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Summary of  
Qualifications and Requirements for the Office of

**UNITED STATES PRESIDENT**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, GREEN, LIBERTARIAN,  
PEACE AND FREEDOM, AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES**

March 3, 2020, 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>1</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 February 11, 2020 (E-21).

§§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822, 6862

**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 1050 First

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<sup>1</sup> All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

Street, NE, 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, 2021. 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.