

## 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](mailto:communications@sbcountyelections.com).

**NAME:** Ricardo Felix

**AGE:** 35

**OCCUPATION:** Small Business Owner

Ricky Felix is a small business owner of a HVAC inspection company based in Upland. He has resided in Upland with his wife since the start of their marriage. They are the proud parents of two girls and are expecting their third child in October.

Ricky believes in strong families, is passionate about the community, and donating his time to help youth in sports, scouting, and church organizations.

Being a father, Ricky has a vested interest in our Public schools, keeping our city safe, and ensuring that Upland is fiscally sound.

Ricky is new to government office and he isn't afraid to ask questions, seek out answers, and talk to the community about key issues affecting our area. Our families are all tied together through common goals and a sense of community pride which is what drives Ricky to seek local office. Willing to listen and learn, Ricky will be the voice of the people, representing all of Upland, not just a select few.

Together with your input, Ricky will work hard for Upland. Acting with integrity he will help create a better community for children, families, and all citizens, now and for the future.

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I attest that the accompanying candidate statement is my original and will be printed in the *Voter Information Guide* as it appears on the template.

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Signature of Candidate