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Ernesto González García
Occupation: Retired Principal

I am married, have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. I came from a household of 13. Starting at age 6, I picked cotton, oranges, potatoes, shined shoes, trimmed yards, and sold newspapers. In 1977, my family migrated to Salinas, worked in agriculture picking strawberries and lived in a trailer home. Many Salinan's share similar experiences where you, your parents or grandparents have worked tirelessly, just to survive!

My educational career began as an instructional aide, supervisor, teacher and union member. I served as principal at Sherwood Elementary School, Loma Vista Elementary School and Natividad Elementary School. At Salinas City Elementary School District, I oversaw state and federal programs. As retired principal, I substituted at University Park Elementary School, Monte Bella Elementary School, Fremont Elementary School, John E. Steinbeck Elementary School, Virginia Rocca Barton Elementary School, El Gabilan Elementary School, Beronda-Dias DIAS Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School, Kammann Elementary School and Los Padres Elementary School.

I was a Salinas Union High School District Trustee, Salinas Councilmember and currently Monterey County Planning Commissioner.

My campaign platform focuses on term limits, campaign finance reform, political signage reduction, roads, ~~and~~ sidewalks, traffic, parks, labor rights, prevailing wages, affordable housing, rent control, homelessness and public safety.

Family, friends, former students, parents, colleagues and citizens, I need your support to create real change for our working-class families! I have faith that as a team, we can make Salinas a better place to live in. I am respectfully asking for your vote!

God Bless!



CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

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| CANDIDATE NAME: | Ernesto Gonzalez Garcia |
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| By: A. Mejia |
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I ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is \$ 1,968.00.
- I understand that I will pay the full amount by check or money order payable to **City of Salinas**.
- I understand that the original candidate statement of qualifications including full payment of said costs are due in the City Clerk's Office at the time of filing by 4 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024.
- I understand that the candidate statement of qualifications is final once submitted to City Clerk and changes are not allowed once submitted.
- I understand that I may withdraw my candidate statement of qualifications no later than 4 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period.

Select one box:

I understand that I have the option of including my age and occupation with my candidate statement and **choose not to disclose either.**

I understand that it is optional to include my age and occupation with my candidate statement and **choose to include my age and/or occupation below:**

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| AGE: | | OCCUPATION: | Retired Principal / Substitute Administrator |
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Return signed Candidate Statement of Qualifications Form along with your candidate statement payment:

- In-Person at the time of your scheduled appointment for candidacy filing.

For questions, contact us at (831) 758-7381 or email cclerk@ci.salinas.ca.us

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:

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| DATE: | 8-12-2024 |
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