CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
(Elections Code §13307)

In the appropriate number of words, please type a brief description of your education & qualifications for the office. Statements must be prepared in paragraph format. Statements submitted on CD, or emails are encouraged, but a printed copy must be attached to this form.

As a candidate to succeed Director

(Name of Office Sought)

at the April 9, 2013 Coastside Fire Protection Recall Election, I submit the following statement of qualifications:

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

Name: Gary Riddle

Occupation: Retired Firefighter

Age: 59

Statement of Qualifications: (statement must be attached to this form)

Signature of Candidate

1-23-13

Date

*If the information provided on the form above differs from the information listed on the statement attached to this form, the information listed above will have precedence.

ESTIMATED COST

The cost of the statement is the responsibility of the Candidate. The estimated fee to be collected from the candidate is $850.00.

This estimated fee (based on three 200 word statements per page or two 400 word statements per page) is to be paid when you submit your candidate statement. Actual statement costs vary based upon the number submitted for each jurisdiction.

CANDIDATE OPTIONS

I do not elect to file a statement as permitted by EC §13307.

Signature of Candidate

Date

I am indigent and unable to pay for my prorated costs in advance. Attached is a financial statement pursuant to Elections Code §13309 and a release authorizing you to obtain a copy of my most recent federal income tax form. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the financial statement is true and correct.

Signature of Candidate

Date
The Board has a responsibility to ensure the best possible services are being provided to the community. Cal Fire failed to meet its legal obligations in our contract and the California Fire Code and its obligations as Fire Service provider. How does the largest fire agency in the State sign a contract then not provide those services specified in that contract? My number one priority is to ensure we are receiving the services we are paying for. If Cal Fire had those same priorities this contract would have worked but they did not. Further, community needs are subservient to the State and this will never change. It is time for the community to take back control of its ability to protect life and property. Community needs are best determined by the community not the State, and when Cal Fire has the final say on what will and will not be done that is not local control. Cal Fire has failed to meet the needs of the coastside as stated in the contract for more than four years. It’s time for us to build a better fire department and ensure that our local needs our met.

[Signature]

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