

**AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE  
FOR CITY OF SAN ANGELO ELECTIONS**

I, Mercedes Dela Cruz, of the City of San Angelo, being a candidate for the office of City Council District 42 (Single Member District 2), do solemnly swear that:

*For all candidates:*

- A. As a candidate for election to office in the City of San Angelo I possess the legal qualifications for holding office pursuant to Article VI, Section 2 of the Texas Constitution; V.T.C.A., Election Code, §141.01; and the City of San Angelo Charter to wit:
- (1) I am a United States citizen;
  - (2) I am eighteen years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
  - (3) I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
    - (a) totally mentally incapacitated; or
    - (b) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
  - (4) I have not been finally convicted of a felony from which I have not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;

*For Mayor and Council only:*

- (1) I have resided continuously in the State of Texas for twelve months; in the territory from which the office is elected for six months and if I am a candidate for the office of Council member I am and have been a resident of the Single Member District for which I am a candidate six months immediately preceding the following date:
  - (a) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (b) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (c) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
  - (d) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
  - (e) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made; and
- (2) I am not and will not be an employee of the City of San Angelo.
- (3) I do not and will not hold any other elected office; and
- (4) I shall comply with all conflict of interest and conflict disclosure laws.

*For Chief of Police Only:*

(1) I am and have been a resident of the City of San Angelo for a period of at least two years immediately prior to my election

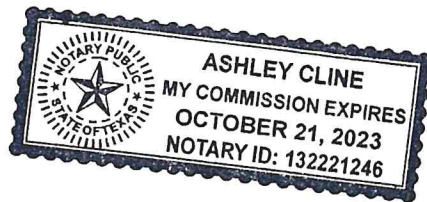
As a candidate for office I understand that the if I cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required, I shall forfeit my office.

Further, I understand that each person elected to City office, as a condition to being administered the oath of office, I shall have filed with the City Clerk this signed, sworn statement which shall be updated and filed with the City Clerk annually during my term of office.

Mercedes De La Cruz  
Signature of Candidate

Subscribed and sworn to before me at San Angelo, Texas, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January  
2021.

Ashley Cline  
Notary Public, State of Texas



ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE City Council District 2 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board City of San Angelo may 2021 election.

I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.

OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) <u>City Council District 2</u>	INDICATE TERM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED
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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>Mercedes Kay Dela Cruz</u>	PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT <sup>1</sup> <u>Mercedes Dela Cruz</u>
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.) <u>123 E. 41st street San Angelo TX 76903</u>	PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.) <u>123 E. 41st street San Angelo TX 76903</u>
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CITY <u>San Angelo</u>	STATE <u>TX</u>	ZIP <u>76903</u>	CITY <u>San Angelo</u>	STATE <u>TX</u>	ZIP <u>76903</u>
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PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available) <u>mekay san 90@gmail.com</u>	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) <u>unemployed</u>	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) <sup>2</sup>
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TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home <u>(325)812-4690</u>  Work:  Cell <u>(325)812-4690</u>	LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN	
	IN STATE <u>30</u> year (s)	IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED <sup>3</sup> <u>4</u> year (s)
	<u>6</u> month(s)	<u>6</u> month(s)

If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) Mercedes Dela Cruz, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

"I, (name) Mercedes Dela Cruz of Tom Green County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of City Council District 2, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

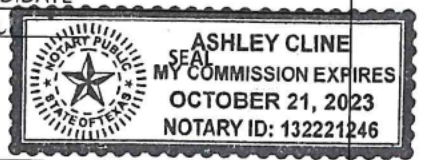
I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

X Mercedes Dela Cruz  
 SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Tom Green CO, this the 19th day of January, 2021

Ashley Cline  
 Signature of Officer Administering Oath<sup>4</sup>

Notary  
 Title of Officer Administering Oath



TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:  
 (See Section 1.007)

01/19/2021  
 Date Received

Notary  
 Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified

## INSTRUCTIONS

An application to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot for any general election may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

The general election filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. 78 days prior to election day for any uniform election date.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

## NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

<sup>2</sup>Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

<sup>3</sup>This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

<sup>4</sup>All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

Name on Ballot Affidavit  
City of San Angelo, Texas  
General/Special Election  
May 1, 2021

I, Mercedes Dela Cruz, as a candidate for the City of San Angelo, Texas, General Election to be held May 1, 2021, make this affidavit stating the following:

The nickname to be used on the May 1, 2021 City of San Angelo, Texas General Election ballot complies with Election Code 52.031(c).

