

# SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

## BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

The board has five members, each of whom stands for election every four years. The number of seats up for election alternates every two years, with three seats at election one year and two seats available two years later.

In December 2017, the Sequoia Healthcare District Board of Directors adopted a resolution to implement zone elections starting with the November 2018 election. The next Board member election is scheduled for November 2026 for three open positions with four year terms.

*Candidates residing in Zones A, C, and E are eligible to run in 2026, and candidates residing in Zones B and D are eligible to run in 2028.*

### Board Policy No. 14 Conduct Related to Elections

**14.1** Sequoia Healthcare District has a five-member Board of Directors. Members must run for election and are elected by the residents of the District. Board members are expected to attend six regular Board meetings, occasional special meetings and usually participate on one or more ad hoc committee as assigned by the Board President.\*

**14.2** The term of an elected director is four years and there is no limit to the number of terms. Two positions are elected in November in the years evenly divisible by four and three positions are elected in November of the intervening even-numbered years.

**14.3** Prospective Board members must be at least 18 years of age and must be District residents.

**14.4** The candidate filing period for Statewide General Elections is set by law. All candidates running for office must file a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest. Candidates must file their Form 700 at the Registration & Elections Division, Office of the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, 40 Tower Road in San Mateo by the deadline for all candidate documents.

**14.5** The cost of the candidate's policy statement is limited to 200 words and is to be paid for by the District.

**14.6** Interested parties can learn more at San Mateo County's website [Shapethefuture.org](http://Shapethefuture.org).

**14.7** By law, the District may not use public funds or resources to advocate for or against any ballot measure or candidate. Using public funds or resources in such a manner would be inherently unjust to the rights of taxpayers with differing views and further would create the possibility of incumbents taking advantage of their position to stay in office.

**14.8** It is permissible, however, to use public funds for the dissemination of impartial educational information, to make a fair presentation of the facts to aid voters in making an informed judgment.

**14.9** It is also permissible for the Board to go on record at a public meeting in favor of or opposed to a particular ballot measure. Any such action shall first be approved by two-thirds of the Directors present.

**14.10** Directors shall not use any District resources, for example, photocopiers or paper supplies, or make any requests of staff to produce or disseminate any partisan campaign material to be used in support of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

**14.11** During public meetings of the Board, individual Directors have a fiduciary duty to concentrate their attention on the meeting. They shall not hand out partisan campaign material supporting or opposing any candidate for public office or any ballot measure while the public Board meeting is in progress.

\*Directors are eligible to participate in the District's health insurance plan and are entitled to receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, with a maximum of \$500 per month. For further details, please refer to Policy 15 of the Board Policies and Procedures.