

NON-PARTISAN - CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

If you **do** wish to have your statement of qualification printed in the Voter Pamphlet, complete the following form. Candidate must type the candidate's statement in upper- and lower-case type. Neither grammar nor spelling will be proofread or changed.

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF: _____

AT THE _____ **ELECTION TO BE HELD** _____

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

OCCUPATION: _____ **AGE:** _____
(Print exactly as it will appear on the Candidate's Statement – Occupation and Age are OPTIONAL and will not be printed on your Candidate's Statement if they are not provided here)

Brief description of not more than **200 words** of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself/herself:

(Must complete back of form)

PRINTING AND HANDLING OF THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I agree to pay, upon billing, any additional costs involved in the printing and handling of the submitted statement if actual costs exceed the estimated cost of \$ _____, and understand that a refund will be made if the deposit exceeds the cost. I certify under penalty that my candidate statement submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that I have read the rules governing filing of a Candidate's Statement.

Candidate Initials

	Candidates' Statements are PRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED . The Elections Office will <u>NOT</u> make any corrections including spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
	Your name, occupation, and age will be printed as provided on this document. It is not required that it exactly match information provided for ballot printing.
	My Candidate Statement is limited to a recitation of my own personal background and qualifications and does not in any way refer to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
	I understand my statement is not exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements.
	Endorsements of candidates by individuals or organizations should be submitted no later than five days after the end of the filing period for the Elections Office to allow these endorsements to be printed.
	I understand that if this is a shared district it is my responsibility to contact the other counties to place a statement in their Voter Pamphlet.
	I understand that the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

I wish to withdraw my candidate's statement if by the close of nominations no one has filed against me.

YES NO Candidate to Initial: _____

If selecting YES, I wish for my check to be:

Shredded Voided and mailed back to me I will pick up the voided check

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***** Official Use Only *****

Filed on-line Hardcopy Candidate Statement Estimated Cost \$ _____

Word Count _____ Clerks Initials _____

RULES GOVERNING FILING OF CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

(EC 13307, 13307.5, 13308, 13309, 13311 and 13313)

The law permits candidates for the following Non-Partisan offices to file an optional Candidate's Statement to be mailed with the Voter's Pamphlet:

Superior Court Judges
County Seats: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
Assessor-Recorder
Board of Supervisors
District Attorney
Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
Superintendent of Schools
Treasurer-Tax Collector
School Governing Board Members
Special District Directors

Filing of Statement is not mandatory, but permissive if the candidate desires to file.

The Statement shall be prepared on a form provided by the Elections Official and the candidate shall file the Statement, if any, when the candidate files the Declaration of Candidacy or when the Candidate's Nomination papers are returned for filing or before the last day of the nomination period for a Candidate who has filed nomination papers in another county and is eligible to file in Kern County. Runoff Candidates must file a new Candidate Statement if they wish to have it included in the General Election Voter Pamphlet, the deadline is the 88th day before the General Election.

Runoff candidates may use previous statement, but it must be refiled and paid for it to appear in the General Election Voter Pamphlet, it will not automatically appear.

Candidate's Statement must be typed in upper and lower-case type. All statements will be printed in uniform style and size of type.

All costs of printing, handling, translating, etc. shall be paid by the candidate.

The candidate's statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. Such statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. Such statement shall be filed in the Elections Office no later than the 88th day before the election. It may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period, and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of nomination period.

The Elections Official shall send to each voter together with the sample ballot, a voter's pamphlet which contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness and with uniform spacing. The Elections Official shall provide a Spanish translation for candidates.

The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statement filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter pamphlet. In the event of the underpayment, the Elections Official shall require the candidate to pay the balance of the costs incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Elections Official shall pro rate the excess share among the candidates

paying estimated costs and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election. If you believe that you may meet eligibility requirements to claim indigency status, please advise us and we will provide you with an application.

Nothing in this statement shall be deemed to make any such statement or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter pamphlet. (E.C. 13307)

Notwithstanding the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5) commencing with Section 62501 of Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code, the statements filed pursuant to Section 13307 shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. (E.C. 13311)

Any candidate in an election or incumbent in a recall election who knowingly makes a false statement of material fact in a Candidate's statement, prepared pursuant to Section 13307 or 11327, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (E.C. 18351)

A candidate for judicial office 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 judicial office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Elections Official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement which the Elections Official determines is not so limited or which includes any such references. (E.C. 13308)

Elections Office Policy

It is the policy of the Kern County Elections Office that if a candidate statement is determined not to be in compliance with Elections Code, the Elections Office may: strike any language not in compliance, may not print or circulate the statement, or seek a writ of mandate or an injunction, requiring that the candidate statement be amended or deleted.

It is the policy of the Kern County Election Office that the candidate be fully responsible for ensuring that all spelling, punctuation, and grammar in a candidate statement are correct. The Elections Office is not responsible for proofreading, spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.

It is the policy of the Kern County Elections Office that any named individual or specific organization listed as an endorsement in a candidate statement must be verified as endorsing the candidate prior to printing in the Voter Pamphlet. Verification of the endorsement must be in the form of a copy of a letter of endorsement, or in a direct communication from the endorser to the Elections Office in the form of an email or facsimile correspondence. All endorsements or verification of endorsements from an individual or organization of a candidate should be submitted by the candidate no later than five days after the end of the filing period.

Example A:

“... I am endorsed by County Supervisor John Doe, Senator Jane Smith and the League of Women Voters.”

The Elections Office would require an email, facsimile or copy of the letter of endorsement from Supervisor Doe, Senator Smith and the League of Women Voters to allow these endorsements to be printed.

Example B:

“... I am endorsed by police, firefighters, nurses and teachers throughout Kern County.”

The Election Office would not require verification of the endorsement because the statement does not identify a specific individual or organization.