

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT AGREEMENT

November 5, 2002

Jurisdiction: _____

Office: _____

Division: _____ **Term:** _____

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 – Both Occupation and Age are OPTIONAL)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE: All candidates must return this agreement whether or not you wish to have a candidate's statement printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet. If you are filing a candidate's statement, it must be filed with your Declaration of Candidacy. The governing body to which you are seeking election has determined that the cost of the statement is the responsibility of the **candidate / district** ✍

(circle one)

The cost of printing and mailing the candidate's statement is	\$ _____ ✍
+ neighboring county costs	\$ _____ ✍
X 2 for printing in Spanish in the Voter Pamphlet	\$ _____ ✍
Minus the \$25 discount if submitted in an electronic format	\$ _____ ✍

Refer to your "Candidate's Handbook" for detailed instructions on how to write your Candidate's Statement.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATE: Your Candidate's Statement of Qualifications may include your age, occupation and a brief description of not more than _____ ✍ words describing your education and qualifications.

✍ **Candidates, please check ONE of the following:**

✍ **NO STATEMENT.** I do not wish to file a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications for printing in the Voter's Information Pamphlet.

✍ **ENGLISH STATEMENT ONLY.** Pursuant to Elections Code §13307 and 13308, I am filing my Candidate's Statement of Qualifications for printing in the Voter's Information Pamphlet.

✍ **ENGLISH & SPANISH.** I submit my Candidate's Statement of Qualifications for printing in the Voter's Information Pamphlet and wish to have my statement **translated and printed in Spanish** 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 of Qualifications 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. I certify under penalty of perjury that the financial statement is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____ **DATE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FAX: _____ **PHONE:** _____

It is department policy to allow candidates to review the camera-ready copy of their statement prior to publication. Please check the box above by the method you prefer we use to either send you your statement or notify you that it is ready for your review.

Candidates, please initial by each of the following statements:

1. _____ If the statement exceeds a quarter page measuring 3.75" wide by 4.5" tall, the candidate will be charged double.
2. _____ The Candidate's Statement will begin with the words: "**Education and Qualifications:**" followed by the text filed by the candidate. These words, as well as the heading, are standardized and included in the quarter page space provided. The words, however, do not count toward the number of words allowed for the statement.
3. _____ All statements are printed in 9.5 Arial or Arial-Narrow type.
4. _____ All text will be formatted flush left – no indents will be allowed, except for bullets.
5. _____ Bullets will be printed as a solid circle followed by indented text. If the bullets cause the statement to exceed the quarter page allowed, the bullets may be removed and the text run together, separated by a semi-colon. (Please see sample)
6. _____ If the statement contains any **bolding**, CAPITALIZING (other than abbreviations or acronyms), underlining, and centering of text, the text will be converted to normal text without these attributes.
7. _____ 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.
8. _____ Make sure the candidate's name, occupation and age on the "Candidate's Statement Agreement," and/or "Candidate Statement Form" are the same as that appearing on the filed statement.
9. _____ The candidate's statement does not exceed the maximum number of words allowed, according to the election official's count stamped on the filed statement.
10. _____ Confirm that the candidate has signed his/her statement.
11. _____ Candidate Statements of Qualifications are **PRINTED AS SUBMITTED**. The Elections Department will **not** make any corrections including spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
12. _____ Candidate Statements will be posted on the Santa Cruz County Elections Department's website at www.votescount.com

THE PRINTED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

Below is a sample of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications as it will appear in the Voter's Information Pamphlet.

<p>Statement of CHRIS CANDIDATE, Candidate for County Supervisor, 6th District County of Santa Cruz</p> <p>Occupation: Teacher Age: 42</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I can bring to the office a diversity of viewpoints and experience. Born and raised in the Monterey Bay Area, with my family still farming, I can appreciate the concerns of the environmentalist. On the other hand, having been in business since my undergraduate days at UCSC, and with my experience in the rental and real estate fields, I appreciate the practical housing requirements of our community.</p> <p>My credentials include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">?? Graduate of local high schools, UCSC graduate with a B.S. and MBA;?? US Air Force sergeant;?? Married and parent of 2;?? Small Business owner;?? Homeowner; <p>In addition, I have either served or am serving in the following clubs and organizations: Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Sierra Club; PTA; Arts Council; Rock the Vote; and League of Women Voters.</p> <p>If elected to this office, I will do my best to continue to serve as a leader and role model for our community and children.</p>	<p>The Spanish translation would appear here for candidates who request and purchase a Spanish translation of their Candidate's Statement.</p> <p>Or, this space would be used for other candidates running for the same office.</p> <p>Candidate statements will appear in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot.</p>
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NOTE: If, due to excessive bulleting or any other reason, your candidate's statement exceeds the 3.75" wide by 4.5" tall quarter page provided for each statement, you will be charged double for the additional space.

Or, the elections official may delete the bullets, and instead run the text together, separating the bulleted sections by semi-colons. Both bullets, and a listing using semi-colons have been used in the sample above to illustrate this formatting.