



Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Kennedale by applying for a place on the May 1, 2021 election ballot for the purpose of electing the offices of **City Council Places 1, 3, and 5**. Following the election, the standing Council will hold a public meeting to canvass the official election returns. Afterwards, the qualified person receiving the majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast for each office shall be sworn in for a two-year term ending May 2023. If a run-off is necessary, it shall be scheduled in accordance with state law. For more information about local elections, see Article IV of the Home Rule Charter (cityofkennedale.com/charter).

It is strongly recommended that you read this letter and the enclosed materials and related links prior to filling out any forms. Ultimately, it is each candidate's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws. The office of the City Secretary accepts and retains paperwork related to local elections, but cannot offer advice. For questions regarding campaign finance, contact the Texas Ethics Commission (ethics.state.tx.us) at 512-463-5800. For election law questions, contact the Texas Secretary of State (sos.state.tx.us) at 512-463-5650.

As a candidate, you must comply with state laws as well as local requirements and this Candidate Packet is meant to help guide you. Your first steps might be to confirm eligibility via the local qualifications form (**PAGE 15**) and to familiarize yourself with the local calendar (**PAGE 4**), which is based on the Secretary of State's calendar (sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/advisory2020-37.shtml). All efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, but if you do find an error, please let us know so that corrections can be made.

Thank you for your willingness to serve your community, and I hope your campaign will be a positive and exciting experience for you and your supporters. **View more information and access associated documents, including the full Candidate Packet, at cityofkennedale.com/CandidatePacket.**

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LOCAL FILER INFORMATION

On state agency sites, you may see different forms or options depending upon what kind of candidate you are. Anyone filing in connection with this City of Kennedale General Election must file in-person with the City Secretary, and is classified as a:

Local Filer (file with the City Secretary rather than the State)

Non-Judicial (not running for a judge or other judicial office)

Candidate / Officeholder (sometimes abbreviated as COH or C/OH) or **Political Committee** (see below)

FORMS CURRENT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

Links are included for your reference. Copies of Form COH (Campaign/Officeholder Report) are available upon request.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SOMETIMES CALLED A 'PAC')

A 'political committee' is two or more persons acting in concert with a principal purpose of accepting political contributions or making political expenditures. There are several types defined by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code, all of which should file Form CTA (Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer) before accepting or expending any political funds. Copies of this form are available upon request. More information can be found here: ethics.state.tx.us/forms/local/localspacfrm.php.