

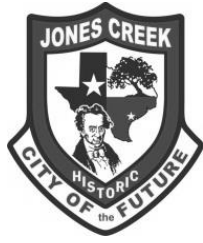
# **CITY ELECTION CANDIDATE PACKET**



**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

**Filing January 13 – February 12, 2021**



# Village of Jones Creek

7207 Stephen F. Austin  
Jones Creek, TX 77541  
(979)233-2700

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Candidates and Officeholders:

Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Jones Creek. Should you decide to become a candidate, your candidacy requires compliance with certain state statutes and local ordinances. The Village of Jones Creek, Texas, is a Type A General Law municipal corporation that operates under its own ordinances and state law. Please realize the material in this packet is not exhaustive and that it is the duty of the candidate/officeholder to become familiar with and follow all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to municipal campaigns.

There are three (3) Village of Jones Creek races for the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, general election – Alderman-at-Large Position 3, Alderman-at-Large Position 4, and Alderman-at-Large Position 5. The term of office for each position is two years.

The role of the City Secretary's Office is to accept and file candidate applications, affidavits, and statements required of candidates, and note the dates of filing thereon. There is no legal duty to inform anyone of the necessity of or deadlines for filing any of the documents or to advise anyone in regard to the meaning and requirements of statutes. The City Secretary should not be expected to judge or comment upon the timeliness or sufficiency of reports filed, but rather to serve only as the custodian of the records.

On the filing of an application for a place on the ballot, the City Secretary must review the application to determine whether it complies with the requirements as to form, content, and procedure only. That is, the City Secretary checks to be sure it was filed correctly and in a timely manner and that all required information is completed and attested to. The review must be completed not later than the fifth day after the date the application is received by the authority. If an application does not comply with applicable requirements, the City Secretary must reject the application and provide the candidate written notice of the rejection. [EC Sec. 141.032(e)]. Candidates are not permitted to simply make corrections to the form once submitted. They should review materials fully before turning them in to ensure accuracy. Please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review. Filing at the last minute may not give the City Secretary sufficient time for review, which is subject to state law, not City preference. **Please do not leave any blanks on the application, as doing so may render your application invalid.**

Texas Election Code Section 141.032, which governs the review of a candidate's application for a place on the ballot for form, content, and procedure, does not apply to a determination of a candidate's eligibility.

**All applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign reports filed with the City Secretary's office are considered public information and are open to inspection by the public.**

Persons with questions concerning the conduct of elections may contact the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State's Office at 800-252-VOTE or <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/>. Inquiries about candidacy, campaign finance, or the conduct of candidates and officeholders should contact the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800 or <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>. If you have specific needs of the City Secretary's office, please call us at 979-233-2700 or email us at [jc.cityhall@coastal-link.net](mailto:jc.cityhall@coastal-link.net) or visit our elections page on the City website at [http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city\\_government/elections](http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city_government/elections).

Your interest in municipal government and our community is appreciated. We trust that this will be a positive and exciting experience for you, and that you find satisfaction in the call to public service.

Respectfully,

*Kimberly Morris*

Kimberly Morris,  
City Secretary

## **2021 Candidate Packet**

### **1.01 General Information (underlined items are included in this packet):**

1. Eligibility requirements from the Texas Election Code Sec. 141.001 provides the following, including 2019 legislative changes that will be in effect from January 1, 2020:

Sec. 141.001. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

(a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a United States citizen;
- (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
  - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
  - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
  - (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
  - (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
  - (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
- (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected; and
- (7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

- Text of subsection effective on January 01, 2020

(a-1) For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency requirement of Subsection (a)(5), a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only if the person:

- (1) has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to effectuate that intent; and
- (2) has a legal right and the practical ability to return to the residence.

- Text of subsection effective on January 01, 2020

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a person displaced from the person's residence due to a declared local, state, or national disaster.

- Text of subsection effective on January 01, 2020

(a-3) The authority with whom an application for a place on a general primary election ballot is filed under Section 172.022 shall, to the extent permitted by law, use Subsections (a) and (a-1) in determining whether a candidate meets the residency requirements for a public elective office.

