

Monterey County Elections

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

November 3, 2026, General Election

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CANDIDATE NAME:	Cynthia Garfield	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters Monterey County Elections Official By: _____ Date Received: _____
OFFICE SOUGHT:	Councilmember, District 1	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]	
MAILING ADDRESS: (if different from above)	Box 457 Pacific Grove, CA 93950	
PHONE:	[REDACTED]	
EMAIL:	[REDACTED]	

I ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is \$ 137.00.
- I understand that I will pay the full amount by check or money order payable to **Monterey County Elections**.
- I understand that the State Senate and State Assembly candidates are required to accept the voluntary campaign expenditure limits on FPPC Form 501 in order to have a candidate statement of qualifications printed in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide. I affirm that I have accepted the voluntary campaign expenditure limits on the FPPC Form 501 filed with the Secretary of State on (enter date):
06/16/26.
- I understand that the original candidate statement of qualifications including full payment of said costs are due in the Monterey County Elections Office at the time of filing or, if not filing in Monterey County, by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.
- I understand that the candidate statement of qualifications is final once submitted to Monterey County Elections and changes are not allowed once submitted.
- I understand that I may withdraw my candidate statement of qualifications no later than 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period.

Select one box:

☐ I understand that I have the option of including my age and occupation with my candidate statement and **choose not to disclose either.**

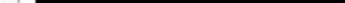
☒ I understand that it is optional to include my age and occupation with my candidate statement and choose to include my age and/or occupation below:

AGE:		OCCUPATION:	Councilmember
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Return signed Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form along with your candidate statement payment:

- In-Person: Monterey County Elections, 1441 Schilling Place – North Building, Salinas, CA 93901
- By Email & Mail: Scan your signed Candidate Statement Form and email to CandidateServices@countyofmonterey.gov and mail to Monterey County Elections, 1441 Schilling Place – North Building, Salinas, CA 93901

For questions, contact (831) 796-1499 or email us at CandidateServices@countyofmonterey.gov.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:		DATE:	07/19/24
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All candidate statements will be of uniform format, font, size, spacing, darkness, and will be printed in a block paragraph in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.

Restrictions include but are not limited to:

- Shall be limited to a candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- Shall not in any way make reference to another candidate.
- Local non-partisan candidate shall not include party preference nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
- No statement shall contain any false, slanderous, or libelous statements. Authors are not exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty.

The following is not permitted:

- Handwritten statements
- Bullet or outline formats
- Special formatting including bolding, italics, underlining, or ALL CAPITAL LETTERS (except for titles & acronyms)
- Special characters or symbols (including but not limited to (diamonds, stars, bullets, circles, boxes, check marks, asterisks, #, +, etc.)
- Statements addressing opponents or elected officials

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Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters
Monterey County Elections Official

By: _____
Date Received: _____

CANDIDATE NAME:	Cynthia Garfield	AGE:	
OCCUPATION:	Councilmember		

(CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS)

Our coastline, open spaces, and small-town character define this community. Protecting them takes financial discipline and city services that effectively support safe streets, environmental stewardship, clean public spaces, real walkability, and thriving local businesses. I championed these priorities during my first Council term 2016-2020, and again since January 2025, when my colleagues appointed me to this seat unanimously, a clear vote of confidence I appreciate.

My master's degrees in Business/Entrepreneurship and Social Work Administration give me practical tools I use every day. As a facilitator and business planner, I work to move complex debates into workable solutions. As a trained social worker, I understand the impacts of financial and housing pressures, and the challenges that determine whether city services work for residents.

I have contributed to our community beyond City Hall. I've served on the boards of Ventana Wildlife Society and Point Lobos Foundation. As President, I led the Library Foundation through a major renovation. Currently, I volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and am active with the Friends of Perkins Park, raising funds and pulling weeds alongside neighbors to keep our shoreline thriving.

I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote to keep serving District 1.

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☒ I affirm that I want my candidate statement printed in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:	[Redacted Signature]	DATE:	07.19.26
OFFICE RUNNING FOR:	Councilmember, District 1 Pacific Grove		
EMAIL:	[Redacted Email]	PHONE:	[Redacted Phone]