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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF: Laguna Beach

OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council

NAME: Cheryl Kinsman AGE: _____
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OCCUPATION: Accountant, MBA, CPA

I am a Certified Public Accountant and former Mayor of Laguna Beach. I understand how to make government work for you. As a longtime resident and local business owner, my hands-on expertise managing and balancing budgets is crucial for sound government. That's what I do professionally.

Laguna Beach faces many challenges. We have \$60,000,000 of unfunded pension liabilities with interest of over \$4,500,000 annually. A 90-year-old sewer pipeline under Coast Highway threatens a major sewage spill. Our downtown is threatened with flooding in a major storm. I will prioritize these problems rather than borrowing \$130,000,000 for undergrounding utilities. We do not need to borrow money or raise sales taxes. We just need to manage our budget.

The many challenges we faced during my prior tenure on the City Council included permanently stopping the proposed El Toro International Airport and preserving our hospital in Laguna Beach. I was successful in these endeavors that others said were impossible.

I support the image of Laguna Beach as an artist colony, demonstrated by my service as treasurer of Laguna Plein Air Painters. I advocate increased support for our first responders and continued improvement of our environment.

As an experienced financial leader, I ask for your vote!

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INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

DATE: 8-14-18 CANDIDATES SIGNATURE: _____