

**CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

(INSTRUCTIONS AND STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)

The governing body of your jurisdiction has determined that statements shall be limited to 200 words, the ( candidate / jurisdiction ) shall bear the cost of the statements and payment shall be required ( prior to / after ) the election. (Payments required in advance are to be made directly to the jurisdiction. Proof of payment will be required at the time the statement is filed).

The estimated cost of printing a 200 word statement for the office is: \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Estimates are based upon two candidates sharing the cost of a single page. If the number of candidate statements submitted is not evenly divisible by two, and the Statement is printed on a separate page, the number of pages and set up fees increase. The charges associated with the candidate's statement, including the preparation cost.

I hereby state that I prepared the following statement for printing and distribution in the County Voter Information Guide. I understand that per federal and state law requirements, my statement will be made in English and Spanish.

DATE: 8/11/2022

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

NAME: James T. Ruginio

AGE: 70

If left blank will not be printed.

OCCUPATION: Retired

Not subject to the ballot designation limitations - if left blank will not be printed.

STATEMENT/WORD COUNT BEGINS HERE:

Raised on the East Coast, I have lived in Sonoma County as long as I had growing up in New York. In an administrative career in Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco at various corporations in both temporary and full-time positions, I have demonstrated flexibility, intelligence and adaptability in a variety of environments.

A lifelong learner and avid reader with an artistic bent, for twenty years from the age of seven, I yearned to become a member of the acting community before settling down to supporting myself as I continued my studies in mind and consciousness that began with achieving my Bachelors Degree in Psychology at Syracuse University.

I have been involved in community affairs and political activism since college, working on various community events and campaigns on issues of the day. While in Santa Rosa, I worked with the many local figures and learned directly from people involved in both political campaigns and election strategies and activist campaigns. I am taking this chance to give back to the community that has so warmly welcomed me and the state that has provided so many opportunities and contributed so much to my life here.