Signed this 19 day of January, 2021.

Mercedes Dela Cruz

Signature of Candidate

mercedes De la Cruz

Printed name including nickname of Candidate

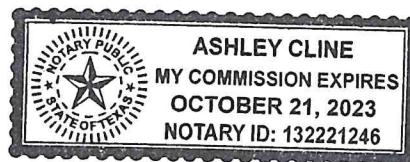
The State of Texas  
County of Tom Green

Before me Ashley Cline on this day personally appeared Mercedes Dela Cruz known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

(SEAL)

Ashley Cline  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



# CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP  
COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

*Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.*

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

01/19/2021  
@ 1:45 pm  
Jhoatany  
Deputy City Clerk.

Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

Date Processed

Date Imaged

**1 ACCOUNT NUMBER**  
(Ethics Commission Filers)

**2 TYPE OF FILER**

CANDIDATE

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

*If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2.*

*If filing for a political committee, complete boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2.*

**3 NAME OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

mrs.

mercedes

kay

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

De la Cruz

**4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

AREA CODE

PHONE NUMBER

EXTENSION

(325)

812-4690

**5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

STREET / PO BOX;

APT / SUITE #;

CITY;

STATE;

ZIP CODE

123 E 41<sup>st</sup> street San Angelo TX 76903

**6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

City Council District 2

**7 NAME OF COMMITTEE**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

**8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)

FIRST

MI

mrs.

mercedes

kay

NICKNAME

LAST

SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

De la Cruz

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## CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Mercedes De la Cruz  
Signature

1-19-2021  
Date

# APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA  
PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.

1 Total pages filed:

2 CANDIDATE  
NAME

MS / MRS / MR FIRST MI  
Mrs Mercedes Kay  
NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX

OFFICE USE ONLY

Filer ID #

Date Received

01/19/2020  
@ 1:37 pm

Urbactny  
Deputy City Clerk

Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

3 CANDIDATE  
MAILING  
ADDRESS

ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE  
123 E 41<sup>st</sup> Street San Angelo TX 76903

Receipt #

Amount \$

Date Processed

4 CANDIDATE  
PHONE

AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION  
(325) 812-4690

Date Imaged

5 OFFICE  
HELD  
(if any)

6 OFFICE  
SOUGHT  
(if known)

City Council District 2

7 CAMPAIGN  
TREASURER  
NAME

MS/MRS/MR FIRST MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX  
Mrs. Mercedes Kay Dela Cruz

8 CAMPAIGN  
TREASURER  
STREET  
ADDRESS  
(residence or business)

STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE); APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE  
123 E 41<sup>st</sup> Street San Angelo TX 76903

9 CAMPAIGN  
TREASURER  
PHONE

AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION  
(325) 812-4690

10 CANDIDATE  
SIGNATURE

I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.

I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.

I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.

Mercedes De la Cruz  
Signature of Candidate

1-19-2021  
Date Signed

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**CANDIDATE MODIFIED  
REPORTING DECLARATION**

11 CANDIDATE  
NAME

12 MODIFIED  
REPORTING  
DECLARATION

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE  
CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING**

**\*\* This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before  
the first election to which the declaration applies. \*\***

**\*\* The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. \*\***  
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

**\*\* Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party  
may NOT choose modified reporting. \*\***

I do not intend to accept more than \$930 in political contributions  
or make more than \$930 in political expenditures (excluding filing  
fees) in connection with any future election within the election  
cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I  
will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a  
runoff report.

2021

Year of election(s) or election cycle to  
which declaration applies

Mercedes Alcazar

Signature of Candidate

**This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.**

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at [treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us)

or mail to  
Texas Ethics Commission  
P.O. Box 12070  
Austin, TX 78711-2070

Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority  
DO NOT SEND TO TEC

For more information about where to file go to:  
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php>