

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 candidates statement.

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

Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. 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 Hesperia on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of San Bernardino. The County is currently required to translate candidate's statements into the following language: Spanish.

Section 3. PAYMENT.

A. Translations:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in (A) and/or (B) of Section 2 above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.

B. Printing:

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English and Spanish.

The City Clerk shall provide 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. 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 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 clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of receiving elections fees by the County Registrar of Voters Office.

Section 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.

No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

Section 5. COST ESTIMATE.

The estimate to print a candidate statement for the November 3, 2026 election for District Two (2), District Three (3), and District Four (4) will be provided to each candidate and is payable at the time nomination papers are filed.

Section 6. That 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. That all previous resolutions establishing council policy on payment for candidates statements are repealed.

Section 8. That this resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and shall then be repealed.

Section 9. That 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 16th day of June 2026.

Brigit Bennington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk