



[Menlo Park/San Mateo County]
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Nonpartisan Office – For Use in Local Elections

November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election (Elections Code §§ 20, 200, 8002.5, 8020, 8020.5, 8040, 8121, 13105)

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Candidate Name
and Office

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I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination/election to the office of City Council District 4, to be voted for at the **Statewide General Election** to be held on **November 3, 2026**, and declare the following to be true:

My name is Laura Melahn
First Middle/Initial (optional) Last

Ballot
Information
Name and ballot
designation to
appear on the
ballot

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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:

Laura Melahn
Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot
Entrepreneur / Nonprofit Director
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.)

[This IMPORTANT NOTE can be modified to meet your local election requirements] **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The [City/County] 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

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Publish ☐ → Mailing Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish ☐ → Residence Address (Required): _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish ☐ → Business Address: _____ Apt. or Unit # _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Publish ☐ → Telephone (Business): _____

Publish ☐ → Telephone (Evening): _____

Publish ☐ → Internet Website: _____

Publish ☐ → Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Reverse Side of Page Must Be Completed

Qualifications

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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):

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

Signature of Candidate

Oath of Office

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I, Laura Melahn, 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

Signature of Candidate

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

San Mateo

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 4 day of August, 20 26, by Judi A. Herren, 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)

Examined and certified by me this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Elections Official _____

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.)