

## CANDIDATE WELCOME PACKET

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

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## 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.

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Candidate's Printed Name

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Candidate's Signature

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Office Sought

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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 FOR A PRECINCT OR COUNTY CHAIR

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</b> _____	<b>CHAIR ON THE</b> _____	<b>PARTY GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT</b>
(Precinct or County)	(Democratic or Republican)	

To: County Chair

I request that my name be placed on the above-named official primary ballot as a candidate for election to the office indicated below.

<b>OFFICE SOUGHT (circle one)</b> (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) County Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Precinct # _____	<b>INCUMBENT DECLARATION:</b> (Check this box if you are the incumbent.) <input type="checkbox"/> INCUMBENT
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<b>FULL NAME</b> (First, Middle, Last)	<b>PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*</b>
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<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 at which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)
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<b>CITY</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
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<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> / /	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER<sup>2</sup> (Optional)</b>
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<b>TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)</b> Home: Work: Cell:	<b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN</b>	
	<b>IN THE STATE OF TEXAS (Optional)</b> ____ year (s) ____ month(s)	<b>IN PRECINCT/COUNTY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED (Optional)</b> ____ 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 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 <sup>3</sup>	Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath
Notarial or Official Seal	
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY CHAIR OR SECRETARY OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (See Section 1.007)**

**Voter Registration Status Verified**

Date Filed _____	Signature of Chair or Designee Receiving Filed Application _____
Date Accepted _____ or _____	Signature of Chair or Designee Upon Determination of Application _____
Date Rejected _____	

## INSTRUCTIONS

### FILING PERIOD

- **County Chair:** The application must be filed no earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the second Monday in December of an odd-numbered year unless the filing deadline is extended under Subchapter C. (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code). A political party's state executive committee, by rule, may require that an application for county chair be accompanied by a nominating petition containing the signatures of at least 10% of the incumbent precinct chairs serving on the county executive committee. (Section 172.021(f), Texas Election Code). Please contact your party's state executive committee for details as to whether they have created a rule requiring the submission of a nominating petition.
- **Precinct Chair:** The application must be filed no earlier than the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the second Monday in December of an odd-numbered year unless the filing deadline is extended under Subchapter C. (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code)
- 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.

### FILING DEADLINE

The filing deadline for candidates for precinct and county chair is 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of an odd-numbered year unless the filing deadline is extended under Subchapter C.

The application shall be filed with the county chair or the secretary of the county executive committee or designee, if there is one. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code) The chair or designee will sign the line next to the "Date Filed" and record the date the application was received when the candidate delivers, faxes or emails the application.

The application must be reviewed after it is filed to ensure that it complies with the requirements as to form, content and procedure. The review shall be completed not later than the fifth business day after the date the application is received by the filing authority. If an application is submitted fewer than five business days before the regular filing deadline, the review shall be completed not later than the first Friday after the regular filing deadline. If an application does not comply with the applicable requirements, the authority shall reject the application and immediately deliver to the candidate written notice of the reason for the rejection. (Section 172.0222, Texas Election Code). Once a determination has been made, the chair will note whether the application was accepted or rejected by completing the date accepted or date rejected box and signing the application in the far bottom right.

### 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>Candidates for the offices of county and precinct chair are required to be residents and qualified voters of the county from which they are elected no later than the filing deadline. In addition to the general eligibility requirements for party office, a person must also reside in the election precinct to be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as a precinct chair for that precinct. There is no specific period of time that the person must have been a resident of the precinct to be eligible for the office of precinct chair. (Section 171.023, Texas Election Code) For additional information, please contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State.

<sup>3</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, 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 EN LA BOLETA DE LA PRIMARIA GENERAL PARA UN PRESIDENTE DEL PRECINTO O DEL CONDADO

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.

SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PRESIDENTE DEL \_\_\_\_\_ EN LA BOLETA DE LA PRIMARIA GENERAL (Precinto o Condado)

DEL PARTIDO \_\_\_\_\_ (Demócrata o Republicano)

Para: Presidente del Condado

Solicito que mi nombre se incluya en la boleta primaria oficial mencionada anteriormente como candidato(a) para la elección del cargo indicado a continuación.

CARGO SOLICITADO (Circule una de las opciones) (Incluya cualquier número de plaza u otro número distintivo, si lo hay.) Presidente del Condado [ ] Presidente del Precinto [ ] Número del Precinto \_\_\_\_\_

DECLARACIÓN DE TITULAR ACTUAL: (Indique si usted es el titular actual.) [ ] Titular Actual

NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer Nombre, Segundo Nombre, y 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 VOTANTE<sup>2</sup> (Opcional)

INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO TELEFÓNICO (Opcional) Hogar: Trabajo: Celular: DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE ESTA SOLICITUD FUE JURADA EN EL ESTADO DE TEXAS (Opcional) EN EL PRECINTO/CONDADO DEL QUE SE ELIGE EL CARGO BUSCADO (Opcional)

\*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 un 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. 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<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Título del oficial autorizado para administrar el juramento

Nombre de oficial autorizado para administrar juramentos en letra de molde \_\_\_\_\_ Notarial o sello oficial

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY CHAIR OR SECRETARY OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (See Section 1.007)

[ ] Voter Registration Status Verified Date Filed Signature of Chair or Designee Receiving Filed Application Date Accepted or Date Rejected Signature of Chair or Designee Upon Determination of Application

## INSTRUCCIONES

### PERÍODO DE PRESENTACIÓN

- **Presidente del Condado:** La solicitud debe ser presentada no antes del 30° día antes del segundo lunes de diciembre de un año impar, a menos que la fecha límite de presentación se extienda bajo el Subcapítulo C. (Sección 172.023, Código Electoral de Texas) El comité ejecutivo estatal de un partido político, por regla, puede exigir que una solicitud para presidente de condado esté acompañada por una petición de nominación que contenga las firmas de al menos el 10% de los presidentes de precinto en funciones que sirven en el comité ejecutivo del condado. (Sección 172.021(f) del Código Electoral de Texas). Comuníquese con el comité ejecutivo estatal de su partido para obtener más información sobre la creación de una regla que exija presentar una petición de nominación.
- **Presidente del Precinto:** La solicitud debe ser presentada no antes del 90° día antes del segundo lunes de diciembre de un año impar, a menos que la fecha límite de presentación se extienda bajo el Subcapítulo C. (Sección 172.023, Código Electoral de Texas)
- 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.

### FECHA LÍMITE DE PRESENTACIÓN

La fecha límite para la presentación de candidatos para presidente del condado o del precinto es a las 6:00 p.m. el segundo lunes de diciembre de un año impar, a menos que la fecha límite de presentación se extienda bajo el Subcapítulo C.

La solicitud deberá presentarse ante el presidente del condado o el secretario(a) del comité ejecutivo del condado o su designado, si lo hay. (Sección 172.022, Código Electoral de Texas) El presidente o la persona por él designada debe firmar en la línea junto a la "Fecha de Presentación" y anotar la fecha en que se recibió la solicitud cuando el candidato presente su solicitud, o la envíe por fax o por correo electrónico.

Una vez presentada, la solicitud debe revisarse para garantizar que cumple los requisitos de forma, contenido y procedimiento. La revisión deberá completarse a más tardar el quinto día hábil siguiente a la fecha de recepción de la solicitud por parte de la autoridad de presentación. Si una solicitud se presenta menos de cinco días hábiles antes de la fecha límite de presentación establecida, la revisión deberá completarse a más tardar el primer viernes a partir de la fecha límite de presentación establecida. Si una solicitud no cumple los requisitos aplicables, la autoridad deberá rechazarla y entregar de inmediato al candidato una notificación por escrito del motivo del rechazo. (Sección 172.0222, Código Electoral de Texas) Una vez que se haya tomado una decisión, el presidente debe anotar si la solicitud fue aceptada o rechazada completando la casilla de fecha aceptada o fecha rechazada y firmando la solicitud en el extremo inferior derecho.

### 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>Los candidatos para los puestos de presidente del condado o del precinto deben ser residentes y votantes calificados del condado del que fueron elegidos a más tardar en la fecha límite de presentación. Además de los requisitos generales de elegibilidad para los cargos del partido, una persona también debe residir en el precinto electoral para ser elegible para ser candidato o para servir como presidente del precinto de ese precinto. No hay un período específico de tiempo que la persona debe haber sido residente del precinto para ser elegible para el cargo de presidente del precinto. (Sección 171.023, Código Electoral de Texas) Para obtener información adicional, comuníquese con la División de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado.

<sup>3</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 y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código Gubernamental de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.



## Candidate Contact Information Form

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

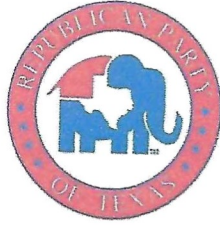
Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct# \_\_\_\_\_

**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).**

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

**Please Return This Completed Form To:  
Cheryl Thompson-Draper Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman  
713 5168880 [chairmanlcrp@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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)



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A full version of the RPT Platform can be found at [www.TexasGOP.org](http://www.TexasGOP.org)

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### 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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**

*Not a Primary Election document.*

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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](mailto: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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**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 5, 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)
- 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
- 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  
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**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**

## 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>

<b>Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Primary Election</b>	
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
<b>Filing deadline for primary candidates;</b> filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	<b>Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM</b>
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	<b>Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (Election Day)</b> at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> 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) <sup>4</sup>

**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	<b>Tuesday, May 28, 2024 (Election Day)</b> 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) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Uniform Election Date</b> (ie: GENERAL ELECTION/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION)	
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <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 <sup>1</sup>
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) <sup>1</sup>	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) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
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	<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day)</b> 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) <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Helpful Contact Info for Candidates 2024

<p><b>Republican County Chairman</b>  Cheryl Thompson-Draper  Headquarters:  108 N LaGrange  Hallettsville Texas 77964  <u>Mailing Address:</u>  PO Box 656  Hallettsville, Texas 77964  713 5168880 (cell/text)  <a href="mailto:ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com">ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com</a>  <a href="http://www.lavacacountygop.com">www.lavacacountygop.com</a></p>	<p><b>Texas Secretary of State (Elections Division)</b>  <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  <a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/</a></p>
<p><b>Lavaca County Elections Office</b>  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  <a href="mailto:teniah@co.lavaca.tx.us">teniah@co.lavaca.tx.us</a>   <a href="https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/page/lavaca.Elections">https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/page/lavaca.Elections</a>   <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094324215892&amp;mibextid=LQQJ4d">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094324215892&amp;mibextid=LQQJ4d</a></p>	<p><b>Texas Ethics Commission</b>  <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  <a href="http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/">http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/</a></p>
<p><b>Republican Party of Texas</b>  PO Box 2206  Austin, Texas 78768  Phone: 512-477-9821  Fax: 512-480-0709  Hours: 9:00am – 5:00 pm, Mon – Fri  <a href="http://www.texasgop.org">http://www.texasgop.org</a></p>	<p><b>Federal Election Commission</b>  <u>Mailing Address:</u>  999 E. Street, NW  Washington, DC 20463  Phone: 202-694-1000  Toll free: 800-424-9530  TTY: 202-219-3336  <a href="http://www.fec.gov/">http://www.fec.gov/</a></p>
<p><b>Republican National Committee</b>  Ronna McDaniel- Chairwoman  Drew McKissick- Co Chairman   <a href="https://www.gop.com">https://www.gop.com</a>  <a href="https://www.gop.com/about-our-party/rnc-leaders/">https://www.gop.com/about-our-party/rnc-leaders/</a></p>	

