CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2577

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. <u>AUTHORITY</u>. Elections Code section 133307 provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidates statement;

SECTION 2. <u>GENERAL PROVISIONS</u>. Pursuant to Elections Code section 13307, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the November 5, 2024 election, to be held in the City of Rolling Hills Estates, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement may not include any party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement must be filed in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY.

- A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidate statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles. The County is required to translate candidate statements into the following languages: Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, and other languages as required.
- B. The County will mail separate voter information guides and candidate statements in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, and other identified languages to only those voters who are on the County voter file as having requested a voter information guide in a particular language. The County will make the voter information guides and candidate statements in the required languages available at all vote centers, on the County's website, and in the Election Official's office.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT.

A. Translations:

- 1. The candidate must pay for the cost of translating the candidate's statement into any required foreign language as specified in Section 3 (A) and (B) above, pursuant to Federal and State law.
- 2. The candidate must pay for the cost of translating the candidates statement into any foreign language that is <u>not required</u> as specified in Section 2 (A) and (B) above, pursuant to Federal and State law, but is requested as an option by the candidate.

B. Printing:

- 1. The candidate must pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.
- 2. The candidate must pay for the cost of printing the candidate's statement in Spanish in the main voter pamphlet.

The City Clerk will estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the City the candidate's estimated pro rata share as a condition of having the candidate's statement included in the voter information guide. In the event the estimated payment is required, the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly

more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the Clerk will prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

SECTION 5. <u>ADDITIONAL MATERIALS</u>. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the voter information guide.

SECTION 6. <u>COPY OF RESOLUTION</u>. The City Clerk will provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 7. <u>EFFECT OF RESOLUTIONS</u>. All previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate statements are repealed. Further, this resolution applies only to the election to be held on November 5, 2024 and will be deemed automatically repealed after the conclusion of the election.

SECTION 8. <u>CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION</u>. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED 25th day of June, 2024.

VELVETH SCHMITZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

AUREN PETTIT, CITY CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2577 was duly and regularly passed by the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates at a regular meeting thereof held on June 25, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

BROWN SCHACHTER, HUFF, SCHMITZ, STEGURA, ZERUNYAN

NOES:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE