

January 14, 2026

Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your consideration to offer your services to the citizens of the City of La Feria by becoming a candidate for the upcoming general election. To inform you of important dates and legal requirements of the State and City pertaining to elections, I have prepared the attached candidate's packet for the May 2, 2026, General Election.

With respect to election forms, please note that Section 254.036 of the election Code requires that all forms regarding financial reporting be written in black ink or typed with black typewriter ribbon unless the report is a computer printout. If the report is a computer printout, the printout must conform to the same format and paper size as the form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission.

Title 15 of the Texas Election code pertains to campaign expenditures. A candidate should first designate a Campaign treasurer before accepting or disbursing campaign funds. Financial reports should be completed by the campaign treasurer and signed by the candidate before being filed in my office in a timely manner. The duty of the City Secretary is limited to accepting and filing the forms, affidavits, and statements submitted and noting the date of filing. Campaign reports and other forms and documents submitted by candidates are considered public records and will be made available to requestors through the Public Information request process.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about the election via phone at 956-797-2261 ext. 409 or via email at [amorales@cityoflaferia.com](mailto:amorales@cityoflaferia.com), or see me in person. My office is located in City Hall and the hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Sincerely,

*Amanda Morales*

Amanda Morales, TRMC, CPM  
City Secretary

## **SUMMARY OF EXHIBITS IN CANDIDATE'S PACKET**

**Exhibit "A"** – Important Dates for Candidates

**Exhibit "B"** – Appointment of Candidates' Campaign Treasurer Form (CTA Form) and Instruction Guide.

**Exhibit "C"** – Campaign Finance Report for Candidates and Officeholders who file with Local Filing Authorities.

**Exhibit "D"** – A copy of the Texas Ethics Commission's Political Advertising, What You Need to Know.

**Exhibit "E"** – City of La Feria Ordinance 2019-02 establishing rules for electioneering on City property.

**Exhibit "F"** - Application for a Place on the City of La Feria Ballot. Complete and return to City Secretary by February 14, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. The oath included on this application must be notarized. Each application must be carefully reviewed to determine whether it complies with the Election Code requirements as to content. Please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review.

**Exhibit "G"** – A copy of the Texas Ethics Commission's Code of Fair Campaign Practices Form CFCP. This form may be signed voluntarily and is not mandatory.

## **2026 General Election Important Dates**

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| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>ACTION</u></b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| January 14, 2026   | First day for filing application for place on ballot.   |
| February 13, 2026  | 5:00 p.m. – Last day to file application for a place on the ballot.   |
| February 20, 2026  | 5:00 p.m. - Last day for a candidate to withdraw name from ballot. If a candidate withdraws or is declared ineligible by this date, his or her name is omitted from the ballot. |
| February 20, 2026  | 5:00 p.m. – drawing for place on the ballot at City Hall, City Commission Meeting Room.   |
| April 2, 2026      | 5:00 p.m. - Last day a person may register to vote in the May 3, 2025 Election.   |
| April 2, 2026      | 5:00 p.m. - Due date for first report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C/OH Form) (30th day before the election). (C/OH Form) (Opposed candidates only)              |
| April 20, 2026     | Early voting by personal appearance begins American Legion Post 439 located at 219 E. Commercial Ave.   |
| April 20, 2026     | 5:00 p.m. – Last day Early Voting Clerk can receive applications for a mail ballot to be received via U.S. Mail, or common/contract carrier.                                    |
| April 24, 2026     | 5:00 p.m. – Due date for second report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (8th day before the election). (C/OH Form) (Opposed candidates only)*                         |
| April 28, 2026     | Last day for early voting by personal appearance at American Legion Post 439 located at 219 E. Commercial Ave.  |
| May 2, 2026        | ELECTION DAY!! Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.   |
| May 4, 2026        | Last day for receiving a ballot from voters who are voting outside the U.S.   |

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**AMENDMENT:**  
**CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION**

13 CANDIDATE  
NAME

14 MODIFIED  
REPORTING  
DECLARATION

NEW

**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 \$1,140 in political contributions  
or make more than \$1,140 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>



# CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT

**FORM C/OH  
COVER SHEET PG 2**

|                               |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>15</b> C/OH NAME           |   | <b>16</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>17</b> CONTRIBUTION TOTALS | 1. TOTAL UNITEMIZED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE ELECTRONICALLY) | \$  |
|                               | 2. <b>TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS)   | \$  |
| EXPENDITURE TOTALS            | 3. TOTAL UNITEMIZED POLITICAL EXPENDITURE.  | \$  |
|                               | 4. <b>TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES</b>  | \$  |
| CONTRIBUTION BALANCE          | 5. TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAINTAINED AS OF THE LAST DAY OF REPORTING PERIOD  | \$  |
| OUTSTANDING LOAN TOTALS       | 6. TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ALL OUTSTANDING LOANS AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD   | \$  |

**18 SIGNATURE** I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the accompanying report is true and correct and includes all information required to be reported by me under Title 15, Election Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate or Officeholder

**Please complete either option below:**

**(1) Affidavit**

NOTARY STAMP / SEAL

Sworn to and subscribed before me by \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

**OR**

**(2) Unsworn Declaration**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate/Officeholder (Declarant)

# SUBTOTALS - C/OH

# FORM C/OH COVER SHEET PG 3

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|--|--|---|
| <b>19</b> FILER NAME                             |  | <b>20</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>21</b> SCHEDULE SUBTOTALS<br>NAME OF SCHEDULE |  | SUBTOTAL<br>AMOUNT                            |
| 1.   | SCHEDULE A1: MONETARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS                                      | \$  |
| 2.   | SCHEDULE A2: NON-MONETARY (IN-KIND) POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS                        | \$  |
| 3.   | SCHEDULE B: PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS  | \$  |
| 4.   | SCHEDULE E: LOANS  | \$  |
| 5.   | SCHEDULE F1: POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS              | \$  |
| 6.   | SCHEDULE F2: UNPAID INCURRED OBLIGATIONS   | \$  |
| 7.   | SCHEDULE F3: PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS             | \$  |
| 8.   | SCHEDULE F4: EXPENDITURES MADE BY CREDIT CARD                                      | \$  |
| 9.   | SCHEDULE G: POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM PERSONAL FUNDS                        | \$  |
| 10.  | SCHEDULE H: PAYMENT MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BUSINESS OF C/OH        | \$  |
| 11.  | SCHEDULE I: NON-POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS           | \$  |
| 12.  | SCHEDULE K: INTEREST, CREDITS, GAINS, REFUNDS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNED TO FILER | \$  |

# MONETARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

# SCHEDULE A1

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b> |   | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule A1:            |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |   | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Date  | <b>5</b> Full name of contributor out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____)<br>.....<br><b>6</b> Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code | <b>7</b> Amount of contribution (\$)         |
| <b>8</b> Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)     |   | <b>9</b> Employer (See Instructions)         |
| Date   | Full name of contributor out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____)<br>.....<br>Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code                   | Amount of contribution (\$)                  |
| Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)              |   | Employer (See Instructions)                  |
| Date   | Full name of contributor out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____)<br>.....<br>Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code                   | Amount of contribution (\$)                  |
| Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)              |   | Employer (See Instructions)                  |
| Date   | Full name of contributor out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____)<br>.....<br>Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code                   | Amount of contribution (\$)                  |
| Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)              |   | Employer (See Instructions)                  |

