

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District:

The Secretary of State and the Texas Ethics Commission have provided certain materials enclosed in this elections packet. As the local filing authority, the Socorro Independent School District (“SISD” or the “District”) is legally required to make the enclosed material available to you. For more information about candidate requirements and elections, please visit www.sos.state.tx.us/elections and www.ethics.state.tx.us.

Any candidate and elections related questions should be directed to the Secretary of State, Elections Division, at (512) 463-5650 or (800) 252-8683. Additionally, your questions may be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800 or (800) 735-2989.

Please be aware that there exist nearing and hard deadlines for candidates. For your benefit, the SISD has enclosed some important election dates, however, you are encouraged to review the full list of important deadlines and any changes made after the date of this letter by visiting the official website of the Secretary of State, available at <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/laws/advisory2020-37.shtml>.

Although you may not need every form provided in this packet, please be sure to *carefully* read *all* of the enclosed material, including any instructions provided. Feel free to make copies of any forms requiring periodic filing, such as the report of campaign contributions.

Important: The first day to file your Application for a Place on the Ballot is January 13, 2021. The last day to file is February 12, 2021. This means that in order to be placed on the elections ballot, you must complete, sign and notarize, and file with our office the Application for Place on the Ballot by 5 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2021. Please note that Form CTA, Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer must accompany the Application. Also, note that each form or required document enclosed in this packet includes its own set of instructions.

Lastly, please review the contents enclosed in this packet. SISD is required to provide candidates with certain election forms and material from the Texas Ethics Commission available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/local/localcofrm.php>, and enclosed and listed below for your convenience:

1. 2021 Filing Schedule for Reports Dues in Connection with Elections Held on Uniform Election Dates
2. Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates Who File with Local Filing Authorities
3. Political Advertising: What you need to know
4. The Fair Campaign Practices Act
5. Form CFCP: Code of Fair Campaign Practices
6. Form CTA: Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by Candidate
7. Form CTA Instruction Guide

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8. Form ACTA: Amendment to Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate
9. Form ACTA Instruction Guide
10. Forms C/OH and C/OH-FR: Candidate Campaign Finance Report, Designation of Final Report
11. Form C/OH Instruction Guide

In addition to the material above, the following elections-related guidance and material is enclosed for your information, recommended for your review and available at www.ethics.state.tx.us:

12. School Board Candidate Guide

A copy of the following is *available upon request*:

- Title 15 of the Election Code
- Texas Ethics Commission Rules

Should you have any questions about the May 2021 General Elections for the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District, please call or email Claudia Cedillo-Maldonado at (915) 937-0000 ext. 70014 or cmaldo10@sisd.net.

Thank you,

Claudia Cedillo-Maldonado
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