

RESOLUTION NO. 6720

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. That pursuant to §13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Gardena on June 2, 2026, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk.
- B. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 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.
- C. The statement of no more than 200 words must conform to the word count standards established by Section 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California.
- D. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the Office of the Gardena City Clerk/Elections Official at the same time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. Statements submitted in handwritten or via electronic media will not be accepted for filing.
- E. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers, and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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.

- A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidate statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. The County is required to translate candidate's statements into the following languages: Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese or other currently required languages as of the date of this resolution. (County only translating Spanish)
- B. Los Angeles County will print and mail separate voter information booklets and candidate statements in the languages listed in Section 2, Subsection A to only those voters who are on the County voter files as having requested a voter information booklet in a particular language. The County will make voter information booklets and candidate statements in the required languages available at all voting locations, on the County's website and in the City Clerk/Elections Officials office.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT.

- A. The City Clerk shall work with the County Registrar to estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the Candidate Statements filed, including the costs incurred as a result of complying with Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the City of Gardena his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet/Voter Information Guide. 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 for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the City Clerk may require 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.

SECTION 4. 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 relating to elections.

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

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SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 7. All previous resolutions establishing council policy on payment for candidates' statements are repealed.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on June 2, 2026 and shall then be repealed.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of January, 2026.

Tasha Cerda, Mayor
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ATTEST:

Mina Semenza
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carmen Vasquez
CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6720** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **27th day of January 2026**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS LOVE AND TANAKA, MAYOR CERDA, MAYOR
 PRO TEM HENDERSON, AND COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Becky Romero
for City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

