

Statewide Direct Primary Election

June 2, 2026

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, or districts **will be charged** a fee to file candidate statements. Candidate statement filing fees vary by district. Candidates must pay the full amount by check at the time of filing. If the district has opted to pay for the statement, they will be billed by the elections office at the completion of the election.

Candidate statements must be filed with the Office of Elections by the close of the nomination period on March 6, 2026 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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, for all other candidates, the deadline is extended until March 11, 2026 at 5 pm. The statement may be withdrawn by 5 pm on the first business day following the extension filing deadline.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 for local office statements are 200 words. Word limits for state office statements are 250 words.

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. Hardcopy versions of the Candidate Statement and the HC candidate statement form are required if submitting a Candidate Statement. Candidates should also submit their completed statement in a Microsoft WordDoc attachment via email. Humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us The Office of Elections will not accept candidate statements on a USB flash drive

All statements will be translated in Spanish, Hmong and Vietnamese for publication in the county Voter Information Guide.

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, 1331

Candidate Statement of Qualifications Format

Elections Code § 13307-13314

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Please use the template below as a guide for your statement.

CANDIDATE'S NAME:

AGE (optional):

OCCUPATION (optional):

QUALIFICATIONS: Place candidate statement of qualifications here.

/s/SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Humboldt County Office of Elections - Candidate Statement Form

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 \$_____.

Word Count _____

- I acknowledge that the fee for submitting a candidate statement is due at the time of filing.
- 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

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. AT THE CLOSE OF CANDIDATE FILING.