

RESOLUTION NO. 26- 846

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT ADOPTING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 13307 requires the Board of Directors (“Board”) to adopt certain policies in regard to statements of candidates who run for office as members of the governing board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby determine:

1. Each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 may prepare a candidate' s statement on an appropriate form provided by the District Secretary. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form at District headquarters at the time the candidate' s nomination papers are filed.
2. The cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing candidate’s statements shall be charged to and paid by the Candidate.
 - a. Translation: Candidates shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language per State and Federal law. All translations shall be provided by professionally-certified translators.
 - b. Printing: Candidates shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate’s statement in English and in any required foreign language in the main voter pamphlet.
3. The District Secretary shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing candidate’s statements filed pursuant to these policies and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the District his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter' s pamphlet. The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Secretary is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill a candidate for additional actual expenses, or refund any excess paid, depending on the final actual cost.
 - a. In the event of underpayment, the Secretary shall require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred.
 - b. In the event of overpayment, the Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of receipt of a billing statement from the Santa Barbara County Clerk or elections official.
4. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 13307 and 13308, the candidates’ statement of qualifications may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate

and a brief description of no more than 400 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

5. The candidates shall not be permitted to submit additional materials to be sent to the voters with the County Voter Information Guide.
6. 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.
7. The County of Santa Barbara Registrar of Voters is directed to give a copy of these regulations to each candidate, or their representative, at the time that nomination documents are received.
8. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County Election Department of the County of Santa Barbara.
9. All previous resolutions establishing the District's policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed. This Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and shall then be repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2026.

AYES: Thomas, Turenchalk, Zhu, Rosen

NOES: Geyer

ABSTAINED:

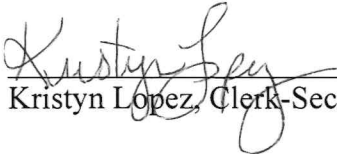
ABSENT:

APPROVED:



Robert Thomas, President

ATTEST:



Kristyn Lopez, Clerk-Secretary