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 If contributor is out-of-state PAC, please see Instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

# NON-MONETARY (IN-KIND) POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## SCHEDULE A2

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b>                   |  | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule A2:                                  |   |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |  | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)                       |   |
| <b>4</b> TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED IN-KIND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS                       |  | \$   |   |
| <b>5</b> Date  | <b>6</b> Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) | <b>8</b> Amount of Contribution \$                                 | <b>9</b> In-kind contribution description |
|  | .....<br><b>7</b> Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code                             |  |   |
|  |  | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.             |   |
| <b>10</b> Principal occupation / Job title (FOR NON-JUDICIAL)(See Instructions)    |  | <b>11</b> Employer (FOR NON-JUDICIAL)(See Instructions)            |   |
| <b>12</b> Contributor's principal occupation (FOR JUDICIAL)                        |  | <b>13</b> Contributor's job title (FOR JUDICIAL)(See Instructions) |   |
| <b>14</b> Contributor's employer/law firm (FOR JUDICIAL)                           |  | <b>15</b> Law firm of contributor's spouse (if any) (FOR JUDICIAL) |   |
| <b>16</b> If contributor is a child, law firm of parent(s) (if any) (FOR JUDICIAL) |  |  |   |
| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Full name of contributor</b> <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____)   | <b>Amount of Contribution \$</b>                                   | <b>In-kind contribution description</b>   |
|  | .....<br>Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code                                      |  |   |
|  |  | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.             |   |
| <b>Principal occupation / Job title (FOR NON-JUDICIAL) (See Instructions)</b>      |  | <b>Employer (FOR NON-JUDICIAL)(See Instructions)</b>               |   |
| <b>Contributor's principal occupation (FOR JUDICIAL)</b>                           |  | <b>Contributor's job title (FOR JUDICIAL)(See Instructions)</b>    |   |
| <b>Contributor's employer/law firm (FOR JUDICIAL)</b>                              |  | <b>Law firm of contributor's spouse (if any) (FOR JUDICIAL)</b>    |   |
| <b>If contributor is a child, law firm of parent(s) (if any) (FOR JUDICIAL)</b>    |  |  |   |

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# LOANS

# SCHEDULE E

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b> |   | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule E:   |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |   | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)   |
| <b>4</b> TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED LOANS                               |   | \$   |
| <b>5</b> Date of loan  | <b>7</b> Name of lender <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____ )                 | <b>9</b> Loan Amount (\$)  |
| <b>6</b> Is lender a financial Institution?<br><br>Y    N        | <b>8</b> Lender address;                      City;                      State;    Zip Code     | <b>10</b> Interest rate  |
|  |   | <b>11</b> Maturity date  |
| <b>12</b> Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)    |   | <b>13</b> Employer (See Instructions)  |
| <b>14</b> Description of Collateral<br><br>none                  |   | <b>15</b> Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions) |
| <b>16</b> GUARANTOR INFORMATION<br><br>not applicable            | <b>17</b> Name of guarantor   | <b>19</b> Amount Guaranteed (\$)   |
|  | <b>18</b> Guarantor address;                      City;                      State;    Zip Code |  |
| <b>20</b> Principal Occupation (See Instructions)                |   | <b>21</b> Employer (See Instructions)  |
| Date of loan   | Name of lender <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____ )                          | Loan Amount (\$)   |
| Is lender a financial Institution?<br><br>Y    N                 | Lender address;                      City;                      State;    Zip Code              | Interest rate  |
|  |   | Maturity date  |
| Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)              |   | Employer (See Instructions)  |
| Description of Collateral<br><br>none                            |   | Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions)           |
| GUARANTOR INFORMATION<br><br>not applicable                      | Name of guarantor   | Amount Guaranteed (\$)   |
|  | Guarantor address;                      City;                      State;    Zip Code           |  |
| Principal Occupation (See Instructions)                          |   | Employer (See Instructions)  |

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If lender is out-of-state PAC, please see Instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

# POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

# SCHEDULE F1

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)

- |  |                               |                                |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Advertising Expense                        | Event Expense                 | Loan Repayment/Reimbursement   | Solicitation/Fundraising Expense           |
| Accounting/Banking                         | Fees                          | Office Overhead/Rental Expense | Transportation Equipment & Related Expense |
| Consulting Expense                         | Food/Beverage Expense         | Polling Expense                | Travel In District                         |
| Contributions/Donations Made By            | Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense | Printing Expense               | Travel Out Of District                     |
| Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee | Legal Services                | Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor  | Other (enter a category not listed above)  |
| Credit Card Payment                        |                               |                                |  |

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

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| <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule F1:                                   | <b>2</b> FILER NAME  | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Date   | <b>5</b> Payee name  |  |
| <b>6</b> Amount (\$)  | <b>7</b> Payee address;  | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | <b>(a)</b> Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)  | <b>(b)</b> Description                       |
|   | <b>(c)</b> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |  |
| <b>9</b> Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |
| Date  | Payee name   |  |
| Amount (\$)   | Payee address;   | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | Description                                  |
|   | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense            |  |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH          | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |
| Date  | Payee name   |  |
| Amount (\$)   | Payee address;   | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | Description                                  |
|   | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense            |  |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH          | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |

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# UNPAID INCURRED OBLIGATIONS

# SCHEDULE F2

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 10(a)

|  |                               |                                |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Advertising Expense                        | Event Expense                 | Loan Repayment/Reimbursement   | Solicitation/Fundraising Expense           |
| Accounting/Banking                         | Fees                          | Office Overhead/Rental Expense | Transportation Equipment & Related Expense |
| Consulting Expense                         | Food/Beverage Expense         | Polling Expense                | Travel In District                         |
| Contributions/Donations Made By            | Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense | Printing Expense               | Travel Out Of District                     |
| Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee | Legal Services                | Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor  | Other (enter a category not listed above)  |

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

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| <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule F2: | <b>2</b> FILER NAME | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
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| <b>4</b> TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED UNPAID INCURRED OBLIGATIONS | \$ |
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|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>5</b> Date | <b>6</b> Payee name |
|---------------|---------------------|

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>7</b> Amount (\$) | <b>8</b> Payee address; City; State; Zip Code |
|----------------------|---|

|                              |           |               |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>9</b> TYPE OF EXPENDITURE | Political | Non-Political |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|

|                                  |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>10</b> PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE | <b>(a)</b> Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule) | <b>(b)</b> Description                           |
|                                  | <b>(c)</b> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.       | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |

|  |                               |               |             |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>11</b> Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH | Candidate / Officeholder name | Office sought | Office held |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| Date | Payee name |
|------|------------|

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Amount (\$) | Payee address; City; State; Zip Code |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|

|                     |           |               |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|
| TYPE OF EXPENDITURE | Political | Non-Political |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|

|                        |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule) | Description                                      |
|                        | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.       | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |

|  |                               |               |             |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH | Candidate / Officeholder name | Office sought | Office held |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|

