CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

The Candidate's Statement is designed to acquaint voters with the candidate's qualifications for the office s/he is seeking.

RESTRICTIONS

The Candidate's Statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. This applies only to local non-partisan candidates.

(Election Code 13307(a) (1)). No statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements (Election Code 13307(d)). Statements may not be changed, but may be withdrawn no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of filing. (Election Code 13307 (a) (3))

CONTENT

The statement contains the candidate's:

- Name
- Age (optional)
- Occupation (optional)
- A brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications. The statement should be written in the first person.

Be accurate. Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will <u>not</u> be corrected by the elections department. No statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements (13307d).

The "**Occupation**" field in the Candidate's Statement is NOT governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to the ballot designation that appears underneath the candidate's name on the ballot. –Therefore, it may be different from the candidate's ballot designation. However, if its length extends beyond one line, words appearing on the second line will be counted toward the 200-word maximum.

FORMAT

Monterey County Elections will print all candidate statements in type of uniform size and darkness. Line items are not permitted. All candidate statements will be printed in block paragraph, however indenting the first line of the paragraph will be allowed. Statements must be submitted in the **English** language. Monterey County translators will provide Spanish translations if necessary.

DO NOT USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Bolding, *Italics*, Bullets, Diamonds, Stars, Boxes, Circles, Check Marks, Asterisks, <u>Underlining</u>, or ALL CAPITAL LETTERS (except in Titles and Acronyms).