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Upcoming Deadlines for Reports that May Be Due Before the July 14, 2020, Special Election for State Senator, Senate District 14, for General-Purpose Committees and County Executive Committees

This notice is to remind you of upcoming deadlines *that may apply to you* as the campaign treasurer of a general-purpose political committee (GPAC) or county executive committee (CEC) **if** your committee supports or opposes a candidate in the July 14, 2020, special election for State Senator, Senate District 14. All reports listed below are required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). If your committee is not involved in this special election, these reports are not required.

JUNE 15, 2020 (deadline is extended due to weekend) -- 30-Day Pre-Election Report: Your 30-day pre-election campaign finance report must be ***received by*** the TEC by Monday, June 15, 2020, ***if the committee has activity in connection with this special election.*** The first day covered by the report is January 1, 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, ***if the committee has activity in connection with this special election.*** **If you filed the 30-day pre-election report, you must file the 8-day pre-election report.** The first day covered by the report is June 5, 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 July 4, 2020.

NOTE: GPACs and CECs that file these pre-election reports 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): The reporting period for filing a daily pre-election report begins on July 5, 2020, and ends at noon on July 13, 2020. A campaign treasurer of a GPAC or CEC must file one or more daily pre-election reports ***if the committee is involved in this special election, and if:*** (1) the committee accepts political contributions from a single source that total more than \$6,090 during the reporting period, ***or*** (2) makes direct campaign expenditures supporting or opposing either a single candidate that total more than \$1,790 or a group of candidates that total more than \$26,780 during the reporting period. Therefore, you may be required to file more than one daily pre-election report. Any political activity reported on a daily pre-election report must be reported again on the next required campaign finance report. A daily pre-election report must be ***received by*** the TEC by the first business day after the date the contribution is accepted or the expenditure is made that causes the total amount to exceed the applicable threshold. For more information about the requirement to file daily pre-election reports, see the “Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committees” on our website.

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 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.

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. If you are a GPAC, select “Political Committees” from the left hand menu. If you are a CEC, select “Political Parties” 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.

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.