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# PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## SCHEDULE F3

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b> |  | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule F3:            |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |  | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Date  | <b>5</b> Name of person from whom investment is purchased  |  |
|  | .....  |  |
|  | <b>6</b> Address of person from whom investment is purchased;                      City;                      State;                      Zip Code |  |
|  | <b>7</b> Description of investment   |  |
|  | <b>8</b> Amount of investment (\$)   |  |
| Date   | Name of person from whom investment is purchased   |  |
|  | .....  |  |
|  | Address of person from whom investment is purchased;                      City;                      State;                      Zip Code          |  |
|  | Description of investment  |  |
|  | Amount of investment (\$)  |  |

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# EXPENDITURES MADE BY CREDIT CARD

## SCHEDULE F4

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 10(a)

|  |                               |                                |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Advertising Expense                        | Event Expense                 | Loan Repayment/Reimbursement   | Solicitation/Fundraising Expense           |
| Accounting/Banking                         | Fees                          | Office Overhead/Rental Expense | Transportation Equipment & Related Expense |
| Consulting Expense                         | Food/Beverage Expense         | Polling Expense                | Travel In District                         |
| Contributions/Donations Made By            | Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense | Printing Expense               | Travel Out Of District                     |
| Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee | Legal Services                | Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor  | Other (enter a category not listed above)  |

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

USE A NEW PAGE FOR EACH CREDIT CARD ISSUER

|                                   |                     |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>1 TOTAL PAGES SCHEDULE F4:</b> | <b>2 FILER NAME</b> | <b>3 FILER ID (Ethics Commission Filers)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|

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| <b>4 TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED EXPENDITURES CHARGED TO A CREDIT CARD</b> | \$ |
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|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>5 CREDIT CARD ISSUER</b> | Name of financial institution |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|

|                  |                          |                              |                                     |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>6 PAYMENT</b> | (a) Amount Charged<br>\$ | (b) Date Expenditure Charged | (c) Date(s) Credit Card Issuer Paid |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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|----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>7 PAYEE</b> | (a) Payee name | (b) Payee address; City, State, Zip Code |
|----------------|----------------|--|

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|---|--|-----------------|
| <b>8 PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b><br>Political<br>Non-Political | (a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | (b) Description |
|   | (c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <span style="float:right">Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense</span> |                 |

|  |                               |               |             |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>9 Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH</b> | Candidate / Officeholder name | Office Sought | Office Held |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|

|                |                          |                              |                                     |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>PAYMENT</b> | (a) Amount Charged<br>\$ | (b) Date Expenditure Charged | (c) Date(s) Credit Card Issuer Paid |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

|              |                |  |
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| <b>PAYEE</b> | (a) Payee name | (b) Payee address; City, State, Zip Code |
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| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b><br>Political<br>Non-Political | (a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | (b) Description |
|   | (c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <span style="float:right">Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense</span> |                 |

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|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH</b> | Candidate / Officeholder name | Office Sought | Office Held |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|

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|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>PAYMENT</b> | (a) Amount Charged<br>\$ | (b) Date Expenditure Charged | (c) Date(s) Credit Card Issuer Paid |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

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| <b>PAYEE</b> | (a) Payee name | (b) Payee address; City, State, Zip Code |
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| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b><br>Political<br>Non-Political | (a) Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | (b) Description |
|   | (c) Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <span style="float:right">Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense</span> |                 |

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| <b>Complete ONLY if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH</b> | Candidate / Officeholder name | Office Sought | Office Held |
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# POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM PERSONAL FUNDS

## SCHEDULE G

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### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)

|  |                               |                                |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Advertising Expense                        | Event Expense                 | Loan Repayment/Reimbursement   | Solicitation/Fundraising Expense           |
| Accounting/Banking                         | Fees                          | Office Overhead/Rental Expense | Transportation Equipment & Related Expense |
| Consulting Expense                         | Food/Beverage Expense         | Polling Expense                | Travel In District                         |
| Contributions/Donations Made By            | Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense | Printing Expense               | Travel Out Of District                     |
| Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee | Legal Services                | Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor  | Other (enter a category not listed above)  |
| Credit Card Payment                        |                               |                                |  |

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| <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule G:  | <b>2</b> FILER NAME   | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)     |
| <b>4</b> Date   | <b>5</b> Payee name   |  |
| <b>6</b> Amount (\$)<br><br>Reimbursement from political contributions intended | <b>7</b> Payee address; City; State; Zip Code                           |  |
| <b>8</b><br><b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | <b>(a)</b> Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule) | <b>(b)</b> Description                           |
|   | <b>(c)</b> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.       | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |
| <b>9</b><br>Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH          | Candidate / Officeholder name   | Office sought Office held                        |
| Date  | Payee name  |  |
| Amount (\$)<br><br>Reimbursement from political contributions intended          | Payee address; City; State; Zip Code                                    |  |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>   | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)            | Description                                      |
|   | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.                  | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH                      | Candidate / Officeholder name   | Office sought Office held                        |
| Date  | Payee name  |  |
| Amount (\$)<br><br>Reimbursement from political contributions intended          | Payee address; City; State; Zip Code                                    |  |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>   | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)            | Description                                      |
|   | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.                  | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH                      | Candidate / Officeholder name   | Office sought Office held                        |
| Date  | Payee name  |  |
| Amount (\$)<br><br>Reimbursement from political contributions intended          | Payee address; City; State; Zip Code                                    |  |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>   | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)            | Description                                      |
|   | Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T.                  | Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH                      | Candidate / Officeholder name   | Office sought Office held                        |

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# PAYMENT MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BUSINESS OF C/OH

## SCHEDULE H

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### EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES FOR BOX 8(a)

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Advertising Expense<br>Accounting/Banking<br>Consulting Expense<br>Contributions/Donations Made By<br>Candidate/Officeholder/Political Committee<br>Credit Card Payment | Event Expense<br>Fees<br>Food/Beverage Expense<br>Gift/Awards/Memorials Expense<br>Legal Services | Loan Repayment/Reimbursement<br>Office Overhead/Rental Expense<br>Polling Expense<br>Printing Expense<br>Salaries/Wages/Contract Labor | Solicitation/Fundraising Expense<br>Transportation Equipment & Related Expense<br>Travel In District<br>Travel Out Of District<br>Other (enter a category not listed above) |
|---|---|--|---|

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| <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule H:                                    | <b>2</b> FILER NAME  | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Date   | <b>5</b> Business name   |  |
| <b>6</b> Amount (\$)  | <b>7</b> Business address;   | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | <b>(a)</b> Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)  | <b>(b)</b> Description                       |
|   | <b>(c)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense |  |
| <b>9</b> Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |
| Date  | Business name  |  |
| Amount (\$)   | Business address;  | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | Description                                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense            |  |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH          | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |
| Date  | Business name  |  |
| Amount (\$)   | Business address;  | City; State; Zip Code                        |
| <b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>                                       | Category (See Categories listed at the top of this schedule)   | Description                                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if travel outside of Texas. Complete Schedule T. <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Austin, TX, officeholder living expense            |  |
| Complete <u>ONLY</u> if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH          | Candidate / Officeholder name  | Office sought Office held                    |

