

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Please type using regular lowercase letters, do not use all CAPS.
Type your statement clearly and legibly - DO NOT handwrite or print.

Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California sets forth guidelines for candidate's statements.
Please follow them:

1. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness and with uniform spacing.
2. The statement shall not include any party affiliation or membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
3. Reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities are prohibited.
4. Your statement will be printed as submitted; therefore you are advised to carefully check for errors in punctuation and grammar. Spelling however, will be corrected by the computer automatically.
5. Remember to sign this form and any supplemental sheets if used and attach them to your statement. If you wish to have a Foreign language translation of your statement prepared for printing in the Voter's Pamphlet, be sure to check the space(s) provided on the front of this form.

WORD COUNT STANDARDS

As stated in Section 9 of the Elections Code.

- (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
 - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
 - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
 - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word. *E.G. UCLA, PTA, L.A.P.D.*
 - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
 - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word, in either format, i.e., *April 10, 1990 or 4/10/90.*
 - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
 - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
 - (9) Internet Web site and email addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Sections 13107 and 13107.5.

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JOHN SMITH

Age:

Occupation: Businessman

I have been a 30 year resident of this City and thoroughly enjoy living here. I would like to increase citizen education and police resources to stop the gang and graffiti activity that are overtaking our city.

I would like to implement environmental standards for cleaner water and air quality.

I respectfully ask for your support and thank those of you who cast your vote for me. A vote for me is a vote for a better City Council.

/s/ John Smith

SAMPLE OF STATEMENT FORMAT



Please use Helvetica 10 pt type.

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Complete this form, and submit with your candidate statement. Please use all regular lower case letters (**do not use all caps**).

Provide a brief description of no more than 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications.

Be sure to include the official title of the office you are a candidate for, your name, age, and occupation.

(see bottom of reverse side for sample format)

↓ Enter the candidates' name and the office title:

↓ Enter the name of the jurisdiction to which the office belongs, if other than the name of the city (i.e., the name of the school district).

(↑ Candidate's name) Male Female

(↑ Jurisdiction name)

(↑ Office Title)

(i.e., Mayor, Member of the City Council, City Clerk,
Member of the Board of Education, etc.)

I **DO WANT** my Candidate Statement to appear in the following languages in the Sample Ballot Voter Pamphlet:

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|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish / Colloquial (informal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese / Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish / Castillian (formal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese / Simplified | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai | <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer |

I **DO NOT WANT** to file a candidate statement.

Signature of candidate: _____

STATE LAW PROVIDES (per Election Code Section 13307):

1. A Candidate Statement is optional and available to all candidates for nonpartisan offices.
2. The statement may include candidate's age, occupation and a brief description of education and qualifications (expressed by the candidate himself or herself).
3. Each local jurisdiction determines:
 - a. the maximum number of words allowed, usually 200 words
 - b. responsibility for payment, the candidate or the jurisdiction
 - c. whether the costs are to be paid in advance.
4. Reference to political party affiliation or mention of any partisan political membership or activity is not permitted.
5. Reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities are prohibited. (EC 13308).
6. **No changes of any kind are allowed AFTER the statement is filed.**
7. The statement may be withdrawn (in writing) up to 5:00 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.
8. Statements are confidential until after the close of the nomination period.
9. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in other languages and included in the Sample Ballot Voter Information Pamphlet mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee may be required to print the additional languages.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED AT THE TIME NOMINATION PAPERS ARE FILED.

The estimated cost is determined prior to all information being available, therefore, it is an approximation of the actual cost that may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

For Election Official's use only: Estimated Cost of Printing Candidate's Statement in:

English: \$ / Spanish: \$..... / _____: \$..... / _____: \$..... / _____: \$.....

If applicable, the below estimated cost is for the Translations (and formatting if translation is provided by the candidate) and this cost does not include printing, which cost is noted above:

Spanish: \$ / _____: \$..... / _____: \$..... / _____: \$.....

- Election Official:
- a. Send one copy of this page and the candidate statement to the vendor/printer
 - b. keep original set for your files
 - c. make one copy for the candidate
 - d. make one or more copies for the translator(s) if necessary.

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