CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election
Election Code sections 13307, 13308, 13309, 13313

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

- Prepare a candidate statement and submit no later than 88 days before the election.
- Statement must be provided as a Microsoft Word document on a USB drive.
- **Statement must list your name and office sought**.
- Statement may include your occupation and age (optional). If no occupation or age is provided, these fields will be left blank in the County Voter Information Pamphlet.
- Your statement may include a brief description, **no more than 200 words**, of your education and qualifications for local contests in your own words. (250 words for State Candidates GC85601 and US Rep Candidates EC13307.5.)
- State Assembly and State Senate candidates must agree to the spending limits on FPPC Form 501 to submit a candidate statement. This does not apply to US Representative candidates.
- Nonpartisan offices according to EC 13307(a) (1) should make no reference to a party affiliation.
- Statements remain confidential until 5pm on the last day to file. They may not be changed but may be withdrawn until 5pm on the day after the last day to file EC 13307(3). Public examination period for the statement is 10 calendar days after the last day to file. EC 13313(a)
- **Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted** unless the Registrar determines it is not within code. Please check for errors in the spelling, grammar, and punctuation before filing. See below for format and counting of words information.

The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. EC 13307(a) (1): Any candidate's statement submitted pursuant to Section 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications *and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.* The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section per EC 13308.

EXAMPLE (format to use in Microsoft Word)

CANDIDATE NAME: Sid

Office Running for: Mayor of Sesame Street

Occupation (Optional): Cookie Monster   Age (Optional): 56

Education and Qualifications:
(The Word Count starts here) Sample: I earned my title from starring on Sesame Street, providing young children entertainment while learning. I became an iconic part of popular culture from being obsessed with chocolate chip cookies.

FORMATTING
Statements submitted must conform to the following guidelines:

- Statement shall be provided in uniform size, darkness and with uniform spacing.
- Typewritten copy must be submitted in standard paragraph format.
- Keep the statement in essay form; enumerated lists or outlines may not fit in the space provided in the pamphlet.
- No bullets, handwriting, circles, extra exclamation points, arrows, stars, or dots.
- Do not use any unusual spacing, underscoring, hyphens, quotes or bolding on the statement.
- Multiple indentations or multiple underscoring will not be accommodated.
- Statements in all capital letters will not be permitted.
- Do not include any party affiliation for a nonpartisan office.
- Do not include membership or activity in partisan political organizations if filing for a nonpartisan office. EC 13307.

The California Elections Code prefers uniformity of appearance in the Candidates' Statements. By preparing your statement in accordance with the above guidelines, each statement will be uniformly printed and allowed the same amount of space in the Voter Information Pamphlet section. *Submitted statements are subject to review.*

COUNTING OF WORDS Election Code 9

(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 considered as one word.

    (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.

    (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.

    (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 addresses shall be counted as one word.

(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under EC 13107.

EXAMPLES:

Abbreviations – (UCLA, U.C.L.A., USMC, U.S.M.C.) - one word

Geographic Names – (County of Sutter, Yuba City) - one word

Whole numbers - Digits - (1 or 10 or 100) - one word

Spelled out numbers - (one or ten or one hundred) - one for <u>each</u> word

Numeric combinations - (1973, 18 1/2, 1971-73, 5%) - one word

Dates - all digits (4/8/86) - one word

Words and digits - (April 8, 1986) - two words

Monetary amounts - (if the dollar sign is used $1) - one word

Spelled out - (one thousand dollars) - one for <u>each</u> word

Regularly hyphenated words if hyphenated in dictionary - one word

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (Checks or Money Orders payable to Sutter County Elections)

	Per Language: English & Spanish
County / Statewide Office	$600
Supervisor District 2 & 3	$450

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHOICES

Fill in the bubble and initial your statement choices:

○ **I wish to have my statement printed in English in the County Voter Information Guide. Yes ____   No _____**
                                                                                   (Initials)   (Initials)

○ **I wish to have my statement translated and printed in Spanish for an additional cost. Yes _____   No _____**
                                                                               (Initials)   (Initials)

○ I am indigent and unable to pay for the cost of this statement. Attached is the statement of financial worth pursuant to EC 13309 and a release authorizing you to obtain a copy of my most recent Federal Income Tax Form.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pursuant to Election Code 13307 and 13308, I state that I prepared the statement which is to be printed in the County Voter's Information Pamphlet and mailed to each registered voter of my district. I further state that the cost of printing is my responsibility and I will pay for my prorated cost of the statement at the time of submitting my statement to Sutter County Elections. **I understand that statements not in compliance with the formatting guidelines will be rejected or corrected by County Clerk.**

_____
              Printed Candidate Name

_____
                    Phone Number

_____
                    Signature

_____
                    Date