



SECRETARY OF STATE
KEVIN SHELLEY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Information Sheet of

Requirements

Qualifications and

Presidential Write-In Candidate

for the
November 2, 2004 General Election

I. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Be a natural-born citizen of the United States,
- B. Be at least 35 years of age, and
- C. Be a resident of the United States at least 14 years.

U.S. Const., Art. II §1(5)

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. Declarations of Write-In Candidacy - Presidential Elector

- 1. Voters in the November General Election are technically voting for the 55 presidential elector candidates, not directly for the candidates for President and Vice-President. Therefore, in order to be a write-in candidate, a person must have 55 write-in presidential elector candidates file papers pledging themselves to the presidential candidate.
- 2. The 55 write-in elector candidates for presidential elector who have pledged themselves to vote for a candidate for President and a candidate for Vice-President must file declarations of write-in candidacy and those must be received by the Secretary of State on or before October 19, 2004.

§§ 8650, 8651, 8652, 8653¹

There are two variations of the declaration form:

- a. Declaration of Write-In Candidacy-Presidential Elector (Multiple Signature Form -- this form includes spaces for more than one presidential elector write-in candidate to sign). See attached sample.

¹ All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless stated otherwise.

- b. Declaration of Write-In Candidacy-Presidential Elector (Single Signature Form -- this form allows each of the 55 presidential elector write-in candidates to sign and submit separate forms). See attached sample.

In addition to the elector's name, these forms must also include the elector's residence address, the date of the general election, a statement stating that he or she is a write-in candidate for the office of presidential elector, an oath of office which must be signed in front of an officer authorized to administer oaths, such as a county elections official or a notary public, and the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates to whom the elector candidate is pledged.

The declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed with the Secretary of State in person or by mail. Please send your documents to:

Office of the California Secretary of State
Elections Division
ATTN: Candidates & Elections
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please indicate on the envelope "Declaration of Write-In Candidacy." The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be received by the Secretary of State no later than October 19, 2004.

3. There is no fee to file as a write-in candidate for presidential elector.

B. Statement of Write-In Candidacy for President of the United States

1. The statement of write-in candidacy must be completed by the presidential write-in candidate and 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, and
 - e. the date of the election.

In addition, we request that you provide us with a telephone number to reach the presidential candidate and an address to which correspondence regarding the write-in candidacy may be addressed so that we can expedite communications.

2. The statement of write-in candidacy shall set forth in full the oath or affirmation provided in § 3 of Article XX of the California Constitution. § 200
3. Statements of Write-In Candidacy for presidential candidates must be filed with the Secretary of State by October 19, 2004. See attached.

4. No filing fee is required to run as a write-in presidential candidate.

II. FEDERAL OFFICES

For Federal offices, the write-in candidate should contact:

Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

or call toll-free 1-800-424-9530 for a copy of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, related regulations giving the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file.

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

(Elections Code § 8650 et seq.)

(Single Signature Form)

SECRETARY OF STATE
BY _____
DEPUTY

I hereby declare myself a write-in candidate for the office of Presidential Elector to be voted for at the General Election to be held November 2, 2004, and declare the following to be true:

My name is: _____

My residence address is:

Street

City State Zip Code

As a write-in candidate for Presidential Elector, I am pledged to _____
name

for President of the United States and _____ for Vice-President of the
name
United States.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature of Presidential Elector Write-In Candidate

State of California

SS.

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public (or election official)

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in his/her possession which is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code.

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

(Elections Code § 8650 et seq.)

(Multiple Signature Form)

OFFICIAL FILING FORM	
SECRETARY OF STATE	
BY _____	DEPUTY

We, the undersigned, declare that we are write-in candidates for the office of Presidential Elector to be voted for at the General Election to be held on November 2, 2004, and declare that the following information is true. As write-in candidates for Presidential Elector, we are pledged to:

_____ for President of the United States
name

_____ for Vice-President of the United States
name

OATH OF OFFICE

We, the below-named candidates for Presidential Elector, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that we will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that we take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that we will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which we are about to enter.

PRINT JANE DOE	STREET 123 Main Street
..	..
SIGN <i>Jane Doe</i>	CITY OR TOWN Anytown, CA ZIP 99999
PRINT 1.....	STREET
..	..
SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 2.....	STREET
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SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 3.....	STREET
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SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 4.....	STREET
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SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 5.....	STREET
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SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 6.....	STREET
..	..
SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP
PRINT 7.....	STREET
..	..
SIGN	CITY OR TOWN ZIP

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STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL FILING FORM	
_____ SECRETARY OF STATE	
BY _____	_____
DEPUTY	

I, _____, declare that I am a write-in candidate for the office of President of the United States in the November 2, 2004, General Election.

Addresses:

Residence: _____

City
State
Zip Code

Business: _____

City
State
Zip Code

Mailing: _____

City
State
Zip Code

Telephone Numbers: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

Area Code Day
Area Code Evening

 (_____) _____ _____

Area Code FAX (if available)
E-mail address

California contact person: _____
Name

Street Address

City
State
Zip Code

Telephone Numbers: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

Area Code Day
Area Code Evening

 (_____) _____ _____

Area Code FAX (if available)
E-mail address

 Signature of Presidential Write-In Candidate