

CANDIDATES INFORMATION SHEET

****INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES****

You may have your name placed on the general election ballot as an independent candidate if you are not affiliated with a political party (Section 1.005(9), Texas Election Code). If you vote in a party's primary elections or participate in a party's conventions, you thereby affiliate with the party (Sections 142.008, 162.003, 162.007, Texas Election Code).

To file as an independent candidate, candidates must follow a two-part process. A candidate MUST:

- File a Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate between **November 11, 2023 and 6:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023** with the county judge (county or precinct offices) or the Secretary of State (district and state offices) (Sections 142.002(b)(2), 142.005, Texas Election Code). This Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate is mandatory. If you do not file a declaration during the applicable filing period, your subsequent candidate application will be rejected.
- File a candidate application along with a supporting nominating petition. The application, along with petition, by **5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2024**, with the county judge (county or precinct offices) or the Secretary of State (district and state offices) (Sections 142.005, 142.006, Texas Election Code).
 - Details on Nominating Petition: After the primary elections (or after the primary runoff election, if the office you are seeking is involved in a primary runoff election), you must collect signatures from registered voters who support your candidacy (Section 142.009, Texas Election Code).
 - The signers of your petition must be registered voters who have not participated in the general primary election or the runoff primary election of a party that has nominated, at either election, a candidate for the office you seek (Section 142.009, Texas Election Code).

NOTE: Prior to announcing candidacy, receiving campaign contributions and making any campaign expenditures one must file an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer with the Kendall County Elections Department.

FILING AUTHORITIES

KENDALL COUNTY County Judge	KENDALL COUNTY Elections Administrator	SECRETARY OF STATE	TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
Shane Stolarczyk 201 E. San Antonio Ave, Ste. 122 Boerne, Texas 78006 830-249-9343 ext. 212 judge@co.kendall.tx.us	Staci L. Decker 221 Fawn Valley Drive, Ste 100 Boerne, Texas 78006 (830) 331-8701 Staci.decker@co.kendall.tx.us	P.O. Box 12060 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 436-5650	P.O. Box 12070 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-5800 www.ethics.state.tx.us

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATE

NOVEMBER 5th

PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Countywide All precincts	Precinct 1 1010, 1110	Precinct 2 2020, 2080, 2120	Precinct 3 3030, 3040, 3060	Precinct 4 4050, 4070, 4100
1128	249	325	286	269

The number of signatures required for placement of an independent candidate's name on the general election ballot is the lesser of (1) 500 or (2) **5%** of the total number of votes received in the district, county or precinct by all candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial general election (November 8, 2022) (TEC 142.007).

FILING AUTHORITY - COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR:

All Candidates and/or Officeholders for countywide offices, precinct specific offices within the county and single-county criminal district attorney must file the following forms with the local county elections administrator:

- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer By a Candidate (Form CTA)
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Form CFCP)
- Campaign Finance Report (Form C/OH)
- Amendments to any of the forms listed above

NOTE: Single-County Criminal District Attorney candidates/officeholders must file their Personal Financial Statements (Form PFS) directly with the Texas Ethics Commission. For more information about this report please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

FILING AUTHORITY - TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION:

All Candidates and/or Officeholders for single-county district judge must file directly with the Texas Ethics Commission. For more information about your filing requirements please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

FILING AUTHORITY - COUNTY JUDGE:

All Candidates and/or Officeholders for countywide offices and precinct specific offices within the county must file the following with the local county judge.

- Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate
- Independent Candidate's Petition for a Place on the Ballot
- Application for a Place on the Primary Ballot

FILING AUTHORITY - SECRETARY OF STATE:

All Candidates and/or Officeholders for single-county district judge and single-county criminal district attorney must file the following with the secretary of state's office.

- Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate
- Independent Candidate's Petition for a Place on the Ballot
- Application for a Place on the Primary Ballot

NOTE: Please be aware that all information a candidate files becomes public record and IS subject to the Public Information Act. Interested citizens, other candidates and members of the news media may ask to see the information that you file as a candidate.