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Office of Senator Josh Becker
California Senate District 13
“Peninsula Proud” Photography Contest 2025
January 6, 2025 - January 31, 2025

OFFICIAL RULES

Rules

The “Peninsula Proud” Photography Contest hosted by the Office of Senator Josh Becker, California Senate District 13, begins Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM Pacific Standard Time and ends January 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and states that they are 18 years old or older as of January 6, 2025 at 12:00 AM.

Who May Enter

Individuals who currently reside in California Senate District 13 and are 18 years old or older as of January 6, 2025 may enter this contest. The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Individuals affiliated with Senator Josh Becker’s District or Capitol office, such as employees and their immediate families (children, parents, siblings and spouses) and others living in their households, are not eligible. California Senate District 13 staff will determine winners’ eligibility in its sole discretion.

What to Enter

One (1) photograph that depicts the theme “Peninsula Proud,” along with a caption.

To be eligible, a photograph must have been taken by the entrant in [Senate District 13](#) (see link) between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM. This date applies to all images in a composite. The contestant certifies that they are the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.

Cropped photos are eligible. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale is acceptable. The addition and subtraction of objects is not permitted.

If the judges determine that a photographer has altered their photo beyond normal photojournalism best practices, the judges reserve the right to disqualify it. Image composites including HDR/Exposure Blending are acceptable. Images generated using Artificial Intelligence (AI) are not permitted.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, entrants must be prepared to provide a [Model Release](#) (see link) from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, to the Office of Senator Josh Becker upon request.

Similarly, entrants whose photos depict other people's work (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works) must be prepared to provide an [Art Release](#) (see link) from the rights holder to the Office of Senator Josh Becker upon request. When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's creation.

If the entrant is unable to provide all required releases, the Office of Senator Josh Becker in its sole discretion reserves the right to disqualify the submission, seek to secure the required releases, or permit the submission to remain in the contest.

Photos must be taken in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the Office of Senator Josh Becker in its sole discretion, are ineligible for this contest.

You can use any type of camera (digital and analogue) or mobile phone to create your photos. The minimum photo requirement is JPG, 3000 pixels wide on the longest side (this will be asked only if your photo will be among winners). Both color and black and white photos will be accepted.

Ethics

Entrants must disclose the circumstances under which an image was captured as well as any instructions given to a subject.

The welfare of a subject and its environment must be placed ahead of the desire to capture a photograph. Upon entering the contest, entrants certify that subjects were treated with respect and dignity, and that no people, wildlife or the environment were harmed in creating a photograph.

If baiting was used to attract wildlife, or special equipment such as camera traps and drones used to capture the photograph, this must be disclosed. Live baiting of wildlife is not permitted.

How to Enter

Please submit photographs and requested information online through our website at [Peninsula Proud Photography Contest | Senator Josh Becker](#). Entrants may only submit one photograph. In order to be displayed in our online gallery without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format, edited for web in sRGB color space, at least 2000 pixels wide and no larger than 5 MB.

We do not accept photographs submitted through the mail and do not accept more than one contestant per e-mail address. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

Finalists must be prepared to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide. Original negatives, prints or slides will be returned to finalists. The Office of Senator Josh Becker reserves the right to disqualify incomplete entries and/or contestants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Mobile photographs are exempt from this size requirement but must be submitted at their highest resolution upon request.

The Office of Senator Josh Becker may collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

Use of your personal data

Participation in the contest requires the collection of your name, physical address, and email address. By entering this contest, you are consenting to the use of your name and email address for further communications regarding this contest.

Entry deadline

The contest begins on January 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM Pacific Standard Time. All entries must be received at [Peninsula Proud Photography Contest | Senator Josh Becker](#) by 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time on January 31, 2025.

Judging

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the theme and overall impact.

The Office of Senator Josh Becker will select three winners including: First Place, Second Place and Third Place. The three winners will be notified of their status and their photographs will appear on the sd13.senate.ca.gov website in 2025.

The three winning photographs will be selected for printing at the discretion of the Office of Senator Josh Becker. These photographs will be printed, framed and hung in the Capitol Office of Senator Josh Becker in Sacramento, California. Winners will be invited to see their work on display at a date which will be determined at a later time.

The Office of Senator Josh Becker will notify winners via the contact information provided at the time of entry; the Office of Senator Josh Becker may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

Online Features

The Office of Senator Josh Becker may select photos for highlight on its website. Such selections will be made at the Office's sole discretion.

Conditions of Entry

All entrants hold the Sponsors and their respective regents, directors, officers, employees, and interns harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred because of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The Office of Senator Josh Becker reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Office of Senator Josh Becker reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. The Office of Senator Josh Becker reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. **Decisions of the Office of Senator Josh Becker are final and binding.**