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Dear Firstname,

I need your help!

I've enclosed a list of all of the Texas offices that are up for election in 2022. It shows the filing fees we have to pay for each Libertarian Party candidate in Texas.

**I hope you will either run for office yourself, or help pay the filing fees so another Texas Libertarian candidate can run for office. Or do both!**

I joined the Libertarian Party in 1996 and served as Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Texas for four years (2004-2008) and Executive Director of the national Libertarian Party for eight years.

I founded the Libertarian Booster PAC in Texas in 2012 to help provide additional support for Libertarian Party candidates, mostly in Texas, although I've helped candidates in some other states.

For example, this year I helped over 100 Libertarian candidates get elected in Pennsylvania. (Pennsylvania has special circumstances that make it easy for Libertarians to win certain small elections.)

We have it tougher here in Texas than in Pennsylvania, but Texas Libertarians have always done a great job fielding more candidates than most other states. Usually, we have over 100 candidates in Texas.

This year, I'm afraid we're going to have fewer than 20 candidates unless you help me pay the filing fees for some of our candidates who would like to run.

In 2020, the Libertarian Booster PAC paid \$10,250 to help cover the filing fees for nine Libertarian candidates in Texas. We can't do that again without your help.

If you are interested in running for office but can't afford the filing fee, please return the enclosed form ASAP and let me know. Or, call me at (512) 659-8896, or email me at wesbenedict@gmail.com.

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed a bill that imposed filing fees for Libertarian candidates in Texas. Some of our 2020 candidate paid the filing fee, while others took a risk and did not pay the filing fee. The Republican Party of Texas filed a lawsuit to kick the Texas Libertarian candidates off the ballot who did not pay the filing fee.

Miraculously, the Libertarian Party beat the Republican Party in court! But that victory was short lived, because in 2021, the Legislature passed another bill to make all Libertarian candidates pay the filing fees again.

There is a pending lawsuit to overturn the filing fees, but I'm doubtful the law can be defeated again in 2022. We probably won't know until it's too late, so it's important to pay as many filing fees as we can.

That's why I'm encouraging all candidates to pay the filing fee if they can afford to. But I also want to include candidates who can't pay the filing fee, because there's a chance we could win in court.

Libertarians make a big impact when they run for office whether they win or lose. If they win, of course they can implement Libertarian policies directly. But even if they don't win, Libertarian campaigns can help move public opinion and put pressure on other elected officials to adopt Libertarian positions.

Lately, it seems like politicians are using COVID-19 and other excuses to behave like authoritarians, to raise taxes, and to spend money wildly, ignoring the consequences.

I want your help fielding more Libertarian candidates so we can help promote the policies of peace, prosperity, and individual liberty.

If there are particular issues that are important to you, there's no better way to promote them than to run for office yourself!

I will help you every step of the way, from filing the paperwork, to putting up websites, to messaging and campaigning. (Note, federal election law severely limits how much I can help candidates for federal offices like U.S. Representative.)

The Libertarian Booster PAC is a separate organization from the Libertarian Party of Texas, but it was founded to help Texas Libertarians. Just so you know, I got your mailing address from generally available sources—not from the Libertarian Party's private mailing list. Details available upon request. Our PAC will do our best to prioritize and optimize which candidates receive funds from our pool of donations to cover filing fees.

Please fill out the enclosed candidate preference sheet if there's any chance you might run for office, and please also send a donation to help pay the filing fees for candidates.

Thanks for your support!



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P.S. The deadline to file is December 13, 2021. Please send your Candidate Preference Sheet and/or your donation right away so we can give the good news to Libertarians who want to run for office. And don't hesitate to call me!

# Candidate Preference Sheet for 2022 Elections

(Snail mail this form before December 7, 2021. Email before December 11. The sooner the better.)

Name: Firstname Lastname

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How flexible are you about which office you choose? (please check one):

- I would like the Libertarian Party's recommendation.  
 Somewhat flexible, preferences marked below.  
 I intend to run for my one choice marked below.

I plan to run a campaign that is (please check one):

- very active     somewhat active     I'll be on the ballot but probably won't be active (That's fine!)

How certain are you about being a candidate? (please check one):

- definitely     maybe     unsure (put me on the list of tentative candidates; keep me posted)

Are you willing and able to pay the required filing fee? Filing fees were imposed on Libertarians starting in 2020.

- yes     no     somewhat: \$\_\_\_\_\_ ← I could pay this much, but would need help with the rest.  
 I plan to get signatures instead of paying a filing fee. (Most people underestimate how hard it is to collect petition signatures, so we advise against using this method for most people.)

