in the sample ballot. The statement may include name, age, and occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications. This statement must be filed with the nomination paper. Payment of a deposit to cover the costs of translation and printing of the candidate's statement must accompany the statement. This deposit is an estimate of the cost. If the deposit exceeds the cost, a refund will be made following the election. If the cost exceeds the deposit, the candidate will be billed.

The Political Reform Act was adopted by voter initiative in 1974 and requires that campaign disclosure reports provide the public with the identity of contributors and the amounts they give; and the amount officeholders, candidates, and committees spend. A Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) must be filed before you solicit or receive any contributions with the City Clerk's Office and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) upon declaration of a candidate's intention to run for a specific office. No political contributions may be solicited in support of the candidate until the Form 501 is filed. A Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be filed with the Secretary of State, Political Reform Division in Sacramento within 10 days of receiving \$2,000.00 in contributions. These forms are available through the City Clerk's office and will be provided at the time the nomination paper is issued, or are available through the FPPC.

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