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# NON-POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## SCHEDULE I

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| <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule I:                  | <b>2</b> FILER NAME   | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)                                      |
| <b>4</b> Date                                     | <b>5</b> Payee name   |   |
| <b>6</b> Amount (\$)                              | <b>7</b> Payee address;   | City                      State                      Zip Code                     |
| <b>8</b><br><b>PURPOSE<br/>OF<br/>EXPENDITURE</b> | <b>(a)</b> Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.) | <b>(b)</b> Description (See instructions regarding type of information required.) |
| Date  | Payee name  |   |
| Amount (\$)                                       | Payee address;  | City                      State                      Zip Code                     |
| <b>PURPOSE<br/>OF<br/>EXPENDITURE</b>             | Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)            | Description (See instructions regarding type of information required.)            |
| Date  | Payee name  |   |
| Amount (\$)                                       | Payee address;  | City                      State                      Zip Code                     |
| <b>PURPOSE<br/>OF<br/>EXPENDITURE</b>             | Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)            | Description (See instructions regarding type of information required.)            |
| Date  | Payee name  |   |
| Amount (\$)                                       | Payee address;  | City                      State                      Zip Code                     |
| <b>PURPOSE<br/>OF<br/>EXPENDITURE</b>             | Category (See instructions for examples of acceptable categories.)            | Description (See instructions regarding type of information required.)            |

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# INTEREST, CREDITS, GAINS, REFUNDS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNED TO FILER

## SCHEDULE K

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b> |  | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule K:             |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |  | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Date  | <b>5</b> Name of person from whom amount is received   | <b>8</b> Amount (\$)                         |
|  | .....<br><b>6</b> Address of person from whom amount is received;    City;            State;    Zip Code                           |  |
|  | <b>7</b> Purpose for which amount is received <span style="float: right;">Check if political contribution returned to filer</span> |  |
| Date   | Name of person from whom amount is received  | Amount (\$)                                  |
|  | .....<br>Address of person from whom amount is received;    City;            State;    Zip Code                                    |  |
|  | Purpose for which amount is received <span style="float: right;">Check if political contribution returned to filer</span>          |  |
| Date   | Name of person from whom amount is received  | Amount (\$)                                  |
|  | .....<br>Address of person from whom amount is received;    City;            State;    Zip Code                                    |  |
|  | Purpose for which amount is received <span style="float: right;">Check if political contribution returned to filer</span>          |  |
| Date   | Name of person from whom amount is received  | Amount (\$)                                  |
|  | .....<br>Address of person from whom amount is received;    City;            State;    Zip Code                                    |  |
|  | Purpose for which amount is received <span style="float: right;">Check if political contribution returned to filer</span>          |  |

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# IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OR POLITICAL EXPENDITURES FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF TEXAS

## SCHEDULE T

If the requested information is not applicable, **DO NOT** include this page in the report.

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| <b>The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.</b>                   |   | <b>1</b> Total pages Schedule T:             |
| <b>2</b> FILER NAME  |   | <b>3</b> Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) |
| <b>4</b> Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee |   |  |
| <b>5</b> Contribution / Expenditure reported on:                                   |   |  |
| Schedule A2  | Schedule B  | Schedule B(J)                                |
| Schedule F2  | Schedule F4   | Schedule G                                   |
| Schedule C2  | Schedule H  | Schedule D                                   |
| Schedule COH-UC  | Schedule F1   | Schedule B-SS                                |
| <b>6</b> Dates of travel   | <b>7</b> Name of person(s) traveling  |  |
|  | <b>8</b> Departure city or name of departure location                               |  |
|  | <b>9</b> Destination city or name of destination location                           |  |
| <b>10</b> Means of transportation  | <b>11</b> Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event) |  |
| Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee          |   |  |
| Contribution / Expenditure reported on:  |   |  |
| Schedule A2  | Schedule B  | Schedule B(J)                                |
| Schedule F2  | Schedule F4   | Schedule G                                   |
| Schedule C2  | Schedule H  | Schedule D                                   |
| Schedule COH-UC  | Schedule F1   | Schedule B-SS                                |
| Dates of travel  | Name of person(s) traveling   |  |
|  | Departure city or name of departure location  |  |
|  | Destination city or name of destination location                                    |  |
| Means of transportation  | Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event)           |  |
| Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee          |   |  |
| Contribution / Expenditure reported on:  |   |  |
| Schedule A2  | Schedule B  | Schedule B(J)                                |
| Schedule F2  | Schedule F4   | Schedule G                                   |
| Schedule C2  | Schedule H  | Schedule D                                   |
| Schedule COH-UC  | Schedule F1   | Schedule B-SS                                |
| Dates of travel  | Name of person(s) traveling   |  |
|  | Departure city or name of departure location  |  |
|  | Destination city or name of destination location                                    |  |
| Means of transportation  | Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event)           |  |

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# CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER REPORT: DESIGNATION OF FINAL REPORT

FORM C/OH - FR

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

•• Complete only if "Report Type" on page 1 is marked "Final Report" ••

1 C/OH NAME

2 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers)

### 3 SIGNATURE

I do not expect any further political contributions or political expenditures in connection with my candidacy. I understand that designating a report as a final report terminates my campaign treasurer appointment. I also understand that I may not accept any campaign contributions or make any campaign expenditures without a campaign treasurer appointment on file.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate / Officeholder

### 4 FILER WHO IS NOT AN OFFICEHOLDER

•• Complete A & B below *only* if you are not an officeholder. ••

#### A. CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Check only one:

I do not have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions.

I have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert unexpended political contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must file an annual report of unexpended contributions and that I may not retain unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions longer than six years after filing this final report. Further, I understand that I must dispose of unexpended political contributions and unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.

#### B. ASSETS

Check only one:

I do not retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.

I do retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must dispose of assets purchased with political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.

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

### 5 OFFICEHOLDER

•• Complete this section *only* if you are an officeholder ••

I am aware that I remain subject to filing requirements applicable to an officeholder who does not have a campaign treasurer on file. I am also aware that I will be required to file reports of unexpended contributions if, after filing the last required report as an officeholder, I retain political contributions, interest or other income from political contributions, or assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officeholder

# **POLITICAL ADVERTISING**

## **What You Need to Know**



The Texas Election Code requires certain disclosures and notices on political advertising. The law also prohibits certain types of misrepresentation in political advertising and campaign communications. This brochure explains what you need to know to insure that your political advertising and campaign communications comply with the law.

If you are not sure what the law requires, do the cautious thing. Use the political advertising disclosure statement whenever you think it might be necessary, and do not use any possibly misleading information in political advertising or a campaign communication. If you are using political advertising or campaign communications from a prior campaign, you should check to see if the law has changed since that campaign.

Candidates for federal office should check with the Federal Election Commission at (800) 424-9530 for information on federal political advertising laws.

**NOTICE:** This guide is intended only as a general overview of the disclosure statements that must appear on political advertising as required under [Chapter 255 of the Election Code](#), which is distinct from political reporting requirements under [Chapter 254 of the Election Code](#).

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## REQUIRED DISCLOSURE ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING

### I. What Is Political Advertising?

The disclosure statement and notice requirements discussed in this section apply to “political advertising.” In the law, “political advertising” is a specifically defined term. Do not confuse this special term with your own common-sense understanding of advertising.

To figure out if a communication is political advertising, you must look at what it says and where it appears. If a communication fits in one of the categories listed in Part A (below) and if it fits in one of the categories listed in Part B (below), it is political advertising.

#### Part A. What Does It Say?

1. Political advertising includes communications supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election to either a public office or an office of a political party (including county and precinct chairs).
2. Political advertising includes communications supporting or opposing an officeholder, a political party, or a measure (a ballot proposition).

#### Part B. Where Does It Appear?

1. Political advertising includes communications that appear in pamphlets, circulars, fliers, billboards or other signs, bumper stickers, or similar forms of written communication.
2. Political advertising includes communications that are published in newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals in return for consideration.
3. Political advertising includes communications that are broadcast by radio or television in return for consideration.
4. Political advertising includes communications that appear on an Internet website.

### II. When Is a Disclosure Statement Required?

The law provides that political advertising that contains express advocacy is required to include a disclosure statement. The person who causes the political advertising to be published, distributed, or broadcast is responsible for including the disclosure statement.

The law does not define the term “express advocacy.” However, the law does provide that political advertising is deemed to contain express advocacy if it is authorized by a candidate, an agent of a candidate, or a political committee filing campaign finance reports. Therefore, a disclosure statement is required any time a candidate, a candidate’s agent, or a political committee authorizes political advertising.

The precise language of political advertising authorized by someone other than a candidate, the candidate's agent, or a political committee will determine if the advertising contains express advocacy and is therefore required to include a disclosure statement. Generally, the question is whether the communication expressly advocates the election or defeat of an identified candidate, or expressly advocates the passage or defeat of a measure, such as a bond election. The inclusion of words such as "vote for," "elect," "support," "defeat," "reject," or "Smith for Senate" would clearly constitute express advocacy, but express advocacy is not limited to communications that use those words. Similar phrases, such as "Cast your ballot for X," would also constitute express advocacy. Additionally, in 2007, the United States Supreme Court held that an advertisement included express advocacy or its functional equivalent "if the ad is susceptible to no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate." *FEC v. Wis. Right to Life, Inc.*, 551 U.S. 449 (2007). It is a question of fact whether a particular communication constitutes express advocacy. If you are not sure whether political advertising contains express advocacy, do the cautious thing and include the disclosure statement. That way, there is no need to worry about whether you have violated the law.

Remember: The concept of "express advocacy" is relevant in determining whether political advertising is required to include a disclosure statement. However, the political advertising laws governing the right-of-way notice, misrepresentation, and use of public funds by political subdivisions will apply to political advertising regardless of whether the advertising contains express advocacy.

### **III. What Should the Disclosure Statement Say?**

A disclosure statement must include the following:

1. the words "political advertising" or a recognizable abbreviation such as "pol. adv."; and
2. the full name of one of the following: (a) the person who paid for the political advertising; (b) the political committee authorizing the political advertising; or (c) the candidate or specific-purpose committee supporting the candidate, if the political advertising is authorized by the candidate.

The disclosure statement must appear on the face of the political advertising or be clearly spoken if the political advertising is audio only and does not include written text.

The advertising should not be attributed to entities such as "Committee to Elect John Doe" unless a specific-purpose committee named "Committee to Elect John Doe" has filed a campaign treasurer appointment with the Ethics Commission or a local filing authority.

### **IV. Are There Any Exceptions to the Disclosure Statement Requirement?**

The following types of political advertising do not need the disclosure statement:

1. t-shirts, balloons, buttons, emery boards, hats, lapel stickers, small magnets, pencils, pens, pins, wooden nickels, candy wrappers, and similar materials;
2. invitations or tickets to political fundraising events or to events held to establish support for a candidate or officeholder;

3. an envelope that is used to transmit political advertising, provided that the political advertising in the envelope includes the disclosure statement;
4. circulars or fliers that cost in the aggregate less than \$500 to publish and distribute;
5. political advertising printed on letterhead stationery, if the letterhead includes the name of one of the following: (a) the person who paid for the advertising, (b) the political committee authorizing the advertising, or, (c) the candidate or specific-purpose committee supporting the candidate, if the political advertising is authorized by the candidate. (Note: There is also an exception for holiday greeting cards sent by an officeholder, provided that the officeholder's name and address appear on the card or the envelope.)
6. postings or re-postings on an Internet website if the person posting or re-posting is not an officeholder, candidate, or political committee and did not make an expenditure exceeding \$100 in a reporting period for political advertising beyond the basic cost of hardware messaging software and bandwidth;
7. an Internet social media profile webpage of a candidate or officeholder, if the webpage clearly and conspicuously displays the full name of the candidate or officeholder; and
8. postings or re-postings on an Internet website if the advertising is posted with a link to a publicly viewable Internet webpage that either contains the disclosure statement or is an Internet social media profile webpage of a candidate or officeholder that clearly and conspicuously displays the candidate's or officeholder's full name.

#### **V. What Should I Do If I Discover That My Political Advertising Does Not Contain a Disclosure Statement?**

The law prohibits a person from using, causing or permitting to be used, or continuing to use political advertising containing express advocacy if the person knows it does not include the disclosure statement. A person is presumed to know that the use is prohibited if the Texas Ethics Commission notifies the person in writing that the use is prohibited. If you receive notice from the Texas Ethics Commission that your political advertising does not comply with the law, you should stop using it immediately.

If you learn that a political advertising sign designed to be seen from the road does not contain a disclosure statement or contains an inaccurate disclosure statement, you should make a good faith attempt to remove or correct those signs that have been distributed. You are not required to attempt to recover other types of political advertising that have been distributed with a missing or inaccurate disclosure statement.

#### **VI. The Fair Campaign Practices Act.**

The [Fair Campaign Practices Act](#) sets out basic rules of decency, honesty, and fair play to be followed by candidates and political committees during a campaign. A candidate or political committee may choose to subscribe to the voluntary code by signing a copy of the code and filing it with the authority with whom the candidate or committee is required to file its campaign

treasurer appointment. A person subscribing to the code may indicate that fact on political advertising by including the following or a substantially similar statement:

**(Name of the candidate or political committee, as appropriate) subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.**

## **VII. Special Notice to Political Subdivisions and School Districts.**

You may not use public funds or resources for political advertising. Please see our “Publications and Guides” section of our website for more information.

## **ROAD SIGNS**

### **I. When Is the “Right-Of-Way” Notice Required?**

All written political advertising that is meant to be seen from a road must carry a “right-of-way” notice. It is a criminal offense to omit the “right-of-way” notice in the following circumstances:

1. if you enter into a contract or agreement to print or make written political advertising meant to be seen from a road; or
2. if you instruct another person to place the written political advertising meant to be seen from a road.

