

RESOLUTION NO. 6505(22)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office, Pertaining to Payment of Costs and Deposits for Candidate Statements Submitted to the Voters at the Consolidated General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General Provisions. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 13307, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the Consolidated General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Lompoc on November 8, 2022, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. Such statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description, not exceeding 200 words, of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself/herself. Such statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in the City Clerk's Office 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 2. Foreign Language Policy. Pursuant to the Voting Rights Act, the County of Santa Barbara (County) is required to publish each candidate's statement in both English and Spanish. Translation will be performed by the County prior to publication.

SECTION 3. Payment.

- a. Each candidate is required to pay for the cost of printing his/her candidate statement in English and Spanish in the voters' pamphlet.
- b. The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing each candidate statement 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 of Lompoc his/her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his/her statement included in the voters' pamphlet. The estimate is an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another and the actual cost may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending upon the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the City Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill each candidate for additional actual expense, or refund any excess paid, depending upon the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the City Clerk shall require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, within 30 days after the election, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund to each candidate his/her share of the excess amount.

SECTION 4. Additional Materials. No candidate is permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate, or his/her representative, a copy of this resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 6. All previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate statements are hereby rescinded.

SECTION 7. This resolution applies only to the election to be held on November 8, 2022, and shall then be rescinded.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on June 7, 2022, by the following electronic vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

Jenelle Osborne, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk
City of Lompoc