

## Candidate Statement of Qualifications (Read instructions carefully)

Use "Block Paragraphs, Single Space" format. Word count starts here:

Cost of the Statement: <b>Please see Candidate Filing Guide.</b> (Checks payable to: <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> )	
Please <b><u>sign one</u></b> of the following statements.	I <b><u>do not</u></b> wish to file a statement.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Date</div> <div>Candidate's Signature</div> </div>
	I <b><u>do</u></b> wish to file a statement. I understand I am responsible for the cost of this statement, and the undersigned author of the attached candidate statement hereby declare that I have read, fully understand, and will comply with the requirements received and that the candidate statement submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My payment is attached.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Date</div> <div>Candidate's Signature</div> </div>

<div>CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES</div> <div>(Elections Code Section 13307 Excerpts)</div>	
The candidate statement is an optional statement for candidates seeking specific elective office. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate’s education and qualifications.	
FILING PERIOD	The statement shall be filed in the Registrar of Voters Office when nomination documents are returned for filing. Such statement shall be filed in the Registrar’s Office no later than <b>5 p.m. on March 6, 2026</b> .
WHERE	Registrar of Voters Office 5600 Overland Avenue, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123
CONTENTS	The statement may contain the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than <b>200 words</b> of the candidate’s education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. For San Diego Community College District candidates, no more than <b>400 words</b> .
PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD	During the 10-calendar-day examination period following the deadline for submission of the statement, any voter of the jurisdiction, or the Registrar of Voters, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all the material to be amended or deleted. Any court challenges must be resolved 67 days ( <b>March 27, 2026</b> ) before Election Day in order for there not to be any delays in printing the Voter Information Pamphlet and impacting the administration of the election.
LIABILITY	Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make any statement, or the authors of any statement free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing electronic distribution or contained in the Voter Information Pamphlet.
FORMAT	<p>Candidates are required to <b><u>TYPE</u></b> their statement <b>SINGLE SPACED</b> in <b>BLOCK PARAGRAPHS</b>. It is acceptable to submit a statement produced on a computer and attached to this form. The following <b>WILL NOT</b> be permitted:</p> <div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Handwritten statement</b></li><li>◆ <b>Copy from a fax machine</b></li><li>◆ <b>Extra exclamation points</b></li><li>◆ <b>Multiple punctuation</b></li><li>◆ <b>Lists</b></li></ul></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Stars, bullets, graphics</b></li><li>◆ <b><i>Italics</i>, Bold</b></li><li>◆ <b>ALL CAPITAL LETTERS</b></li><li>◆ <b><u>Underline</u></b></li><li>◆ <b>Tables</b></li></ul></div></div> <p><b>All statements must be submitted on or attached to the candidate statement form provided. San Diego Registrar of Voters requires you to email candidate statement in electronic format (email; word doc) to <a href="mailto:CandidateFiling@sdcounty.ca.gov">CandidateFiling@sdcounty.ca.gov</a> and file printed candidate statement. If there are any discrepancies between the hard copy (signed candidate statement) and the electronic copy, the hard copy will prevail.</b></p> <p><b>STATEMENTS WILL BE TYPESET EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED.</b> Candidates are, therefore, advised to carefully check their statements for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar. The elections official is authorized to make corrections only to the format of the statement.</p> <p>If the Registrar of Voter’s form is not used, the statement must be typed, <b>SINGLE SPACED</b> in <b>BLOCK PARAGRAPHS</b> on plain white paper (8 1/2" x 11") with MARGINS (both LEFT and RIGHT) of NO LESS than 1/2 inch.</p> <p>The California Elections Code intends uniformity of appearance of the candidate statements. By preparing a candidate 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. This avoids favored composition or printing of one candidate’s statement over another. The statement will be printed in 8-point type in the Voter Information Pamphlet. Only the candidate’s name, age and occupation will be printed in 10-point type.</p>
RESTRICTIONS	The candidate’s statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations for non-partisan contests. Candidate photographs are not permitted (except for San Diego Unified School District).
WITHDRAWAL	The statement <b>may be withdrawn, but not changed</b> , until 5 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the filing period. (E.C. Sec. 13307 (3))
CONFIDENTIAL	<b>The candidate statements shall remain confidential until the close of the nomination period.</b> (E.C. Sec. 13311)
STATEMENT MUST NOT REFER TO OTHERS	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 <b>shall not in any way make reference to other candidates or to another candidate’s qualifications, character, or activities</b> . The Registrar of Voters shall not cause to be printed, posted on an Internet Web site, or circulated any statement which the elections official determines is not so limited or which includes any such references. (E.C. Sec. 13308)
CHINESE, FILIPINO, SPANISH & VIETNAMESE TRANSLATION	All Voter Information Pamphlet text, including candidate statements, are translated into Chinese, Filipino, Spanish and Vietnamese. In addition to receiving an English Voter Information Pamphlet, registered voters may also request a pamphlet in Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, or Vietnamese. In addition, registered voters who were born in Chinese or Spanish speaking countries, the Philippines, or Vietnam, will also receive a pamphlet in the language of the country in which they were born. This is in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act. On Election Day, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish and Vietnamese Voter Information Pamphlets will be available at every Vote Center location.
COST	Candidate statements are paid for at the time they are filed. All money is held in a Trust Fund and if, for any reason, the statement is not printed, the money will be refunded. The cost is calculated to recover expenses for language translation into four languages, typesetting, printing, addressing, labor and mailing, of the candidate statements.
WORD COUNT	<p>(a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Punctuation is not counted.</li><li>2. Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.</li><li>3. All proper nouns, including geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, "County of San Diego" shall be counted as one word.</li><li>4. Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.</li><li>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, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.</li><li>6. Dates shall be counted as one word.</li><li>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.</li><li>8. Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.</li><li>9. Internet website addresses shall be counted as one word.</li></ol> <p>(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for <b>ballot designations</b> under Elections Code Section 13107. (E.C. Sec. 9)</p>