

**CITY OF OJAI  
RESOLUTION NO. 14-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA  
ADOPTING A POLICY FOR CANDIDATES'  
STATEMENTS PRINTED IN VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLETS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has ordered a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 as set forth in Resolution No 14-18; and

**WHEREAS**, California Elections Code Section §13307 requires the governing body of any local agency to adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for the municipal election, including costs of the voluntary candidates' statements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** General Provisions. That pursuant to §13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Ojai on November 4, 2014 may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk.

**SECTION 2.** Foreign Language Policy. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates' statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Ventura (the "County"). The County is required to translate candidate's statements into the Spanish language. The County will print and mail sample ballots and candidates statements to all voters in Spanish. The County will make the sample ballots and candidates statements in the required languages available at all polling places, on the County's website, and in the Election Official's office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Candidates' statements are voluntary and shall not exceed 200 words each.
2. Candidates' statements may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description regarding the candidate's education and qualifications; candidates' statements shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
3. Candidates' statements shall be prepared on the form provided by the City Clerk to meet the requirements of the Ventura County Elections Department.
4. The Statement of Qualifications must be submitted on a CD as a text document or a Word Document along with a paper copy of the Statement and provided to the City Clerk when filing the nomination documents.
5. Each candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.

6. Each candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.
7. Except as provided in Government Code §13309(d) the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers up until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.
8. The cost of printing, handling, and mailing the candidates' statements in English and Spanish (mandatory, per Federal Register published on Friday, July 26, 2002) shall be divided equally among those candidates choosing to file a candidate's statement.
9. Each candidate will be required to make a deposit of \$525.00 when they file a statement with the City Clerk during the nomination period; the City Clerk shall bill the candidates for any publication costs that exceed the total deposited or refund any credits due, if the amount collected exceeds the total publication costs.
10. Candidates are not subject to any local filing fee, when nomination papers are filed with the City Clerk.
11. No additional candidates' items shall be included in the voters' information pamphlet.
12. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions and provide each candidate or the candidate's representative with a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Clapp, Lara, Smith, Strobel  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

  
Carlon Strobel, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda K. Basore, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Joseph W. Fletcher, City Attorney