



# CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

March 5, 2024 Presidential 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 Word document on a USB.
- **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 Voter Information Pamphlet.
- Your statement may include a brief description, **no more than 200 words**, of your education and qualifications for local contests. (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.
- **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.
- 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 They may not be changed but may be withdrawn until 5pm on the day after the last day to file EC 13307(3).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)

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 Word)

CANDIDATE NAME: Sid

Office Running for: Mayor of Sesame Street

Occupation (Optional): Cookie Monster

Age (Optional): 54

### 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 each 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 each word
- Regularly hyphenated words if hyphenated in dictionary - one word

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

	Per Language: English, Spanish, and/or Punjabi
County / Statewide Office	\$850.00
Supervisory Office	\$450.00

**ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHOICES**

Fill in the bubble and initial your statement choices:

- I wish to have my statement translated and printed in Spanish for an additional cost. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials) (Initials)
- I wish to have my statement translated and printed in Punjabi 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 a voter's 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Candidate Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date