

# TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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## Semiannual Report due January 15, 2021

**JANUARY 15, 2021:** This notice is to remind you that as a candidate for county chair of a political party in a county with a population of 350,000 or more (or a specific-purpose committee supporting or opposing such a candidate), you must file a semiannual campaign finance report with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) no later than January 15, 2021. The first day covered by the report is July 1, 2020, *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 for this report is December 31, 2020. You may start filing on January 1, 2021. You must file this report **EVEN IF YOU HAD NO ACTIVITY**. If you think you received this notice in error, [contact our office immediately](#).

**ELECTRONIC FILING:** The report 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](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php). **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, if you have successfully filed your report, you will see your report listed in your "Filed Reports" grid under "Manage My Reports" in the filing application. A confirmation number will also be sent to your email. ***If your report is listed in your "In-Progress Reports" grid, your report is NOT 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.

**TIMELY FILING:** A report transmitted by Internet is considered timely filed if it is successfully transmitted in the correct format by midnight, Central Time Zone, January 15, 2021. A report eligible to be filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or placed in the hands of a common or contract carrier properly addressed to the Texas Ethics Commission with postage and handling charges prepaid, in the correct format by the deadline. All paper reports must include the electronic filing exemption form, which is available on our website at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php). ***NOTE: The Texas Ethics Commission is closed to the public at this time. You cannot hand-deliver your paper report to the Texas Ethics Commission.***

**LATE FILING:** The minimum civil penalty for filing a late January 2021 semiannual 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](http://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.