

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON,
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE'S
STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS FOR THE TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON,
CALIFORNIA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Each candidate for elective office on the ballot for an election held in the City of Fullerton on November 3, 2026 may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13307. The statement may include the candidate name, age and occupation and a brief description of no more than 200 words describing the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall not include candidate party affiliation nor partisan political organizations membership or activity. The candidate shall file the statement, in form as instructed when pulling nomination paperwork, in the Office of the City Clerk when the candidate files nomination papers. The candidate may withdraw, but not change, the statement 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.
2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY.
 - A. The Federal Voting Rights Act requires the City to translate candidate statements into all languages required by the County of Orange. The County must translate candidate statements into the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.
 - B. The County will print and mail voter information guides and candidate statements in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese to only those voters on the county voter file as having requested a voter information guide in a particular language. The County will make the voter information guides and candidate statements in the required languages available at all vote centers, on the County website and in the Election Official's office.
3. PAYMENT.
 - A. Translations:
 1. The candidate shall pay the cost of translating the candidate

statement into any required foreign language as specified in Section 2 (A) and/or (B) pursuant to federal and/or state law.

2. The candidate shall pay the cost to translate the candidate statement into any foreign language not required as specified in Section 2 (A) and/or (B), pursuant to federal and/or state law, but requested by the candidate.

B. Printing:

1. The candidate shall pay the cost to print the candidate statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.
2. The candidate shall pay the cost to print the candidate statement in a foreign language required in Section 2 (A), in the main voter pamphlet.
3. The candidate shall pay the cost to print the candidate statement in a foreign language requested by the candidate per Section 2 (B), in the main voter pamphlet.
4. The candidate shall pay the cost to print the candidate statement in a foreign language required by Section 2 (A), in the facsimile voter pamphlet.
5. The candidate shall pay the cost of posting the candidate statement in English and any foreign languages required or requested per Section 2 on the Registrar of Voters website.

The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating and mailing the candidate 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 local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having the statement included in the voter pamphlet.

The estimate provides an approximation of the actual cost 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 City Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. The City Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred in the event of underpayment. The City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates in the event of overpayment and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election billing.

4. MISCELLANEOUS.
 - A) Professionally-certified translators shall provide all translations.
 - B) The City Clerk shall allow bold type, underlining, capitalization, indentations, bullets, leading hyphens and other formatting to the same extent and manner as allowed by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.
 - C) The City 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.
5. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate may include additional materials in the voter information guide.
6. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate, or the candidate's representative, a copy of this Resolution when issuing nominating petitions.
7. This resolution repeals all previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate statements.
8. This resolution shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time.
9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 16, 2026.

Fred Jung
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucinda Williams, MMC
City Clerk

Date