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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF: Laguna Beach

OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council

NAME: Paul Merritt AGE: 67
Optional

OCCUPATION: Businessman

I am an independent thinker. Like thousands of my fellow Laguna Beach citizens I'm an independent voter – member of no political group. We are rarely involved with stale political ideologies, or outdated bureaucratic solutions.

Having been graduated from Laguna High and earning a Doctorate in Law; gave me an ability to analyze complex issues. Simple issues need a spokesperson, too. And little is being done in either regard

Cox Cable price gouging must stop. We have free trolleys for visitors. Progressive cities have free Wi-Fi.

Dangerous speeding traffic on Coast Highway must end. Working with Cal-Trans to regain local control is my priority.

No Sales Tax increase! The bonds would soak up all of Laguna's available credit. I am past president of Laguna Beach Taxpayers Association.

At a city forum I realized a female had never been allowed to be our Chief of Police. As a former Reserve O.C. Deputy Sheriff, I spoke out vigorously in this respect. Chief Laura Farinella was selected. A result was "homeless crime" became manageable.

I've served as an elected Councilmember and on a planning commission. Currently active with the Laguna Beautification Council and a Nature Conservancy life member.

I owe no favors and never will. Paul Merritt a common-sense independent!

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INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

DATE: 8/10/2018 CANDIDATES SIGNATURE: _____