

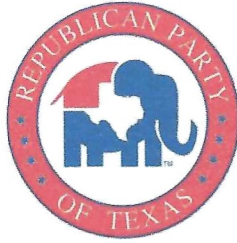


CANDIDATE WELCOME PACKET

This information is for YOU. The Only items I need returned to me are in red.

1. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Packet
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Not a Primary Election Document



Acknowledgement of Receipt of Candidate Filing Packet

I hereby declare that I have received a Candidate Filing Packet
from
Cheryl Thompson-Draper- Chairman of the Lavaca County
Republican Party.

Candidate's Printed Name

Candidate's Signature

Office Sought

Date Packet Received

Printed by Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman.
Please return to the County Chairman- Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713 5168880.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL¹ Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ PARTY GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT					
To: State/County Chair (Democratic or Republican)					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official primary ballot as a candidate for nomination to the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)			INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED		INCUMBENT DECLARATION: (Check this box if you are the incumbent.) INCUMBENT <input type="checkbox"/>
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)		
CITY		STATE	ZIP	CITY	
STATE		STATE		ZIP	
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH / /	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER² (Optional)
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)					
Home:		Office:		Cell:	
FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony. <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. ³		IN THE STATE OF TEXAS _____ year(s) _____ month(s)		IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED _____ year(s) _____ month(s)	
*If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan 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: "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."					
X _____					
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE					
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, _____, by _____ (name of candidate)					
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath ⁴			Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath		
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath			Notarial or Official Seal		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIR OR DESIGNEE: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE PAID BY:					
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified					
This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. (See Section 1.007)					
_____/_____/_____ Date Filed			_____ Signature of Chair or Designee Receiving Filed Application		
_____/_____/_____ or _____/_____/_____ Date Accepted Date Rejected			_____ Signature of Chair or Designee Upon Determination of Application		

INSTRUCTIONS

An application for a place on the general primary election ballot must be filed with the state party chair, for a statewide or district office filled by voters of more than one county. An application for an office filled by voters of a single county must be filed with the county party chair or the secretary of the county executive committee, if any. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code)

This candidate application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a completed Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. Please see Sections 172.021, 172.025, Texas Election Code, for the required number of signatures on a submitted Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. The filing deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the General Primary Election and the application may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the filing deadline. For additional information, please see the Candidate's Guide on the Secretary of State's website, including the page on Frequently Asked Questions on Party Affiliation and Candidacy.

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: one year, if the officer or member is elected at the General Election for State and County Officers.

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

FOOTNOTES

¹An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline.

³Proof 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

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, 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.

FILING FEE SCHEDULE (172.024 Texas Election Code)

United States Senator	\$5,000
All Other Statewide Offices	\$3,750
United States Representative	\$3,125
State Senator	\$1,250
State Representative	\$750
Member, State Board of Education	\$300
Chief Justice or Justice, Court of Appeals, other than a justice specified by Subdivision (8)	\$1,875
Chief Justice or Justice of a Court of Appeals that serves a Court of Appeals District in which a county with a population of more than 1.2 million is wholly or partly situated	\$2,500
District Judge or Judge specified by Sec. 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee	\$1,500
District or Criminal District Judge of a court in a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population of more than 1.5 million	\$2,500
Judge of a Statutory County Court, other than a judge specified by subdivision (12)	\$1,500
Judge of a Statutory County Court in a county with a population of more than 1.5 million	\$2,500
District Attorney or Criminal District Attorney or County Attorney performing the duties of a District Attorney	\$1,250
County Judge, County Commissioner, District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Tax-Assessor-Collector and County Treasurer	
County of 200,000 or more population	\$1,250
County of under 200,000 population	\$750
Justice of the Peace or Constable	
County of 200,000 or more population	\$1,000
County of under 200,000 population	\$375
County Surveyor	\$75
All County Offices not otherwise listed	\$750

SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA GENERAL

TODA LA INFORMACIÓN ES REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE COMO OPCIONAL¹

El hecho de no proporcionar la información requerida puede resultar en el rechazo de la solicitud.

SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA GENERAL DEL PARTIDO					
Para: Presidente Estatal/Presidente del Condado			(Demócrata o Republicano)		
Solicito que mi nombre se incluya en la boleta oficial de la primaria mencionada anteriormente como candidato(a) para la nominación al cargo que se indica a continuación.					
CARGO SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si lo hay.)		INDIQUE TÉRMINO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO COMPLETO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO		DECLARACIÓN DE TITULAR ACTUAL: (Indique si usted es el titular actual.) TITULAR ACTUAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer Nombre, Segundo Nombre, Apellido)		ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE APAREZCA EN LA BOLETA*			
DIRECCIÓN DE RESIDENCIA PERMANENTE (No incluya un apartado postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección de residencia, describa la ubicación de la residencia.)		DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO PÚBLICO (Opcional) (Dirección en la que recibe la correspondencia relacionada con la campaña, si está disponible.)			
CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL
DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Opcional) (Dirección donde recibe correo electrónico relacionado con la campaña, si está disponible.)		OCUPACIÓN (No deje este espacio en blanco)	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	VUID – NÚMERO ÚNICO DE IDENTIFICACIÓN DE VOTANTE² (Opcional)	
INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO TELEFÓNICO (Opcional)					
Hogar:		Trabajo:		Celular:	
ESTADO DE CONDENA POR DELITO GRAVE (DEBE marcar uno)			DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE ESTA SOLICITUD FUE JURADA		
<input type="checkbox"/> No he sido finalmente condenado por un delito grave. <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. ³			EN EL ESTADO DE TEXAS ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)		EN EL TERRITORIO/DISTRITO/PRECINTO DEL CUAL SE ELIGE EL CARGO BUSCADO ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)
*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: "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".					
X _____					
FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO					
Jurado y suscrito ante mí este día _____ de _____ del _____ por _____.					
		(día)		(mes)	
		(año)		(nombre de candidato)	
Firma del oficial autorizado para administrar el juramento ⁴			Nombre del oficial autorizado para administrar juramentos en letra de molde		
Título del oficial autorizado para administrar el juramento			Notarial o sello oficial		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIR OR DESIGNEE: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE PAID BY:					
<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. <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified					
This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received. (See Section 1.007)					
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_____/_____/_____ Date Rejected					

INSTRUCCIONES

Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta de la elección primaria general debe ser presentada al presidente estatal del partido, para un cargo estatal o un cargo de distrito elegido por votantes de más de un condado. Una solicitud para un cargo elegido por votantes de un solo condado debe ser presentada al presidente del condado del partido o al secretario(a) del comité ejecutivo del condado, si lo hay. (Sección 172.022, Código Electoral de Texas)

Esta solicitud de candidatura debe ir acompañada de un pago de inscripción o una Petición Presentada en Sustitución del Pago de Inscripción. Consulte las Secciones 172.021, 172.025, del Código Electoral de Texas para conocer el número de firmas requerido en una Petición Presentada en Sustitución del Pago de Inscripción. La fecha límite de presentación es a las 6:00 p.m. del segundo lunes de diciembre del año impar anterior a la elección primaria general y la solicitud no podrá presentarse antes de los 30 días anteriores de la fecha límite de presentación. Para obtener información adicional, consulte la Guía del Candidato en el sitio web de la Secretaría de Estado, incluida la página de Preguntas Frecuentes sobre afiliación del partido y candidatura.

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 el funcionario, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en la que sirve el funcionario 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: un año, si el funcionario o miembro es elegido en las elecciones generales 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

¹Una 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)

²La 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.

³La 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

⁴Todos 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, 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.

LISTA DE PAGOS DE INSCRIPCIÓN (172.024 Código Electoral de Texas)

Senador de los Estados Unidos	\$5,000
Todas las Demás Oficinas Estatales	\$3,750
Representante de los Estados Unidos	\$3,125
Senador Estatal	\$1,250
Representante Estatal	\$750
Miembro, Junta de Educación Estatal	\$300
Juez Presidente o Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, que no sea un juez especificado por la subdivisión (8)	\$1,875
Juez Presidente o Juez de Corte de Apelaciones que sirve una corte de apelación del distrito en el cual un condado con una población de más de 1.2 millones está situado total o parcialmente	\$2,500
Juez de Distrito o Juez especificado por la Sec. 52.092(d) para el cual esta lista no prescribe de otro modo un honorario	\$1,500
Juez de Distrito o Juez de Distrito Criminal de una corte en un distrito judicial situado completamente en un condado con una población de más de 1.5 millones	\$2,500
Juez de una Corte Estatutaria del Condado, que no sea un juez especificado por la subdivisión 12	\$1,500
Juez de una Corte Estatutaria del Condado en un condado con una población de más de 1.5 millones	\$2,500
Procurador del Distrito o Procurador del Distrito Criminal o Procurador del Condado que ejerce las funciones del Procurador del Distrito	\$1,250
Juez de Condado, Comisionado del Condado, Secretario del Distrito, Secretario del Condado, Alguacil, Asesor-Colector de Impuestos del Condado o Tesorero del Condado	
Un condado con una población de 200,000 o más	\$1,250
Un condado con una población de menos de 200,000	\$750
Juez de Paz o Condestable	
Un condado con una población de 200,000 o más	\$1,000
Un condado con una población de menos de 200,000	\$375
Agrimensor del Condado	\$75
Todos los puestos oficiales del condado que no se han mencionado	\$750



Candidate Contact Information Form

Full Name: _____

Office Sought: _____ Precinct# _____

**Please fill this in as the County Chairman needs all your contact information-
This stays with the Party.
Even if you do not wish it public on your application (see application "optional" boxes).**

Personal Cell Phone:	_____
Personal Email Address:	_____
Personal Physical Address:	_____
Facebook:	_____
Other social media:	_____
Website:	_____
Your Campaign Phone:	_____
Your Campaign Email:	_____
Your Campaign Address:	_____
Your Campaign Social media:	_____
Your Campaign Social media:	_____
Spouses name:	_____

**Please Return This Completed Form To:
Cheryl Thompson-Draper Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman
713 5168880 chairmanlcrp@gmail.com**

Paid for by Lavaca County Republican Party and not authorized by any Candidate or Candidate's Committee.
Not a required Primary Election Document- it is requested.



FAQS ABOUT THE CANDIDATE PLATFORM REVIEW

Q: Is the Platform Review required to be completed by a candidate in order to allow them to apply for candidacy?

A: The Platform Review is NOT required by state law or the Republican Party to file for a place on the ballot.

Q: Which candidates should not complete the Platform Review?

A: Judicial candidates should not be asked to complete the review. By completing the Platform Review, a judicial candidate would be in violation of the code of judicial conduct and possibly recused from any case regarding a plank on the Platform. County Judges and JPs are not considered judicial candidates for the purpose of completing this review.

Q: After a candidate completes the Platform Review, who do they submit it to?

A: A completed Platform Review is submitted to the same authority to which their candidate application was submitted. A candidate running for an office that is contained entirely within one county submits the completed Platform Review to their County Chair.

Q: How long is a candidate's completed Platform Review made available upon request?

A: A candidate's completed Platform Review shall be made available by the appropriate party official for one year from the date of filing at reproduction costs to any person requesting such.

Q: Where can the most current copy of the Party Platform be found?

A: The Party Platform can be found on RPT's website under "About the Party" at www.TexasGOP.org.

Q: Should a candidate read the Party Platform?

A: Yes!

Q: Can the county party post the responses to the Platform Review on their website?

A: Yes. Make sure what you do for one candidate or race, you do for all.

Q: When will the next revision of the Party Platform be available on the RPT website?

A: The SREC shall have a new platform available within two months after the adoption of the Texas Republican Party Platform by the RPT Convention Delegates.

Return the Platform review to the County Chairman
Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713-5168880

To: All County Republican Candidates
From: County Chairs
Date: September 1, 2021 (*continues to be in effect*)
Subject: Complying with Rule No. 43 of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)



When a candidate files to run for office, they will be encouraged to read the State Republican Party Platform which can be found on RPT's website at www.TexasGOP.org under the section "About" <https://texasgop.org/platform/>. Additionally, they will be given a Platform Review, which asks candidates if they agree, disagree or are undecided on core Republican principles. Candidates are asked to affirm that they have read the State Republican Party Platform. All responses obtained locally will be kept on file at the County Republican Headquarters.

It is understood that Judicial Candidates will not be able to complete the Platform Review on the core Republican principles. You are, however, encouraged to read the platform and sign the affirmation stating that you have done so. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to visit with me.