- (b) A statute outside this code supersedes Subsection (a) to the extent of any conflict.
- (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to an office for which the federal or state constitution or a statute outside this code prescribes exclusive eligibility requirements.
- (d) Subsection (a)(6) does not apply to a member of the governing body of a district created under Section 52(b)(1) or (2), Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

*Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 614 (H.B. 417), Sec. 28, eff. September 1, 2007. Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 504 (H.B. 484), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2015. Acts 2019, 86<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 1047 (H.B. 831), Sec. 1, eff. January 1, 2020.*

It may also be wise to review the conflict of interest provisions of the Texas Local Government Code at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.171.htm> and Article 16, Section 40 of the Texas Constitution provisions at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CN/htm/CN.16.htm> on office holding.

2. Election calendar – The Secretary of State’s At-A-Glance condensed calendar from <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#2021> . (Please note, while reviewing election material, there are other dates for filing, early voting, and voter registration for the November 2, 2021 Uniform Election and their runoffs. Do not confuse them with those for the in relation to the May 1 uniform election date.) There is a municipal candidate page at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2018/local.shtml>.

3. Application for a Place on the Ballot (Form 2-21) and instructions, in English and Spanish, available online at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-21f.pdf>. The City Secretary reviews applications to determine whether they are in compliance with the Texas Election Code and City Ordinance requirements as to content. Please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review. Filing at the last minute may not give the City Secretary sufficient time for review. Please do not leave any blanks on the application, as doing so may render your application invalid. Find links at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/index.shtml> for all SoS promulgated forms.
4. Village of Jones Creek City Council candidates use Texas Ethics Commission Non-Judicial Candidate/Officeholder forms, file with the City Secretary's office, and do not file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC), although candidates may choose to use and print fillable forms when appropriate. TEC forms are available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/coh/cohfrm.php>. Most form links are accompanied by a link to an instruction manual for the form. Candidates may find the TEC's Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh\\_local\\_guide.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf) to be informative. The City Secretary is the local filing authority for Jones Creek City Council and Marshal candidates.
  - a. Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate (Form CTA) from <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cta.pdf>. (The Form CTA - Instruction Guide is linked at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/CTA\\_ins.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/CTA_ins.pdf).) The CTA should be filed in the City Secretary's office at the same time as the Application for a Place on the Ballot. Please note the statement that must be signed regarding the nepotism law. The second page of the form is to be completed if the candidate would like to use modified reporting.
  - b. The Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Form CFCP) is signed voluntarily and is available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cfcp.pdf>.
  - c. City candidates follow the TEC's 2021 Uniform (Local) Filing Schedule, available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/schedules/s21uniform.pdf>. Pages 1-3 and 5 of the schedule refer to the May 1 uniform election date (page 4 refers to the November 2021 election). Questions on reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures should be addressed to the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

City candidates and officeholders use the forms contained in the Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report (Form C/OH) on the TEC website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/coh.pdf>. The C/OH form link contains many types of forms, all of which may not be needed by every candidate at each filing.

- d. TEC resolution concerning misleading campaign communications.  
[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/enforcement/sworn\\_complaints/RESOLUTION.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/enforcement/sworn_complaints/RESOLUTION.pdf)

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### **Additional resources:**

- TxDOT guidelines for campaign signs on state property, <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/row/political-signs.pdf>.
- TEC's *Political Advertising: What You Need to Know* brochure, available at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/advertising/Gpol\\_adv.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/advertising/Gpol_adv.pdf)
- TEC's *Political Fundraisers: What You Need to Know* brochure, available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/Gpolfund.pdf>
- TEC's frequently asked questions guide, [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/FAQs/FAQ\\_COH\\_Legal.php](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/FAQs/FAQ_COH_Legal.php)
- City budget documents, [http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city\\_government](http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city_government)
- City Council information, [http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city\\_government/aldermen\\_at\\_large](http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city_government/aldermen_at_large)
- City Code of Ordinances, [http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city\\_government/city\\_ordinances](http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/city_government/city_ordinances)
- The City also maintains social media platforms on Facebook and issues regular publications. Find information on all City services and departments at <http://villageofjonescreektexas.com/>.

It is the duty of a candidate to become familiar with the laws applicable to campaigning for office. Regarding the filing of candidate/officeholder reports, the City Secretary is limited to accepting the filing of the various reports, and noting the date and time of filing thereon. Questions regarding campaign reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures should be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800 or <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>.

**Please note that all applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign financial reports filed with the City Secretary's office are considered public information and open for public inspection and copying.**

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## CITY ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 32 – VILLAGE OFFICIALS

### 2.01 – MAYOR/ALDERMAN TERMS

- a. Members of council. City Council shall be composed of a mayor and five (5) aldermen. The positions of Mayor, Aldermen, and Marshal shall be designated as follows:

Mayor – even year, two year term  
Alderman Position 1 – even year, two year term  
Alderman Position 2 – even year, two year term  
Alderman Position 3 – odd year, two year term  
Alderman Position 4 – odd year, two year term  
Alderman Position 5 – odd year, two year term  
Marshal – even year, two year term

- b. Election. All candidates for city council shall be voted on and elected as at large positions and each candidate shall be designated on the official ballot according to the title of such position to which he seeks election.

Any candidate for office receiving a majority of all the votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate shall be elected to such office. Candidates in a runoff election are the candidates who receive the highest and second highest number of votes in the main election or who tie for the highest number of votes. In the event any candidate for any office fails to receive a majority of votes cast for all the candidates for such office, the city council shall call a run-off election to be held in accordance with state law. Tie votes shall be resolved in accordance with state law.

- c. Term of office. The mayor and councilpersons shall each hold their respective offices for a term of two (2) years and until their successors shall have been elected and duly qualified.

(Ord. No. III, §32.02, 1-27-1970)

### 2.02. - Qualifications.

- a. Enumerated. The mayor and councilpersons shall have been qualified voters of the city for twelve (12) months immediately preceding election day, and continuously during their term of office.
- b. Determination of eligibility. The City Secretary as the authority with whom the candidate's application for a place on ballot is filed and the mayor as the presiding officer of the canvassing authority has the authority and the duty to declare a candidate ineligible if:
  - (1) the information on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot indicates that the candidate is ineligible for the office; or,
  - (2) facts indicating that the candidate is ineligible are conclusively established by another public record.

### 2.03. - Conduct of elections.



- a. Regulations. All city elections shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. In the event there should be any failure of the general laws to provide for some feature of the city elections, city council shall have the power to provide for such deficiency, making all regulations it considers desirable, not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Texas, for the prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of ballots in case of doubt or fraud.

Municipal elections shall be conducted by the appointed election authorities, who shall also have power to make such regulations not inconsistent with city ordinances, with any regulations made by council or the laws of the State of Texas.

No informalities in conducting a city election shall invalidate the same, if it be conducted fairly and in substantial compliance with the general laws, where applicable, and ordinances of the city.

- b. Schedule.

1. Regular election. The regular election for choice of members of council shall be held annually on a uniform election date as determined by state law and as ordered by city council.

2. Special election. Council may by ordinance or resolution order a special election, fix the time for holding same and provide necessary means.

State Law reference— Uniform election dates, V.T.C.A., Election Code § 41.001.

#### 2.04. - Vacancies in city council.

- a. Procedure. When a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of mayor or councilperson, council, by majority vote, may fill the vacancy by appointment. The appointee serves until the next general municipal election. City Council may also choose to order a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- b. Filing for office. Each candidate for public office must:
  1. Have been a resident of the Village of Jones Creek for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding filing for office, and be a qualified voter in the city.
  2. File sworn application with the city secretary in accordance with state law.
  3. File for only one city office.
- c. Official ballots. Official ballots shall be prepared in accordance with state law.
- d. Canvassing elections. Election returns shall be canvassed in accordance with state law. (LGC 22.010)

#### 2.05. - First meeting of council after canvass.

On the first Tuesday next following the canvassing of an election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, city council shall meet at the usual place for holding meetings, and the newly elected members shall qualify and assume the duties of office.

#### 2.06. - Meetings.

- a. Frequency. City council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules but not less frequently than once each month. All meetings of council shall be open to the public except as allowed by state law; special meetings shall be called when necessary.
- b. Rules. City council shall determine its own rules and order of business.
- c. Minutes. Minutes of all open meetings of the council shall be recorded as a public record.

State Law reference— Public meetings, V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.001 et seq.

#### 2.07. - Duties of mayor and mayor pro tem.

The mayor shall preside at meetings of council and shall only be entitled to vote to break a tie. The mayor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are or may be conferred and imposed upon him by the ordinances of the city. He shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for civil process, and by the government for purposes of military law. In times of public danger or emergency, the mayor shall take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law.

A mayor pro tem shall be a council member and be elected by the council at the first meeting of council after canvassing the general and any run-off election, who shall serve for a one-year term or until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or in the case of his absence or disability, the mayor pro tem shall act as mayor until a successor is elected and has qualified or until the mayor is again able to assume his duties of office.

(Ord. No. III & 10, § 32.02 & 32.03, 1-27-1970 & 4-28-1970)

#### 2.08. - Powers of council.

All powers of the city and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in city council. Council shall execute the laws and administer the government of the city. Without limitation of the foregoing and among the other powers that may be exercised by council, the following are hereby enumerated for greater certainty:

- a. Adopt budget of the city.
- b. Authorize the issuance of bonds by a bond ordinance.

c. Inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency or officer of the city and make investigations as to municipal affairs, and for that purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence. Failure to obey such subpoena or to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by fine. Council shall enact an ordinance to enforce this provision.

d. Establish and appoint the members of the planning and zoning commission, board of adjustments, beautification committee, and other committees as needed.

e. Adopt plats.

f. Adopt and modify the official map of the city.

g. Adopt, modify and carry out plans proposed by the planning and zoning commission for the clearance and rehabilitation of blighted areas.

h. Adopt, modify and carry out plans proposed by the planning and zoning commission for the replanning, improvement and redevelopment of neighborhoods and for the replanning, reconstruction or redevelopment of any area or district which may have been destroyed in whole or in part by disaster.

## Important 2021 Election Dates

May 1, 2021 - Uniform Election Date	
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Friday, May 1, 2020
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline <sup>1</sup>	Monday, December 14, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2021*
	<i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>2</sup>	Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
	See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 12, 2021
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 1, 2021
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 19, 2021
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , <u>not</u> Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 1, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

<b>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b>					
TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)				INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED	
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT <sup>1</sup>		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH  / /	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) <sup>2</sup>
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home:  Work:  Cell:		<b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN</b>			
		<b>IN STATE</b>		<b>IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED<sup>3</sup></b>	
		_____ year (s) _____ month(s)		_____ year (s) _____ month(s)	
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:					
"I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.					
I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
<b>X</b>			_____		
			SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE		
Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____.					
				SEAL	
Signature of Officer Administering Oath <sup>4</sup>			Title of Officer Administering Oath		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:					
(See Section 1.007)					
			Date Received		Signature of Secretary
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>					

## INSTRUCTIONS

An application to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot for any general election may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

The general election filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. 78 days prior to election day for any uniform election date.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

## NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

<sup>2</sup>Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

<sup>4</sup>All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

**DEBE PROPORCIONARSE LA INFORMACIÓN REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE QUE ES OPCIONAL**

<b>SOLICITUD PARA FIGURAR EN LA BOLETA DE _____ ELECCIÓN GENERAL</b>					
A: Secretario(a) de la Ciudad/ Secretario del Consejo					
Solicito que mi nombre figure en la boleta oficial indicada más arriba como candidato/a al cargo a continuación.					
PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si el cargo lo tiene.)				INDIQUE TÉRMINO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO COMPLETO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO	
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer nombre, segundo nombre, apellido)			ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE FIGURE EN LA BOLETA <sup>1</sup>		
DIRECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL PERMANENTE (No incluya una casilla postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección residencial, describa el lugar en que recibe correspondencia personal y la ubicación de su residencia.)			DIRECCIÓN POSTAL PÚBLICA (Dirección en la que recibirá correspondencia relacionada a su campaña, si es disponible.)		
CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Si está disponible.)		EMPLEO (No deje este espacio en blanco.)	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	VUID – NÚMERO UNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE (Opcional) <sup>2</sup>	
INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional) Tel. residencial:  Tel. laboral:  Tel. celular:			<b>DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA AL MOMENTO DE JURAMENTAR ESTA SOLICITUD</b>		
			<b>EN EL ESTADO</b>		<b>EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A<sup>3</sup></b>
			____ año(s) ____ mes(es)		____ año(s) ____ mes(es)
En caso de usar un apodo como parte de su nombre en la boleta, usted también firma y jura lo siguiente: Asimismo, juro que mi apodo no constituye un lema político ni tampoco es una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales o religiosas. Se me ha conocido por este apodo durante al menos tres años antes de esta elección.					
Ante mí, la autoridad suscrita, compareció (nombre) _____, quien frente a mí y bajo juramento debido, declara:  “Yo, (nombre) _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo oficial de _____, juro solemnemente que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal cargo oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No se me ha condenado por un delito mayor por el cual no haya sido absuelto o por el cual no se me hayan restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. No existe un fallo final de un tribunal testamentario que me declare total o parcialmente incapacitado mentalmente sin derecho a votar. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno.  Además, juro que las declaraciones anteriores que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y correctas”.					
X _____ FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO					
Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día ____ de _____, _____.					
<b>SELLO</b>					
Firma del oficial que administra el juramento <sup>4</sup> _____			Título del oficial que administra el juramento _____		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:					
(See Section 1.007)					
Date Received _____			Signature of Secretary _____		
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>					

## INSTRUCCIONES

La solicitud para que el nombre de un candidato figure en la boleta para cualquier elección general no deberá registrarse antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la fecha límite para registrar la solicitud, según lo prescribe este código. Cualquier solicitud registrada antes de esa fecha se declarará inválida. Todos los campos **deben ser completados** a menos que se indique específicamente marcados como opcional.

El último día para registrarse es a las 5 de la tarde setenta y ocho (78) días antes del día de la elección en el caso de elecciones uniformes.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la división de elecciones del Secretario de Estado al 800-252-8683.

## LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración para indicar que tiene conocimiento sobre la ley sobre el nepotismo. A continuación figuran las prohibiciones del nepotismo según el capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún funcionario podrá nombrar, votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de ninguno de sus parientes en segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o en tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o de los parientes de cualquier otro integrante del cuerpo directivo o tribunal en que el funcionario celebre sesión cuando la compensación para esa persona se pague con fondos públicos u honorarios de su puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por o la confirmación de ninguna persona que haya trabajado en la oficina de manera continua o el empleo para el siguiente período antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro se elige en una elección general de funcionarios de estado y condado.

Ningún candidato podrá influir sobre un empleado relacionado al puesto oficial al cual el candidato aspira o un empleado o funcionario del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato aspira respecto del nombramiento o el empleo de un pariente del candidato en un grado prohibido según se indica arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto de una clase o categoría de empleados o posibles empleados de buena fe.

Los ejemplos de parentesco en tercer grado por consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parentescos de consanguinidad, medios hermanos y adopción legal. Los ejemplos de parentescos en segundo grado por afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: cónyuge, suegro(a), yerno, nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del cónyuge.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los cónyuges de parientes emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el cónyuge y los parientes del cónyuge por consanguinidad. No todos estos ejemplos son inclusivos.

## NOTAS

<sup>1</sup>Para reglas sobre la forma del nombre de un candidato o apodo en la boleta electoral, vea el subcapítulo B, Capítulo 52 del Código Electoral de Texas.