Below is a list of the most common offices up for election on November 8, 2022. The deadline to file your application (contact us to get a copy of the application) and pay the filing fee is 6:00 PM December 13, 2021.

Mark Choices 1, 2, & 3	Offices Up for Election in November 2022 (This table for reference only; additional/different qualifications may apply; some incomplete)	Qualifications					Either Filing Fee or Signatures Required	
		Age Req'd	Texas Resident	District Resident	Practicing Lawyer or Judge	Term (years)	Filing Fee	Number of Signatures
	All 38 United States Representatives	25 <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Not req'd		2	\$3,125	500
	State Supreme Court, Places 3, 5, 9	35 <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>a</sup>	-	10 yrs <sup>b</sup>	6	\$3,750	5,000
	Court of Criminal Appeals, Places 2, 5, 6	35 <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>a</sup>	-	10 yrs <sup>b</sup>	6	\$3,750	5,000
	All 31 State Senators	26 <sup>b</sup>	5 yrs <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>b</sup>		4	\$1,250	500
	<b>All 150 State Representatives</b> ←---We hope you mark this as one of your choices.	21 <sup>b</sup>	2 yrs <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>b</sup>		2	\$750	500
	All 15 Members of State Board of Education	26 <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>b</sup>	12 mo <sup>b</sup>		4	\$300	500
	County Judge	18 <sup>d</sup>	12 mo <sup>c</sup>	6 mo <sup>c</sup>		4	\$1,250/\$750 <sup>e</sup>	500 <sup>f</sup>
	<input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk, <input type="checkbox"/> County Treasurer	18 <sup>d</sup>	12 mo <sup>c</sup>	6 mo <sup>c</sup>		4	\$1,250/\$750 <sup>e</sup>	500 <sup>f</sup>
	County Commissioner, Precincts 2 & 4	18 <sup>d</sup>	12 mo <sup>c</sup>	6 mo <sup>c</sup>		4	\$1,250/\$750 <sup>e</sup>	500 <sup>f</sup>
	Justice of the Peace	18 <sup>d</sup>	12 mo <sup>c</sup>	6 mo <sup>c</sup>		4	\$1,250/\$750 <sup>e</sup>	500 <sup>f</sup>
	← Write name of other office. There are other offices up for election, such as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, various court justices, other judges, attorneys, more.							

<sup>a</sup> Before date of nomination (April 9, 2022).

<sup>b</sup> Before date of general election (November 8, 2022).

<sup>c</sup> Before date of nomination (March 12, 2022).

<sup>d</sup> Must be 18 years old and registered to vote in the jurisdiction by the date of nomination (March 12, 2022).

<sup>e</sup> Pay higher fee if county has at least 200,000 inhabitants according to 2020 Census.

<sup>f</sup> In some small counties, signature requirement may be lower.

Please submit this form ASAP so we can get the Application For Nomination to you and back before 12/13/2021:

Mailing address: Libertarian Booster PAC, c/o Wes Benedict, 9308 Queens Park Cv, Austin, TX 78717.

Scan and email to: wesbenedict@gmail.com.

Call to discuss: Wes Benedict (512) 659-8896.

# Libertarian Booster PAC Donation Form

- Wes**, please use my contribution to pay candidate filing fees!
- It's okay to use my contribution for other purposes besides candidate filing fees.

I am enclosing a **one-time donation** of:

- \$3,750 pays filing fee for one statewide candidate like Lieutenant Governor
  - \$1,250 pays filing fee for one State Senate or County Commissioner candidate
  - \$750 pays filing fee for one State Representative candidate
  - \$200       \$100       \$25       Other \$\_\_\_\_\_
- (There is no maximum limit)

I am enclosing a **monthly pledge contribution** to support the ongoing work of Wes Benedict and the Libertarian Booster PAC of:

- \$500       \$250       \$100
- \$50       \$25       \$10       Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed (payable to "Libertarian Booster PAC"), or

Visa    MC    AmEx    Disc   Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name:     **Firstname Lastname**    

Address:     **555 Test LN Unit T**    

City, State, Zip:     **Test, TX 55555**    

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

State law requires us to report the name, address, and occupation of any individuals contributing more than \$50 in a reporting period. No corporate contributions. Political contributions are not tax-deductible.

Call Wes Benedict at (512) 659-8896 to donate by phone (9 am-9 pm, 7 days/week).  
You may also donate on our website: **LibertarianBoosterPAC.org**

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*Please return in the enclosed envelope today!*