RESOLUTION NO. 2022-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY, 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 8, 2022

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 candidates statements.

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

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

That pursuant to Section 13307 of the California Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Suisun City on November 8, 2022, 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 (two hundred) words of the candidate’s education and qualifications expressed by the candidate themselves. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed 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 The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.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

Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, the County shall have translated, at the candidates’ expense, the candidates’ statements of those candidates who request translation into all languages required by the County of Solano. The County is required to translate candidates’ statements into the following languages: Spanish and/or Tagalog.

The County will print and mail voter information guides and candidates statements to all voters, and shall print the translation in the voter information guides at the candidates’ expense.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT

A. Translations

1. The candidates shall be required to pay for their pro rata share of the cost of translating the candidates statement into any required foreign language as specified in Section 2 above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.

B. Printing

1. The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidates 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 their estimated pro rata share of
printing costs as a condition of having their statement included in the voters 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 candidates 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 candidates 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.

a. The candidates at the time of filing their candidate statement shall be required to pay for the cost of printing, handling, and mailing their candidate statement of qualifications in English in the main voter pamphlet in the amount of $250.79.

b. The candidates at the time of filing their candidate statement shall be required to pay for the estimated cost of printing, handling, and mailing their candidate statement of qualifications in Spanish in the main voter pamphlet in the amount of $300.79.

c. The candidate at the time of filing their candidate statement shall be required to pay for the estimated cost of printing, handling, and mailing their candidates statement of qualifications in Tagalog in the main voter pamphlet in the amount of $300.79.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS PROHIBITED

No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

SECTION 5. COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION

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 6. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS REPEALED

That all previous resolutions establishing Council policy on payment for candidates’ statements are repealed.

SECTION 7. NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION

That this Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on November 8, 2022 and shall then be repealed.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Suisun City, California, on July 5, 2022.

Alma Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Anita Skinner
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Anita Skinner, City Clerk of the City of Suisun City, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2022-100 was duly passed, approved and adopted, by the City Council of the City of Suisun City at a regular meeting held on July 5, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Day, Hudson, Williams, Hernandez

NOES: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City this 5th day of July 2022.

Anita Skinner
City Clerk