

RESOLUTION NO. 06-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES, 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 7, 2006

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 EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. That 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 El Paso de Robles on November 7, 2006, 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 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY

- a. The City Clerk shall have translated only those statements into Spanish as requested by the candidates.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT

- a. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the voter's pamphlet.
- b. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in Section 2 above pursuant to State and/or Federal law.
- c. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in a foreign language in the voter's 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 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. In the event the estimated payment is required, 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 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 clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

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

SECTION 5. 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 6. All previous resolutions establishing council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on November 7, 2006, and shall then be repealed.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of May 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk