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Summary of  
Qualifications and Requirements for the Office of

**UNITED STATES PRESIDENT**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, GREEN<sup>1</sup>, LIBERTARIAN,  
PEACE AND FREEDOM, AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES**

June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election

**I. QUALIFICATIONS**

Every candidate shall be a natural-born citizen of the United States, at least 35 years of age, and a resident of the United States for at least 14 years. U.S. Const., art. II, § 1, cl. 5

**II. REQUIREMENTS**

**STATEMENT/ENDORSEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

1. The endorsement of write-in candidacy shall contain the following information:

- a. Candidate's name,
- b. Residence address,
- c. A declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate,
- d. The name of the office for which the candidate is running,
- e. The party nomination which the candidate seeks, and
- f. The date of the election.

§ 8600<sup>2</sup>

In addition, in order to expedite communication, it is requested that a candidate provide a telephone number and an address to which correspondence regarding the write-in candidacy may be addressed.

2. The attached Statement/Endorsement of Write-In Candidacy for Presidential Primary for the Presidential Primary Election must be filed at any county elections office or in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State at 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814, by May 17, 2016 (E-21).

§§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822, 6862

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<sup>1</sup> Assembly Bill (AB) 477 (Mullin), Chapter 726, Statutes of 2015, adds provisions of the Elections Code for Green Party presidential and county council elections. AB 477 will become effective January 1, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Because of the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, a presidential candidate should contact the Federal Election Commission at 999 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20463, or call toll-free (800) 424-9530 for a copy of the Act, related regulations giving the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file.
- B. No filing fee shall be required from any person in order to file as a Presidential Write-In candidate. §§ 6146, 6406, 6502, 6702, 6850.7
- C. The term of office for United States President is four years, beginning January 20, 2017. U.S. Const., art. II, § 1; 20<sup>th</sup> Amend., § 1

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This information sheet of candidate qualifications and procedures is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law.

**STATEMENT/ENDORSEMENT  
OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

**American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian,  
Peace and Freedom, and Republican**

Official Filing Form
_____
County Elections Official
By: _____
Date Issued: _____

I, \_\_\_\_\_, believe that my name will be written in on the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election ballot as a candidate for election to the office of President of the United States for the \_\_\_\_\_ Party. I hereby endorse such a write-in candidacy.

I therefore request that the Secretary of State notify each of the county elections officials to count all write-in votes cast for me.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number