**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FILING**

**Electronic Submission and Assembly Bill 773**

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

[Assembly Bill 773](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB773) amended Section 13307.7 of the Elections Code to allow electronic submission of candidate statements for county voter information guides. Candidates opting to electronically submit their candidate statement to the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division must:

1. Complete the “Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Electronic Submission” form on the following page.
2. Email the “Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Electronic Submission” to CandidateServices@co.slo.ca.us . You will sign the form during your final candidate appointment.

After receiving the email, the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division will issue an electronic receipt to the email address which submitted the statement. **Candidate statements cannot be changed after electronic submission.**

To complete filing the candidate statement with the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division, the candidate must submit:

1. A hard copy of the electronically submitted “Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Electronic Submission” form,
2. A completed “Candidate Statement Filing Acknowledgment and Receipt” with an original signature, and
3. Payment of estimated costs.

### Candidates of Multicounty Districts

If a candidate is running in a multicounty district, the elections official of each county shall accept the electronic submission of the form from the candidate’s county of residence; however, the candidate shall transmit a hard copy of the candidate statement form, any accompanying form, and payment of the requisite fee to each county by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the statement electronically. Please review AB 773, Elections Code 13307, and contact each county for their filing requirements.

Candidates of multicounty districts wishing to publish a candidate statement in the San Luis Obispo County Voter Information Guide using a copy of a candidate statement form electronically submitted to their county of residence (not San Luis Obispo) must deliver to the San Luis Obispo County Elections Division by overnight mail within 72 hours of filing the statement electronically:

1. A completed “Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – For Candidates of Multicounty Districts” form,
2. A completed “Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Acknowledgment and Receipt” with an original signature, and
3. Payment of estimated costs.

\*\*\*This document must remain in Microsoft Word format. Do not return as a PDF.

**County of San Luis Obispo**

**CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

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#### CANDIDATE NAME: FOR THE OFFICE OF

**(Include district and/or office number):**

#### ESTIMATED COST: WORD COUNT:

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In the space below, please type in upper- and lower-case letters your statement of no more than the maximum number of words allotted for the office sought (see reverse side for word limit). This statement must follow the format, content and word count standards on the following page.

#### NAME: AGE

**(OPTIONAL):**

**OCCUPATION:**

**(OPTIONAL- MAY BE MORE DESCRIPTIVE THAN BALLOT DESIGNATION)**

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR**

**“OFFICE”**

**“DISTRICT”**

**NAME Age (optional)**

**Occupation:** Can be more descriptive than ballot designation

**Education and Qualifications:** Statement is a recitation of the candidate’s own personal background and qualifications. It must be in 1st person, block paragraph format. No bullet points, underlining, bold fonts, or all caps for emphasis.

This statement shall not make in any way reference to other candidates for this office or to another candidate’s qualifications, character, or activities. Any improper language that makes reference to another candidate will be removed and not printed in the Voter Information Guide.

Please utilize this template for your statement. Do not change the formatting as this template conforms to the limitations of the printing area. Please replace the sample text with your statement. Your Candidate Statement may be withdrawn but not changed during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

☐ **SPANISH** – San Luis Obispo is not a language requirement county under the Federal Voting Rights Act. If you check this box, it indicates that you wish to have your statement translated and printed in Spanish in addition to English. The cost of the Spanish statement is in addition to the English statement.

☐ **WITHDRAWAL OF STATEMENT** – If no other candidate for the same office has filed a statement of qualifications, I authorize the withdrawal of my statement of qualifications. I understand I will receive a refund of my candidate statement deposit and my statement will not appear in the Voter Information Guide.

☐ I am indigent and unable to pay for my prorated costs in advance. Attached is a financial disclosure statement pursuant to Elections Code Section 13309 and a release authorizing you to obtain a copy of my most recent federal tax form. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the financial statement is true and correct.

