

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Division 20, Chapter 5, Elections Code.)

Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

20400. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

Article 2. Definitions

20420. As used in this chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Summary)

20440. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary.

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

The text of the Code shall read, as follows: (See "CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES" on reverse side).

20442. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

20443. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

20444. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

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City of Livermore

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) **I SHALL CONDUCT** my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.

(5) **I SHALL NOT** coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) **I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE** support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) **I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD** the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Carol Wahner
Signature

8-1-2022
Date

Carol Wahner
Printed Name

11-8-2022
Date of Election

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Complete this form, and submit with your candidate statement. Please use all regular lower case letters (do not use all caps)

Provide a brief description of no more than 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications.

Be sure to include the official title of the office you are a candidate for, your name, age, and occupation.

(see bottom of reverse side for sample format)

↓ Enter the candidate's name and the office title:

Carol Wahrer

(↑ Candidate's name)

☐ Male

☒ Female

City Council

(↑ Office Title)

(i.e., Mayor, Member of the City Council, City Clerk,
Member of the Board of Education, etc.)

↓ Enter the name of the jurisdiction to which the office belongs,
if other than the name of the city (i.e. the name of the school district).

District 1

(↑ Jurisdiction name)

☐ I DO NOT WANT to file a candidate statement.

☐ I DO WANT to file a candidate statement but want to
only have it on the city website for electronic distribution.

☒ I DO WANT my English Candidate Statement to be printed in the Voter Information Guide and on the city website
for electronic distribution.

I ALSO WANT my Candidate Statement to be printed in the Voter Information Guide and on the city website
for electronic distribution in the following languages:

☒ Spanish / Colloquial (informal) ☐ Chinese / Traditional ☐ Hindi ☐ Khmer ☐ Tagalog ☐ Vietnamese
☐ Spanish / Castilian (formal) ☐ Chinese / Simplified ☐ Japanese ☐ Korean ☐ Thai

Signature of candidate:

Carol Wahrer

STATE LAW PROVIDES (per Election Code Section 13307, 13308, 13311):

1. A Candidate Statement is optional and available to all candidates for nonpartisan offices.
2. The statement may include candidate's age, occupation and a brief description of education and qualifications (expressed by the candidate himself or herself).
3. Each local jurisdiction determines:
 - a. the maximum number of words allowed, usually 200 words
 - b. responsibility for payment, the candidate or the jurisdiction
 - c. whether the costs are to be paid in advance.
4. Reference to political party affiliation or mention of any partisan political membership or activity is not permitted.
5. Reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities are prohibited.
6. **No changes of any kind are allowed AFTER the statement is filed.**
7. The statement may be withdrawn (in writing) up to 5:00 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.
8. Statements are confidential until after the close of the nomination period.
9. A candidate may request that the statement also be printed in other languages and included in the Voter Information Guide mailed to all voters in the election area. An additional fee may be required to print the additional languages.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS MUST BE FILED AT THE TIME NOMINATION PAPERS ARE FILED.

The estimated cost is determined prior to all information being available, therefore, it is an approximation of the actual cost that may be significantly more or less depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

For Election Official's use only: Estimated Cost of Printing Candidate's Statement in:

English: \$ / Spanish: \$ /: \$ /: \$ /: \$

If applicable, the below estimated cost is for the Translations (and formatting if translation is provided by the candidate)
and this cost does not include printing, which cost is noted above:

Spanish: \$ /: \$ /: \$ /: \$

- Election Official:
- a. Send one copy of this page and the candidate statement to the County.
 - b. keep original set for your files
 - c. make one copy for the candidate
 - d. make one or more copies for the translator(s) if necessary.

(more information on reverse side) →

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Please type using regular lowercase letters, do not use all CAPS.
Type your statement clearly and legibly - DO NOT handwrite or print.

Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California sets forth guidelines for candidate's statements.

Please follow them:

1. The statement of each candidate shall be printed in type of uniform size and darkness and with uniform spacing.
2. The statement shall not include any party affiliation or membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
3. Reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities are prohibited.
4. Your statement will be printed as submitted; therefore you are advised to carefully check for errors in punctuation and grammar. Spelling however, will be corrected by the computer automatically.
5. Remember to sign this form and any supplemental sheets if used and attach them to your statement. If you wish to have a foreign language translation of your statement prepared for printing in the Voter's Pamphlet, be sure to check the space(s) provided on the front of this form.

WORD COUNT STANDARDS

As stated in Section 9 of the Elections Code.

(a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:

- (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. e.g. *UCLA, PTA, L.A.P.D.*
- (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, in either format, i.e., *April 10, 1990* or *4/10/90*.
- (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 and email addresses shall be counted as one word.

(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Sections 13107, and 13107.5 ("Community Volunteer").

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JOHN SMITH Age: _____
Occupation: Businessman

I have been a 30 year resident of this City and thoroughly enjoy living here. I would like to increase citizen education and police resources to stop the gang and graffiti activity that are overtaking our city.

I would like to implement environmental standards for cleaner water and air quality.

I respectfully ask for your support and thank those of you who cast your vote for me. A vote for me is a vote for a better City Council.

/s/ John Smith

SAMPLE OF STATEMENT FORMAT



Please use 10 pt type, uniform style.