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Dear Candidates and Officeholders,

The City Secretary has prepared this packet to offer insight into the election process for municipal governments and to acquaint you with the applicable legal requirements pertaining to campaign contributions, expenditures, and responsibilities set for by the State of Texas Election Code. This packet has been put together to provide you with as much pertinent information as possible however, this is not an all-inclusive packet of what you as a candidate may be required to submit or required to do. A thorough review of the materials provided within is recommended.

If you have questions regarding the materials enclosed, or any election/campaign issues, you may contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-252-VOTE or www.sos.state.tx.us or the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800 or www.ethics.statetx.us.

Please note the Office of the City Secretary will serve as your filing authority. All candidate forms and materials will be provided through and returned to the Office of the City Secretary.

The Texas Election Code prescribes certain days to hold municipal elections for city officials. The General Election of city officers will be held on Saturday, May 04, 2024. The following offices for three (3) council positions are open for election this year:

1. Councilmember 2-year term
2. Councilmember 2-year term
3. Councilmember 2-year term

FILING DATES - The first day to file for a place on the City of Wallis Ballot is January 17, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Friday, February 16, 2024. The Office of the City Secretary will be open until 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024 to accommodate candidate filing deadlines.

The role of the City Secretary's office is to accept and file the various candidate applications, affidavits, and statements required, and note the date of filing thereon. There is no legal duty to inform anyone of the necessity of or deadlines for filing any of the documents, or to advise anyone in regard to the meaning and requirements of statutes. The City Secretary should not be expected to judge or comment upon the timeliness or sufficiency of reports filed, but rather to serve only as the custodian of the records for the benefit and convenience of the public.

On the filing of an application for a place on the ballot, the City Secretary must review the application to determine whether it complies with the requirements as to form, content, and procedures. That is, the City Secretary checks to be sure it was filed correctly and in a timely manner and that all required information is complete and attested to.

All applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign reports filed with the City Secretary's office are considered public information, may be posted on the City website and are open for inspection by any person.

The City of Wallis is a ***Type A General Law Municipality***. Please understand that it is the duty of the candidate/officeholder to become familiar with and follow the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to campaigns for office.

Wallis City Regular Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm with special meetings called as necessary.,

There is no filing fee for a place on the ballot in Wallis.

Sincerely,

Sheila Moseley
City Secretary