### **II. What Should the “Right-Of-Way” Notice Say?**

Section 259.001 of the Texas Election Code prescribes the exact language of the notice:

**NOTICE: IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW (CHAPTERS 392 AND 393, TRANSPORTATION CODE) TO PLACE THIS SIGN IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A HIGHWAY.**

### **III. Do Yard Signs Have to Have the “Right-Of-Way” Notice?**

Yes. The “right-of-way” notice requirement applies to signs meant to be seen from any road. The notice requirement assures that a person responsible for placing signs is aware of the restriction on placing the sign in the right-of-way of a highway.

### **IV. What About Bumper Stickers?**

Bumper stickers do not need the “right-of-way” notice. They do, however, need a political advertising disclosure statement.

### **V. Where May I Place My Signs and How Long May Signs Be Posted?**

For information about exactly where you may or may not place signs, or for information regarding the length of time your signs may be posted, check with your city or county government or your homeowner’s association. The Texas Ethics Commission does not have

jurisdiction over matters involving the location of signs, and the length of time that they may be posted.

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## MISREPRESENTATION

### I. Are There Restrictions on the Contents of Political Advertising?

Political advertising and campaign communications may not misrepresent a person’s identity or official title, nor may they misrepresent the true source of the advertising or communication. The election law does not address other types of misrepresentation in political advertising or campaign communications.

Note that the misrepresentation rules apply to both political advertising and campaign communications. “Campaign communication” is a broader term than “political advertising.”

A “campaign communication” means “a written or oral communication relating to a campaign for nomination or election to public office or office of a political party or to a campaign on a measure.”

### II. Misrepresentation of Office Title.

A candidate may not represent that he or she holds an office that he or she does not hold at the time of the representation. **If you are not the incumbent in the office you are seeking, you must make it clear that you are seeking election rather than reelection by using the word “for” to clarify that you don’t hold that office.** The word “for” must be at least one-half the type size as the name of the office and should appear immediately before the name of the office. For example, a non-incumbent may use the following formats:

**Vote John Doe  
for Attorney General**

**John Doe  
For  
Attorney General**

A non-incumbent may not be allowed to use the following verbiage:

**Elect John Doe  
Attorney General**

**John Doe  
Attorney General**

### **III. Misrepresentation of Identity or Source.**

A person violates the law if, with intent to injure a candidate or influence the result of an election, the person misrepresents the source of political advertising or a campaign communication or if the person misrepresents his or her own identity or the identity of his or her agent in political advertising or in a campaign communication. (If someone else is doing something for you, that person is your agent.) For example, you may not take out an ad in favor of your opponent that purports to be sponsored by a notoriously unpopular group.

### **IV. Use of State Seal.**

Only current officeholders may use the state seal in political advertising.

### **V. Criminal Offenses.**

Be aware that many violations of the Election Code are criminal offenses. For example, unlawfully using public funds for political advertising can be a Class A misdemeanor. So can misrepresenting one's identity or office title in political advertising. For more details on these offenses and political advertising in general, see [Chapter 255 of the Election Code](#).

**ORDINANCE 2019-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS  
ESTABLISHING RULES FOR ELECTIONEERING ON CITY  
OWNED PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, polling locations include facilities that simultaneously are used for other purposes and for which adequate parking and safe access must be maintained and light, distraction, and nuisance must be mitigated in service to the whole community; and

WHEREAS, desiring to balance civil liberties with public safety, the Council finds that the adoption of regulations is warranted to preserve the general health and welfare of the citizens of La Feria.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances, "Political signs and banners; removal," shall read as follows:

- (a) Definitions. The following words or phrases as used in this article shall have the meanings as set forth:

*Canvassing* shall mean where one person engages another person by a verbal exchange, provides literature or brochure to another person with a message that involves a political issue or material.

*Electioneering* shall mean the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature, including but not limited to the use of trailers, chairs, booths, tables, tents, and canopies or other furniture, structures or devices to post, use or distribute political signs or literature.

*Polling Place* shall mean any property, building and grounds, wherein federal, state, or local election officials are conducting voting under the Texas Election Code and/or Home Rule Charter.

*Political Signs* shall mean placards, banners, or other printed materials that promote the adoption or defeat of any place on the ballot, including the candidacy of an individual, proposition, or referendum.

*Public Property* shall mean real property, streets, roadways, easements, alleys, parks, buildings and grounds owned or controlled by any public taxing authority, including the City, School District, College Campus, Drainage or Irrigation

District, or other governmental entity, or any property designated as a lawful polling place under the Texas Election Code.

*Voting Period* shall mean the advertised time certain when polls open until the polls close, or the last voter has voted, whichever is later, on Election Day, the Early Voting Period, and any Election Runoff period or day.

- (b) A property owner may place or maintain on private property sign(s) with a political reference or message regarding an issue or candidate in conformance with the permitted signs by type and zoning district as outlined in this Code, no closer than five feet from the edge of the street pavement or anywhere that obstructs vision for traffic. All signs must comply with all state and federal requirements, including Texas Election Code Chapter 255 and Section 61.003 and Texas Transportation Code Chapters 392 and 393. No sign permit is required for political signs on private property.
- (c) These regulations shall not apply to any City of La Feria authorized signs, materials, or other messages on its property.
- (d) Nothing contained in this section shall impair any right to engage in constitutionally protected free speech in other public forums subject to the restrictions set forth herein. Nor shall anything in this article be construed as authorizing electioneering within any area of the premises of a polling place in violation of any provision of the Texas Election Code.
- (e) Canvassing and electioneering shall be prohibited on public property except as regulated at a polling place and only during the voting period defined as follows:

#### Time

It is an offense should any candidate or person cause, permit, suffer or allow canvassing or electioneering at a polling place any sooner than 5:30 p.m. the regular business day immediately preceding when the polls open and any later than 24-hours after the polls close for each voting period.

The ability to conduct electioneering on public property under this Article is limited to the property on the premises where the voting is conducted and only for the voting period.

All signs on City owned property shall be removed with 24-hours after the polls close for each voting period.

### Place

Physical space visible to voters accessing the polling place and outside the 100-foot distance from the entrance to the polling place shall be available for electioneering.

Except in an area designated, it is an offense to engage in electioneering on driveways, parking areas, or medians within parking areas of a polling place. It is an offense to electioneer within twenty-five (25) feet of the public road adjacent to the public property hosting the polling place and any fire hydrant or fire lane. No electioneering shall be allowed on a public roadway. This restriction shall not apply to electioneering materials attached to a personal vehicle lawfully parked at the premises of a polling location.

Exercising final authority on appropriate place, the City Manager or designee may provide a description of the designated areas for permitted electioneering and may determine a procedure for equitable assignment of such space.

### Manner

The City shall allow one political sign, no larger than four feet by eight feet (4ftx8ft) and two-yard signs no larger than 24 inches by 18 inches (24inx18in) on designated City owned property at a polling place. This includes slated candidates. Each candidate shall appear by name or by picture no more than once as provided above. Signs shall not exceed two sides or faces, shall not be illuminated, shall not contain any moving parts or elements. The political sign must directly pertain to a candidate or measure in an ongoing election at the polling place; there shall be no more than three political signs at a polling place for each candidate or measure with a place on the ballot. No trailers displaying political signs shall be allowed on city property during an election.

