

Candidate Statement for Voters' Pamphlet

Required Information

Candidate Name: **Aaron Ford**

Total maximum of 325 hand counted typewritten words/numbers for the combined 'Required' and 'Optional Information', excluding the bold headings already printed on this form. All sections of the 'Required Information' must be completed. If there is not relevant information for a required section, the word "None" should be inserted.

Occupation (present paid or unpaid employment):

Self-Employed

Occupational Background (any previous paid or unpaid employment):

Mental Health Clinician
Attorney

Educational Background (relevant school(s) attended):

Name of School	Educational Study - Major/Minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
Lewis & Clark Law School	Law	JD ;
Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling	Counseling	MA ;
Northern Arizona University	Psychology	BA ;
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Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed):

N/A

Optional Information

Attach a separate sheet with your 'Optional Information'. **Remember: both your 'Required' and 'Optional Information' count toward the 325 word limit (excluding required information headings).**

Candidate checklist for 'JCVP-01 Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement' information:

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'Required Information':

- Occupation
- Occupational Background
- Educational Background
- Prior Governmental Experience

(Optional) 'Optional Information'

- (Optional) Portrait
- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Endorsement Statement #: _____
- Fee/Petition Provided
- Word Count (325 words/numbers MAX)

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N/A

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

A high-quality public education is a foundation of our democracy and vital to creating an informed generation of citizens. It is essential that the Board focus on education policy, student safety, and community wellbeing to provide the opportunity for all students to achieve their potential.

My professional experience enables me to serve in an organized and collaborative manner. My experience in mental health informs my perspective on the challenges faced by students and educators especially as we move forward from living in fear of the pandemic. In this position I will leverage my experience in healthcare, law, and community engagement for the benefit of the students, families, and members of the district community.

Priorities:

- **Mental health** of students after years of coping with the impacts of pandemic, school closures, and the virtual classroom.
- **Safety:** Remote learning has impacted student social growth requiring interventions and highlighting the need for a learning environment that is both physically safe and mentally supportive.
- Prioritizing school as a place for learning and **civic engagement** for informed citizens and voters.
- **Transparency** and open communication with parents and community partners.
- Responsible **resource management** with dedicated funding to **technical job skills** programs, **music and art** programs and extracurricular opportunities related to **civics**.