



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM - LEGISLATIVE OFFICES
READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF:

CANDIDATE FOR:

PARTY
PREFERENCE:

ELECTION DATE:

[BEGIN STATEMENT HERE (1 COLUMN)]

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type your statement in the **first column** using upper- and lower-case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style Times New Roman, size 11-point or a comparable size and style determined by system requirements. We recommend you use Times new Roman, 11-point font when submitting your statement even though it will later be formatted to fit the system requirements.

Candidate statements that are within the word limit but do not fit in the allowed column space provided will be charged double or more, depending on how many columns are used to print the statement, or the second column space will be populated with the next candidate statement by another Candidate in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

The format and style of the candidate statement are in a column width (newspaper) style, and the estimated cost of the candidate statement is derived from per column use.

NOTE: Spanish may be longer than the English version, so the statement may continue over into the second column for an estimated cost of two (2) columns. For more information, please contact the Election Planning Section at electionplanning@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS INFORMATION BEFORE PURCHASING A CANDIDATE STATEMENT.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk makes every effort to mail Sample Ballots/Candidate Statements as early as possible during the voting period and prior to the voters' receipt of their Vote By Mail ballots. However, this is not always possible due to the volume of material and the complexity of coordinating mail distribution. For mailing timelines and more information, refer to Section 1, Chapter 3 of the Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
(Government Code Section 85601; Elections Code Sections 13307,13311 and 13313)

GENERAL INFORMATION: Filing of a statement is optional and made available to candidates who accept voluntary expenditure limits.

FILING PERIOD: Statement must be filed no later than the close of business hours on the last day of the candidate nomination period.

WITHDRAWAL: A candidate statement cannot be changed or revised once it is filed. A candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5 p.m. of the next business day after the last day to file the statement.

CONTENTS: The body of the statement shall not exceed **250 words.**

FORMAT/WORD COUNT: Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for detailed information regarding format and word counting guidelines.

RESTRICTIONS: Any candidate statement submitted by a candidate 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 or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. Any voter may request that the court strike any or all improper content in such a statement. In addition, no candidate statement shall be printed which the elections official determines is not so limited or which includes any reference prohibited. Please refer to the Candidate Handbook (Section 1 Chapter 3) for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD: Candidate statements shall be confidential until the close of the nomination period. Once the nomination period closes, the statements are open to public examination for a ten (10) calendar day period. During the examination period, candidate listings, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations (or occupation) on ballot shall be open to public examination. Any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to challenge and possibly amend any or all of the material/data (E.C. 13313). If the filing period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material.

CANDIDATES FILING IN SHARED DISTRICTS: Your candidate statement must be filed with the county elections official in each county where you wish to have your statement printed (e.g., if you wish to have your statement printed in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, then you must submit one (1) copy of your statement and the appropriate fee to each county where you intend to have your statement appear in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet). **The elections official will not forward your candidate statement or estimated shared cost to neighboring counties.**

ESTIMATED COST

The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on number of voter registration, the length and/or format of the statement submitted, and printing cost. Accordingly, the elections official is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the elections official shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid.

The estimated cost of your English statement is _____. The estimated cost of your English & Spanish statement is _____.

Please mark (x) one box:

English

English & Spanish

NOTE: Cost is estimated on a per column basis and may double, triple, or quadruple depending on your language selection(s) and/or statement formatting.

I have read, understood, and enclosed the provisions contained on this form that includes all pages, and read the Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide (see Chapter 3), and request that my statement as shown to be printed as indicated:



Signature of Candidate

Date

() _____
Phone Number (Daytime)

() _____
Phone Number (Evening)

Email Address

DO NOT PRINT THIS STATEMENT IN THE EVENT

_____ There is no opposition to this contest on the ballot. _____ No other candidate for this contest files a statement.
INITIALS INITIALS

OFFICE USE ONLY

Filed 501 Form (Accepted Limits) Yes No

Verified filing of Declaration of Candidacy and/or Nomination Papers

Date Election Official

Project No.		Candidate No.	
Total No. of Words:		Total No. of Enhanced Words:	
By Elections Official Deputy:			