

**RESOLUTION NO. 16222**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, California Election Code § 13307 provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate’s statement; and

**WHEREAS**, by separate Resolution the City has called for the holding of a General Municipal Election and requests that the County consolidate it with the Statewide General Election and therefore the County will control the form of the ballots and related election materials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Pursuant to California Election Code § 13307 each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the election to be held in the City of Redwood City on November 5, 2024, may prepare a candidate’s statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than two hundred (200) words of the candidate’s education and qualifications expressed by the candidate themselves. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, not membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed with the City Clerk 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY.

A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates’ statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of San Mateo. The County is required to translate candidate statements into the following languages: Chinese, Filipino, and Spanish.

B. The County indicates that it will mail separate sample ballots and candidate statements in Chinese, Filipino and Spanish to only those voters who are on the county voter file as having requested a sample ballot in a particular language. The County will make the sample ballots and candidate statements in the required languages available at all polling places, on the County’s website, and in the Election Official’s office.

3. PAYMENT.

A. Translations:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate statement into any required foreign language as specified above.

B. Printing:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.

2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate statement in a foreign language required in Subsection (A) of Section 2 above, in the main voter pamphlet.

3. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language required by Subsection (A) of Section 2 above, in the facsimile voter pamphlet.

The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including the 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 their estimated pro rata share as a condition of having their statement included in the voter's pamphlet, the estimate is just 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 to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a candidate alleges to be indigent and unable to pay in advance the requisite fee for submitting a candidate statement, the candidate shall submit to the City Clerk a statement of financial worth to be used in determining whether or not he or she is eligible to submit a candidate statement without payment of the fee in advance. The City Clerk shall determine the candidate's eligibility to submit a candidate statement without payment pursuant to Elections code section 13309.

4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. The City Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters related to elections.

B. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nomination petitions are issued.

C. All previous Resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed.

D. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

E. In the event of a conflict between the County's format for election materials and these regulations, the County's rules shall apply.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting

thereof held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by the following votes:

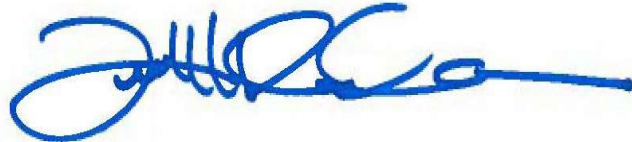
AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice  
Mayor Espinoza-Garnica and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

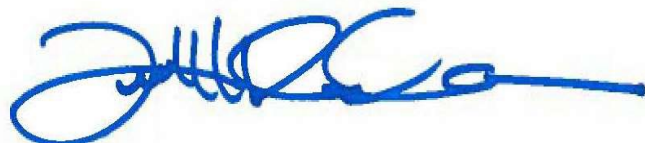
Attest:



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Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this  
25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City