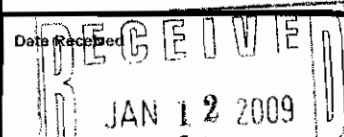


CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT

**FORM C/OH
COVER SHEET PG 1**

The C/OH Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.	1 ACCOUNT# (Ethics Commission filers)	2 Total pages filed: 3
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3 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER NAME	MS / MRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRST MI DONALD S. (STEVE) BENTON NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX	OFFICE USE ONLY 
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4 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER MAILING ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address	ADDRESS / PO BOX: APT / SUITE # CITY STATE ZIP CODE P.O. Box 674 JARRETT, TX 76537
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5 CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER PHONE	AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION (512) 943-1509	Receipt # Amount
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6 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS / MRS / MR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRST MI CARLA J. BENTON NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX	Date Processed Date Imaged
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7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER ADDRESS (Residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE): APT / SUITE # CITY STATE ZIP CODE P.O. Box 674 JARRETT, TX 76537
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8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION (512) 746-4178
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9 REPORT TYPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 30th day before election <input type="checkbox"/> Runoff <input type="checkbox"/> 15th day after campaign treasurer appointment (officeholder only) <input type="checkbox"/> July 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 8th day before election <input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded \$500 limit <input type="checkbox"/> Final report (Attach C/OH - FR)
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10 PERIOD COVERED	Month Day Year 7 / 1 / 08 THROUGH	Month Day Year 12 / 31 / 08
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11 ELECTION	ELECTION DATE Month Day Year / /	ELECTION TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Runoff <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Special
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12 OFFICE OFFICE HELD (if any) J.P. #3	13 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)
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14 NOTICE OF DIRECT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE BY OTHER INDIVIDUALS <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages	<p>** Direct campaign expenditures are campaign expenditures made by others without the candidate's prior consent or approval. Candidates are required to disclose this information only if they receive notification of the direct campaign expenditure. **</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address / PO Box; Apt. / Suite #: City; State; Zip Code</p>
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CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER REPORT: SUPPORT & TOTALS

**FORM C/OH
COVER SHEET PG 2**

15 C/OH NAME _____ **16 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission Filers)** _____

17 NOTICE FROM POLITICAL COMMITTEE(S)

-- This box is for notice of political contributions accepted or political expenditures made by political committees to support the candidate / officeholder. *These expenditures may have been made without the candidate's or officeholder's knowledge or consent*. Candidates and officeholders are required to report this information only if they receive notice of such expenditures. **

COMMITTEE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC <input type="checkbox"/> additional pages	COMMITTEE NAME
	COMMITTEE ADDRESS
	COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME
	COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN TREASURER ADDRESS

18 CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

1. TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$50 OR LESS (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS), UNLESS ITEMIZED \$

2. TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS) \$

EXPENDITURE TOTALS

3. TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES OF \$50 OR LESS, UNLESS ITEMIZED \$

4. TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES \$ 495⁰⁰

CONTRIBUTION BALANCE

5. TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAINTAINED AS OF THE LAST DAY OF REPORTING PERIOD \$ 1,740⁷⁸

OUTSTANDING LOAN TOTALS

6. TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ALL OUTSTANDING LOANS AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD \$

19 AFFIDAVIT



I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the accompanying report is true and correct and includes all information required to be reported by me under Title 15, Election Code.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Candidate or Officeholder

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said Steve Benton, this the 12th day of January 20 09, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Melissa Goins Melissa Goins Notary Public
Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN PLEDGES OR LOANS

SCHEDULE A

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.		1 Total pages Schedule A:	
2 FILER NAME		3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)	
4 Date	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) 6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	7 Amount of contribution (\$)	8 In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	
9 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		10 Employer (See Instructions)	
Date	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount of contribution (\$)	In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	
Date	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount of contribution (\$)	In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	
Date	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount of contribution (\$)	In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	
Date	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount of contribution (\$)	In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	

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If contributor is out-of-state PAC, please see instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

PLEGGED CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE B

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

1 Total pages this Schedule B:

2 FILER NAME

3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED PLEDGES: ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨

