

RESOLUTION NO. 24-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

WHEREAS, Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of the local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate statement.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Pursuant to Sections 13307 and 13308 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the Town of Fairfax General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the Town Clerk. 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. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. In addition, the statement 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 statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the office of the Town Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

The Town Clerk is NOT permitted to edit any material contained in candidate statements. Candidates are responsible for proofreading spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Since the statement cannot be changed after it is submitted, **it is important** for candidates to carefully prepare and proofread their statements. The Town Clerk shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement which the Town Clerk determines does not comply with the provisions of the Elections Code. The Town Clerk, in his or her sole discretion, after first attempting to consult with the candidate, may strike or modify the portion or portions of the candidate statement that is not in compliance and thereafter cause to be printed and circulated the candidate's statement as redacted or modified.

SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. All translations shall be provided by professionally certified translators.
- b. The Town Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters relating to elections.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.

No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

SECTION 5. PAYMENT.

The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statements into any required foreign language pursuant to Federal and/or State law.

The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English and any foreign language as required in the voter information guide.

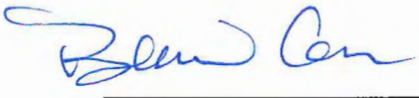
The Town Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the City, his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having the candidate statement included in the voter information guide.

The estimate is just an approximation of the actual costs 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 Town Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expenses or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost.

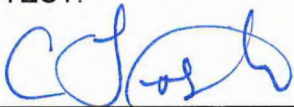
SECTION 6. The Town Clerk is directed to provide each candidate or the candidate's representative with a copy of this Resolution at the time nomination papers are issued.

SECTION 7. All previous resolutions adopting regulations for candidate statements are repealed.

ADOPTED ON MAY 29, 2024.



BARBARA COLER
MAYOR


ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FOSTER
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

I, Christine Foster, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Fairfax, hereby certify that Resolution No. 24-33 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Ackerman, Hellman, Cutrano, Blash, Coler
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Fairfax, California, on May 29, 2024.



CHRISTINE FOSTER
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK