CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM

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Print / Type name of candidate as it will appear on the ballot   Office sought

Mailing Address: _____
                              Street   City   Zip

Contact Information: _____
                              Day phone   Evening phone   Email

I ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT

- I have been informed that the estimated cost and deposit for my candidate statement is $_____.

- 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 San Bernardino 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 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 have been informed that State Senate and State Assembly candidates are required to accept the voluntary campaign expenditure limits on FPPC form 501 in order to have a candidate statement printed in the _San Bernardino County Voter Information Guide_.

- I have been informed that I may withdraw my candidate statement no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period.

_____   _____
Signature of Candidate   **Date**

I DO NOT ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT

_____   _____
Signature of Candidate   **Date**

I HEREBY WITHDRAW MY CANDIDATE STATEMENT

- I request the County of San Bernardino to refund the deposit amount paid in advance, within 30 days of the election.

_____   _____
Signature of Candidate   **Date**

CANDIDATE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS & OPTIONS

California Elections Code:
- Cal. Elec. Code §13307 dictates that statements shall be a brief description that expresses the candidate's education and qualifications, and shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
- Cal. Elec. Code §13308 requires that statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- Cal. Elec. Code §13313 allows for a ten day public examination period of all statements immediately following the candidate filing deadline. During this period, the Elections Official, or any voter of the jurisdiction, 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 Office Policy:
- A candidate's background may include details regarding the candidate's platform, which describes what they stand for and what they intend to do if they are elected.
- If a statement is determined to not be in compliance with the California Elections Code, the Elections Office may strike any language not in compliance, may not print or circulate the statement, or may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring that the candidate statement be amended or deleted.
- Candidates shall be fully responsible for ensuring that all spelling, punctuation, and grammar is correct. The Elections Office is not responsible for correcting spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.
- Any named individual or specific organization listed as an endorsement in a statement must be verified as endorsing the candidate before printing in the *Voter Information Guide*.

Candidates Statement Size & Format:
- Candidates for Local Offices are limited to **200 words**.
- Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and Member of the State Assembly are limited to **250 words**.
- Regardless of the word count limitation, statements must fit inside a half page square in the *Voter Information Guide* measuring 4.75" wide by 3.25" tall. The template below is the actual size allowed for each statement.
- Statements shall be typed in upper and lower case letters when appropriate and not all capital letters.
- Statements shall be free from non-standard or atypical spacing, and not contain any *italicized* or **bolded** letters.
- Statements will be printed in 8 point Arial font.
- Translations of occupations may be reformatted due to space limitations.

Candidate Initial:_____

Candidate Statement Submittal: At the time of filing, an electronic copy of the fillable template can be provided to the Elections Office on USB or via email to communications@sbcountyelections.com.

NAME:	AGE:
OCCUPATION:	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Word Count: _____

I confirm that the candidate statement, as it appears on this form, is the approved text to be printed in the *Voter Information Guide*.

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Signature of Candidate