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January 3, 2020

Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Pecos. Should you decide to become a candidate, your candidacy requires compliance with certain state statutes. In an effort to assist you, I have prepared this Candidate packet with necessary forms and pertinent instructions. I encourage you to read this letter and the enclosed material PRIOR to filling out the specific forms.

There will be three races on the May 1, 2021, ballot – the offices of Council members seat 2, seat 3, and seat 5. Those elected will serve a four-year term, from May 2021 to May 2025.

Running for office encompasses a broad range of activities. The Texas Secretary of State and the Texas Ethics Commission each regulate portions of the election process at the local level. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the laws applicable to running for elective office.

As City Secretary for the Town of Pecos City, I will be happy to answer general questions regarding due dates for reporting and filings. I am, however, constrained from offering legal advice or opinions to any candidate. The Office of the City Secretary is specifically limited by law to the acceptance and filing of various applications, affidavits, statements and reports, and noting the date and time of all such filings. These documents become public record upon filing and are available for public inspection.

Included in this packet of information is a calendar of events and deadlines, along with forms and general information. This packet only contains a small portion of the regulations that govern municipal elections, candidates and/or officeholders. It is the responsibility of each candidate to obtain any necessary information regarding relevant laws and to abide by those laws. The Legislature enacts changes from time to time relating to voting procedures, applications, and filing deadlines. In light of these changes, please verify either with my office or the agencies listed below, that you have the most current information and forms available.

Persons needing questions answered may contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-252-VOTE or www.sos.state.tx.us, or the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800 or www.ethics.state.tx.us. For your convenience, copies of the Texas Election Code and the Local Government Code are available online at: <http://www.legis.state.tx.us>



The role of the City Secretary's Office is to accept and file the various candidate applications, affidavits, and statements required and note the date 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 serve only as the custodian of the records for the benefit and convenience of the public.

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 immediately deliver to the candidate written notice of the reason for the rejection. [Election Code § 141.032(e)].

Section 141.032 of the Texas Election Code, 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.

Thank you again for your interest in serving the citizens of Pecos.

Sincerely,

Syra Nichols
Syra Nichols, TRMC
City Secretary



Sec. 3.03. - Filing as a candidate.

Any qualified elector of the city who is otherwise qualified to hold elective office under this Charter may have his name printed upon the official ballot for the particular office at any election by filing his sworn application and loyalty affidavit as required by the state election code prior to the election day. **The candidate's application must be accompanied by a certification of the tax assessor/collector of the County that the prospective candidate is not delinquent in the payment of any ad valorem taxes from any applicable taxing jurisdiction.** The failure or refusal of a candidate to submit such certificate with his application shall disqualify the applicant as a candidate in the election for which he has applied, and his name shall not appear on the official ballot.

(Res. No. 15-02-03R, 2-12-2015; Ord. No. 15-05-01, 5-14-2015/5-9-2015)

Sec. 3.04. - Official ballot.

The names of all candidates for the council as hereinbefore provided, except such as may have withdrawn, died, or become ineligible, shall be printed on the official ballot without party designations. If two (2) candidates with the same surnames, or with names so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, have made application, the addresses of their places of residence shall be placed with their names on the ballot. The order of the names on the ballot shall be determined by lot.

Sec. 3.05. - Election by majority, runoff.

The Texas State Constitution requires that municipalities adopting governing body terms exceeding two years to be elected by majority vote instead of plurality, therefore each expiring elected position shall have a position created for candidates to file in; two council positions plus a position for mayor when the mayoral position is expired and three councilman positions otherwise.

All candidates shall run at-large and ballot positions shall not correspond with any specific area or precinct within the Town of Pecos City. To be elected to any position, the candidate must receive a majority vote; over 50% of votes cast for that position. In the case of no single candidate getting a majority vote, the two candidates receiving the most votes in the given position and making written request to be included shall be placed on the ballot for a subsequent runoff election to be held no later than 30 days from the initial election. In the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

(Res. No. 15-02-03R, 2-12-2015; Ord. No. 15-05-01, 5-14-2015/5-9-2015)

Sec. 3.07. - Canvassing elections.

Returns of the elections, general and special, shall be made by the election officers to the city council at a meeting on the Thursday next following said election at which time the council shall canvass and declare the results of such election. Such meeting shall be held at the usual time and place of holding meetings of the council.

Vacant seats for May 1, 2021 Election:

- 1. Councilmember, Seat 2 (Currently filled by Councilmember Veronica Baca)**
- 2. Councilmember, Seat 3 (Currently filled by Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Tellez)**
- 3. Councilmember, Seat 5 (Currently filled by Councilmember Valerie Trujillo)**

May 1, 2021 - Uniform Election Date

Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline ¹	Monday, December 14, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
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) ¹	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
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 (Received , <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

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____				GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT							
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 ¹								
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 / /							
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) ²							
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell:		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><thead><tr><th style="padding: 5px;">IN STATE</th><th style="padding: 5px;">IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED³</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">_____ year (s)</td><td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">_____ year (s)</td></tr><tr><td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">_____ month(s)</td><td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">_____ month(s)</td></tr></tbody></table>				IN STATE	IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED ³	_____ year (s)	_____ year (s)	_____ month(s)	_____ month(s)
IN STATE	IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED ³										
_____ year (s)	_____ year (s)										
_____ month(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.											
<p>Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; margin: 10px 0;">X</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</p>											
Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____.											
Signature of Officer Administering Oath ⁴ _____				Title of Officer Administering Oath _____							
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:											
(See Section 1.007)											
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received _____		Signature of Secretary _____							

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

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

²Inclusion 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>

³This 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**.

⁴All 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

SOLICITUD PARA FIGURAR EN LA BOLETA DE _____ ELECCIÓN GENERAL					
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 ¹		
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 / /	VID – NÚMERO UNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE (Opcional) ²
INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional) Tel. residencial: Tel. laboral: Tel. celular:		DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA AL MOMENTO DE JURAMENTAR ESTA SOLICITUD			
		EN EL ESTADO ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)		EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A ³ ____ 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". <div style="text-align: center;">X _____ FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO</div>					
Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día ____ de _____, _____.					SELLO
Firma del oficial que administra el juramento ⁴ _____			Título del oficial que administra el juramento _____		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:					
(See Section 1.007)					
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received _____		Signature of Secretary _____	

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

¹Para 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.

²La 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>

³Esto 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**.

⁴Los 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.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA
PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.		1 Total pages filed:	
2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR	FIRST	MI
		
	NICKNAME	LAST	SUFFIX
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE		
	Date Received		
	Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked		
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
	()		
	Receipt # Amount \$		
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)	Date Processed		
	Date Imaged		
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)			
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR	FIRST	MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE); APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE		
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
()			
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	<p>I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.</p> <p>I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.</p> <p>I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Candidate Date Signed</p>		

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CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

FORM CTA
PG 2

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 \$900 in political contributions or make more than \$900 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
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.

Signature

Date