

CITY OF BELLFLOWER
MARCH 3, 2009, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

ELECTION INFORMATION

Q ***When is the next general municipal election in the City of Bellflower?***

Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Q ***How many offices are open, what are the terms, and what are the primary responsibilities of Members of the City Council?***

Two City Council seats will be open. The term of each seat is four years.

The Bellflower City Council consists of five members (elected at large). The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are chosen by the City Council from their own membership to preside at Council meetings and to act as the ceremonial heads of the City. The primary responsibilities of the City Council are to establish local laws, set policy, approve programs, appropriate funds, and provide its citizenry with a better, more attractive and healthier place in which to live.

Q ***What are the eligibility requirement(s) to run for City Council?***

City Council candidates must be a registered voter of the City of Bellflower at the time Nomination Papers are issued. During the nomination/filing period (November 10, 2008, through December 5, 2008), voters may nominate candidates for election by signing a Nomination Paper. Each candidate shall be proposed by not less than 20 or more than 30 registered voters of the City of Bellflower.

Q ***Is there a filing fee?***

No, however, candidates may elect, at their own expense, to provide a Statement of Qualifications for inclusion in the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet.

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Q *What do I need to do if I'm interested in running for office?*

November 10, 2008, through December 5, 2008, is the nomination/filing period for candidates interested in running for a seat on the City Council for the March 3, 2009, General Municipal Election. During this time (both days included), the City Clerk will provide candidates, or their representative, with a complete Nomination Packet, which includes all of the required forms and outlines the procedures (please allow at least one hour to review these materials with the City Clerk). ONLY in the event that an incumbent City Council Member does not file on or before the 5 p.m. December 5 deadline, the nomination/filing period will be extended five days.

For additional information, contact the City Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, on the second floor (elevator available). Telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2222 or 2221.

Q *When will the City Council Members-elect be seated?*

Elected candidates will be seated at a City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall on March 17, 2009, at which time a short swearing-in ceremony will be held. Following the swearing-in ceremony, the City Council will reorganize to select its Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem from amongst its membership.