

TO:

Candidates and all Campaign Finance Filers

FROM:

Jannette Goodall, City Clerk

DATE:

June 25, 2020

SUBJECT:

City of Austin Campaign Finance:

Incorrect Format for Campaign Finance Report Submission

Starting on July 1, 2020, all campaign finance reports must be filed using the City Clerk's new electronic filing system, and the <u>Office of the City Clerk will no longer accept data files or paper copies of the campaign finance reports.</u> Pursuant to City Code, a candidate, officeholder, political committee, entity, or person required by City Code or state law to file a campaign finance report with the City Clerk shall, in addition to the required report, also provide to the City Clerk a "structured data file" containing the contents of the campaign finance report. The new COA E-Filing System is replacing the data file requirement. All office holders, candidates and political action committees will be required to file all campaign finance reports, including the City ATX forms, using the COA E-Filing System.

In order to file using the COA E-Filing System and obtain an E-Filing account and password, candidates and political action committees will need to submit the following two forms to the City Clerk's Office:

- Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer (CTA)
- Campaign Finance Contact Form (Attached)

Additional information about how to file your campaign finance report can be found at: http://austintexas.gov/page/campaign-finance-forms.