It is an offense to attach or affix any political sign or electioneering material to any building, plants, utility pole, street light, fence, fire hydrant, bench or other improvement on public property at a polling place.

It is an offense to puncture, damage, cut, carve, mark, remove, transplant, break, pick, or in any way injure, damage, destroy, or deface any real property improvements, personal property, equipment, irrigation systems, plants, turf, asphalt or concrete within or upon any public property in which a polling place is located. For the purpose of this section, plants shall be defined to include any vegetation, shrubs, bushes, trees, vines, hedges, grasses, or flowers.

The City will allow the use of any type of incendiary equipment such as but not limited to barbeque pits or any flammable or combustible equipment or supplies only in areas designated by the City. The City will allow prepared food and beverages such as water or drink that does not contain alcohol.

It is an offense to impede the flow of traffic on city owned property during an election.

Each candidate is responsible for keeping their area clean and disposing off all trash in their area. Candidates will be cited for not cleaning their area and disposing of their trash on a daily basis during an election.

**SECTION 2. CUMULATIVE** All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Feria, Texas, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABLE** Any word, phrase, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is severable, and should any part of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any remaining word, phrase, paragraph, or section.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS** The repeal of any Ordinance or part of Ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions at the time of passage of this ordinance. All rights and remedies of the City of La Feria are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

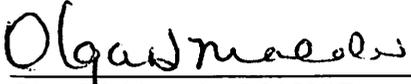
**SECTION 5. PENALTY** Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this section, as amended hereby, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of La Feria, Texas shall be subjected for each offense to a fine as prescribed by the Master Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense; each political sign or electioneering material and every day such violation continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense. In addition to any criminal penalty, political signs and other electioneering materials in violation of this section may be removed and disposed of at the direction of the official in charge of the polling place.

An offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

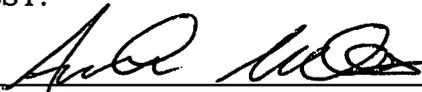
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its final passage.

READ, CONSIDERED, and APPROVED this 22nd day of January 2019, at a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of La Feria, there being a quorum present, in accordance with Texas Government Code, 551.

CITY OF LA FERIA

  
Olga Maldonado, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Morales, CITY SECRETARY

## APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL<sup>1</sup> Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

|   |              |   |   |  |            |
|---|--------------|---|---|--|------------|
| <b>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b>   |              |   |   |  |            |
| TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board _____ (name of election)  |              |   |   |  |            |
| I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.  |              |   |   |  |            |
| <b>OFFICE SOUGHT</b> (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)   |              |   |   | <b>INDICATE TERM</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED |            |
| <b>FULL NAME</b> (First, Middle, Last)  |              |   | <b>PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*</b>   |  |            |
| <b>PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS</b> (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)  |              |   | <b>PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.) |  |            |
| <b>CITY</b>   | <b>STATE</b> | <b>ZIP</b>  | <b>CITY</b>   | <b>STATE</b>   | <b>ZIP</b> |
| <b>PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)   |              | <b>OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)</b>                                      | <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b><br>/ /   | <b>VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER<sup>2</sup> (Optional)</b>                             |            |
| <b>TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)</b><br>Home: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____  |              |   |   |  |            |
| <b>FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)</b>  |              | <b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN</b> |   |  |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application. <sup>3</sup>  |              | <b>IN THE STATE OF TEXAS</b>  |   | <b>IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED</b>            |            |
|   |              | _____ year(s)<br>_____ month(s)   |   | _____ year(s)<br>_____ month(s)  |            |
| <b>This Box Must ONLY be Completed by Candidates for School District Board of Trustees</b>  |              |   |   |  |            |
| <b>Check the Box Below:</b>   |              |   |   |  |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that I am not eligible to serve as a trustee of an independent school district if I am required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.   |              |   |   |  |            |
| *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 or contain a title, 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. Please review sections 52.031, 52.032 and 52.033 of the Texas Election Code regarding the rules for how names may be listed on the official ballot.  |              |   |   |  |            |
| Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:<br>"I, (name of candidate) _____, 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 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 am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct. |              |   |   |  |            |
| <b>X</b> _____  |              |   |   |  |            |
| <b>SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</b>   |              |   |   |  |            |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, _____, by _____.   |              |   |   |  |            |
| (day) (month) (year) (name of candidate)  |              |   |   |  |            |
| Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <sup>4</sup>   |              |   | Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath   |  |            |
| _____   |              |   | _____   |  |            |
| Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath  |              |   | Notarial or Official Seal   |  |            |
| <b>TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE (If Applicable) PAID BY:</b>   |              |   |   |  |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE.   |              |   |   |  |            |
| This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Voter Registration Status Verified</b>   |              |   |   |  |            |
| _____/_____/_____   |              | _____/_____/_____   |   | (See Section 1.007)  |            |
| Date Received   |              | Date Accepted   |   | Signature of Filing Officer or Designee  |            |

## INSTRUCTIONS

An application for a place on the general election for a city, school district or other political subdivision, 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 of the application **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before Election Day.

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. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware 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 the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer 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 an election other than 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.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, 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. <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/voter-reg-req-candidate-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

**One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.**

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701

Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01

Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

<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. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

**SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL  
 PARA UNA CIUDAD, DISTRITO ESCOLAR U OTRA SUBDIVISIÓN POLÍTICA**

TODA LA INFORMACIÓN ES REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE COMO OPCIONAL<sup>1</sup> El hecho de no proporcionar la información requerida puede resultar en el rechazo de la solicitud.

