



CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

Ballot Designation Requirements

A ballot designation is a brief description, generally three words, which candidates provide to describe themselves on the ballot. The ballot designation is included as part of the submittal at the time of filing Nomination Papers.

Key Points about Ballot Designations:

- No more than three words
- Must designate the candidate's *primary* profession, vocation or occupation
- Must not mislead voters

Candidates claiming a ballot designation are REQUIRED to file a *Ballot Designation Worksheet* that supports the use of the ballot designation.

BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

The Ballot Designation Worksheet is filed at the same time that the candidate files their Declaration of Candidacy. The Ballot Designation Worksheet is public record and shall be available for inspection and copying (CA Admin Code §20711). In the event that a candidate fails to file a Ballot Designation Worksheet, no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot (Elections Code § 13107.3(c)).

The California Secretary of State issues Ballot Designation Requirements, which are attached. Also attached are the City of Banning's regulations regarding Candidate's Statements, approved under Resolution No. 2022-89.