Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections
November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8020.5, 8040, 8121, 13105)

For Elections Officials USE ONLY

Official Filing Form	Filed in: _____	
Elections Official By: Angela Roots Date Issued: July 13, 2026	Elections Official By: _____ Date Received: _____	_____ Elections Official

Candidate Name and Office (1)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of **Riverdale City Council, Ward 2** to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held on **November 3, 2026,** and declare the following to be true:

My name is **Jane** (First) **Marie** (Middle/Initial (optional)) **Smith** (Last)

Ballot Information Name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot (2)

IMPORTANT NOTE: A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Jane Smith
Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot

Businesswoman
Print Ballot Designation Requested

☐ **Candidate initials box if NO ballot designation is preferred.**

_____ [If applicable in your City/County] I have a character-based name I would like to use instead of a phonetic transliteration. (You must complete Character-Based Name Form.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Registrar of Voters will publish your name and proposed ballot designation. You may also have a mailing address, residential address, email and/or phone number published on the election official's website.

ONLY CHECK ONE BOX. Please check the appropriate box to indicate which address you wish to be used for publishing purposes.

Addresses, Telephone, Internet Website and Email (3)

- **Publish** ☒ → Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 333** Apt. or Unit #
  City/State/Zip Code: **Riverdale, CA 93333**
- **Publish** ☐ → Residence Address (Required): **555 Hope Ave** Apt. or Unit #
  City/State/Zip Code: **Riverdale, CA 93333**
- **Publish** ☐ → Business Address: Apt. or Unit #
  City/State/Zip Code:
- **Publish** ☐ → Telephone (Business): **951-444-4444**
- **Publish** ☐ → Telephone (Evening): **951-888-8888**
- **Publish** ☐ → Internet Website:
- **Publish** ☐ → Email:

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed

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I meet the statutory and constitutional qualifications for this office (including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency). I am at present an incumbent of the following public office (if any): **City Council Member**

I have not been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

If nominated/elected, I will accept the nomination/election and not withdraw, except as permitted by state law.

X *Jane Smith*

Signature of Candidate

Oath of Office 5

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

X *Jane Smith*

Signature of Candidate

Notary Public or Other Officer 6

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of **Riverside**

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this **13th** day of **July**, **20 26**, by **Jane Smith**, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal)

Signature of Notary Public (or other officer) *Leticia Flores*

Examined and certified by me this **13th** day of **July**, **20 26**.

Elections Official *Leticia Flores*

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any declaration of candidacy in the person's possession that is entitled to be filed under the provisions of the Elections Code. (Elections Code § 18202.)

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Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
NOMINATION PAPER
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections
November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election (Elections Code §§ 100, 104, 8020.5, 8041, 8062, 8068, 8069, 8140; Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5)

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Candidate Name, Office, and Signer's City/County of Residence

1

I, the undersigned signer for **Jane Smith** (Name of Candidate), for nomination to the office of **Riverdale City Council, Ward 2**, to be voted for at the **General Municipal Election** to be held on **June 2, 2026**, hereby assert as follows:

I am a resident of **Riverdale City** and am registered to vote at the address shown on this paper. I am not at this time a signer of any other nomination paper of any other candidate for the above-named office.

My residence is correctly set forth after my signature hereto:

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
	Print: 1	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 2	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 3	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 4	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 5	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 6	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 7	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 8	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	

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Please Complete Affidavit of Circulator on Reverse Side

PRECINCT (to be entered by Elections Official)	NAME	RESIDENCE (As Registered - No P.O. BOX)	VERIFICATION (to be entered by Elections Official)
	Print: 9	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	
	Print: 10	Residence Address ONLY:	
	Signature:	City or Town:	

Affidavit of Circulator (to be completed in circulator's own hand)

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I, Jane Smith, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:
Print Name

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
2. That my residence address, including street and number, is 5555 Hope Ave, Riverdale, CA 93333.
   [If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is: _____.]
3. That the signatures on this section of the nomination paper were obtained between July 22, 2026,
   Month and Day

   and July 28, 2026; that I circulated this section and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the
   Month and Day

   nomination paper being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 28th day of July 2026 X Jane Smith
Signature of Circulator

Notary Public or Other Officer

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A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 28th day of July 2026, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Notary Public Seal)

Signature of Notary Public (or other officer) Leticia Flores

Examined and certified by me this 28tth day of July, 20 26.