|  |               |   |   |  |   |
|--|---------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE _____</b>  |               |   |   |  |   |
| Para: Secretario(a) de la Ciudad/ Secretario(a) del Consejo  |               |   | (nombre de la elección)   |  |   |
| Solicito que mi nombre se incluya en la boleta oficial mencionada anteriormente como candidato(a) al cargo indicado a continuación.  |               |   |   |  |   |
| <b>CARGO SOLICITADO</b> (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si lo hay.)   |               |   | <b>INDIQUE TÉRMINO</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO COMPLETO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO                               |  |   |
| <b>NOMBRE COMPLETO</b> (Primer Nombre, Segundo Nombre, Apellido)   |               |   | <b>ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE APAREZCA EN LA BOLETA*</b>  |  |   |
| <b>DIRECCIÓN DE RESIDENCIA PERMANENTE</b> (No incluya un apartado postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección de residencia, describa la ubicación de la residencia.)   |               |   | <b>DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO PÚBLICO (Opcional)</b> (Dirección en la que recibe la correspondencia relacionada con la campaña, si está disponible.) |  |   |
| <b>CIUDAD</b>  | <b>ESTADO</b> | <b>CÓDIGO POSTAL</b>                              | <b>CIUDAD</b>   | <b>ESTADO</b>  | <b>CÓDIGO POSTAL</b>  |
| <b>DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Opcional)</b> (Dirección donde recibe correo electrónico relacionado con la campaña, si está disponible.)  |               | <b>OCUPACIÓN (No deje este espacio en blanco)</b> | <b>FECHA DE NACIMIENTO</b><br>/ /   | <b>VOID – NÚMERO ÚNICO DE IDENTIFICACIÓN DE VOTANTE<sup>2</sup> (Opcional)</b> |   |
| <b>INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO TELEFÓNICO (Opcional)</b><br>Hogar: _____ Trabajo: _____ Celular: _____   |               |   |   |  |   |
| <b>ESTADO DE CONDENA POR DELITO GRAVE (DEBE marcar una)</b>  |               |   | <b>DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE ESTA SOLICITUD FUE JURADA</b>  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No he sido finalmente condenado por un delito grave.<br><input type="checkbox"/> He sido finalmente condenado por un delito grave, pero he sido indultado o liberado de otro modo de las discapacidades resultantes de esa condena por delito grave y he proporcionado prueba de este hecho con la presentación de esta solicitud. <sup>3</sup>   |               |   | <b>EN EL ESTADO DE TEXAS</b><br>____ año(s)<br>____ mes(es)   |  | <b>EN EL TERRITORIO/DISTRITO/PRECINTO DEL CUAL SE ELIGE EL CARGO BUSCADO</b><br>____ año(s)<br>____ mes(es) |
| <b>Esta casilla SÓLO debe ser rellena por los candidatos para la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar</b><br>Marque la casilla a continuación:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Reconozco que no soy elegible para servir como fideicomisario de un distrito escolar independiente si estoy obligado a registrarme como delincuente sexual conforme al Capítulo 62 del Código de Procedimiento Penal.   |               |   |   |  |   |
| *Si usa un apodo como parte de su nombre para aparecer en la boleta, también está firmando y jurando las siguientes declaraciones: Juro además que mi apodo no constituye un lema ni contiene un título, ni indica un punto de vista o afiliación política, económica, social o religiosa. He sido comúnmente conocido por este apodo durante al menos tres años antes de esta elección. Por favor, revise las secciones 52.031, 52.032 y 52.033 del Código Electoral de Texas con respecto a las reglas sobre cómo se pueden incluir los nombres en la boleta oficial.  |               |   |   |  |   |
| Ante mí, la autoridad abajo firmante, en este día apareció personalmente (nombre del candidato) _____, quien estando a mi lado aquí y ahora debidamente juramentado, bajo juramento dice:<br>“Yo, (nombre del candidato) _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo de _____, juro que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar dicho cargo según la Constitución y las leyes de este estado. No se me ha determinado por un fallo final de una corte que ejerce la jurisdicción testamentaria que esté totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin derecho a voto. Soy consciente de la ley de nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno. Soy consciente de que debo divulgar cualquier condena previa de un delito grave y, si he sido condenado, debo proporcionar prueba de que he sido indultado o liberado de otro modo de las discapacidades resultantes de dicha condena final por delito grave. Soy consciente de que proporcionar a sabiendas información falsa en la solicitud con respecto a mi posible estado de condena por delito grave constituye un delito menor de Clase B. Juro además que las declaraciones anteriores incluidas en mi solicitud son, en todos los aspectos, verdaderas y correctas.” |               |   |   |  |   |
|  |               |   | <b>X</b>  |  |   |
|  |               |   | <b>FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO</b>  |  |   |
| Jurado y suscrito ante mí este día ____ de ____ del ____ por ____.<br>(día) (mes) (año) (nombre de candidato)  |               |   |   |  |   |
| Firma del oficial autorizado para administrar el juramento <sup>4</sup>  |               |   | Nombre del oficial autorizado para administrar juramentos en letra de molde   |  |   |
| Título del oficial autorizado para administrar el juramento  |               |   | Notarial o sello oficial  |  |   |
| <b>TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE (If Applicable) PAID BY:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE.   |               |   |   |  |   |
| This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Voter Registration Status Verified</b>  |               |   |   |  |   |
| ____/____/____   |               | ____/____/____                                    |   | (See Section 1.007)  |   |
| Date Received  |               | Date Accepted                                     |   | Signature of Filing Officer or Designee  |   |

## INSTRUCCIONES

Una solicitud para un lugar en la elección general para una ciudad, distrito escolar u otra subdivisión política, no puede ser presentada antes de los 30 días antes de la fecha límite prescrita por este código para presentar la solicitud. Una solicitud presentada antes de ese día es nula. Todos los campos de la solicitud **deben** completarse a menos que estén específicamente marcados como opcional.

Para una elección que se lleve a cabo en una fecha de elección uniforme, el día de la fecha límite de presentación es el 7<sup>o</sup> día antes del día de la elección.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la División de Elecciones del Secretario de Estado llamando al 800-252-8683.

## LEY DE NEPOTISMO

El candidato debe firmar esta declaración indicando su conocimiento de la ley del nepotismo. Cuando un candidato firma la solicitud, es un reconocimiento de que el candidato conoce la ley del nepotismo. Las prohibiciones de nepotismo del capítulo 573, Código de Gobierno, se resumen a continuación:

Ningún funcionario puede nombrar, votar o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de cualquier persona emparentada dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre) con sí mismo, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en el que se desempeña cuando la compensación de esa persona debe pagarse con fondos públicos o honorarios del cargo. Sin embargo, nada en la ley impide el nombramiento, la votación o la confirmación de cualquier persona que haya estado empleada continuamente en la oficina o el empleo durante el período siguiente 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 es elegido en una elección que no sea la elección general para funcionarios estatales y del condado.

Ningún candidato puede tomar medidas para influir en un empleado del cargo al que aspira a ser elegido o en un empleado o funcionario del organismo gubernamental al que aspira a ser elegido en relación con el nombramiento o el empleo de una persona emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido, tal como se ha indicado anteriormente. Esta prohibición no se aplica a las acciones de un candidato con respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados prospectos.

## NOTAS

<sup>1</sup>Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral, incluida cualquier petición que la acompañe, es información pública inmediatamente después de su presentación. (Sección 141.035, Código Electoral de Texas)

<sup>2</sup>La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Inglés) es opcional. Sin embargo, a muchos candidatos se les exige que estén registrados como votantes en el territorio desde el cual se elige el cargo en el momento de la fecha límite de presentación. Por favor, visite el sitio web de la División de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado para obtener información adicional. <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/voter-reg-req-candidate-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>La prueba de liberación de las discapacidades resultantes de una condena por un delito grave incluiría prueba de clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701, prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01, o prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05. (Opinión de Fiscal General de Texas KP-0251)

**Se debe enviar uno de los siguientes documentos con esta solicitud:**

Clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701

Prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01

Prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05

<sup>4</sup>Todos los juramentos, declaraciones juradas o afirmaciones hechas dentro de este estado pueden ser administrados y un certificado del hecho dado por un juez, secretario(a) o comisionado de cualquier corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario municipal (para una oficina de la ciudad) y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código del Gobierno de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.

# 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

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**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

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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**  
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TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., 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