

Cascadia Conservation District Election Candidate Biography and Statement Policy

Purpose: To establish policy and set limits on supervisor candidate statements used in District Elections. Candidate statements for supervisor elections are encouraged to help inform voters during the supervisor election process.

Policy: Candidate statements are limited to a 300-word maximum and must be submitted electronically using the form provided. The District retains the right to eliminate information for space availability or content appropriateness at the sole discretion of the District. Once submitted, the District has sole discretion to publish or not publish that information as it sees fit, provided each candidate's statement is treated equally. Submissions will not be edited for spelling or grammar. At the discretion of the Executive Director, inaccurate, erroneous, or offensive information (including language that is hostile, attacking, aggressive, combative, belligerent, libelous, racial and/or profane) will result in the non-publication of the candidate's statement.

Candidate statements must be limited to information about the candidate and may include any or all of the following:

1. Candidate Name
2. Candidate Email
3. Education
4. Current occupation/employer and/or relevant past information
5. Listing of any memberships to groups/associations
6. Explain the candidate's interest in the position.
7. Describe the candidate's past experience with Cascadia Conservation District, other Conservation Districts, or other relevant organizations.
8. What is the greatest strength of the Conservation District model?
9. Candidates may submit a digital photo with their statement, but images must meet these requirements:
 - a. Must be digital (JPEG format) and attached to the candidate statement form submission.
 - b. Must be current (within 5 years of the date of application).
 - c. A waist-up portrait on a neutral or plain background. A photo with showing a natural setting is permitted (plants, field, trees, etc.), so long as the background is not the distracting or the primary focus of the photo. Photos with flags, public buildings or facilities, or other background settings will not be accepted.
 - d. No photo may reveal clothing or insignia suggesting that the candidate holds a public office.
 - e. Judicial robes, law enforcement, or military-type uniforms are prohibited.
 - f. Color photos are preferred, however black and white is acceptable.
 - g. The Election Supervisor will have the final say whether a photo meets this policy or not.
 - h. Submitted photos become the property of the District.

Candidate statements must be received at the District office no later than the candidate filing deadline. As determined by the District, the failure to properly and timely submit such a statement will result in the non-publication of the statement. Any issue a candidate has surrounding a candidate's submitted statement must be made in writing (electronic or paper) to the District's Election Supervisor.