Elections Official Leticia Flores

(TO BE ENTERED BY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL AFTER VERIFICATION)
Number of Valid Signatures on this Section:
Date:
By:

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Riverside County, Registrar of Voters
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

(Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

This entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted, and you will **not** be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK**. If information requested is not applicable, please write "N/A" in the space provided, otherwise the information MUST be provided. **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT.**

Candidate Information (1)

Candidate Name: Jane Smith

Office: Riverdale County Supervisor, TA 7 Email: businessgenius@aol.com

Home Address: 5555 Hope Ave, Riverdale, CA 93333

Mailing Address: P.O. Box, Riverdale, CA 93333-0333

Business Address: N/A

Phone Number(s)
Business: (951) 444-4444 Home/Mobile: (951) 888-8888 Fax: (951) 222-2222

Attorney or Other Authorized Person Information (2)

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): N/A

Address: N/A

Phone Number(s)
Business: N/A Mobile: N/A Fax: N/A

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

(a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/")].
(b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
(c) "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
(d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
(e) "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

Proposed Ballot Designation(s) (3)

Proposed Ballot Designation(s): Businesswoman

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: Business Owner

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: Parent

If your proposed ballot designation is pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(3):

The professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support my proposed ballot designation(s) constitute my primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations. **Initial** JG

Translation of Proposed Designation: Gender specific translations will default to the masculine form for uniformity in translation unless you specify otherwise: ( ) Masculine (X) Feminine

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In the spaces provided on the <u>next page(s)</u>:

(a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
(b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
(c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. **(Note: It is not necessary to provide copies of Certificates of Election if you are currently a seated member for a voter-nominated office).**
(d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
(e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **<u>Do not submit originals</u>**.

It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.

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If your proposed ballot designation includes the word "volunteer," indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.

If your proposed ballot designation contains **one or more slashes** ("/") separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "**PVO**s"), **complete a justification section for each separate PVO**.

Justification for use of Proposed Ballot Designation(s)
If you are proposing alternate ballot designations, please provide justification for use of those on Page 3.

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Justification for use of 1st PVO: I own a CPA (accounting) firm that I have managed for the last 10 years

Current or most recent job title: Owner | Start Date: 1/1/99 | End Date: To Present

Employer Name or Business: Riverdale CPA's

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Tom Smith | Phone Number(s): (951) 123-4567 | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 2nd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 3rd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

1)	Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
2)	Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "Incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
3)	Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
4)	Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
5)	Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
6)	Abbreviate the word "retired?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
7)	Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
8)	Use a word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex-" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
9)	Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
10)	Use the name of a political party or political body?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
11)	Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG
12)	Refer to any activity prohibited by law?	☐ Yes X No	Initial JG

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

X Jane Smith | 07/28/2026

Candidate's Signature | **Date Signed: Month/Day/Year**

For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 2, section 20711. You also may wish to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at www.sos.ca.gov).

SAMPLE

COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more **Alternate Ballot Designation(s)** are provided. If this page is not applicable, **please initial:** _____.

Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1

A

Justification for use of 1st PVO: I Own a CPA (Accounting) firm that I have managed for the last 10 years.

Current or most recent job title: Owner | Start Date: 1/1/99 | End Date: To Present

Employer Name or Business: Riverdale CPA's

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Tom Smith | Phone Number(s): (951) 123-4567 | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 2nd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 3rd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

Justification for Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2

B

Justification for use of 1st PVO: I am a mother of seven children

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: Tom Smith | Phone Number(s): (951) 123-4567 | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 2nd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

Justification for use of 3rd PVO: N/A

Current or most recent job title: N/A | Start Date: N/A | End Date: N/A

Employer Name or Business: N/A

Person who can verify this information:

Name: N/A | Phone Number(s): N/A | Email: N/A

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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
Municipal Offices

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

☐ VIG ☐ Electronic

TO THE CANDIDATE:
The Candidate's Statement is optional.
Indicate your decision below and return this form with your Nomination Documents.

