

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@sbccountyelections.com.

NAME: Sid Robinson

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Strategic Communications Professional

I have truly loved living in and being an active participant in Upland for 30 years. This community has afforded my family the opportunity to nurture deep roots and lifelong friendships.

Upland currently faces a number of serious challenges. These can and will be overcome with stable cohesive leadership and smart management. We will not always agree, but the focus must always be about the big picture – our city.

Our issues are deep and complex. Central is how we manage funds to ensure that Upland is safe, our residents are protected, our streets and sidewalks are maintained, our trees are cared for and our vital city services are adequately funded.

We have cut far too much from our budget. For Upland to thrive again, we need to be more creative, more flexible and more entrepreneurial in generating new revenue sources. Our quality of life is dependent on collaborative, city-focused leadership that embraces open dialogue with staff, businesses and residents in making hard decisions.

My pledge is to bring an open-minded, rational and collegial approach to our City Council for the overall good of Upland.

Please contact me: Sid4Upland@aol.com.

Vote Sid Robinson for Upland City Council. Thank you!

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Word Count: _____

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.

Signature of Candidate