

Candidate Name: _____

Place: _____

City of Buda

November 2, 2021 General Election



Candidate Information & Forms

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**CITY OF BUDA
CANDIDATE PACKET OUTLINE
NOVEMBER 2, 2021 REGULAR ELECTION**

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Candidate Name: _____

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**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLIST**

Saturday, July 17, 2021

- First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot

Monday, August 16, 2021

- Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot-5:00pm

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant's filing for candidacy should submit the following documents. Note that #2 is optional.

___ 1. Application for a Place on the City of Buda General Election Ballot

If a nickname is provided for the name as it is to appear on the ballot, it must be one by which the candidate has been commonly known in the community for three years (see application).

___ 2. Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer Form (CTA) by a Candidate (if not already on file)

OR

Amendment of Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer (ACTA)

- a. Candidate may appoint himself
- b. If candidate intends to raise or spend funds on campaign prior to filing, he/she should file an appointment prior to beginning campaign.
- c. If expenditures/contributions will not exceed \$500, may execute modified reporting procedure. *Encourage candidate to sign explaining that it may only be executed at the time of Treasurer appointment, and prevents candidates from having to report total contributions under \$500.*
- d. Note date, hand-delivered or postmarked, time received, and executed by individual's name and title.

___ 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

- a. Signing of this form is *optional, but encouraged* per the Election Code.
- b. If the candidate chooses to sign, the form should be filed when the treasurer appointment is filed.

Candidate Name: _____

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

405 E. Loop St., Building 100

Buda, TX 78610

Ofc: 512-312-0084

Fax: 512-312-1889

www.ci.buda.tx.us

Alicia Ramirez, TRMC

City Clerk

aramirez@ci.buda.tx.us

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in our City government. To assist you as you endeavor to secure a position as a member of the City of Buda City Council, the attached packet will guide you through the process.

It will be your duty to become familiar with the laws applicable to campaigning for public office. It is important to note that our duty is limited to accepting and filing the various applications, affidavits, statements, and reports required by statute. We will not be able to judge or comment upon the timeliness or sufficiency of most of the required filings. Please remember all of the required filings and reports are considered open records and may be viewed as such by reporters and opponents alike.

Should you have any questions regarding procedures, rules, or regulations related to campaign finance in Texas, please call the Texas Ethics Commission at 1-512-463-5800 for assistance. Additional forms are available from their website located at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>. Questions regarding election law should be directed to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State at 1-512-463-5650 or 1-800-252-8683 or visit their website located at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us>.

To stay up to date on issues affecting the City, you may wish to review the City Council meeting agendas and packets. The agendas and briefing packets are located on the City's website at www.ci.buda.tx.us under the Agendas & Minutes tab. If you wish to receive a notice of the posting via email or text message, you may sign up for these notices utilizing the NotifyMe* feature on the City's website. The agendas and packets are typically available to download on the afternoon or evening each Friday immediately before a City Council meeting.

We appreciate your interest in municipal government and hope this process will be a positive and rewarding experience. If you should need further information, please come by my office or call me at 512-523-1014. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Alicia Ramirez, TRMC

City Clerk

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IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES
NOVEMBER 2, 2021
GENERAL / SPECIAL ELECTION

This list is a condensed list of important dates. For a more detailed list, please visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

July 17 - First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot

July 17 - First Day to File for a Place on the Special Election Ballot

August 16 - Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (5:00 p.m.)

October 4 - Last Day to Register to Vote

October 18 - First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

October 22 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)

October 29 - Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

November 2 - Election Day

Election Day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Results via Hays County Elections – <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/election-results.aspx>

ALL INFORMATION IS **REQUIRED** TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

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|--|--------------|--|---|--|---|
| APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE <u>City of Buda</u> 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 / / | VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) ² |
| TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell: | | LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN | | | |
| | | IN STATE ____ year (s) ____ month(s) | | IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED ³ ____ 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." | | | | | |
| X _____ | | | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE | | | | | |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the ____ day of _____, _____. | | | | | |
| SEAL | | | | | |
| _____ 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) | | _____ 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

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 City of Buda 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.

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| 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 |

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| NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer nombre, segundo nombre, apellido) | ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE FIGURE EN LA BOLETA¹ |
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| 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.) |
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| CIUDAD | ESTADO | CÓDIGO POSTAL | CIUDAD | ESTADO | CÓDIGO POSTAL |
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| 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 |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|

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| 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/A³ ____ 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 _____, _____.

SELLO

 Firma del oficial que administra el juramento⁴ 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

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 Inglés) 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

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| 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 Hand-delivered or Postmarked | | |
| 4 CANDIDATE PHONE | AREA CODE | PHONE NUMBER | EXTENSION |
| | () | | |
| 5 OFFICE HELD (if any) | Date Imaged | | |
| 6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known) | Receipt # | | |
| 7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME | MS/MRS/MR | FIRST | MI |
| | NICKNAME | LAST | SUFFIX |
| 8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business) | STREET ADDRESS; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE | | |
| | Date Processed | | |
| 9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE | AREA CODE | PHONE NUMBER | EXTENSION |
| | () | | |
| 10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE | Date Imaged | | |
| | <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</p> <p>_____</p> <p>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 \$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
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

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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

PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORM

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

The Public Information Act allows certain information confidential. Unless you choose to keep it confidential, the following information about you may be subject to public release if requested under the Texas Public Information Act. Therefore, please indicate whether you wish to allow public release of the following information.

Once filed and verified, Candidate Applications will be available on the City's website. Selected confidential information will be redacted from the related documents.

| | Public Access? | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----|
| | No | Yes |
| Public Email Address | | |
| Public Telephone Number | | |

Print Name

Signature

Date