

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

On November 5, 1991, Texas voters approved an amendment that added a new provision, Article III, Section 24a, to the Texas Constitution. The constitutional amendment created the Texas Ethics Commission.

INTRODUCTION

Texas Ethics Commission. Title 15 of the Election Code is entitled "Regulating Political Funds and Campaigns." Administration, interpretation, and enforcement of EC Title 15 are the responsibility of the Texas ethics commission ("commission") rather than the secretary of state's office [EC §251.032 and GC Ch. 571]. The commission has prescribed forms and instruction guides which may be obtained by downloading from the commission's website www.ethics.state.tx.us, see M § 18.02(f) or contacting the commission's office. The address, phone number, and email addresses are:

Texas Ethics Commission
P. O. Box 12070, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711-2070
Main Number: 512-463-5800
TDD: 1-800-735-2989

openrecords@ethics.state.tx.us

treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us

formsecurity@ethics.state.tx.us

affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us

[public comments@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:publiccomments@ethics.state.tx.us) (comments on proposed TEC rules)

swomcomplaints@ethics.state.tx.us

COMPLAINTS

Any person may file a written complaint with the commission alleging a violation of EC Title 15. The complaint can be about any person subject to E.C. Title 15 alleging a violation of a rule adopted by or a law administered and enforced by the commission. Address is shown above.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF REGULATIONS.

A city secretary is not charged with full knowledge of the provisions regulating political funds and has no duty to inform or advise persons subject to the regulations regarding their content [see M § 18.11 and §18.12]. The principal objective of the law is to obtain a full public disclosure with regard to the financing of political campaigns and officeholder activities that are supported by contributions instead of public money. To that end, candidates, officeholders, and political committees are required to file detailed reports of contributions and expenditures.

WHERE AND BY WHOM REPORTS ARE FILED.

Who must file reports? The following persons or entities that make contributions or expenditures in connection with an election on one or more city offices or measures or in assisting a city elected officeholder, either by election or by appointment to an unexpired term, are required to file reports of their contributions and expenditures [M §18.05, §18.06, and §18.07]:

- (1) Candidates in an election.
- (2) Specific-purpose political committees supporting or opposing a candidate or a measure or assisting an officeholder.
- (3) General-purpose political committees supporting or opposing a candidate or a

measure in a city election or assisting a city officeholder.

(4) Individuals not acting in concert with any other person who make direct expenditures in support of or opposition to one or more candidates or measures in excess of \$130 in each election. (They file under the same regulations as the campaign treasurer of a specific-purpose political committee except that they are not required to file a campaign treasurer appointment.)

(5) Corporations and labor organizations not acting in concert with any other entity that make direct expenditures in an election on a measure. They file under the same regulations as the campaign treasurer of a specific-purpose political committee except that they are not required to file a campaign treasurer appointment. These entities, but not a political committee of their stockholders or members, are prohibited from making contributions, directly or indirectly, supporting or opposing candidates, including in a recall election, or assisting officeholders [EC §253.094].

(6) Former city officeholders and unsuccessful candidates who have unexpended political contributions after filing a report designated as a final report. (They must also file a report of disposition of any unexpended funds that are still on hand after expiration of six years from the date the person ceases to be an officeholder or candidate or files a final report, whichever is later.)

(7) Campaign treasurers of political committees involved in city affairs whose appointment is terminated before the last day of the reporting period in which the termination occurs.

Where and to whom must reports be filed? Local candidates must file reports with the city secretary. Reports may be received in person, via facsimile, USPS, common carrier or via email.

- In Person: 5300 Belt Line Road, Dallas, Texas
- Via Facsimile: (972) 450-7043
- USPS: Town of Addison, ATTN: City Secretary, P.O. Box 9010. Addison, TX 75001
- Email: iparker@addison.tx.gov

MAY 7, 2022 CANDIDATES
REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 7, 2022 UNIFORM ELECTION

Thursday, April 7, 2022 (30th day before the May 7, 2022 Uniform Election)

- Beginning Date of Period Covered: January 1, 2022 or the date of campaign treasurer appoint or the day after the date the last report ended
- Ending Date of Period Covered: March 28, 2022

Friday, April 29, 2022 (8th day before May 7, 2022 Uniform Election)

- Beginning Date of Period Covered: March 29, 2022 or date of campaign treasurer appointment or the day after the date the last report ended.
- Ending Date of Period Covered: April 27, 2022

[CANDIDATES REPORTS HERE]

30TH DAY BEFORE MAY 7 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE:

- Darren Gardner: link
- Eileen Resnik
- Guillermo “GQ” Quintanilla
- Randy Smith: No report has filed for Modified Reporting

8TH DAY BEFORE THE MAY 7 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE:

- Darren Gardner: link
- Eileen Resnik
- Guillermo “GQ” Quintanilla
- Randy Smith: No report has filed for Modified Reporting

**CURRENT AND FORMER CITY OFFICEHOLDERS AND
UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

2022 REPORT DATES

January 18, 2022 Deadline Semiannual Campaign Finance Report:

- Period Covered: The first day covered by the report is July 1, 2021, or the date your campaign treasurer appointment was filed, or the first day after the period covered by the last report required to be filed, as applicable. The last day covered is December 31, 2021.

July 15, 2022 deadline for Semiannual Campaign Finance Report (TO INCLUDE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION SUCCESSFUL AND UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES):

- Beginning Date of Period Covered: January 1, 2022, or the date of campaign treasurer appointment or the day after the date the last report ended.
- Ending Date of Period Covered: June 30, 2022.

Joe Chow

- 1/18/22
- 7/15/22

Blake Clemens

- 1/18/22
- 7/15/22

Darren Gardner

- 7/15/2022

Guillermo Quintanilla

- 1/18/22

- 7/15/22

Eileen Resnik

- 7/15/22

Randy Smith

- 7/15/22

Alan Then

- 1/18/22 (final)

Paul Walden

- 1/18/22
- 7/15/22

Lori Ward

- 1/18/22 (final)

Kathryn Wheeler

- 1/18/22
- 7/15/22

Marlin Willesen

- 1/18/22
- 7/15/22