



SACRAMENTO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM

Election Date: _____

Print / Type Name of Candidate

Office Sought and District Number, if applicable

Estimated Cost of Statement: \$ _____

Full Term

Short Term

Information to Candidates: Your statement may contain your name, age, occupation and a brief description of your qualifications and education. Candidates are required to type their statements. Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted, and in the format prescribed by Elections Code §13307. Statements that are not in compliance with the requirements and format as described in the Candidate Guide will be reformatted and set in uniform type by the Elections Official.

Content:

- Be accurate. **Statements will be printed as submitted.** Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors ***will not*** be corrected by the Elections Office, therefore, all statements should be carefully checked before submission.
- Elections Code §13308 restricts any candidate statement to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and prohibits any reference to other candidates for the office sought or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
- Only a cursory review of the candidate's statement will be done at the time of filing to ensure that the statement is acceptable in content and formatting. If a candidate statement is filed that is not in compliance with the Elections Code, the Elections Official may strike any language not in compliance.

Word/Paragraph Count:

- Candidates for Superior Court Judge, County Offices and Local District Offices are limited to **200 words** and **5 paragraphs**.
- Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and Member of the State Assembly are limited to **250 words** and **6 paragraphs**.
- Candidates for Sacramento County Board of Education are limited to **400 words** and **8 paragraphs**.

Size and Format:

- Statements will be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.
- Statements must be submitted in block format. No indentations are permitted.
- Statements will be printed in Arial font.

Endorsements:

- Statements containing endorsements must be accompanied by written authorization letter(s) from the person(s) and/or organization(s) offering the endorsement at the time your statement is submitted. Letters must be signed and dated.

Permission:

- If you use someone else's name in your statement, you must file with your statement an original letter from them stating that they are giving you permission to use their name in this manner. Letters must be signed and dated.
- If someone else files your statement, you must file with your statement an original letter of authorization stating that you give that person permission to submit your statement and make any changes needed. Letter must be signed and dated by the candidate.

Submittal:

- Candidate statements can be submitted in the template on the following page.
- The statement and permission(s) must be filed at the time you file your Declaration of Candidacy.
- Once the statement has been filed, it may not be changed by the candidate.

Public Examination:

- Elections Code §13313 allows for a ten day public examination period of all candidate statements prior to submittal for printing in the Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet. During this period, the Elections Official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be amended or deleted.

YES, I will file a candidate statement – type your statement on the template provided.

↳ **In the event there is no opposition for this contest, I wish to withdraw this candidate statement. (optional)**

NO, I will not file a candidate statement.

Date: _____ Signature of Candidate: _____

IF YOU HAVE ELECTED TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT. USE THIS TEMPLATE TO COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT.

NOTE: A COMPLETE LIST OF RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE CANDIDATE GUIDE. REFER TO THE GUIDE WHEN COMPLETING YOUR STATEMENT.

Instructions to Candidates: Use the template below to prepare your candidate statement. When finished, print both pages to file your statement.

- The information in the “**PRINT OR TYPE NAME**” and “**OCCUPATION**” fields below will be printed in the candidate statement area of the Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet exactly as it appears below.
- The “**OCCUPATION**” field in the candidate statement is not restricted in the same manner as the ballot designation that appears underneath the candidate’s name on the Official Ballot. Therefore, it may be different than the candidate’s ballot designation.
- The “**AGE**” and “**OCCUPATION**” fields in the candidate statement are optional. If a candidate does not place an age and/or occupation on the candidate statement document, those fields will appear blank in the pamphlet.

PRINT OR TYPE NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____
(OPTIONAL)

OCCUPATION: _____
(OPTIONAL)

QUALIFICATIONS:

I have prepared the above candidate statement (pursuant to Elections Code §13307) that is to be printed in the Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet and mailed to each registered voter who is eligible to vote for me. I understand that Sacramento County is mandated under the Voting Rights Act to provide materials and information in English, Spanish and Chinese. I understand that the amount written on the previous page is an estimated cost to print in English, Spanish and Chinese. I agree to pay any difference between the estimated cost and the actual cost within 30 days of receiving the bill.

Date: _____ Signature of Candidate: _____
(Signature should be identical to your name as printed above)

Official Use Only:

Amount Paid: _____ Number of Words: _____
Check No.: _____ Copy of Check in File Number of Paragraphs: _____
Receipt No.: _____ Copy of Receipt in File Endorsements needed? Yes No

If yes, are endorsements attached? Yes