

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
Piedmont General Municipal Election, November 3, 2020

Name Veronica Anderson Thigpen Age (optional) _____

My education and qualifications are:

I see communities and school districts across the country grappling with how to prepare students with the skills and experiences they need to thrive in a world that is increasingly complex and magnificently diverse. We can do more in Piedmont to cultivate an anti-racist culture; engage and retain diverse educators; and use a racial equity lens to inform educational and business decisions.

These are unprecedented times and we face unprecedented challenges in delivering and funding the exceptional public education our students deserve. These times require thoughtful, creative leadership with a laser focus on education, equity and excellence.

My career is dedicated to building inclusive, strategic organizations—first as a journalist covering business and education and, currently, as an adviser to school systems and educational nonprofits. I have degrees in economics and journalism from Northwestern and I spent a year on fellowship at Stanford. As a community volunteer, I serve as PADC’s co-president. I co-chaired the MLK celebration for two years and I worked with PHS and MHS to launch an amazing Black student affinity group.

I am the proud parent of a PHS junior. It would be my honor to work with this community to serve Piedmont schools.

The Piedmont City Council has by resolution limited candidate's statements to 200 words.

Pursuant to Elections Code § 13307, I state that I have prepared the above statement and request that it be printed in the voter's pamphlet and mailed to each registered voter of my district.

Signature Date

I do not elect to file a candidate's statement. _____
Signature Date

Candidates may withdraw, but not change their statement by signing and submitting the withdrawal notice no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020.

I hereby withdraw my candidate statement. _____
Signature Date