By signing below, pursuant to Elections Code §§ 13307 and 13308, I state that I prepared the above statement which is to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and mailed to each registered voter of my district. I further state that I understand that the cost of printing is the responsibility of the candidate, and I will pay for my prorated cost of the statement at such time as instructed by the officer conducting the election. I understand that this candidate statement may be withdrawn but not changed during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE)

(PRINT NAME)

(DATE)

(ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE)

**SEE BACK OF THIS PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WORD COUNT AND COSTS**

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**CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS -GUIDELINES**

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**STATE OFFICES HAVE A 250 WORD LIMIT / LOCAL OFFICES HAVE A 200 WORD LIMIT**

**ESTIMATED COSTS ARE LISTED AS: ENGLISH ONLY / ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

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| U.S Rep. in Congress – 19th District | **$525 / $1,125** |
| U.S Rep. in Congress – 24th District | **$815 / $1,715** |
| State Senator – 17th District | **$1,000 / $2,100** |
| State Senator – 21st District | **$350 / $775** |
| State Assembly – 30th District | **$1,100 / $2,300** |

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| State Assembly – 37th District | **$250 / $575** |
| Judge of the Superior Court | **$1,200 / $2,500** |
| County Supervisor – 1st District | **$325 / $750** |
| County Supervisor – 3rd District | **$350 / $800** |
| County Supervisor – 5th District | **$325 / $750** |

**STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**: In order to be eligible to file a candidate statement, candidates must accept the state voluntary expenditure limits in accordance with Proposition 34 when filing a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Candidate Intention Statement Form 501.

**PAYMENT**: Candidates may pay for the candidate’s statement filing fee by cash, check, or credit card. Checks should be made out to **San Luis Obispo County Elections Division**.

### FORMAT STANDARDS

The candidate statement **must** be typed and printed in uniform type, size, spacing, and darkness. Additionally, statements **must** be in first person, single spaced, and in **block paragraph format**. The following **are not** permitted:

* + Handwritten statements
	+ Copies from a fax machine
	+ Extra exclamation points!!
	+ Stars, bullets, or asterisks\*
	+ Graphics or *Italics*
	+ Underlining or **Bolding**
	+ USE OF UPPER CASE FOR EMPHASIS

**\*\*\*Candidate statements must fit on one-half of a County Voter Information Guide page (5 ½ by 8 ½ - inch page). Submitted candidate statements that do not fit within this limitation will be adjusted by the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division to fit within the space allotted. Please do not change the formatting of the included template. It is formatted exactly to the Voter Information Guide specifications.**

**CONTENT STANDARDS** EC §§13307, 13307.5 & 13308

* Candidate statements shall be **limited to a recitation of the candidate’s own personal background and qualifications**. The statement shall “**not make in any way reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate’s qualifications, character, or activities**.” For Non- Partisan offices, the statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, or membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
* Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13308, improper language that makes any reference to another candidate or to another candidate’s qualifications, character, or activities will be removed. In such instances, the candidate will be notified, and the improper language will not be included in the printed candidate statement.
* Once the candidate statement is filed, no changes can be made. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing Nomination Documents and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

**WORD COUNT STANDARDS** EC §9

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 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 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.

**IMPORTANT**: **The county elections official does not proof for spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors; therefore, candidates are advised to carefully check their statements prior to filing. Candidate statements will be published as submitted on the filed hard copy, including any potential errors.**

**Filed Date Stamp**

**FOR ELECTIONS OFFICE USE ONLY**

□ Name, Age (optional), and Occupation printed. □ Statement filing fee paid

□ Words Clerk 1 Clerk 2 □ Electronic Copy submitted

□ Candidate Statement Receipt complete

**County of San Luis Obispo**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FILING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECEIPT** EC §13307(d)

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## Election: March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

Candidate Name:

Office:

Candidate Statement Estimated Cost: $

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card **Receipt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTICE:** The candidate statement estimate is an approximation of the actual cost and the total fee to file a candidate statement ***may be significantly more or less than the estimate***, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. The County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division is not bound by the estimate and may bill you (the candidate) for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division shall require you (the candidate) to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division shall refund the excess amount paid approximately 30 days following Election Day. Refund checks for an overpayment will be mailed to the mailing address provided on this form.

Additionally, in the event that the contest does not appear on the ballot or you (the candidate) files a written notice to withdraw your candidate statement from publication in the County Voter Information Guide by the appropriate deadline, a refund check for the estimated fee will be issued following the close of the Nomination Period and mailed to the mailing address provided on this form.

I, the undersigned, have read the above notice and request the County of San Luis Obispo Elections Division to mail any invoices for payment or refunds for overpayment, withdrawal, or an unpublished candidate statement to the following address:

**STREET or PO BOX**

**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

**SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

FOR ELECTIONS OFFICE USE ONLY:

Filing Clerk Signature: Date:

Publication Status:

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ON BALLOT

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WITHDRAWN

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OFF BALLOT