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Upcoming Deadlines for Candidates in the July 14, 2020, Primary Runoff Election

As a candidate in the 2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION, you must file a runoff campaign finance report with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). You must file this report **EVEN IF YOU HAD NO ACTIVITY** during the reporting period. If you think you received this notice in error, you should contact our office immediately.

JULY 6, 2020 -- Runoff Report: Your Runoff Report due eight days before the Primary Runoff Election must be **received by** Monday, July 6, 2020. This report covers the period beginning on February 23, 2020, and ending on July 4, 2020.

NOTE: Candidates in the 2020 Primary Runoff Election WILL NOT FILE THE JULY 2020 SEMIANNUAL report because this runoff report covers the semiannual reporting period.

JULY 5 – JULY 13, 2020 -- Daily Pre-Election Report(s) For Contributions: The period for filing a daily pre-election report begins on July 5, 2020, and ends at noon on July 13, 2020. Candidates must file daily pre-election reports to report political contributions from a person that total more than \$1,790 during this period. A daily pre-election report must be **received by** the TEC not later than the first business day after the date of the contribution that causes the total amount accepted from a contributor during the period to exceed \$1,790. Therefore, you may be required to file more than one daily pre-election report. Contributions reported on a daily pre-election report must be reported again in the next applicable campaign finance report.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE ELECTRONIC FILING APPLICATION: A campaign finance report must be filed electronically unless you qualify for the statutory exemption. To be in compliance with current requirements, you must use the TEC campaign finance filing application. When you file electronically, you should wait for a confirmation number. If you do not get a confirmation number, the report has NOT been filed.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE TIMELY FILING: A campaign finance report transmitted by Internet is considered timely filed if it is successfully transmitted in the correct format by midnight, Central Time Zone, on the date of the filing deadline. A campaign finance report eligible to be filed on paper, by a person who qualifies for the electronic filing exemption, **must be received by the TEC by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline.** All paper reports must include the electronic filing exemption form, which is available on our website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/ffd/ffs.php. Select "Electronic Filing Exemptions" from the left hand menu.

LATE-FILING PENALTY: The minimum late-filing penalty for the runoff report and a daily pre-election report is \$500.

FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE: Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php. Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, and other information that you may find useful.