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Upcoming Deadlines for Candidates in the July 14, 2020, Election for Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 4

You are receiving this notice to file because you are listed as a candidate who is opposed in the July 14, 2020, election for Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 4. If this information is not correct, please contact our office immediately. All reports listed below are required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC).

JUNE 15, 2020 (deadline is extended due to weekend): 30-Day Pre-Election Campaign Finance Report. Your 30-day pre-election campaign finance report must be ***received by*** the TEC by Monday, June 15, 2020. Candidates for the office must file **EVEN IF THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY** during the reporting period. The first day covered by the report is February 23, 2020, or the date your campaign treasurer appointment was filed, or the day after the date the last report ended, as applicable. The last day covered by the report is June 4, 2020.

JULY 6, 2020: 8-Day Pre-Election Report: Your 8-day pre-election report must be ***received by*** the TEC by Monday, July 6, 2020. Candidates for the office must file **EVEN IF THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY** during the reporting period. The first day covered by the report is June 5, 2020. The last day covered by the report is July 4, 2020.

NOTE: Candidates in this election WILL NOT FILE THE JULY 2020 SEMIANNUAL report because these pre-election reports cover the semiannual reporting period.

JULY 5, 2020 – JULY 13, 2020: Daily Pre-Election Report(s) for Contributions: The reporting period for filing a daily pre-election report begins on July 5, 2020, and ends at noon on July 13, 2020. **Opposed** candidates must file daily pre-election reports to report political contributions from a single source 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: Campaign finance reports must be filed electronically unless you qualify for the statutory exemption. To be in compliance with current requirements, you must use the campaign finance filing application found at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php. Select "Candidates and Officeholders" from the left hand menu. **If this is your first time filing with the application**, we suggest you view the instructional videos also available at that link. When you file electronically, wait for a confirmation number. If you do not get a confirmation number, the report has NOT been filed. Remember, you can file a report as soon as the reporting period ends, and we encourage you to file as early as possible so that if you experience any problems, we can assist you.

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 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 may be found at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php.

LATE-FILING PENALTY: The minimum late-filing penalty for an 8-day pre-election campaign finance report is \$500 for the first day and \$100 for each day thereafter that the report is late, up to a maximum of \$10,000. The minimum late-filing penalty for a 30-day pre-election 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.