



STANISLAUS COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Candidate Statement - Submission Instructions and Uniform Print Guidelines

Election Date: **June 2, 2026**

ALL CANDIDATES WHO INTEND TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

- ➡ Review the statement prior to submission to ensure it conforms to Elections Code 13300-13317 and the current Stanislaus County Uniform Print Guidelines. Additional information is available in the current Candidate Guide. Statements not in compliance with these guidelines will be reformatted and set in uniform type by the elections official and/or rejected.
- ➡ A candidate statement is not "filed" for inclusion in the Stanislaus County Voter Information Guide until the content and format have been approved by a Stanislaus County elections manager and the signed Candidate Statement Authorization Form and required deposit payment are received by the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters. **The process must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the candidate nomination filing period for the office sought.**
- ➡ If you are having difficulty submitting the statement or if you do not receive an email to confirm receipt of the statement within 24 hours of submission, contact us at **209-525-5237** or **209-525-5201** for assistance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT A CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Candidates who file their Declaration of Candidacy **IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**:

1. **EMAIL THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT** in WORD format to CampaignDocs@stancounty.com with "Candidate Statement" in the email subject line. A confirmation email will be sent to you within 24 hours of submission. If you do not have access to WORD, simply type the statement into the email.
2. The statement will be reviewed for content, word count, paragraph limit and format. Results of the review will be emailed to you as "**approved as submitted**" or "**rejected, corrections required**" with the corrections clearly outlined. The corrected statement should be submitted using the same directions above and should continue until the statement is "**approved as submitted**."
3. We will print the approved statement in the Candidate Statement Authorization Form in our office as part of your candidate filing packet. Filing deadlines are based on the type of election.
 - For Primary Elections: The statement must be filed at the same time you file your Declaration of Candidacy.
 - For General Elections: The statement must be filed prior to the close of the candidate nomination period for the office sought.
4. The required deposit must be paid at the time of signing/filing the Candidate Statement Authorization Form.
5. The candidate statement is not "filed" until the required deposit is collected, and the Candidate Statement Authorization Form is signed by the candidate (or their agent with written authorization) and file stamped by the election official's staff.

MULTI-COUNTY JURISDICTIONS - Pursuant to EC 13307.7:

Candidates who filed their Declaration of Candidacy **IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**:

- a. **We** will forward an electronic WORD version of your statement to all shared counties for the office sought.
- b. **You** must complete the statement filing process with each county where you intend to include the statement for print in their County Voter Information Guide.
- c. **You** should contact each county to obtain the required deposit amount and filing instructions. The statement and deposit must arrive at the elections office of each county no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the candidate nomination period for the office sought. File the statement in other counties:
 - IN PERSON: Recommended to ensure filing deadlines are met.
 - BY MAIL: Mail a hard copy of our file stamped Candidate Statement Authorization Form and required deposit to each county within 3 days of filing the statement. You must use overnight delivery service. We will provide you with enough additional hard copies of your file stamped authorization form to mail one to each county of the shared jurisdiction.

Candidates who filed their Declaration of Candidacy in a county **OTHER THAN STANISLAUS COUNTY**:

- A. **To file a candidate statement in Stanislaus County that is different** than the statement where you filed your Declaration of Candidacy:
 - Follow instructions 1-5 outlined above.
- B. **To file a statement in Stanislaus County that is the same** as the statement that you filed with your Declaration of Candidacy: A hard copy of the file stamped Candidate Statement Authorization Form from the original county AND the required deposit check made payable to Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters **MUST** be delivered to the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters office **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m.** on the last day of the candidate nomination filing period for the office sought.
 - IN PERSON: Recommended to ensure filing deadlines are met.
 - BY MAIL: You must use overnight delivery service within 3 days of filing your Declaration of Candidacy. Statements received after the close of the candidate filing period will be marked "**TOO LATE**" and will be mailed back to the candidate unprocessed.

Mail the required documents to:

Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters
Attn: Candidate Services - URGENT
1021 "I" Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354

UNIFORM PRINT GUIDELINES

Information to Candidates: Your statement may include the name, age and occupation along with a brief description of your education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. Once approved and filed, statements may **not be changed** but can be withdrawn until 5:00 p.m. on the next business day after the close of the nomination period.

Content:

- Be accurate. **Statements will be printed as submitted.** Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors **will not** be corrected by the Elections office; therefore, all statements should be carefully checked before submission.
- Elections Code §13308 restricts the candidate statement to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and prohibits any reference to other candidate's qualifications, character or activities. The ROV will not print a statement that does not comply with this code section.
- Approval of the statement by the Stanislaus County ROV office is required prior to filing a statement. If a statement is filed that is not in compliance with the Elections Code and ROV guidelines for uniform format and content, the elections official will reformat the statement to uniform format and/or reject the statement. The elections officials will notify you via return email if corrections are required or if the statement is approved.

Candidate Statement Deposit

- The required deposit made payable to: **Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder** must be submitted with the candidate statement forms.
- The candidate is responsible for the **actual cost** to include their statement in the voter information guide mailed to voters in the district boundaries of the office sought. The deposit is based on the voter count in the district of the office sought.
- The candidate will receive a bill if the actual cost exceeds the deposit or a refund if the actual cost is less than the deposit.
- Stanislaus County is mandated to provide all election materials in **English and Spanish**. Translations are included in the cost of the candidate statement and are provided by the ROV to ensure uniform translations in all statements printed in the CVIG.

Word Count / 5 Paragraph Limit (ensures the statement fits into the allotted space):

- Candidates for local nonpartisan office are limited to **200 words** and **5 paragraphs or less**.
- Candidates for U.S. Representative, State Senate and State Assembly are limited to **250 words** and **5 paragraphs or less**.

Size and Format:

- Statements will be printed in uniform size, darkness and spacing in Arial 10-point font.
- Statements must be submitted left justified and in block format. No indentations, bullets or lists are permitted.
Statements not in Arial 10 block paragraph format will be reformatted by the elections official.

Endorsements:

- Statements containing endorsements must be accompanied by a signed and dated written letter of authorization or other form of proof of the endorsement from the person(s) and/or organization(s) offering the endorsement.

Permission:

- If you use someone else's name in your statement, the statement must be accompanied by a letter from them stating that you have their permission to use their name in your statement. Letters must be signed and dated.
- If someone else files your statement, they must present an original Letter of Authorization stating that you authorize that person to submit the statement, make changes if needed, pay the deposit and sign the statement authorization form on your behalf. Letters must be signed and dated by the candidate.

Submittal Deadline:

- Primary Election: File the statement **at the same time** you file your Declaration of Candidacy form during the candidate nomination filing period. Elections Code §13307 (a)(2)
- General Election: File the statement no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the candidate nomination filing period.

Multi-County Offices:

- Candidates should file the original candidate statement in the county where they file the Declaration of Candidacy.
- The county where the Declaration of Candidacy was filed will forward an electronic version of the statement to each county of the shared jurisdiction. The candidate is responsible for completing the candidate statement filing process with each county where they intend to include their statement in the County Voter Information Guide before the end of the filing period.
- Candidates may choose to file a different version of their statement in each county of the shared jurisdiction. You should contact the elections official of each county for submission instructions.

Public Examination:

- Elections Code §13313 allows for a ten-day public examination period of all candidate statements after the filing period closes. During this period, the elections official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all the material in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted. Copies may be purchased for \$3.00 per statement.