



Monterey County Elections

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

November 3, 2026, General Election

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CANDIDATE NAME:	Tara Leweling
OFFICE SOUGHT:	Pacific Grove City Council, District 3
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
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PHONE:	[REDACTED]
EMAIL:	taraforpg@gmail.com

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Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters
Monterey County Elections Official

By: _____
Date Received: _____

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

- I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is \$ 132.00.
- 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):

- 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.

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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:	Business Owner
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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:	[REDACTED]	DATE:	July 23, 2026
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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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CANDIDATE NAME:	Tara Leweling	AGE:	
OCCUPATION:	Business Owner		
(CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS)			
I'm Tara Leweling – wife, aunt, woman veteran, small business owner, and proud Pacific Grove resident. My connection to PG began in 1999, when I was stationed at the Naval Postgraduate School and lived on the 100 block of Central Avenue in District 3. I returned to NPS in 2004 for my PhD and met my husband. We dreamed of making PG our home. It took time and determination, and I'm deeply grateful to be here. My life has been shaped by service, family, and a strong belief in community. After nearly 22 years in the Air Force, including service at the White House, I held senior executive roles in financial services. Today, I own a local strategic advisory firm and mentor emerging leaders. My career has centered on bringing people together across differing perspectives and building responsible, workable solutions. For PG, I'm focused on environmental stewardship, housing affordability, economic vitality through support for local businesses, infrastructure investment, and encouraging civic dialogue across our community. It would be an honor to represent District 3, serving you and the city we love.			
☒ I affirm that I want my candidate statement printed in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.			
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