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Candidates for 2014 Mayoral and Council Election

RE: Election Information – Candidate Packet

Thank you for your interest in running for local office. To assist you in your endeavor, we have compiled a Candidate Packet that contains important information for anyone interested in running for Mayor or City Council Member. The Candidate Packet is available online at [www.cctexas.com/government/city-secretary/election-campaign-reports/index](http://www.cctexas.com/government/city-secretary/election-campaign-reports/index). You can print out individual forms or the entire packet if desired. The website also includes links to other websites that will be helpful to your candidacy, such as the Texas Ethics Commission and Secretary of State websites.

Article II, Section 2 of the City Charter provides the basic eligibility requirements for any individual interested in serving on the City Council as follows:

- (a) Candidates for mayor or city council shall file with the city secretary within the time provided by law an application to appear on the ballot.
- (b) The candidate shall not owe delinquent taxes to the city.
- (c) The application shall meet the requirements of the Texas Election Code.
- (d) No candidate shall be placed on the ballot unless his or her application is accompanied by either (1) a filing fee of \$100.00, or (2) a petition signed by registered voters residing in the territory from which the office is elected equal in number to the greater of: (a) twenty-five, or (b) one-half of one percent of the total vote received in the territory from which the office is elected by all candidates for mayor in the most recent mayoral regular election.

As mentioned in Item (c), the Texas Election Code stipulates other requirements that are included in the candidate packet.

The laws that govern elections and campaign finances are complex. Thus, a candidate should consider retaining legal counsel for assistance. Staff in the City Secretary's Office cannot advise candidates, groups who support or oppose candidates or measures, or members of the public on matters pertaining to election or campaign finance law. The City Secretary's Office and staff must remain neutral in the electoral process. By the same token, the City Attorney and his staff cannot advise candidates, groups who support or oppose candidates or measures, or members of the public on matters related to election or campaign finance law. Their duty is to provide legal representation to the City as an entity.

The duties of the City Secretary's Office include accepting, retaining, and providing public access to the various applications, affidavits, and financial statements from candidates. Staff will note the date and time of filings. The City Secretary's Office does not complete, correct information, report on the timeliness of filings, or the sufficiency of the reports filed. The City Secretary's Office cannot interpret election law or campaign finance law for the candidates, but will direct candidates to applicable citations when possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (361) 826-3105.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Huerta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary