

AN ORDINANCE 2006-05-18-059Z

TERMINATING INACTIVE CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
APPOINTMENTS FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

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WHEREAS, the Chapter 2, Article VII of the City Code (the "Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations") established procedures by which the City Council can terminate inactive campaign treasurer appointments of candidates and specific action political action committees; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-311 provides that a candidate or a political action committee becomes inactive if the candidate or committee has filed a campaign treasurer appointment with the Office of the City Clerk and more than one year has lapsed since the candidate or committee has filed any required campaign finance reports with the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Section 2-311 and 2-312 of the City Code, the Office of the City Clerk has issued fifty-three (53) letters to the treasurers of inactive campaign appointments giving notice of the intent of the City Council to terminate inactive appointments at the City Council meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 18, 2006 [Attachment A - List of Inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments]; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

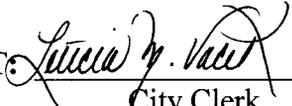
**SECTION 1.** In accordance with Sections 2-311 and 2-312 of the City Code, the City Council hereby terminates the fifty-three (53) campaign treasurer appointments listed in Exhibit A.

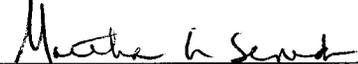
**SECTION 2.** It is expected that the Office of the City Clerk will save at least \$1500.00 in postage in the course of a year. This does not include the greater efficiency realized for staff time.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

  
**M A Y O R**  
**PHIL HARDBERGER**

**ATTEST:**   
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**   
City Attorney

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Hardberger and City Council  
**FROM:** Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Terminating Inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 18, 2006

**SUMMARY**

This ordinance will officially terminate inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance Regulations, a candidate or specific purpose political action committee cannot accept any money as it relates to the financing of a campaign until a campaign treasurer appointment is filed with the respective local filing authority. Upon an appointment being filed, campaign treasurers are required to regularly submit campaign contribution and expenditure reports with the Office of the City Clerk.

Reports are to be filed until final action to dissolve the appointment is taken on the part of the campaign treasurer. If no action is taken, my office is required to maintain the filed campaign treasurer appointment information indefinitely.

During the 79<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session State Representative Carlos Uresti (D-District 118) sponsored a bill on behalf of the Office of the City Clerk regarding the termination of inactive campaign treasurers. House Bill 1863 which became effective in 2005 allows political subdivisions to adopt a process by which the City Council may terminate the campaign treasurer appointments of inactive local candidates and specific purpose political action committees.

On March 2, 2006, by Ordinance 2006-03-02-0269, the San Antonio City Council approved amendments to Chapter 2, Article VII of the City Code (the "Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations"). One of the amendments outlined within the revised Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations was the adoption of the procedures by which the City Council could terminate inactive campaign treasurer appointments of candidates and specific purpose political action committees.

In accordance with State and Municipal procedures, a letter along with a copy of Sections 2-311 and 2-312 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations has been sent to 53 inactive campaign treasurers (see attachment A). The letter indicated the City Council's intent to terminate the campaign treasurer appointment on file with the Office of the City Clerk at the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2006.