

SO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE?

FOLLOW THE GUIDE BELOW TO GET STARTED



- 1 TALK TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**
Their blessing is the first and most important.
- 2 CLEAR IT WITH WORK**
Are they okay with you being in the news?
Taking time away from the office?
- 3 FILE YOUR APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**
File with your filing authority. If you are running for local office, file this with the city secretary, or board services of your school district. This has to be done before you can talk to anyone about raising money. Find your TX Appointment of Treasurer here.
- 4 MAKE A LIST OF YOUR SUPPORTERS**
Make a list of all your friends, family, neighbors and any community leaders that you know will endorse you. This will lend your campaign credibility.
- 5 CALL YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY FIRST**
Once you have an idea how much money you can raise, considering finding a campaign manager to help you put together a budget and campaign plan that will include voter contact efforts, signs and materials and more. Be sure you familiarize yourself with Campaign Finance and Ethics Rules, too.
- 6 FILE YOUR APPLICATION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT**
When the filing period opens, file with your local filing authority. The filing period will run January 18 through February 17, 2023. Now you are officially a candidate for office!
- 7 CAMPAIGNING**
Your time now will be spent attending forums, meeting constituents, potentially block walking and making phone calls, and continuing to raise money.
- 8 EARLY VOTING IS APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 2, 2023**
You'll spend this time greeting voters at the polling locations, continuing to make calls to voters and executing your campaign plan.

ELECTION DAY IS MAY 6, 2023!

You'll spend this day greeting voters at the polls. At 7:00 pm, the county election's department will post the totals from early voting and mail in ballots. Election day totals will be reported throughout the night.