<sup>2</sup>La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, para muchos candidatos, es un requisito estar registrados como votantes en el territorio por el cual serían electos a partir de la fecha límite de la solicitud. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el requisito de registro de votante en nuestra página: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>Esto se refiere a la duración de la residencia dentro del distrito o territorio de que se elige la oficina. Por ejemplo, la duración de residencia en un distrito escolar, para una oficina del consejero escolar elegida en general. Este campo **DEBE SER COMPLETADO**.

<sup>4</sup>Los juramentos, las declaraciones juradas o las afirmaciones que se efectúen dentro de este Estado podrán ser administradas por un juez, escribano o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, por un notario público, un juez de paz, un secretario de la ciudad o el Secretario de Estado de Texas, quienes cuentan con la capacidad de proporcionar un certificado del hecho.





**CANDIDATE MODIFIED  
REPORTING DECLARATION**

11 CANDIDATE  
NAME

12 MODIFIED  
REPORTING  
DECLARATION

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE  
CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING**

**•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before  
the first election to which the declaration applies. ••**

**•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ••**  
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

**•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party  
may NOT choose modified reporting. ••**

I do not intend to accept more than \$930 in political contributions  
or make more than \$930 in political expenditures (excluding filing  
fees) in connection with any future election within the election  
cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I  
will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a  
runoff report.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year of election(s) or election cycle to  
which declaration applies

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

**This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.**

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at [treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us)  
or mail to  
Texas Ethics Commission  
P.O. Box 12070  
Austin, TX 78711-2070

Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority  
**DO NOT SEND TO TEC**

For more information about where to file go to:  
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php>

# CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

**FORM CFCP  
COVER SHEET**

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

*Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.*

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

Date Processed

Date Imaged

**1 ACCOUNT NUMBER**  
(Ethics Commission Filers)

**2 TYPE OF FILER**

CANDIDATE

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

*If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2.*

*If filing for a political committee, complete boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2.*

**3 NAME OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

**4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

AREA CODE

PHONE NUMBER

EXTENSION

( )

**5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

STREET / PO BOX;

APT / SUITE #;

CITY;

STATE;

ZIP CODE

**6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

**7 NAME OF COMMITTEE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

**8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

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## CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

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Signature

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Date



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**2021 FILING SCHEDULE FOR REPORTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH**  
**ELECTIONS HELD ON UNIFORM ELECTION DATES**

This is a filing schedule for reports to be filed in connection with elections held on uniform election dates in May and November. Examples of elections held on uniform election dates are elections for school board positions and city offices. The uniform election dates in 2021 are May 1 and November 2.

Candidates and officeholders must file semiannual reports (due on January 15, 2021, and July 15, 2021). In addition, a candidate who has an opponent on the ballot in an election held on a uniform election date must file two pre-election reports (unless the candidate has elected modified reporting).

The campaign treasurer of a political committee that is involved in an election held on a uniform election date must also file pre-election reports (unless the committee is a general-purpose political committee that files monthly or a specific-purpose political committee that files on the modified reporting schedule). This schedule sets out the due dates for pre-election reports in connection with elections on uniform election dates. Please consult the 2021 REGULAR FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (GPAC), COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (CEC), AND SPECIFIC-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (SPAC) for a complete listing of political committee deadlines.

Candidates for and officeholders in local offices regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers (the November election in even-numbered years) should use the 2021 FILING SCHEDULE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE - This is the date by which the report must be filed. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline where applicable. A report transmitted to the Texas Ethics Commission over the Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted *by midnight, Central Time Zone, on the night of the filing deadline*. For most filing deadlines, a report filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to the filing authority by the filing deadline. **Pre-Election Reports:** A report due 30 days before an election and a report due 8 days before an election must be *received* by the appropriate filing authority no later than the report due date to be considered timely filed.

COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES) - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The "date of campaign treasurer appointment" is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after filing a campaign treasurer appointment. For officeholders recently appointed to an elective office, the beginning date for the first report will be the date the officeholder took office, provided that he or she was not already filing as an officeholder or candidate at the time of the appointment. (*NOTE: If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.***)

COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

Please consult the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS WHO FILE WITH LOCAL FILING AUTHORITIES or the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES for further information.

