



CANDIDATE STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election

I do not elect to file a Statement of Qualifications. Signed: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

- Statement must be submitted using template provided on our website at www.votemadera.com.
- Statement must be emailed to candidate-statements@maderacounty.com
- Statement must list your name and office sought.
- Statement may include your occupation and age (optional). Occupations are not subject to three-word limitation and must be separated by a forward slash (/). If no occupation or age provided, these fields will be left blank in the Voter Information Guide.
- Your statement may include a brief description, no more than 200 words, of your education and qualifications. (250 words for State Candidates GC 85601 and US Rep Candidates EC 13307.5.)
- State Assembly and State Senate candidates must agree to the spending limits on FPPC Form 501 to submit a candidate statement. This does not apply to US Representative candidates.
- Nonpartisan offices according to EC 13307 (a) (1) should make no reference to a party affiliation.
- Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted unless the Registrar determines it is not within code. Please check for errors in the spelling, grammar, and punctuation before filing. This form will include instructions for format and counting of words information.
- If a Candidate Statement contains endorsements, documentation from the individual(s) or specific organization(s) endorsing the candidate must be presented at the time of filing along with the candidate statement. Acceptable documentation with a supporting statement from the individual(s) or specific organization(s): Signed letter from the individual(s) or organization(s)
- Statements remain confidential until 5pm on the last day to file. They may not be changed but may be withdrawn until 5pm on the day after the last day to file per EC 13307(3).

The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. Any candidate's statement submitted pursuant to EC 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and *shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.*

The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section per EC 13308.

FEE AMOUNT

US Representative in Congress, District 5	\$
US Representative in Congress, District 13	\$
US Representative in Congress, District 22	\$
State Senator, District 4	\$
State Senator, District 14	\$
Member of State Assembly, District 8	\$
Member of State Assembly, District 27	\$
Judge of the Superior Court	\$
Assessor	\$
Auditor/Controller	\$
County Clerk-Recorder	\$
Superintendent of Schools	\$

FEE AMOUNT CONTINUED

Supervisor, District 1	\$
Supervisor, District 2	\$
Supervisor, District 5	\$
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$

FORMATTING

Statements submitted must conform to the following guidelines:

- Statement shall be provided in uniform size, darkness and with uniform spacing.
- Keep the statement in essay form; enumerated lists or outlines may not fit in the space provided in the pamphlet.
- No bullets, handwriting, circles, extra exclamation points, arrows, stars, or dots.
- Do NOT use any unusual spacing, underscoring, hyphens, quotes or bolding on the statement.
- Multiple indentations or multiple underscoring will not be permitted.
- Statements in all capital letters will not be permitted.
- Do not include any party affiliation for a nonpartisan office.
- Do not include membership or activity in partisan political organizations if filing for a nonpartisan office. EC 13307.

The California Elections Code prefers uniformity of appearance in the Candidate's Statements. By preparing your Statement in accordance with the above guidelines, each statement will be uniformly printed and allowed the same amount of space in the Voter Information Guide section. **Statements will be type set exactly as submitted; check carefully for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar.** Submitted statements are subject to review.

COUNTING OF WORDS Election Code 9

(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 proper nouns, including geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of Madera" shall be considered 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 with 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 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 website addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under EC 13107.

EXAMPLES:

Abbreviations - (UCLA, U.C.L.A., USMC, U.S.M.C.) – one word

Geographic Names- (County of Madera, Bass Lake) – one-word

Whole numbers – Digits – (1 or 10 or 100) – one word

Spelled out numbers – (one or ten or one hundred) – one for each word

Numeric combinations – (1973, 18 ½, 1971-73, 5%) – one word

Dates – all digits – (4/8/86) – one-word

Words and digits - (April 8, 1986) – one word

Monetary amounts – (if dollar sign is used \$1) – one word

Spelled out – (one thousand dollars) – one for each word

Regularly hyphenated words if hyphenated in dictionary – one word

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL

In the event there is no opposition for this contest, please do not print this statement.

Date

Candidate Signature

I hereby withdraw my Statement of Qualifications pursuant to EC 13307 (a)(3). Statements may be withdrawn until 5:00 p.m. on the next working day following the close of the Nomination Period (or extended nominations, if applicable).

Date

Candidate Signature

CANDIDATE FOR



NAME:

AGE: (OPTIONAL)

OCCUPATION:

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EMAIL:

OPTIONAL

Information is optional and will count toward your word limit.

WEBSITE:

TELEPHONE:

WORD COUNT: _____

VERIFIED BY DEPUTY: _____

I hereby request that the statement above be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the County Voter Information Guide. I understand the cost of said statement is an estimate and agree to pay for any additional cost associated with its printing and distribution. I further understand that this statement shall be printed as submitted. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained herein is true and correct.

E-mail completed Candidate Statement to: candidate-statements@maderacounty.com

Initial _____