

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Elections Code sections 13307, 13308, 13309, 13311)

NOTICE TO CANDIDATE: This Statement is optional. This Statement may include your age, occupation, and a brief description of not more than 200 words of your education and qualifications. All statements will be printed in a style determined by the governing body conducting the election. PLEASE TYPE, in upper and lower case. **Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted by you:** check carefully for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar before filing.

1	INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE
2	Carefully read the notice below.
3	PLEASE TYPE YOUR STATEMENT. What you submit is the printer's copy.
	Return your Statement to the District Secretary at 52027 W. Althea Way, Firebaugh, CA 93622 no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2024. See back of form for instructions on completing your statement.
	The District's Board of Directors has determined that the cost of the statement is the responsibility of the Candidate. The estimated cost of printing and mailing this Statement is \$500. Your check should be made payable to Panoche Drainage District.

As a candidate for Director of Panoche Drainage District at the General District Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024,

I submit the following statement:

NAME:

AGE:
(Optional)

Occupation:
(Optional) (May be more descriptive than what will appear on ballot)

Statement of Qualifications:
(Note: Statement and word count start here - please type)

If additional space is required, attach a signed supplemental sheet.

- I do not wish to file a statement.
- PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13307, 13308, ELECTIONS CODE, I state that I prepared the above statement which is to be printed in a voter's pamphlet and mailed to each registered voter of my district. I further state that since cost of printing is the responsibility of the candidate, I will pay for my prorated cost of the statement at the time this statement is filed.
- I am indigent and unable to pay for my prorated costs in advance. Attached is a financial statement pursuant to Elections Code Section 13309 and a release authorizing you to obtain a copy of my most recent federal income tax form. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the financial statement is true and correct.

(Printed Name of Candidate as Signed)

(Signature of Candidate)

Date: _____

(Address of Candidate)

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CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

Section 13307. Preparation and form of candidate statement.

(a) (1) Each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in any local agency, including any city, county, city and county, or district, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description, of no more than 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. However, the governing body of the local agency may authorize an increase in the limitations on words for the statement from 200 to 400 words. The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

(2) The statement authorized by this subdivision shall be filed in the office of the elections official when the candidate's nomination papers are returned for filing, if it is for a primary election, or for an election for offices for which there is no primary. The statement shall be filed in the office of the elections official no later than the 88th day before the election, if it is for an election for which nomination papers are not required to be filed. If a runoff election or general election occurs within 88 days of the primary or first election, the statement shall be filed with the elections official by the third day following the governing body's declaration of the results from the primary or first election.

(3) Except as provided in Section 13309, the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

(b) The elections official shall send each voter, together with the sample ballot, a voter's pamphlet which contains the written statements of each candidate that is prepared pursuant to this section. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing. The elections official shall provide a Spanish translation to those candidates who wish to have one, and shall select a person to provide that translation from the list of approved Spanish language translators and interpreters of the superior court of the county or from an institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

(c) The local agency may estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. The local agency may require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the receipt for the payment shall include a written notice that the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the local agency is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the local agency may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the local agency which, or the elections official who, collected the estimated cost shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make any statement, or the authors thereof, free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing or contained in the voter's pamphlet.

(e) Before the nominating period opens, the local agency for that election shall determine whether a charge shall be levied against that candidate for the candidate's statement sent to each voter. This decision shall not be revoked or modified after the seventh day prior to the opening of the nominating period. A written statement of the regulations with respect to charges for handling, packaging, and mailing shall be provided to each candidate or his or her representative at the time he or she picks up the nomination papers.

(f) For purposes of this section, and Section 13310, the board of supervisors shall be deemed the governing body of judicial elections.

(NOTE: Candidates' statements need not be mailed to voters registering after the 54th day prior to this election (Elections Code Section 13306): they remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline (Elections Code Section 13311).

Section 13309. Alleged indigency; procedures.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 13307, if a candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay in advance the requisite fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit to the local agency a statement of financial worth to be used in determining whether or not he or she is eligible to submit a candidate statement without payment of the fee in advance.

(b) The statement of financial worth required by this section shall be submitted by the candidate together with his or her candidate statement in accordance with the deadline specified in Section 13307. The statement of financial worth form shall be furnished by the local agency and may include questions relating to the candidate's employer, income, real estate holdings, tangible personal property, and financial obligations. The candidate shall certify the content of the statement as to its truth and correctness under penalty or perjury. The candidate shall also sign a release form of the candidate's most recent federal income tax report.

(c) Upon receipt of a statement of financial worth, a determination shall be made by the local agency of whether or not the candidate is indigent. The local agency shall notify the candidate of its findings.

(d) If it is determined that the candidate is not indigent, the candidate shall, within three days of the notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, withdraw the statement or pay the requisite fee. If the candidate fails to respond within the time prescribed, the local agency shall not be obligated to print and mail the statement.

(e) If the local agency determines that the candidate is indigent, the local agency shall print and mail the statement.

(f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the elections official from billing the candidate his or her actual pro rata share of the cost after the election.

Section 9. Counting of words.

(a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:

(1) Punctuation is not counted.

(2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.

(3) All geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.

(4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.

(5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(6) Dates consisting of a combination of words and digits shall be counted as two words. Dates consisting only of a combination

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of digits shall be counted as one word.

(7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one", shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.

(8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.

(9) Internet" web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.