<u>COLUMN I</u> DUE DATE	<u>COLUMN II</u> TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	<u>COLUMN III</u> BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	<u>COLUMN IV</u> ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
Friday, January 15, 2021	<b>January semiannual</b> [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$900 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	July 1, 2020, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2020
Friday, January 15, 2021	<b>Annual report of unexpended contributions</b> [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)	January 1, 2020, <i>or</i> the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2020

**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 1, 2021, UNIFORM ELECTION**

Thursday, April 1, 2021  <b>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 1, 2021.</b>	<b>30th day before the May 1, 2021, uniform election</b> [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 1 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the May 1 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 1 election)	January 1, 2021, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	March 22, 2021
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**NOTE:** A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee is involved with the election during each pre-election reporting period. A political committee must file an 8-day pre-election report if the committee filed a 30-day pre-election report, even if there is no activity to report during the 8-day reporting period. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.

<u>COLUMN I</u> DUE DATE	<u>COLUMN II</u> TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	<u>COLUMN III</u> BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	<u>COLUMN IV</u> ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
<p>Friday, April 23, 2021</p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 23, 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before May 1, 2021, uniform election</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 1 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report” or that are involved with the May 1 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 1 election)</p>	<p>March 23, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>April 21, 2021</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after April 21, 2021, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

<p>Thursday, July 15, 2021</p>	<p><b>July semiannual</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$930 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)</p>	<p>January 1, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>June 30, 2021</p>
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<b>COLUMN I DUE DATE</b>	<b>COLUMN II TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)</b>	<b>COLUMN III BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</b>	<b>COLUMN IV ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</b>
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**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021, UNIFORM ELECTION**

<p><b>Monday, October 4, 2021</b></p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 4, 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>30th day before the November 2, 2021, uniform election</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 2 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the November 2 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 2 election)</p>	<p>July 1, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>September 23, 2021</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 25, 2021</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 25, 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the November 2, 2021, uniform election</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 2 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that are involved with the November 2 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 2 election)</p>	<p>September 24, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>October 23, 2021</p> <p><b>NOTE: Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after October 23, 2021, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</b></p>

**NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee is involved with the election during each pre-election reporting period. A political committee must file an 8-day pre-election report if the committee filed a 30-day pre-election report, even if there is no activity to report during the 8-day reporting period. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.**



<b><u>COLUMN I</u></b> <b>DUE DATE</b>	<b><u>COLUMN II</u></b> <b>TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)</b>	<b><u>COLUMN III</u></b> <b>BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</b>	<b><u>COLUMN IV</u></b> <b>ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</b>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</b></p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i></p>	<p><b>January semiannual</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$930 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)</p>	<p>July 1, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</b></p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i></p>	<p><b>Annual report of unexpended contributions</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)</p>	<p>January 1, 2021, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the final report was filed.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>

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## RESOLUTION

The Texas Ethics Commission unanimously condemns the use of misleading campaign communications regarding the activities of the Commission.

The use of the statements “a sworn complaint has been filed against Candidate A” or “the Texas Ethics Commission is investigating a complaint against Candidate A” are improper attempts to mislead the public. It is therefore the unanimous opinion of the bipartisan Texas Ethics Commission that the use of such language in campaign communications is an unfair practice and should be judged accordingly by voters.

By law, the Texas Ethics Commission investigates every sworn complaint, whether it has merit or not. Likewise, any citizen of the State of Texas has the right to file a sworn complaint, whether it has merit or not. The fact that a complaint has been filed or the Commission is investigating provides no meaningful information to the voting public. Anyone can file a complaint and the Commission must investigate the complaints it receives.

If violations of the statutes under the Commission’s jurisdiction have occurred, the proper way to inform the public of these violations is to describe the facts of the violation or the actual findings of the Commission after the conclusion of an investigation.

The Commission directs that this resolution be prominently referenced on the Commission’s website and that the resolution be sent to members of the legislature and state and county party chairs.

Issued December 3, 2013