## Lavaca County Republicans

### Lavaca County Republican Party (LCRP)

County Chairman- Cheryl Thompson-Draper 713 5168880 [ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dianalhawes@gmail.com)

Vicki Vickers-Vice President 512 554 5678 [vickidianeckers@yahoo.com](mailto:vickidianeckers@yahoo.com)

Maire Day- Treasurer 361 772 8306 [weid4days@hotmail.com](mailto:weid4days@hotmail.com)

Laura Wauson- Secretary 210 380 6566 [lordsilred@gmail.com](mailto:lordsilred@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 4<sup>th</sup> and some months it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday)

St Peter Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 101 Market Street Hallettsville

Becky Berger President 979 5050508 [surebeck@yahoo.com](mailto:surebeck@yahoo.com)

Karen Renger- Vice President 361 7724342 [klrhermes@gmail.com](mailto:klrhermes@gmail.com)

Mona Davenport- Treasurer 361 7980731 [moseda71@gmail.com](mailto:mosedda71@gmail.com)

Aileen Peck- Secretary 361 7986119 [aileen.b.peck@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).

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**P.O. Box 12070**  
**Austin, Texas 78711-2070**

**(512) 463-5800**

**TDD (800) 735-2989**

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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](#).

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

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# Political and Campaign Signs



Right of Way Division

## Interstate and Primary Highways

During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers which 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 controls the location of commercial signs, and never controls the content of any signage. If you have questions about what may be on a political sign, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where can I place political signs?

You can place your signs anywhere so long as they are:

- 1) not in the highway right of way;
- 2) not in a location that poses a safety hazard (e.g. blocking sight to a driveway); and
- 3) placed with the landowner's permission.

Always make sure to check with local authorities (cities, counties, etc.) as they may have their own restrictions on sign placement.

### When can I place political signs?

Cities and counties may have their own time restrictions for political signs, however TxDOT does not enforce any timing restrictions.

### There is a sign on private property posing a safety hazard

If you believe a sign or signs create a safety hazard, contact local law enforcement as they can have the owner remove or relocate their sign(s).

### There are signs located on the Right of Way (ROW)

Signs cannot be placed on the ROW as per Texas Transportation Code §393.002. "A sheriff, constable, or other trained volunteer authorized by the commissioners court of a county may confiscate a sign placed in violation of Section 393.002." [TEX. TRANS. CODE §393.003]. For state-maintained highways, your local TxDOT district office also has the authority to remove signs located on state owned right of way.

### Where is the ROW?

If you are unsure where the ROW starts or ends, you should contact your local TxDOT district office.

### Online Information

This same information is available online on TxDOT's website and can be accessed by the below method:

Go to

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)



Select "Do business"



Select "Right of Way"



Select "View campaign sign laws"

OR

Search Online:

"TxDOT Campaign Signs"

## Contact Us

The contact information for your local TxDOT office can be found online at:

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) → About → TxDOT Districts

Then find your county and select the "Discover" link for specific contact information.

For any other questions concerning signs along Texas highways, contact the TxDOT Commercial Signs Regulatory Section:

[ROW\\_OutdoorAdvertising@txdot.gov](mailto:ROW_OutdoorAdvertising@txdot.gov)

or by phone:

(512) 416-3030

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## 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



### **Precinct Chairs may be elected one of two ways:**

1. *Elected on the ballot by your Precinct Primary voters- Primary Election Day is March 5, 2024*
  - a. Filing for Precinct Chair runs from September 12, 2023 to 6 p.m. on December 11, 2023. If only one candidate files for precinct chair, they are declared elected, and their name doesn't appear on the ballot. (Texas Election Code 171.0221)
    - i. All elected Precinct Chairs, whether opposed or not, take office 20 days after the primary run off on June 17, 2024. Statutory Organization meeting may be on a slightly later date.
2. *Elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee (Texas Election Code 171.024) a.*
  - Sitting Precinct Chairs may vote to fill vacancies on a Executive Committee
  - b. CEC Rules/Bylaws define the quorum requirements to elect Precinct Chairs to fill vacancies (RPT Rule 8h), within the parameters set by RPT Rules (RPT Rule 9a) <https://texasgop.org/rules/>
    - i. Quorum parameters: Not less than one quarter excluding vacancies, not greater than one half.

**Find the form & instructions (English & español):** <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-3f.pdf>

1. You will fill out the form -Contact your County Chairman for assistance if needed.
2. Have the form notarized (the county party may have a notary available-ask the Chairman)
3. You will file the form with your County Chairman- from September 12, 2023 to 6 p.m. on December 11, 2023

### **What do Precinct Chairs do?**

1. *Attend Executive Committee meetings* (held at least quarterly). This is the only duty which the Precinct Chair *cannot delegate* to someone else. Proxies are not allowed (Sec. 171.026).
2. *Organize your precinct* - inform your voters of elections, important Republican events & news, & get out the vote for all elections.
3. *Be an election judge/clerk/poll watcher on Election Day* if possible or help the County Party find someone to work in your precinct location.
4. *Serve as the temporary Precinct Chairman for your biennial Precinct Convention.*

**How long do Precinct Chairs serve?** The term for Precinct Chairs is two years. Precinct Chair elections occur on even numbered years on the Primary Election ballot. 2024-2026 term- June 17, 2024- June 2026.

### **Am I eligible to serve?**

- Be a resident of the precinct (Sec. 171.023)
- Be a qualified voter in that county (Sec. 161.005)
- Not be a county, state, or federal public office holder or candidate for such office
- In a general election year, be affiliated with the Republican Party through voting in the Republican primary election or runoff or by oath of affiliation (Sec. 162.001 – 162.012)

For more information ask your **Lavaca Republican Party County Chair - Cheryl Thompson-Draper.**

Phone/text: **713-5168880** Email: [\*\*ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com)



# Precinct Chairs Duties

## General Expectations

- Help promote and grow the local county party
- Work to elect Republican candidates to office
- *Your #1 goal is to maximize the Republican vote in your precinct*

## Selection Process

- Elected for a two year term in the Republican Primary by filing with the County Chair to be on the ballot
- If the election has passed and the position is or becomes vacant the County Executive Committee (CEC) may appoint someone to fill the position

## Duties within your Precinct

- Identify, register, inform and turnout voters
- Get to know Republicans in your precinct
- Organize voters in your precinct and provide opportunities to become more involved

## Duties within the County Party

- Participate in County Executive Committee Meetings
- Serve as an Officer, Committee Chair or Committee Member
- Recruit Precinct Chairs & Volunteers
- Help work precincts without Precinct Chairs
- Assist your County Chair as needed

## Duties within Local Elections

- Place signs at polling locations the night prior to the election
- Serve as or recruit voters as an Election Judge or Election Clerk

## Duties within the Convention Process

- Conduct the Precinct Convention as the Temporary Chair and ensure that all precinct convention paperwork is returned to the County Chair
- Assist the County Chair as needed to hold the County or Senate District Convention





Dear Republican Party Precinct Chairman Candidate:

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

In this packet you have the filing application for a place on the ballot as Precinct Chairman for your precinct. It is due back to me notarized before December 11th at 6 pm. **The earlier the better just in case** there is an error and you possibly need to refile the paperwork. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, PLEASE!**

Filing period for Precinct Chair positions are Sept 12- Dec 11 at 6pm SHARP. Contact me or our LCRP Secretary- Donna Perez, we will be happy to meet you and receive your application.


This Precinct Chairman's Application packet is designed to give you useful information that we think will make your filing and campaigning a little easier.

As County Chair I am available by phone, email and appointment- though texting me is the fastest way of contacting me. You may reach me at 713 5168880 [ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com](mailto:ChairmanLCRP@gmail.com)

Do not hesitate to reach out to 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 Lavaca County Party events!

Warm Republican regards,

  
Cheryl Thompson-Draper, Lavaca County Republican Party Chairman

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