

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA, 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**, §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 candidates statement.

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

Section 1. General Provisions. Pursuant to Section 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 Baldwin Park on November 5, 2024 may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the Election Official or his/her designee. 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. In addition to these restrictions, pursuant to Elections Code Section 13308, any candidate statement submitted shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The City Elections Official shall not cause to be printed, posted on an Internet Web site, or circulated any statement that the City Elections Official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the office of 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 13307(c) of the California Elections Code, the governing body of the City of Baldwin Park authorizes the preparation of candidate statements for nonpartisan elective office for the purpose of electronic distribution. Candidates will prepare statements for electronic distribution pursuant to Section 13307(a) of the Elections Code. A statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision shall be posted on the internet website of the County Elections Official. Pursuant to Section 13307.7(a) of the Elections Code, candidates shall provide payment of the requisite fee to cover the duties and procedures set forth in Sections 13307(b) and (d) of the Elections Code.

Section 3. Language Translation Policy

A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates' 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.

B. The County will mail separate voter information guides and candidates' statements in other languages, as required, to voters pursuant to County policies and procedures. The County will make the voter information guides and candidates' statements in the required languages available at all polling places and voting centers, on the County's website, and in the Election Official's office.

Section 4. Payment.

A. Translations:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidates statement into any required foreign language as specified in A of Section 3 above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.

2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidates statement into any foreign language that is not required as specified in (A) and/or B of Section 3 above, pursuant to Federal and/or State law, but is requested as an option by the candidate.

B. Printing:

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

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

3. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidates statement in a foreign language requested by the candidate per (B) of Section 3 above, in the main voter pamphlet.

The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters shall provide the City Elections Official as determined by the City Council, with an estimate of the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's 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 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 election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate,

depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the City Elections Official 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 Elections Official may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the City Elections Official shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

Section 5. Additional Materials. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

Section 6. The City Elections Official 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 City Council policy on payment for candidates statements are repealed.

Section 8. This resolution shall apply only to the general election to be held on November 5, 2024 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.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
Emmanuel J. Estrada  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Norma Tabares  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CITY OF BALDWIN PARK } SS:

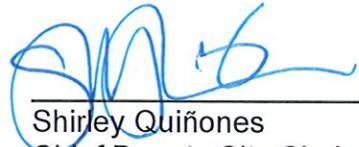
I, Shirley Quiñones, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Baldwin Park do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. **2024 - 020** was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Baldwin Park at a regular meeting thereof held on **June 5, 2024** and that the same was adopted by the following vote to wit:

AYES: AVILA, DAMIAN, GARCIA, AYALA, ESTRADA

NOES: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

  
Shirley Quiñones  
Chief Deputy City Clerk