



## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FORM

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

The Candidate's Statement is optional. If you wish to submit your Candidate's Statement to be printed in the Voter Information Guide & Sample Ballot, please review instructions and information below.

**E.C. §13303(a):** The County Voter Information Guide must be mailed no later than 21 days before the election.

**E.C. §13307(d) Notice:** The price for a candidate statement is an estimation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another and may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Candidates will be billed for any additional actual expenses or refunded any excess deposit dependent on the final actual cost.

### Submittal

- Candidate statements must be filed at the same time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed during the nomination period., Elections Code 13307 (a)(2).
- The candidate statement cannot be changed once filed. The statement may be withdrawn during the nomination period and no later than 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period, per Elections Code 13307(a)(3).
- To submit your candidate statement, email a Word Doc version to [Candidatefiling@kerncounty.com](mailto:Candidatefiling@kerncounty.com) with the subject line "Candidate Statement – (Your Name), and return the signed Candidate Statement Form along with payment.

### Content

- Statements will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the Elections office.
- Statements must be a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- Elections Code 13308 prohibits any reference to other candidates for the office sought or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
- If a candidate statement is filed that is not in compliance with Elections Code, the Elections Official may strike any language not in compliance.
- The Kern County Elections Division is required to provide all election materials in English and Spanish. Translations are included in the cost of the candidate statement.

### Size and Format

- Statements cannot include the following:
  - Special characters
  - Non-standard fonts
  - Underline, bold, italics, or capitalized
  - Non-standard spacing, including indentations
  - Bullets or numbered lists
- Statement will be printed in uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.

**Endorsements**

Statements containing endorsements must be accompanied by a signed and dated letter or other form of proof of the endorsement from the person(s) or organization offering the endorsement. Statements must 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.

**Multi-County Offices**

Candidates file the original candidate statement in the County where they file their Declaration of Candidacy. The candidate is responsible for completing the candidate statement filing process with each county where they intend to include their statement in the County Voter Information Guide before the end of the filing period. Candidates should contact the elections official of each county for submission instructions and fees.

To submit by email:

Scan your signed Candidate Statement Form and email to [Candidatefiling@kerncounty.com](mailto:Candidatefiling@kerncounty.com).

In the subject line, follow the format: "Candidate State – (Your Name)".

If returning by email, the hard copy along with payment must be received within 3 days of submission.

**Public Examination**

Elections Code 13313 allows for a ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements after the filing period closes. 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 the material in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted.

I Elect **NOT** to file a candidate statement.

I Elect to file a candidate statement of qualifications and confirm the following:

Initials	
	I have reviewed the Content, Size and Format, Endorsements, Multi-County Offices, and Public Examination sections above.
	I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is \$ _____.
	I understand that I will pay the full amount by check or money order payable to Kern County Auditor-Controller.
	I understand that the original candidate statement of qualifications including full payment are due in the Kern County Elections Division at the time of filing my Declaration of Candidacy.
	I understand that the candidate statement will be printed exactly as submitted and that the Elections office will not make any corrections including spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
	I understand that the candidate statement of qualifications is final once submitted to the Kern County Elections Division and changes are not allowed once submitted.
	I understand that I may withdraw my candidate statement of qualifications no later than 5 pm of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing period, per Elections Code § 13307(a)(3).
	I understand that the County Voter Information Guide must be mailed no later than 21 days before the election, per Elections Code § 13303(a).

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Kern County Elections Division will send your statement for approval via email. Please provide your email address below.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WORD LIMIT		
<input type="checkbox"/> 200	<input type="checkbox"/> 250	<input type="checkbox"/> 400

CANDIDATE NAME:	
OCCUPATION:	AGE:
CANDIDATE STATEMENT	
OFFICE SOUGHT:	DATE:
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:	DATE:
EMAIL:	PHONE:

For Internal Use Only

Date Received:	
Word Count:	Completed By:
Date Approval Requested:	Payment Amount:
Date Approval Received:	Date Paid: