



Monterey County Elections

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

November 3, 2026, General Election

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CANDIDATE NAME:	Nick Smith	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters Monterey County Elections Official By: _____ Date Received: _____
OFFICE SOUGHT:	Mayor, City of Pacific Grove	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]	
MAILING ADDRESS: (if different from above)	[REDACTED]	
PHONE:	[REDACTED]	
EMAIL:	nicksmithformayor@gmail.com	

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

- I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is \$ 356.00.
- 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.

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:	46	OCCUPATION:	Mayor
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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:	7/24/26
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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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters
Monterey County Elections Official

By: _____

Date Received: _____

CANDIDATE NAME:	Nick Smith	AGE:	46
OCCUPATION:	Mayor		
(CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS)			
See Attached.			
RECEIVED CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 2026 JUL 27 A 8:55 CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE			
☒ I affirm that I want my candidate statement printed in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.			
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:	[Redacted]	DATE:	7/27/26
OFFICE RUNNING FOR:	Mayor, City of Pacific Grove		
EMAIL:	nicksmithformayor@gmail.com	PHONE:	[Redacted]

Name: NICK SMITH

Age: 46

Occupation: Mayor

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

As Mayor, I have worked to promote respectful, practical, and solutions-focused leadership for our community. I have also been vigilant to ensure City actions are always legal, ethical, and proper.

JUL 27 A 8:55
CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

My priorities are: fiscal stability, repair and maintenance of infrastructure, protection of our coastline and natural resources, and preservation of the character that makes Pacific Grove special.

During my term, we have completed many street and sidewalk repair projects enhancing the beauty and safety of the City and safe routes to school. We've also:

Adopted a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan;

Completed the 6th Cycle Housing Element through 2031;

Transitioned to District municipal elections now underway;

Implemented 2-yr. General Fund Budgeting and Capital Improvement Plans

Partnered with the Heritage Society to restore Chautauqua Hall.

As Mayor, my highest priority is public safety. I continue to support our police and fire departments in keeping our community safe.

I'm a proud father of three daughters attending PG Middle and High Schools. As Mayor, I have worked to foster greater partnership between PGUSD and the City.

And I'm ready to keep PG the wonderful place it is to live in, work in, and visit.

I'd be honored with your vote.

www.nicksmithformayor.com

