

**APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION
FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL! Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE MAY 6, 2023 CITY OF COLUMBUS						GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT	
TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board (name of election)							
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.							
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)				INDICATE TERM			
Columbus City Council place 1				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED			
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*				
Darrin Keith Cummings			Keith Cummings				
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)				
[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]				
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP		
Columbus	TX	78934	Columbus	TX	78934		
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH		VOTER REGISTRATION VUID NUMBER ² (Optional)	
[REDACTED]		Logistics		[REDACTED]			
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)							
Home:		Office:		Cell:			
FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)				LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony.				IN THE STATE OF TEXAS		IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application. ³				62 year(s) 8 month(s)		62 year(s) 8 month(s)	
*If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan or contain a title, nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election. Please review sections 52.031, 52.032 and 52.033 of the Texas Election Code regarding the rules for how names may be listed on the official ballot.							
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate) Keith Cummings, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:							
"I, (name of candidate) Keith Cummings, of Colorado County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of City Council place 1, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code. I am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."							
X				SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE			
[Signature]							
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17 day of February, 2023, by Keith Cummings.							
[Signature]				Marcella R. Pflughaupt			
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath ⁴				Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath			
Notary Public				MARCELLA R. PFLUGHAUPT Notary Public ID# 13193542-3 My Comm. Exp. March 18, 2023			
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath							
TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED STATE OF TEXAS (Application) PAID BY:							
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE							
This document and \$ filing fee or a nominating petition of pages received. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified							
2 / 17 / 2023		2 / 17 / 2023		(See Section 1.007)		[Signature]	
Date Received		Date Accepted		Signature of Filing Officer or Designee			

INSTRUCTIONS

An application for a place on the general election for a city, school district or other political subdivision, may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields of the application **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before Election Day.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

FOOTNOTES

¹An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701

Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01

Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA
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See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.				1 Total pages filed: <u>2</u>	
2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR <u>MR</u>	FIRST <u>Darwin</u>	MI <u>K.</u>	OFFICE USE ONLY	
	NICKNAME	LAST <u>Commings</u>	SUFFIX		
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE			Date Received <u>2/17/2023</u> <u>4:50pm</u>	
	<u>[REDACTED] Columbus TX 78934</u>			Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked <u>2/17/2023</u>	
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION	Receipt #	Amount \$
	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)	<u>city council place 1</u>			Date Processed <u>2/17/2023</u>	
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)	<u>city Council place 1</u>			Date Imaged <u>2/17/2023</u>	
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR <u>MR</u>	FIRST <u>Darwin</u>	MI <u>K.</u>	NICKNAME <u>Commings</u>	LAST <u>Commings</u>
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE				
	<u>[REDACTED] Columbus TX 78934</u>				
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION		
	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	<p>I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.</p> <p>I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.</p> <p>I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Signature of Candidate</p> <p><u>2-17-2023</u> Date Signed</p>				

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**CANDIDATE MODIFIED
REPORTING DECLARATION**

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**11 CANDIDATE
NAME**

**12 MODIFIED
REPORTING
DECLARATION**

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE
CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING**

**•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before
the first election to which the declaration applies. ••**

•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ••
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

**•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party
may NOT choose modified reporting. ••**

I do not intend to accept more than \$1,010 in political contributions or
make more than \$1,010 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees)
in connection with any future election within the election cycle. I
understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be
required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff
report.

2023

Year of election(s) or election cycle to
which declaration applies


Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us
or mail to
Texas Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070

**Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority
DO NOT SEND TO TEC**

For more information about where to file go to:
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAREport.php>