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## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF: Laguna Beach

OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council

NAME: Peter Blake AGE: 54  
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OCCUPATION: Art Gallery Owner

For thirty years I have been blessed to call Laguna Beach my hometown. In 1993, with a small amount of savings and a backup job at Romeo Cuccina, I opened the Peter Blake Gallery. By 1995 I had re-established the historic Gallery Row. Soon after, Bill DeBilzan and I started the Art Walk which continues to engage both residents and visitors culturally to this day. In 2001 my ex-wife and I opened Fetneh Blake, a clothing boutique which, like the gallery, enjoys an internationally renowned reputation for sophistication and excellence.

This fall I will ask the residents of Laguna Beach to vote on my candidacy for City Council. I am not a politician and have never aspired to hold public office. I love Laguna Beach and am requesting the privilege of serving its residents. When elected, my main goal will be to fight for our safety by reducing crimes being committed by criminal transients. I will also restore property rights and reform Design Review.

My website [peterblakeforcouncil.com](http://peterblakeforcouncil.com) has all of my issues clearly stated and I can always be reached on my cell at 949-584-1224. I look forward to hearing from all residents regarding their concerns for our community.

INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

DATE: 7/13/18 CANDIDATES SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_