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Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

CITY OF: NEWPORT BEACH
OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council
WARD/DISTRICT # 6 (If applicable)

NAME: ANDREW GERKEN

AGE:
(Optional)

OCCUPATION: RETIRED SURGEON

I have been privileged to live in Newport Beach since my father moved Pacific Life to the city in 1972.

I believe we deserve a city council that reflects our long-established values. These include protecting our parks and open space, a limit on high rise development and respect for the people's right to vote on key issues, such as development.

I oppose the costly plan to put the police station/jail in the park. when there are better, less expensive alternatives.

I oppose the plan to redevelop the current police station into a 300 ft. apartment tower.

I support public safety and I understand the way to provide more public safety resources is to not overspend on buildings.

As a fiscal conservative, I believe we should treat each tax dollar as if it were our own. I will rein in excess spending, and I will say No to new taxes.

I attended Corona del Mar High, Harvard University and UCI Medical School. For twenty years, I was the CDM Football team doctor and was the Hoag Orthopedic Department Chair. I serve on the Library Foundation board.

I will work for you for a better Newport.

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INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

1. Signed and dated statement must be filed in the Registrar of Voters office at the time final nomination documents are filed. A copy will be given to the candidate.
2. This statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications.

Date

7/15/26

Candidate's Signature

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