



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
2016 FILING SCHEDULE FOR
GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (GPAC),
INCLUDING COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (CEC), AND
SPECIFIC-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (SPAC)**

This is a filing schedule for general-purpose political committees, including county executive committees (referred to in this schedule as CEC), that have elected to file campaign finance reports under the *regular* filing schedule (referred to in this schedule as GPAC) and specific-purpose political committees (referred to in this schedule as SPAC). *NOTE:* A general-purpose political committee that has elected to file reports under the monthly filing schedule should use the 2016 FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES FILING MONTHLY (MPAC). Please see the note attached at the end of this schedule pertaining to judicial candidates and officeholders.

Specific-Purpose Committees Involved in School Bond Elections

Beginning on September 1, 2015, specific-purpose committees created to support or oppose a measure on the issuance of bonds by a school district must file all campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission instead of with the school district. However, such committees will continue to file campaign treasurer appointments with the school district (with the secretary or presiding officer of the school district board). For more information please go to <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/SchoolBondElectionsSPACs.htm> on our website.

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EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE - This is the date by which the report must be filed. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline, where applicable. A report transmitted over the Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted *by midnight, Central Time Zone, on the night of the filing deadline*. For most reporting periods, a report filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to 201 E. 14th St., Sam Houston Building, 10th Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701, by the filing deadline. **Pre-Election Reports:** A report due 30 days before an election and a report due 8 days before an election must be *received* by the appropriate filing authority no later than the report due date to be considered filed on time.

COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES) - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The “date of campaign treasurer appointment” is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after a political committee filed a campaign treasurer appointment. (*NOTE:* If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.**)

COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

Please consult the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES for further information.

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Friday, January 15, 2016	January semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	July 1, 2015, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2015

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MARCH 1, 2016, PRIMARY ELECTION

Monday, February 1, 2016 <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i> NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than February 1, 2016.	30th day before the March 1, 2016, primary election [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the March 1 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the March 1 election) *including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more [FORM CEC] (all CECs that are involved with the March 1 election)	January 1, 2016, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	January 21, 2016
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<p>Monday, February 22, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than February 22, 2016.</p>	<p>8th day before the March 1, 2016, primary election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the March 1 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the March 1 election)</p> <p>*including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the March 1 election)</p>	<p>January 22, 2016, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>February 20, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after February 20, 2016, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 7, 2016, UNIFORM ELECTION

<p>Thursday, April 7, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 7, 2016.</p>	<p>30th day before the May 7, 2016, uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the May 7 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 7 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that are involved with the May 7 election)</p>	<p>January 1, 2016, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>March 28, 2016</p>
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<p>Friday, April 29, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 29, 2016.</p>	<p>8th day before the May 7, 2016, uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the May 7 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 7 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the May 7 election)</p>	<p>March 29, 2016, or</p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, or</p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>April 27, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after April 27, 2016, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 24, 2016, PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

<p>Monday, May 16, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 16, 2016.</p>	<p>Runoff report</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the May 24 runoff election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the May 24 runoff election)</p> <p>*including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that are involved with the May 24 runoff election)</p>	<p>February 21, 2016, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>May 14, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after May 14, 2016, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>
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Friday, July 15, 2016	July semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	January 1, 2016, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	June 30, 2016

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016, GENERAL OR UNIFORM ELECTION

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i> NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 11, 2016.	30th day before the November 8, 2016, general or uniform election [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the November 8 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 8 election) [FORM CEC] (all CECs that are involved with the November 8 election)	July 1, 2016, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	September 29, 2016
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<p>Monday, October 31, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 31, 2016.</p>	<p>8th day before the November 8, 2016, general or uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the November 8 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 8 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that are involved with the November 8 election)</p>	<p>September 30, 2016, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>October 29, 2016</p> <p>NOTE: Daily pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after October 29, 2016, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

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Tuesday, January 17, 2017 <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i>	January semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	July 1, 2016, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2016

MORATORIUM ON CONTRIBUTIONS

December 10, 2016 – Last day to accept contributions before the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.

June 19, 2017 – First day to accept contributions after the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.

Please note that December 10, 2016, is the last day on which legislators, certain statewide officers, and certain political committees may accept contributions. The moratorium on accepting contributions begins December 11, 2016, and continues through June 18, 2017.

The following are subject to the moratorium:

- Statewide officeholders, including officeholders-elect;
- Members of the legislature, including members-elect;
- Specific-purpose committees that support, oppose, or assist statewide officeholders or members of the legislature; and
- Legislative caucuses.

Judicial offices are not covered by this moratorium. Judicial offices are subject to other laws that provide specific judicial fundraising periods.

A statewide officeholder or member of the legislature who was defeated at the November 8, 2016, general election is not subject to the moratorium, nor is a specific-purpose political committee that supports or assists only such an officeholder or member.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

Judicial Declaration of Intent Required. A candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act must file a campaign treasurer appointment and judicial declaration of intent regarding expenditure limits (Form JCTA) with the proper filing authority before accepting a campaign contribution or making or authorizing a campaign expenditure. NOTE: The Judicial Campaign Fairness Act applies to political contributions and expenditures in connection with the office of chief justice or justice, supreme court; presiding judge or judge, court of criminal appeals; chief justice or justice, court of appeals; district judge; judge, statutory county court; or judge, statutory probate court.

Limited Time Period for Accepting Contributions. A candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act may accept political contributions (campaign contributions or officeholder contributions) only during a limited time period.

Beginning Date. Candidates seeking an office that will be filled at the November 8, 2016, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **May 18, 2015**. (A **write-in candidate** may begin accepting contributions only after filing a declaration of write-in candidacy with the secretary of state or county judge, as applicable.)

Ending Date. The time period ends on one of the following dates, as applicable:

June 29, 2016, for candidates who lost in the primary election.

September 21, 2016, for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

March 8, 2017, for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.

2015 Judicial District Populations. The restrictions in the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act include contribution and expenditure limits, which may vary according to the population of the judicial district. The 2015 population certification for each judicial district is located at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/JudicialDistrictPopulations.pdf on the Ethics Commission's website.

Other Restrictions. Candidates and officeholders subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act are subject to various campaign finance restrictions that do not apply to nonjudicial candidates and officeholders. For more information, see the Ethics Commission's CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS on the Ethics Commission's website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh_guide.pdf or request a copy by mail from the Texas Ethics Commission.