



Dear Candidate or Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in seeking to become the nominee of the Democratic Party for the office of United States Representative, District No. 18, on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot, replacing the Hon. Sheila Jackson-Lee for that position on the ballot.

The decision concerning who will become the Party's nominee for that position on the ballot will be made by the Democratic Party's Congressional District 18 Executive Committee (the "Executive Committee") at a meeting to be held on August 13, 2024, with check-in beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, 3826 Wheeler Ave., Houston, TX 77004.

The Congressional District ("CD") Executive Committee consists of all of the precinct chairs who have been elected to serve in that capacity (at the March 5, 2024, Democratic Party General Primary Election) or been appointed to that position and approved by the Harris County Democratic Party County Executive Committee ("CEC") (at its June 22, 2024, meeting) and who reside within the territorial boundaries of the 18th congressional district of Texas and of the precinct in which they serve as the precinct chair.

There is no application form which must be filed or filing fee which must be paid to be considered by the CD Executive Committee for this replacement nomination, but a potential candidate must be nominated by a CD 18 precinct chair at the meeting (and that nomination must be seconded by another member of the CD 18 Executive Committee).

You should, however, determine whether you are required to file a Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) with the Federal Elections Commission, appoint a treasurer, or register with the FEC by filing a Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1). You should check with your campaign advisor(s) and/or the FEC about these matters before you raise or spend any money on a federal campaign related endeavor. (It may be unnecessary for you to file or register, but you need to make that determination for yourself. Neither the HCDP nor the CD 18 Executive Committee can provide any advice in that regard.)

To become the replacement nominee, the candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast at the Executive Committee meeting, which must be attended by a



majority of the CD 18 precinct chairs.

Despite the fact that there is no application form required to be nominated at the CD 18 Executive Committee meeting, we would appreciate your providing the following information as soon as possible, so we can notify the CD 18 precinct chairs (who will be the voters selecting the replacement nominee) of your interest in the position and your qualifications for the office:

- 1) The information requested on the attached Candidate Questionnaire, which includes both contact information (which will not be made publicly available, but, unless you direct us otherwise, may be shared with people trying to get in touch with you so they can interview you for endorsement purposes – like the Chronicle or Democratic clubs – or similar reasons) and background information about you and your position on some of the issues which may be of interest to the CD 18 precinct chairs;
- 2) A recent resume or other description of your qualifications and experience relevant to this position; and
- 3) A recent photograph (preferably a digital headshot) of yourself.

On Monday evening, August 5, there will be an informational meeting via Zoom for all candidates (or candidate representatives) to explain in depth the process for securing the replacement nomination and the procedures which will govern the August 13 executive committee meeting and to answer any questions you may have. You may register for the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sf-moqzooH9QIdFffVkv2fr2-1U_A3Q4B.

There will be virtual interviews of candidates conducted by precinct chairs on August 6, 7, and 8. You may sign up for an available time slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAEAA2BA0F9C43-50450093-candidate>. There will also be a televised candidate forum at the Young Women's College Preparatory Academy, 1906 Cleburne St., Houston, TX 77004, on Saturday, 10, 2024, commencing at 12:30 p.m. If you wish to participate in the forum, you must sign up by Thursday, August 8, 2024, by emailing nicole@harrisdemocrats.com.

The selection of the replacement nominee is under the jurisdiction of the



CD Executive Committee, but the Harris County Democratic Party is working with the CD Executive Committee to assist and support its efforts to conduct a successful meeting to select a replacement Democratic candidate for the ballot for this position. Should you have any questions, you may contact the HCDP office at (713) 802- 0085 or nicole@harrisdemocrats.com.

Very truly yours,

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