

Spokane Conservation District

Supervisor Candidate Statement Policy

Spokane Conservation District (SCD) Board of Supervisor candidates have the option to submit a candidate statement that will be published on the SCD website and included with each requested ballot. The candidate statement will inform voters of the candidate's qualifications to be elected as a SCD Board Supervisor.

SCD Candidate Statement guidelines will be available on the SCD election webpage. Candidate statements must be returned electronically to SCD's Election Supervisor no later than 4:00 pm, on the same day of the candidate filing deadline.

SCD will publish candidate statements as soon as practicable on the District's election webpage.

Candidate statement information and requirements:

- Cannot exceed 200 words.
- Must be typed and submitted electronically.
- May only include information about the candidate.
- Hyphenated words count as two words. Statements exceeding the word limit will be shortened by deleting full sentences from the end.
- Once submitted, the candidate is not allowed to make changes.
- Only *italics* can be used to emphasize words or phrases. Bolding, underlining, and all caps are not allowed.
- Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed.
- The statement will not be checked for grammar, punctuation, spelling, or accuracy.

A photo may be submitted with the statement. Submitted photos become the property of SCD.

The photo must be:

- digital (JPEG format)
- current (within 5 years)
- head and shoulders only
- color photos are preferred, but black and white is acceptable

The photo must not:

- Include scenery, other people, flags, animals, or other background settings.
- Show judicial robes, law enforcement or military type uniforms.
- Reveal clothing or insignia suggesting that a public office is held.

The SCD retains the right to eliminate information for space availability or content appropriateness at its' sole discretion. Once submitted, SCD has sole discretion to publish that information as it sees fit, provided that each candidate's statement is treated equally. Inaccurate, erroneous, or offensive statements or language in the candidate statement, as determined by the SCD Election Supervisor, will result in the non-publication of the candidate statement.

As determined by SCD, the failure to properly submit the statement will result in the non-publication of the statement. Any issue a candidate has surrounding a candidate's submitted statement must be made in writing (electronic or paper) and sent to SCD's Election Supervisor. As the delegated agent of SCD, the Election Supervisor will resolve the issue as soon as practicable and inform the candidate of the decision in writing (electronic or paper).