## CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN **PRACTICES**

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OFFICE USE ONLY Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and Date Received political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, Date Hand-delivered or Postmarijed 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time. **Date Processed** Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary. Date Imaged 1 ACCOUNT NUMBER 2 TYPE OF FILER (Ethics Commission Filers) CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE If filing for a political committee, complete If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2. boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2. 3 NAME OF CANDIDATE TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) FIRST (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.) 4 TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER **EXTENSION** OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) STREET / PO BOX: APT/SUITE#: STATE CITY: ZIP CODE 5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) 6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) 7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) Pso TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) 8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN **TREASURER** [ V= (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) NICKNAME **GO TO PAGE 2** 

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There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

## THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.