

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

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

WHEREAS, Section 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 Statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

GENERAL PROVISIONS. Pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Lakewood on June 2, 2026, may prepare a Candidate 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 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. 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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 Elections Code, the governing body of the City of Lakewood 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.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, the Candidate Statement shall be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, will print and mail the voters' pamphlet and candidate statements in all the required languages. Pursuant to State law, the candidates' statements must be translated and printed in the voters' pamphlet in any language at the candidates' request. The candidates will be required to pay for the actual cost of translating

and printing their candidates' statements into any required foreign language pursuant to Federal and/or State law, as specified, and into any other foreign language requested by the candidate.

SECTION 4.

PAYMENT. The City Clerk shall work with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 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 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the City of Lakewood his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voters' 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 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 5.

MISCELLANEOUS. Translations shall be provided by professionally certified translators and the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County 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 6.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet/Voter Information Guide.

SECTION 7.

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 8.

All previous Resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for Candidate Statements are repealed.

SECTION 9.

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

SECTION 10.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Mayor
Signed January 27th, 2026

ATTEST:

City Clerk
Signed January 27th, 2026