

Candidate's Statement Agreement for Local Candidates

Statewide Direct Primary Election – June 2, 2026

Office: _____

District: _____

Candidate's Name: _____
(Print exactly as it will appear on the Candidate's Statement)

Info - Occupation: _____ Website: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____

This optional information must fit on ONE line – see example in candidate handbook.

If you are filing a candidate's statement, this agreement and a hard copy of your statement must be filed with your Declaration of Candidacy no later than 5pm, March 6, 2026. Also, email statement to candidates@votescount.us

The cost of ☐ printing and mailing or ☐ online only candidate's statement is _____
Plus translation fees of ☐ \$150 for Spanish ☐ \$450 for Japanese ☐ \$450 for Thai _____
Plus \$100 if not submitted in an electronic form _____
Total amount payable to Santa Cruz County Clerk _____

If you are submitting a statement to be posted online only, email it to candidates@votescount.us in addition to filing a hard copy. Total amount payable to Santa Cruz County Clerk - \$320 plus translation fees (if applicable)

If the district includes another county, please contact that county for cost and requirements for filing your statement in that county.

Important rules about the content of your statement: Your Candidate's Statement of Qualifications may include a brief description of not more than 200 words describing your education and qualifications. The statement **MUST** be limited to your 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.

Statements found by the elections officials to be in violation of the law will not be printed.

Please check ONE of the following:

- ☐ **English Statement only.** Pursuant to Elections Code §13307 and 13308, I am filing my Candidate's Statement for printing in the County Voter Information Guide.
- ☐ **Translated statement.** I submit my Candidate's Statement for printing in the County Voter Information Guide and wish to have my statement **translated and printed in** ☐ **Spanish,** ☐ **Japanese, and/or** ☐ **Thai** in addition to English at an additional cost.
- ☐ **Indigent.** I am indigent and unable to pay in advance for the cost of printing my Candidate's Statement and have attached a financial statement pursuant to Elections Code §13309 as well as a release authorizing you to obtain a copy of my most recent federal income tax form.

Candidates, please initial by each of the following statements that you have read and understand the policy:

Initials	
1	All statements are printed in uniform type.
2	All text will be formatted flush left – no indents will be allowed, NO BULLETS.
3	If the statement contains any bolding , CAPITALIZING (other than abbreviations or acronyms), <u>underlining</u> , and centering of text, the text will be converted to normal text without these attributes.
4	If there is a discrepancy between the content of the statement submitted in an electronic format and the content of the statement filed on hard copy, the hard copy content will prevail.
5	My Candidate Info on this “Candidate’s Statement Agreement” will prevail over different information contained on any other document or electronic version.
6	I understand my statement is not exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements.
7	My candidate’s statement is limited to a recitation of my own personal background and qualifications and does not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
8	I understand that the elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is in violation of Elections Code § 13307 and 13308.
9	Candidate Statements of Qualifications are PRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED. The Elections Department will <u>not</u> make any corrections including spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
10	Candidate Statements will be posted on the Santa Cruz County Elections Department’s website at www.votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov after the random alpha is drawn on the 82nd day before the Election. Statements will be posted on the website and in the County Voter Information Guide in the order of the random alpha
11	I understand that the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. The deadline to withdraw your statement for this election is up until 5pm, March 9, 2026.

Signature of Candidate

X	Date:
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We want you to review your statement before it is in final print. How would you like us to contact you? Please check one box and provide contact information.

☐ E-mail address: _____

☐ Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____