



Thank you for your interest in serving the residents of the City of Kennedale by applying for candidacy in the upcoming municipal election. **Mayor and City Council Places 2 and 4 will appear on the Saturday, May 5, 2018 ballot, with Early Voting held Monday, April 23 through Tuesday, May 1, 2018.** The qualified person receiving a majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast for any office shall be sworn into office in May 2018 for a two-year term, ending in May 2020. If a run-off election is necessary, it shall be scheduled in accordance with state law. For more information, please see Article IV of the Charter (p. 43 of this packet or [www.cityofkennedale.com/charter](http://www.cityofkennedale.com/charter)).

Please see the local qualifications form (p. 64) to confirm your eligibility, and familiarize yourself with the calendars to ensure you don't miss a deadline. The local calendar (p. 4) and the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association calendar (pp. 310-320) are sourced from the Texas Secretary of State's official calendar (pp. 287-309).

As a candidate, you must comply with numerous statutes and local requirements, and this Candidate's Packet should help 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](http://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](http://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 guide 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](http://www.cityofkennedale.com/election).**

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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](http://www.sos.state.tx.us) requires that financial reporting forms for political campaigns be written, printed, or typed in black ink.