



Thank you for your interest in serving the residents of Kennedale by applying for candidacy in the upcoming municipal election. **City Council Places 1, 3, and 5 are up for election on the Saturday, May 6, 2017 ballot.** Those elected will be sworn into office at the May 15 City Council meeting, and will serve a two-year term ending in May 2019. Please see the qualifications (p. 64) to ensure your eligibility, and familiarize yourself with the calendars (the local calendar on p. 4 is sourced from the State's calendar on pp. 283-293) to ensure you don't miss a deadline.

As a candidate, you must comply with numerous statutes and ordinances, and I've created this Candidate's Packet to guide you through the process. All efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, but if you do find a mistake in this packet, I would appreciate you alerting me so that I can correct it.

It is strongly recommended that you read this letter and the enclosed materials prior to filling out any forms. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to know and follow campaign law. I can only accept and file the paperwork. I cannot offer advice. Should you need answers regarding campaign finance reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures, please contact the Ethics Commission (www.ethics.state.tx.us) at 800-325-8506 or 512-463-5800. For questions concerning election law, please contact the Secretary of State (www.sos.state.tx.us) at 800-252-8683 or 512-463-5650.

The City of Kennedale appreciates your willingness to offer your time and knowledge to our community, and I hope your campaign will be a positive and exciting experience for you and your supporters. The City Secretary's office is here to help you. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. **View more information and access associated documents, including this full packet, at www.cityofkennedale.com/election.**

Best Wishes,

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Forms in this Packet are Current as of the Date of this Letter

However, forms can be updated at any time, and links are included so that you can ensure that you're filling out the most current version.

Specific Purpose Committees

Groups or committees that advertise or campaign for a candidate or for/against a specific measure (proposition) on the ballot are called Specific Purpose Committees, and must file with the City Secretary's office. These groups are also required to appoint a campaign treasurer before accepting or expending any funds. The forms and instructions are available from the City Secretary's office, and will be made available to you upon request. More information can be found here: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/spacfrm.htm>.

You Must Use Black Ink on All Financial Forms

Texas Election Code [§254.036](#) requires that all forms regarding financial reporting of political campaigns be written in black ink or typed with black typewriter ribbon unless the report is a computer printout. If the report is a computer printout, the printout must conform to the same format and paper size as the form prescribed by the commission.