☐ I **DO NOT** wish to submit a Candidate's Statement. _____
Candidate's Initials

TO CANDIDATE SUBMITTING A CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

Option 1

☐ **Electronic Distribution ONLY**

Required Deposit: **$** ***260***

☐ Deposit paid with City Clerk.

_____
Candidate Signature

Option 2

☒ **County Voter Information Guide & Electronic Distribution**

Required Deposit: **$** **$400**

☐ Deposit paid with City Clerk.

Jane Smith
Candidate Signature

I understand that I must pay **my pro rata share of the actual cost**. I agree that if my pro rata share exceeds the deposit, I will pay the difference when billed.

Elections Code Section § 13307 authorizes candidate's statement for electronic distribution. It requires the statement to be posted on the internet website of the elections official, permits the statement to be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed, and prohibits the statement from being included in a voter's pamphlet that is printed and mailed to voters.

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☐ I request a waiver of the deposit on the grounds of indigence. My Statement of Financial Worth is submitted herewith. I am aware that if notified that indigent status is not granted, I must pay the deposit within three days of notification or my Candidate's Statement will not be printed. Further, I am aware that if indigent status is granted, I am excused only from payment of the deposit. I will be required to pay **my pro rata share of the actual cost**, and I agree to do so when billed.

_____
Candidate Signature

NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code Section § 13308 Candidate statements shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications and shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities. The Registrar of Voters will not print or circulate any statement that makes reference to other candidates.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTING THE WORD COUNT:	
Punctuation is not counted.	
Dictionary words and single characters …….. The words "a," "the," "and," "an," are counted as individual words.	One word
All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word. For example, "City and County of San Francisco." ……	One word
Abbreviations – UCLA, U.C.L.A., PTA, P.T.A., USMC, U.S.M.C. ……..	One word
Hyphenated words appearing in any standard reference dictionary. ….....	One word
Dates – All digits (5/30/05) …… Words and digits (May 30, 2005) ……	One word One word
Whole number digits (1 or 10 or 100, etc.) …….. Spelled out (one or ten or one hundred) …….. Numeric combinations (1978, 18 ½, 1971-73, 5%) ……....	One word One for each word One word
Monetary amounts (if the dollar sign is used with figures - $1,000) ……..… Spelled out (one thousand dollars) ……....	One word One for each word
Telephone numbers ……..…	One word
Internet web site address ……...	One word
If the text exceeds the word limit, the candidate must edit the statement to comply with the official word count before the statement can be filled.	

NAME OF OFFICE SOUGHT: *City Council*

- WARD
- DIVISION
- TRUSTEE AREA (IF ANY) *2* ☐ FULL TERM ☐ SHORT TERM

JURISDICTION: *City of Riverdale*
NAME OF DISTRICT

OCCUPATION: *Businesswoman* **AGE:** _____
(OPTIONAL, If left blank your Ballot Designation will be used) **(OPTIONAL)**

CANDIDATE: *Jane Smith* *Jane Smith*
PRINTED NAME **SIGNATURE**

CONTEST ID: _____

Briefly state your Education and Qualifications:

Riverdale has been my home for 40 years, and I promise to keep our community safe, fiscally sound, and crime free. I am a successful businesswoman, community volunteer, and a parent of seven children. In other words, I have all the experience necessary to be a council member of Riverdale. By voting for me, you are voting for a bright successful future.

My experience as a businesswoman has taught me how to manage finances, balance budgets, and manage staff. My experience as a community volunteer has given me insight to areas that need improvement in our city. Finally, my experience as mother of seven children has taught me how to be compassionate to the needs of others.

Please make the right choice on Election Day! Vote for Jane Smith.

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TOTAL WORD COUNT:

Riverside County, Registrar of Voters

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Elections Code § 20440)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.

(5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Jane Smith	Jane Smith
Print Name	Signature
July 28, 2026	Member of the City Council, City of Riverdale
Date	Office