



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Candidates for the 2018 City Council Election

**FROM:** Jannette Goodall, City Clerk

**DATE:** May 4, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Candidacy Requirements for the City of Austin

City of Austin City Charter Article II, Section 2 and Texas Election Code, Section 141.001 outline the eligibility requirements for public office. *See also* Tex. Election Code § 141.003. To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office, a person must:

- 1) be a United States citizen;
- 2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- 3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
  - totally mentally incapacitated; or
  - partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- 4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- 5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot; and
- 6) on the date described by the preceding item "5)", be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected.

**The deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 City of Austin General Election is Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

Any candidate filing for a place on the ballot must be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected (registered to vote within the City of Austin in the mayor's race or registered to vote within the council district boundaries for council member races). Voter registration is effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the voter registration application is submitted to the voter registrar.

Any citizen interested in running for City Council who is not currently a registered voter in the district for which he or she is running must **submit a voter registration application** to the

appropriate County Voter Registrar's Office **at least 30 days prior to filing an application for place on the ballot.** Any candidate who is a registered voter is encouraged to confirm his or her voter registration information to ensure that the voter registration information is current and accurate. Information on becoming a registered voter can be located at:

**Travis County:** <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters/voter-registration>

**Williamson County:** <http://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections/Voter-Registration>

**Hays County:** <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/voter-registration-ballot-by-mail.aspx>