Rule No. 43 was approved by the Delegates at the 2016 Republican Convention. The rule is intended to address grassroots frustration with candidates and officeholders who run under our Party banner yet lack an understanding of Republican Principles.

Rule No. 43 – Candidate Platform Review

Each candidate running as a Republican for any public office on any ballot in the State of Texas shall be provided a copy of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas. <https://texasgop.org/platform/> The Republican Party of Texas shall make an electronic copy of the Platform available to each candidate upon request. The County or State Chairman shall distribute a copy of the Platform to each candidate along with all other candidate application papers. Each candidate, except a candidate for judicial office, may indicate for each bullet point item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Platform, whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided, as to each item, with comments if desired. The County or State Chairman shall also request that each non-judicial candidate read the entire Platform and choose at least ten (10) line items from the Platform that the candidate strongly supports. The State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) shall also have the newest Platform available to the candidates within two (2) months after its adoption by the State Convention. All candidates for non-judicial offices should file the completed Platform Review containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office. Candidates' responses shall be collected and recorded by the Republican Party of Texas and published on the Party's website prior to the primary. A copy of the candidates' responses filed with a County Chairman shall be forwarded to the State Chairman within ten (10) days of receipt. At the discretion of the Officials Committee of the SREC, a candidate's response may be excluded from or edited prior to posting to the website of the Republican Party of Texas.

Rule No. 43A

The Platform Committee of the biennial State Convention shall prepare a list of no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) principles included in the Preamble of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas which clearly defines the Party's values, with the knowledge and purpose that they be used to identify candidate values as stated in Rule No. 43. A candidate must return the candidate's completed Platform Review and the completed Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) funding application to be eligible to receive funds from the CRC of the SREC. (Public Candidates only)



CANDIDATE PLATFORM REVIEW

This form is **NOT** required by state law to file for a place on the ballot.
A full version of the RPT Platform can be found at www.TexasGOP.org

Rule No. 43 – Candidate Platform Review

Each candidate running as a Republican for any public office on any ballot in the State of Texas shall be provided a copy of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas. The Republican Party of Texas shall make an electronic copy of the Platform available to each candidate upon request. The County or State Chairman shall distribute a copy of the Platform to each candidate along with all other candidate application papers. Each candidate, except a candidate for judicial office, may indicate for each bullet point item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Platform, whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided, as to each item, with comments if desired. The County or State Chairman shall also request that each non-judicial candidate read the entire Platform and choose at least ten (10) line items from the Platform that the candidate strongly supports. The SREC shall also have the newest Platform available to the candidates within two (2) months after its adoption by the State Convention. All candidates for non-judicial offices should file the completed Platform Review containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office. Candidates' responses shall be collected and recorded by the Republican Party of Texas and published on the Party's website prior to the primary. A copy of the candidates' responses filed with a County Chairman shall be forwarded to the State Chairman within ten (10) days of receipt. At the discretion of the Officials Committee of the SREC, a candidate's response may be excluded from or edited prior to posting to the website of the Republican Party of Texas.

Rule No. 43A

The Platform Committee of the biennial State Convention shall prepare a list of no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) principles included in the Preamble of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas which clearly defines the Party's values, with the knowledge and purpose that they be used to identify candidate values as stated in Rule No. 43. A candidate must return the candidate's completed Platform Review and the completed Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) funding application to be eligible to receive funds from the CRC of the SREC.

PRINCIPLES

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|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. "The laws of nature and nature's God," and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and Texas. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 2. The sanctity of human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 3. Preserving American and Texas Sovereignty and Freedom. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 5. Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 6. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 7. Personal accountability and responsibility. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| 8. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman. | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |



CANDIDATE PLATFORM REVIEW

This form is **NOT** required by state law to file for a place on the ballot.
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- 9. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children. Agree Disagree Undecided
- 10. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property. Agree Disagree Undecided
- 11. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies. Agree Disagree Undecided
- 12. Honoring all those that serve and protect our freedom. Agree Disagree Undecided

Comments: _____

PLATFORM REVIEW

Please list at least ten line items from the Party Platform that you strongly support:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Signature Date

Printed Name

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

County Chairman-Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713-5168880

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOP DATA CENTER ACCESS REQUEST

<https://texasgop.org/data-tools/>

1. Please write clearly.
2. You must provide an email address in order to be granted access.
3. Your Legal Name; the same name listed on your voter registration card.
4. To expedite processing of your request, ensure that your information is readable, complete, and correct.
5. Please submit completed forms to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) by email at gopdata@texasgop.org
6. Once access is granted, you will receive an automatically generated email from GOP Data Center containing your access information.
7. Check your spam and junk folders because often the email with your access information is sent there.

Special Instructions for Candidates and Campaign Staff

1. All candidates must complete and submit the campaign agreement and the individual user agreement.
2. For candidates and campaign staff, specify on the individual user agreement:
 - The candidate's name
 - Office sought
 - Any distinguishing numbers, such as District, Place, etc.
3. If the district for the office sought isn't specified, and it covers a multi-county area, you will only be granted access to your home county.
4. Candidates and campaign staff are not required to have their individual user agreement approved by an SREC member or County Chair.

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Secretary of State - Important 2024 Election Dates

****These dates are subject to changes from the 2023 legislative session** Longer calendars are on the [Conducting Your Elections](#) pages when available.**

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#2024>

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Primary Election	
First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Saturday, November 11, 2023
Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA).	Monday, January 1, 2024* *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2024 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, February 5, 2024
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, February 20, 2024* *First business day after Presidents' Day

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, February 23, 2024
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, March 1, 2024
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – Primary Runoff Election	
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)	Monday, January 1, 2024* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2024 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, April 29, 2024
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 17, 2024

Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, May 24, 2024
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, May 28, 2024 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, May 29, 2024 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Uniform Election Date (ie: GENERAL ELECTION/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION)	
Deadline to post candidate requirements ⁵ <u>Form 1-15</u>	Sunday, November 5, 2023
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Thursday, June 20, 2024 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Monday, January 1, 2024* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2024 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>

First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ¹	Saturday, July 20, 2024
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 20, 2024
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 19, 2024
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ²	Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 19, 2024
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 23, 2024
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 7, 2024
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 21, 2024
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 25, 2024

Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 1, 2024
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴

¹ For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 4, 2024 election, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. For the November 5, 2024 election, Saturday, July 20, 2024 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates.

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date.

² Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary. See the long calendar for this election date for details. The write-in deadline for most local (city, school, other) **special elections** is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot. Section 201.054.

³ If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. For the May 4, 2024 election, this is Friday, March 8, 2024. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴ Different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM"), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application ("FPCA"), and (3) military voters and members of the Texas National Guard, who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code.

⁵ Section 2051.201 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publicly accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision and the requirements and deadline for filing for candidacy of each elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be continuously posted for at least one year before the election day for the office.

Please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) for additional information.

2023/2024 IMPORTANT DATES

LCRP CEC MEETINGS, Trainings, Committee Meetings and OTHER Important Dates for all

- ~~September~~ – Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) testing at Annex-contact Elections Office for details
- ~~September 12~~ – first date to file to run for Precinct Chairman file with County Chairman- 713 5168880
- September 12- Dec 11, 2023, 6pm deadline Precinct Chairmen Filing period -file with County Chairman
- ~~September 19, 2023~~ -NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
- ~~September 26, 2023~~, Tuesday CEC meeting at HQ 108 N LaGrange Hallettsville
(#1-First one in second year of our 2022-2024 term/bring in your filing paperwork-IF you are running for PC on 2024 Primary Ballot) All candidates at all levels invited to attend and speak
- ~~October 21, 2023~~, Saturday Training - all current PCs should attend to learn what is required of you.
During 2024 Elections and Conventions-location- all surrounding counties PCs also invited.
- October 31- Halloween on the Square- come help pass out candy to Locals at HQ-candidates welcome
- November 7, 2023 Uniform Election Day State Amendments early voting Oct 21- Nov 1
- November 11- First date to file to run for County Public office & County Chairman – file with County Chairman
- November 11-Dec 11, 2023, 6pm deadline to file to run for County Public offices and County Chairman
- December ? ___ - Ballot Draw for ALL candidates in March 5 Primary - date TBA by SOS- after filing period over (statutory meeting) **usually 9 days after the final filing date/can change per SOS
- December 11, 2023 – March 5, 2024 – GET OUT THE VOTE for the PRIMARY-all PCs & ALL REPUBLICANS
** CEC itself *should not* endorse any candidate. Individual CEC members may endorse but not with their title
- December 11 6pm SHARP deadline to file to run for Precinct Chairman, County Public offices, County Chairman
- January 9, 2024, Tuesday 6:30 pm – CEC Precinct and County Convention Committees appointments meetings
COUNTY Convention Committees: Secretaries (3), Sergeant at Arms (2), Credentials, Rules, Organization, Nominations/Delegates to State, Resolutions, Arrangements, Setup/Take Down.
Committee Chairmen are assigned by County Chairman- tell Cheryl if you are interested in a committee position
- January 23, 2024, Tuesday CEC Meeting at HQ 108 N LaGrange Hallettsville
#2 CEC meeting/second year of term
- February 20- March 1 Early Voting for Primary
- February 27, 2024, Tuesday CEC Meeting at HQ 108 N LaGrange Hallettsville- last meeting before Primary and Conventions #3 CEC meeting/second year of term
- March 5, 2024, Tuesday Primary Election - per TEC 41.007 early voting Feb 20- March 1
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.41.htm>
- March 23,2024 PRECINCT Conventions TEC Sec. 174.021 - morning of County Convention
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.174.htm#174.022>
<https://texasgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RPT-General-Rules-As-Amended-2023-03-04.pdf>
- March 23, 2024, COUNTY Conventions (same date across the state per RPT)
- April 23, 2024, Tuesday CEC Meeting at HQ 108 N LaGrange Hallettsville
#4 CEC meeting/second year of term /State Delegates should attend also
- May 20-24 Early Voting for Primary Run Off
- May 20-25, 2024, RPT STATE Convention - San Antonio
- May 28, 2024, Tuesday Run Off Election early voting May 20-24
- June 14 2024- LAST meeting of 2022-2024 term for those elected in 2022 Primary & Primary Run Off
2024-2026 Term: for those Precinct Chairmen and County Chairman who were elected in the Primary
March 5 or Primary Run Off May 28 elections.
***June 17, 2024 the 2024-2026 Term begins (20 days after the Primary Run Off May 28) RPT Rule 8e.
*** CEC Organizational meeting must be called and held within 45 days of taking office (June 17-Aug 1st, 2024)
RPT Rules 8 e. Organizational Meeting of a County Executive Committee (CEC) –
A County Executive Committee shall hold its organizational meeting within forty-five (45) days after the term of office begins for the County Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen. (The term of office begins twenty (20) days after the Primary Runoff Election.)
The County Chairman of the incoming term shall be responsible for calling the Organizational meeting
November 5, 2024 General Election (Presidential)

Helpful Contact Info for Candidates 2024

<p>Republican County Chairman Cheryl Thompson-Draper Headquarters: 108 N LaGrange Hallettsville Texas 77964 <u>Mailing Address:</u> PO Box 656 Hallettsville, Texas 77964 713 5168880 (cell/text) ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com www.lavacacountygop.com</p>	<p>Texas Secretary of State (Elections Division) <u>Mailing Address:</u> Elections Division Secretary of State PO Box 12060 Austin, Texas 78711-2060 Phone: 512-463-5650 Toll free: 800-252-VOTE (8683) Fax: 512-475-2811 Hours: 8am – 5pm, Mon – Fri http://www.sos.state.tx.us/</p>
<p>Lavaca County Elections Office Tenia Hudson (interim) Elections Administrator Lavaca County 412 N. Texana P.O. Box 727 Hallettsville, Texas 77964 Office Phone: 361-798-3594 Fax: 361-798-4016 teniah@co.lavaca.tx.us https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/page/lavaca.Elections https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094324215892&mibextid=LQQJ4d</p>	<p>Texas Ethics Commission <u>Physical Address:</u> 201 East 14th St., 10th Floor Austin, Texas 78701 <u>Mailing Address:</u> P. O. Box 12070 Austin, Texas 78711-2070 Phone: 512-463-5800 TDD: 800-735-2989 Fax: 512-463-5777 Hours: 8am – 5pm, Mon – Fri http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/</p>
<p>Republican Party of Texas PO Box 2206 Austin, Texas 78768 Phone: 512-477-9821 Fax: 512-480-0709 Hours: 9:00am – 5:00 pm, Mon – Fri http://www.texasgop.org</p>	<p>Federal Election Commission <u>Mailing Address:</u> 999 E. Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Phone: 202-694-1000 Toll free: 800-424-9530 TTY: 202-219-3336 http://www.fec.gov/</p>
<p>Republican National Committee Ronna McDaniel- Chairwoman Drew McKissick- Co Chairman https://www.gop.com https://www.gop.com/about-our-party/rnc-leaders/</p>	

Lavaca County Republicans

Lavaca County Republican Party (LCRP)

County Chairman- Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713 5168880 ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com

County Chairman and the 11 Precinct Chairmen make up the County Executive Committee (CEC)

Elected in the even numbered years on the Republican Primary Ballots-serves for two years per term

Meetings are 4-6 times per year- contact Chairman for exact dates.

Texas Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women CLUBS:

Republican Women of Yoakum Area- members from 4 counties- Lavaca, DeWitt, Gonzales and Victoria

Meet second Wednesdays each month 11a-1p- lunch and speaker.

Yoakum Community Center 108 Huck Street Yoakum Texas

Diana Hawes- President 361 935 6537 dianalhawes@gmail.com

Vicki Vickers-Vice President 512 554 5678 vickidianeckers@yahoo.com

Marie Day- Treasurer 361 772 8306 weid4days@hotmail.com

Laura Wauson- Secretary 210 380 6566 lordslilred@gmail.com

Great State Republicans- most members live in Hallettsville area.

Meet the last Monday evening of each month 7pm Speaker

(Sometimes that is the 4th and some months it is the 5th Monday)

St Peter Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 101 Market Street Hallettsville

Becky Berger President 979 5050508 surebeck@yahoo.com

Karen Renger- Vice President 361 7724342 klrhermes@gmail.com

Mona Davenport- Treasurer 361 7980731 mosed71@gmail.com

Aileen Peck- Secretary 361 7986119 aileen.b.peck@gmail.com

MANY OTHER REPUBLICANS IN LAVACA COUNTY THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE TWO RW CLUBS AS WELL AS MANY THAT DO NOT BELONG TO ANY CLUBS.

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](#).

Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, Texas 78711-2070

(512) 463-5800

TDD (800) 735-2989

Visit us at www.ethics.state.tx.us.

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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.

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](#).

Directly from the Texas Department of Transportation:

During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers that are welcome anywhere, putting campaign signs on public lands is illegal. So before you plant that sign, learn the law and keep Texas beautiful. TxDOT only regulates campaign signs under chapter 394 of the Texas Transportation Code.

You Need to Know

- It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way.
- Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.
- Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

More information can be found in the [Political and Campaign Signs pamphlet](#).

<https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-info/row/political-signs.pdf>

Sign Removal

If you've placed your sign in the right of way or it's posing a traffic hazard, we will remove it without prior notice. All costs associated with sign removal will be paid by the sign owner.

More Information

TxDOT only controls the placement of signs in relation to the highway. For other questions concerning campaign signs or political advertising, you may wish to visit the [Texas Ethics Commission](#). <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>

Contact Us

(512) 416-3030

[Email https://www.txdot.gov/about/contact-us/ask-a-general-question.html?id=row-oa-email](https://www.txdot.gov/about/contact-us/ask-a-general-question.html?id=row-oa-email)

Campaign Sign Ordinances

Contact your County, City & Subdivision for their rules

Area	Sign Out Before Election Day	Sign Removal After Election Day	Phone Number
Texas (TxDOT)	No restriction	No restriction	512-416-2901
County			
City			
Subdivision			

See the Texas Department of Transportation web page on campaign signs



Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to seek public office in the Republican Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024.

The contents of this packet are designed to give you helpful information that we think will make your filing and campaigning a little easier.

Now that you have filed the notarized application for a place on the ballot and the required filing fee or nominating petitions appropriate for the office for which you are filing, there are some additional documents included in this packet that you might find useful.

Please make sure you have filed an APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM CTA) at the Lavaca County Elections Department at the Annex.

As County Chair I am available by phone, email or appointment though texting me is the fastest way of contacting me. You may reach me at 713 5168880 ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com

Please, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have, including questions about the contents of this packet.

Good luck with your campaign and we look forward to seeing you at many of our Party events!

Warm Republican regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Thompson-Draper", written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl Thompson-Draper, Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman

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