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Upcoming Deadlines for Specific-Purpose Committees for the September 28, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 10

This notice is to remind you of upcoming deadlines *that may apply to you if* your specific-purpose political committee (SPAC) supports or opposes a candidate in the September 28, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 10. All reports listed below are required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) if the committee accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had other activity in connection with this election. If your committee is not involved in this special runoff election, these reports are not required.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021: Runoff Report: A runoff report due eight days before the special runoff election must be ***received by*** the TEC by Monday, September 20, 2021, if the committee supports or opposes a candidate in the September 28, 2021, special runoff election during the period covered by the runoff report. The first day covered by the report is July 1, 2021, or the date your campaign treasurer appointment was filed, or the day after the date your last report ended, as applicable. The last day covered by the report is September 18, 2021.

SEPTEMBER 19 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2021: Daily Pre-Election Report(s) for Contributions: The reporting period for filing daily pre-election reports begins on September 19, 2021, and ends at noon on September 27, 2021. A campaign treasurer of an SPAC that supports or opposes a candidate in this special runoff election must file one or more daily pre-election reports if the committee accepts political contributions from a single source that total more than \$1,860 during the reporting 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 \$1,860. 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 of contributions and expenditures.

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 "Political Committees" 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, 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 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/data/forms/affd/elf_pac_aff.pdf.

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

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, common reporting errors and other information that you may find useful.