



Monterey County Elections CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

November 5, 2024, General Election



All candidate statements will be of uniform format, font, size, spacing, darkness, and will be printed in a block paragraph in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.

Restrictions include but are not limited to:

- Shall be limited to a candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- Shall not in any way make reference to another candidate.
- Local non-partisan candidate shall not include party preference nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
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- Statements addressing opponents or elected officials

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CANDIDATE NAME:	Melissa Thorne	AGE:	60
OCCUPATION:	Environmental Lawyer		

(CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS)

As a new Preserve lot owner in 2014, I looked to get involved in my future home. I became an Advisor to the Santa Lucia Community Services District (CSD). I was honored to be elevated to Board member once I became a full-time resident, and have proudly served since.

My environmental law expertise helped the CSD ensure compliance with complicated laws and encouraged cutting-edge new technologies on the Preserve, like floating solar panels on our wastewater ponds and Lomi food waste composters in our kitchens.

My goal is a sustainable and self-dependent Preserve while maintaining affordability. I encourage seeking grants and leveraging our public agency status to fund infrastructure improvement and maintenance through bonds to avoid large assessments. I advocate putting all Preserve entities on the same fiscal year to eliminate duplicative budgeting and lower audit costs Preserve-wide. The CSD has successfully deployed broad band, added water wells, enhanced 24/7 fire and emergency services, security, and sewer maintenance, and will soon fund comprehensive road repair and replacement with a new General Manager at the helm.

I would very much like to continue my work on the CSD Board and hope that I will have your support on election day.

I affirm that I want my candidate statement printed in the Monterey County Voter Information Guide.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:		DATE:	7/25/24
OFFICE RUNNING FOR:	Director - Santa Lucia Community Services District		
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