

Local races set for Nov. 3 election

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The extended filing period for open public seats closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, clarifying the election races heading into Nov. 3.

City Council

County Registrar Alissia Northup said several people filed election papers in the race for Crescent City Council. Incumbents Mayor Pro Tem Heidi Kime and Councilmember Alex Fallman did not file for re-election. Incumbent Jason Greenough and five others filed for three seats to be on the ballot. Others filing were Herman Rinkel, Ray Altman, Alex Campbell, Eric Gill Port and Beau Smith.

County Board of Supervisors

Voters will cast ballots in a runoff election for Del Norte County District 2 Supervisor between incumbent Lori Cowan and challenger Valerie Starkey because neither garnered more than 50 percent of the vote in the March primary.

Del Norte Unified School District

Incumbent Frank Magarino will face challengers Billy Hartwick and Sheryl Steinruck in Area 3. Meanwhile, Charlaïne Mazzei is running unopposed in Area 4. Mazzei was appointed to the Board of Trustees in March to replace Roger Delay who moved out of the area.

Crescent City Harbor District

There are three seats open this year for the Harbor District Board of Commissioners. Incumbents Wes White and Brian Stone are officially seeking re-election. However, Jim Ramsey failed to submit his paperwork by the Aug. 7 deadline. Crescent City resident Harry Adams has applied to run for an open seat.

Del Norte Healthcare District

Chairman Dr. Kevin Caldwell is seeking re-election, Tonya Pearcy has filed and incumbent Dr. Greg Duncan is not seeking another term.

College of Redwoods Trustees

Northup said local voters will have a say in the College of Redwoods Trustee Area 7 race. A portion of the area is shared by Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity counties. Incumbent Sally Biggin will face one other challenger out of Humboldt, Stephen Burbank.

Del Norte County Library Board

Three incumbents did not file election papers by the Aug. 7 deadline — John Roberts, Colleen Luttrell and Sierra Smith. Two other candidates did — Robin Fornoff and Marie Jondal.

Northup said none of the community service district seats nor the fire districts will be taken to ballot.

She added that Richard Wier and Robyn Holt will be automatically re-elected to their seats on the Del Norte County Fairgrounds Recreation and Park District.

State, federal races

Running for office at the state level, Charlotte Svolos is challenging Jim Wood for his 2nd Assembly District seat.

At the national level, U.S. Representative Jared Huffman is up against Dale Mensing in the 2nd Congressional District. And President Donald J. Trump seeks re-election against former Vice President Joe Biden.

Voters will also be presented with 1 cent sales tax increase measures from both the county and Crescent City.

Northup said all 15,339 county voters will receive their official and sample ballots by mail this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“If at all possible, vote with the ballots sent to you,” she said. “If for some reason you can’t vote and send it in, hang on to it and bring it to a polling location with you.”

The 18 polling locations throughout Del Norte County will be listed on the sample ballot.

Northup added residents can still register to vote online with the California Secretary of State at <https://www.sos.ca.gov> or pick up a registration card at her office, located at 981 H St., Crescent City. The deadline is Oct. 19.

For more information, go to <http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/clerk-recorder/elections> or call 707-464 -7216.