



Questions Frequently Asked by Candidates

- ⌘ **Who is the City's Election Official?**
The City Clerk.

- ⌘ **Is there a filing fee involved in my candidacy?**
There is \$25 (non-refundable) filing fee for a candidate for municipal office in Seal Beach. (Municipal Code §2.05.015)

- ⌘ **What if I change my mind about being a candidate after filing my nomination paper?**
You may withdraw as a candidate at any time PRIOR to the close of the nomination period, which is August 12, 2022.

- ⌘ **What happens if some of the people whose signatures I obtain on my nomination paper are not registered voters or do not live within my District?**
It is important that you file your nomination paper as early as you can, the City Clerk must have the signatures certified on the nomination paper (this is done by the county). If for any reason the name, address, and/or signature cannot be verified by the county it will not be counted (must have at least 20 certified signatures). This may mark your nomination paper as insufficient, and you will not be qualified as a candidate. If you file early, there will be time to check the signatures and notify you of any insufficiencies; you may have an opportunity to circulate a supplemental nomination paper to qualify as a candidate.

- ⌘ **May I change or correct the spelling/wording on my Candidate's Statement after it has been submitted?**
No, you may not. Check your Candidate's Statement carefully before it is submitted.

- ⌘ **If I submit a Candidate's Statement, and I change my mind about having it printed in the Sample Ballot, may I withdraw the statement?**
The Candidate's Statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers.

- ⌘ **Is there a limitation of campaign contributions?**
Yes, an ordinance was passed that states no person or committee shall make to any candidate a contribution in excess of \$500. (SBMC Section 2.10.010.C)

- ⌘ **Can I use any City logos, seals, and/or employees in my campaign or in my campaign literature?** See: City of Seal Beach Administrative Directive #200-20 - Employee Endorsements.