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

STATEMENT OF:

CANDIDATE FOR:

ELECTION DATE:

AGE:

OCCUPATION:

**[BEGIN STATEMENT HERE (1 COLUMN)]**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please type your statement in the **first column** using upper- and lower-case letters. If you would like a two (2) column statement, then please use two forms. 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. However, the statement can be submitted using any standard font and will later be formatted to fit system requirements.

See reverse side for information and guidelines including formatting restrictions.

The **second column** is for additional space for the candidate statement of a single Candidate who would like a two (2) column statement (within the word limit, if word limits apply) 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.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
(Elections Code Sections 13307, 13308, 13311 and 13313)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Filing of a statement is optional and applies to local nonpartisan offices.

**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 A candidate statement may be withdrawn by 5 p.m. of the next business day after the last day to file the statement.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:** Statement may include candidate's age and occupation and a 200 words description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Some jurisdictions increase the word limit to 400 words.

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

**RESTRICTIONS:** The candidate statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor reference any membership or activity in political organizations. 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 write 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 to or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the elections official may require the candidate pay to 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.

Pursuant to California law, the local agency has authorized a [ ] 200 [ ] 400 word maximum, and requires that the estimated cost be paid:

[ ] In advance by all candidates     [ ] District will pay for all candidate statements

[ ] District will bill candidate after the election     [ ] _____

The estimated cost of your English statement is _____.

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

**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 and understood the provisions contained on this form and in the Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide, and request that my statement as shown on the reverse side be printed as indicated:**

**Please mark (x) one box:**     **English** [ ]     **English & Spanish** [ ]

_____
Signature of Candidate

_____
Date

Phone Numbers: ( ___ ) _____     ( ___ ) _____
Daytime                      Evening

**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

[ ] Verified filing of Declaration of Candidacy and/or Nomination Papers

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

_____    _____
Date             Election Official