



San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' Office

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

Elections Code §§ 13307, 13307.7, 13309, 13311, 13313

November 3, 2026 - General Election

Candidate Statement of Qualifications fee:

- When the Declaration of Candidacy is filed with the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters, payment for the Statement of Qualifications is due at the time of filing.
- The fee being charged is an estimated cost if two Statement of Qualifications are submitted.
- SOQ will not be printed and fees refunded if there is no opposition for a contest.
- If only one candidate files a SOQ for a contest, the candidate has until 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the close of the filing period (typically E-85) to notify the Registrar of Voters and withdraw the Statement to receive a refund. If the candidate chooses to proceed with printing, they will be responsible for the cost of the entire page, with any additional charges billed after the election.

Content:

- Statements will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the elections office. Please proofread thoroughly before submitting.
- Elections Code §13308 limits any candidate statement submitted to a recitation of the candidate's background and qualifications and prohibits any reference to other candidates for the office sought or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.

Word Count:

- Refer to the Word Count Guidelines in the Candidate Guide for further details.

Formatting Rules:

- No **bolding**, underlining, *italicizing*, or ALL CAPS.
- No bullet points. Listed items must be formatted as a sentence.

Endorsements & Permissions:

- Statements including endorsements or other individuals' names must be accompanied by signed and dated letters from those person(s) or organization(s) authorizing their use.

Public Examination:

- Elections Code §13313 allows for a ten-day public examination period of all SOQs immediately following the filing deadline. During this period, the elections official, or any voter within the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all the material in the candidate statement to be amended or deleted.

SOQ Submission:

- Only authorized agents may submit the SOQ on behalf of candidates.
- SOQ must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format via e-mail to candidates@sigov.org
- Proof of endorsement(s)/permission(s) must be submitted with the SOQ.
- Submission by Mail: Mail the SOQ, signed form, and payment to PO Box 810, Stockton, CA 95201. A Word version of the SOQ must also be emailed to candidates@sigov.org
- Submission in Person: E-mail the SOQ to candidates@sigov.org before coming in person. Our office is located at 44 N. San Joaquin St. Suite 384, Stockton CA 95202.

SOQ Withdrawal:

- SOQ may not be modified after submission but may be withdrawn until 5 p.m. of the working day after the close of the filing period (typically E-85).

Statement of Qualifications Required Layout:

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR NAME OF OFFICE SOUGHT DISTRICT, DIVISION OR TRUSTEE AREA

NAME *(to match name on ballot, all caps and bold)*

Age: *(optional)*

Occupation: *(optional & may be more descriptive than the ballot designation)*

Qualifications: *(begin your Statement of Qualifications here, words are counted from this point forward)*

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9

DIANE “DEE” WRIGHT

Occupation: Parent/Community Advocate

Age: 46

Qualifications: My roots in the Central Valley run deep, my parents ran a small mom-and-pop shop in Lodi for 35 years. Today, my husband and I are raising our three kids here, and we want a future where families can thrive.

As a small business owner and former educator, I’ve seen how rising costs are impacting working families. I am running for office to protect healthcare access, especially for those with chronic conditions, and to stand up for our community.

I’m focused on making life more affordable by holding utility companies accountable, pushing for relief on fuel costs, and continuing efforts to lower prescription drug prices.

Public safety matters. I’ve supported funding for local law enforcement and efforts to combat illegal drug activity, and I’m proud to have support from public safety organizations such as the Woodbridge Firefighters Association.

Clean water is critical to our region. I’ll continue fighting to protect local water resources for our families and farmers.

I care deeply about this community and would be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

DeeWrightChoiceForCongress.com



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Name of Candidate

Office Sought

District, Division, or Trustee Area

By checking "YES" and signing below, I acknowledge that the fee I am paying is an estimated cost if two Statements of Qualifications are submitted and:

a) If there is no opposition for this contest, my Statement of Qualifications will not be printed, and any fees paid will be refunded.

b) In the event that I am the only candidate to file a Statement of Qualifications and wish it to be printed in the San Joaquin County Voter Information Guide, I will be responsible for the cost of the entire page, with any additional charges billed to me after the election.

c) Submitted statements can be withdrawn but cannot be modified. The deadline to withdraw is 5 p.m. of the working day after the close of the filing period (typically E-85).

☐ **YES, I will file a candidate statement of qualifications.**

☐ **NO, I will not file a candidate statement.**

Contact information:

Candidate's Address (for refund/bill):

Phone Number:

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____