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PUBLIC NOTICE

Observation Schedule for June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election

UPDATED on June 10, 2026 to revise the start dates for manual examination of ballots during the One Percent Manual Tally and Risk Limiting Audit and the Post-Election Logic and Accuracy Test.

SANTA ANA, CA – June 10, 2026 – The public is invited to observe as the Orange County Registrar of Voters conducts the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election. All ballot processing, counting, testing, and audits will take place at the Orange County Registrar of Voters Office, 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. C, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Observers are also welcome to visit Vote Center and ballot drop box locations throughout the county to observe daily operations.

The start dates for significant election activities are listed below. Daily election activities are posted and updated on an observation calendar on the Registrar of Voters website – ocvote.gov/observe.

Start Date/Time	Observable Election Activity
May 4, 2026 8 a.m.	<u>Voting</u> The preparation and loading of ballots will take place prior to this date and/or time. Those interested in observing the preparation and loading of ballots can view our observation calendar at ocvote.gov/observe for the exact date and time. Ballots for all active registered voters in the county will be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service for mailing by this date. Voters may also visit the Registrar of Voters to be issued a ballot and vote.
May 5, 2026 10 a.m.	<u>Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> Accuracy testing of Orange County's voting system will start with the preparation of test ballots and will continue until all devices to be used in this election have been included in the test. It is expected that scanning of the test ballots will commence on Thursday, May 7.

<p>May 5, 2026 1 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Processing of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballot processing includes sorting, signature verification, collection and return operations, and duplication of the official ballots.</p>
<p>May 11, 2026 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Counting of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballots accepted for counting are scanned. The votes on the scanned ballots may not be tabulated by the voting system, accessed by Registrar of Voters staff, or released until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2.</p>
<p>May 23, 2026 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Vote Centers Open</u> 39 Vote Centers open throughout the county to serve voters daily. An additional 152 Vote Centers will open Saturday, May 30. All 191 Vote Centers will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through June 1. On Tuesday, June 2 all Vote Centers will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Processing of Conditional Voter Registrations and provisional ballots can begin.</p>
<p>June 2, 2026 After 8 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tabulation of Ballots</u> The votes from mail ballots processed and scanned by this day and in-person ballots cast at Vote Centers will be tabulated by the voting system. Unofficial Election Results Reports will be posted at 8:05 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and every half hour thereafter until all Vote Center ballots are tabulated.</p>
<p>June 3, 2026 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Official Canvass</u> During the Official Canvass, the Registrar of Voters continues to process mail ballots; accounts for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used; and completes audits. The canvass must be completed no later than Thursday, July 2 and no earlier than Friday, June 26.</p>
<p>June 4, 2026 11 a.m.</p>	<p><u>One Percent Manual Tally</u> At least 1% of all precincts will be randomly selected at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of all ballots from those precincts to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 15.</p>
<p>June 5, 2026 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Risk Limiting Audit</u> Election contests to be included in the Risk Limiting Audit as well as the randomly selected seed number of at least 20 digits to select ballots will be determined at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of those ballots to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence on Thursday, June 18.</p>
<p>June 15, 2026 8 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Post-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> The scanning of test ballots on all voting system devices will commence to confirm that the system is still tabulating votes accurately.</p>

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About the Registrar of Voters:

The Registrar of Voters is responsible for conducting elections in the County of Orange, the fifth largest voting jurisdiction in the United States with 1.9 million registered voters. We are a County agency, which receives funding from the County's General Fund and periodic reimbursement from the federal government, the State of California and local jurisdictions.

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