\$

5 Date	6 Full name of pledgor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)	8 Amount of pledge (\$)	9 In-kind description (if applicable)
7 Pledgor address; City; State; Zip Code		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	

10 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	11 Employer (See Instructions)
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Date	Full name of pledgor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)	Amount of pledge (\$)	In-kind description (if applicable)
Pledgor address; City; State; Zip Code		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
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Date	Full name of pledgor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)	Amount of pledge (\$)	In-kind description (if applicable)
Pledgor address; City; State; Zip Code		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
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Date	Full name of pledgor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)	Amount of pledge (\$)	In-kind description (if applicable)
Pledgor address; City; State; Zip Code		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
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Date	Full name of pledgor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)	Amount of pledge (\$)	In-kind description (if applicable)
Pledgor address; City; State; Zip Code		(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
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LOANS

SCHEDULE E

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

1 Total pages Schedule E:

2 FILER NAME

3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 TOTAL OF UNITEMIZED LOANS: ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨

\$

5 Date of loan

7 Name of lender

out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)

9 Loan Amount (\$)

6 Is lender a financial institution?
Y N

8 Lender address, City, State, Zip Code

10 Interest rate

11 Maturity date

12 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)

13 Employer (See Instructions)

14 Description of Collateral

none

15 GUARANTOR INFORMATION

16 Name of guarantor

18 Amount Guaranteed (\$)

not applicable

17 Guarantor address, City, State, Zip Code

19 Principal Occupation

20 Employer

Date of loan

Name of lender

out-of-state PAC (ID# _____)

Loan Amount (\$)

Is lender a financial institution?
Y N

Lender address, City, State, Zip Code

Interest rate

Maturity date

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)

Employer (See Instructions)

Description of Collateral

none

GUARANTOR INFORMATION

Name of guarantor

Amount Guaranteed (\$)

not applicable

Guarantor address, City, State, Zip Code

Principal Occupation

Employer

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If lender is out-of-state PAC, please see instruction guide for additional reporting requirements.

POLITICAL EXPENDITURES

SCHEDULE F

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

1 Total pages Schedule F:

2 FILER NAME
DONALD (STEVE) S. BENTON

3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 Date
9.24.08

5 Payee name
GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB
6 Payee address; City, State; Zip Code
P.O. Box 1114, GEORGETOWN TX 78627

7 Amount (\$)
4500

8 Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.)
STUDENT SPONSORSHIP
(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)

9 -- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH --
Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held

Date
12.10.08

Payee name
GEORGETOWN PROJECT
Payee address; City, State; Zip Code
P.O. Box 957 - GEORGETOWN, TX 78627

Amount (\$)
250⁰⁰

Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.)
SCHOOL PROJECT
(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)

-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH --
Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held

Date
12-10-8

Payee name
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Payee address; City, State; Zip Code
P.O. Box 346 - GEORGETOWN, TX 78627

Amount (\$)
200⁰⁰

Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.)
Dues
(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)

-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH --
Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held

Date

Payee name
Payee address; City, State; Zip Code

Amount (\$)

Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.)
(If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)

-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH --
Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held

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POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM PERSONAL FUNDS

SCHEDULE G

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form. 1 Total pages Schedule G:

2 FILER NAME 3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 Date	5 Payee name	8 Amount (\$)
	6 Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	7 Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement from political contributions intended

Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement from political contributions intended

Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement from political contributions intended

Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement from political contributions intended

Date	Payee name	Amount (\$)
	Payee address; City; State; Zip Code	
	Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement from political contributions intended

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PAYMENT FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BUSINESS OF C/OH

SCHEDULE H

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.		1 Total pages Schedule H:
2 FILER NAME		3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)
4 Date	5 Business name 6 Business address; City; State; Zip Code	7 Amount (\$)
8 Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)		9 -- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH -- Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held
Date	Business name Business address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)		-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH -- Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held
Date	Business name Business address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)		-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH -- Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held
Date	Business name Business address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
Purpose of payment (See instructions regarding type of information required.) (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)		-- Complete if direct expenditure to benefit C/OH -- Candidate / Officeholder name Office sought Office held

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NON-POLITICAL EXPENDITURES MADE FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE I

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

1 Total pages Schedule I:

2 FILER NAME

3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 Date	5 Payee name	8 Amount (\$)
6 Payee address; City; State; Zip Code		
7 Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)		
Payee name		Amount (\$)
Payee address; City; State; Zip Code		
Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)		
Payee name		Amount (\$)
Payee address; City; State; Zip Code		
Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)		
Payee name		Amount (\$)
Payee address; City; State; Zip Code		
Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)		
Payee name		Amount (\$)
Payee address; City; State; Zip Code		
Purpose of expenditure (See instructions regarding type of information required.)		

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CREDITS (optional)

SCHEDULE K

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.

1 Total pages Schedule K:

2 FILER NAME

3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 Date	5 Payor name ----- 6 Payor address; City; State; Zip Code	8 Amount (\$)
	7 Reason for credit	
	Payor name ----- Payor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
	Reason for credit	
	Payor name ----- Payor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
	Reason for credit	
	Payor name ----- Payor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
	Reason for credit	
	Payor name ----- Payor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount (\$)
	Reason for credit	

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IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OR POLITICAL EXPENDITURE FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF TEXAS

SCHEDULE T

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form. 1 Total pages Schedule T:

2 FILER NAME 3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

4 Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee

5 Contribution / Expenditure reported on:

Schedule A Schedule B Schedule C Schedule D Schedule F Schedule G
 Schedule H Schedule N COH-UC COH-T PAC-C PAC-E

6 Dates of travel	7 Name of person(s) traveling
	8 Departure city or name of departure location
	9 Destination city or name of destination location

10 Means of transportation	11 Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event)
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Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee

Contribution / Expenditure reported on:

Schedule A Schedule B Schedule C Schedule D Schedule F Schedule G
 Schedule H Schedule N COH-UC COH-T PAC-C PAC-E

Dates of travel	Name of person(s) traveling
	Departure city or name of departure location
	Destination city or name of destination location

Means of transportation	Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event)
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Name of Contributor / Corporation or Labor Organization / Pledgor / Payee

Contribution / Expenditure reported on:

Schedule A Schedule B Schedule C Schedule D Schedule F Schedule G
 Schedule H Schedule N COH-UC COH-T PAC-C PAC-E

Dates of travel	Name of person(s) traveling
	Departure city or name of departure location
	Destination city or name of destination location

Means of transportation	Purpose of travel (including name of conference, seminar, or other event)
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**CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER REPORT:
DESIGNATION OF FINAL REPORT**

FORM C/OH - FR

The Instruction Guide explains how to complete this form.
-- Complete only if "Report Type" on page 1 is marked "Final Report" --

1 C/OH NAME

2 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers)

3 SIGNATURE

I do not expect any further political contributions or political expenditures in connection with my candidacy. I understand that designating a report as a final report terminates my campaign treasurer appointment. I also understand that I may not accept any campaign contributions or make any campaign expenditures without a campaign treasurer appointment on file.

Signature of Candidate / Officeholder

4 FILER WHO IS NOT AN OFFICEHOLDER

-- Complete A & B below *only* if you are not an officeholder. --

A. CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Check only one:

- I do not have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions.
- I have unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert unexpended political contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must file an annual report of unexpended contributions and that I may not retain unexpended contributions or unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions longer than six years after filing this final report. Further, I understand that I must dispose of unexpended political contributions and unexpended interest or income earned on political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.

B. ASSETS

Check only one:

- I do not retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.
- I do retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions. I understand that I may not convert assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions to personal use. I also understand that I must dispose of assets purchased with political contributions in accordance with the requirements of Election Code, § 254.204.

Signature of Candidate

5 OFFICEHOLDER

-- Complete this section *only* if you are an officeholder --

- I am aware that I remain subject to filing requirements applicable to an officeholder who does not have a campaign treasurer on file. I am also aware that I will be required to file reports of unexpended contributions if, at the time I cease holding office, I retain assets purchased with political contributions or interest or other income from political contributions.

Signature of Officeholder