

Presidential Primary Election

March 5, 2024

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

Candidates have the option of placing a statement of qualifications in the county Voter Information Guide, which is made available to all registered voters. Filing a candidate statement is optional. Candidates **will be charged** a fee to file candidate statements. Candidate statement filing fees vary by district and number of candidates filing candidate statements.

Candidate statements must be filed with the Office of Elections by the close of the nomination period on December 8, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

If an incumbent fails to file a declaration of candidacy for that race, the deadline is extended until December 13, 2023, at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn by 5 pm on the first business day following the filing deadline.

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Candidate statements must be on the appropriate template provided by the Office of Elections. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications. Word limits vary by office sought.

Candidate statements **shall not** include any of the following:

- Reference to other candidates seeking office or to another candidate's qualifications.
- Typographical accents, such as:

Underlining

ALL CAPS

- Bullets

Bold Lettering

Italics

The candidate statement must be typed in the format provided by the Office of Elections. Handwritten statements will not be accepted for publication. A hard copy statement must be submitted. Candidates who additionally submit their candidate statement electronically in Microsoft Word format via email will receive a \$50 discount. The Office of Elections will not accept candidate statements on a USB flash drive. Electronic and hard copies must match. If the electronic and hard copies do not match, the Office of Elections will choose which version to use.

Candidates requesting Spanish and/or Hmong translation of their Candidate Statement will be charged an additional \$75 fee per language.

Proofread your statement carefully before submitting it. Statements will be printed as submitted. Errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, or intent will not be corrected by the Office of Elections.

Candidate statements remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline. Once the filing deadline has passed, there will be a ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements prior to submittal for printing in the county voter information guide. During this period, the elections official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be amended or deleted.

Elections Code § 13311, 13313

Cost Breakdown

The Office of Elections estimates the total cost of printing and handling the candidate statement, and requires each candidate filing a statement to pay at the time of submission. If more than one candidate files a candidate's statement for the same office, the cost will be shared among the candidates.

Candidates must pay the full amount by check and will receive any refund due within 30 days of the financial reconciliation of the election.

Candidate Statement Costs and Word Limits

Voter-Nominated Offices

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>WORD LIMIT</i>	<i>ONE</i>	<i>TWO</i>	<i>THREE</i>	<i>FOUR</i>
<i>US REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESS</i>	250	\$4,715	\$2,420	\$1,655	\$1,273
<i>STATE ASSEMBLY</i>	250	\$4,715	\$2,420	\$1,655	\$1,273

Candidates who additionally submit their candidate statement electronically will receive a \$50 discount. Add \$75 per language translation. Translation languages available: Spanish and Hmong.

Nonpartisan Offices

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>WORD LIMIT</i>	<i>ONE</i>	<i>TWO</i>	<i>THREE</i>	<i>FOUR</i>
<i>SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE</i>	200	\$4,715	\$2,420	\$1,655	\$1,273
<i>COUNTY SUPERVISOR</i>					
<i>DISTRICT 1</i>	200	\$1,077	\$601	\$442	\$363
<i>DISTRICT 2</i>	200	\$1,002	\$564	\$417	\$344
<i>DISTRICT 3</i>	200	\$1,102	\$613	\$451	\$369

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Candidate Statement of Qualifications Format

Elections Code § 13307-13314

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Candidates who additionally submit their candidate statement electronically in Microsoft Word format via email (humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us) will receive a \$50 discount. Please use the template below as a guide for your statement.

CANDIDATE'S NAME:	AGE (optional):
OCCUPATION (optional):	
QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Place candidate statement of qualifications here.</i>	
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE:	
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Print Name of Candidate

Office Sought

Mailing Address:

Street

City

Zip

Contact Information:

Phone

E-Mail

I Elect to File a Candidate Statement

I have been informed that the estimated cost and deposit for my candidate statement is \$ _____
_____ with Spanish translation _____ with Hmong Translation

Word Count _____

- I agree that if the actual cost of the candidate statement exceeds the amount paid in advance, I will pay the additional sum to the County of Humboldt within 30 days of the billing notification for such amount.
- I agree that if the amount billed is not paid within 30 days following such notification, and the Elections Official thereafter commences legal action against me for the recovery of said amount, I will pay all costs of such action, including costs and reasonable attorney's fees in an amount to be fixed by the court.
- I have been informed that if the amount paid in advance is more than the actual cost of the candidate statement, the Elections Official will refund the excess amount within 30 days of certification of the election.
- I agree that any notice, refund or billing pertaining to my candidate statement shall be mailed to me at the address set forth above and shall be deemed completed upon deposit in the United States mail.
- I agree to each of the terms and conditions set forth above.

Signature of Candidate

Date

I Elect not to File a Candidate Statement

Signature of Candidate

Date

I Hereby Withdraw my Candidate Statement

- I acknowledge the return of my check in the amount of \$_____.
- My check has already been deposited by the Humboldt County Office of Elections. I understand that a refund will be mailed to me within 30 days.

Note: A candidate may withdraw his or her Candidate Statement by signing and submitting this withdrawal notice to the Office of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period. EC §13307(a)(3)

Signature of Candidate

Date