



# **Campaign Finance Data**

## **Data Dictionary**

**For the Transaction Detail and  
Report Detail Datasets  
available on [data.austintexas.gov](http://data.austintexas.gov)**

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## Introduction

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On August 6, 2015 the Austin City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 20150806-004, amending §2-2-26 of the City Code related to electronic filing of campaign finance information:

*(A) A candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to file a campaign finance report with the city clerk shall, in addition to the required report, also provide to the city clerk a structured data file containing the contents of the campaign finance report. The data file must comply with specifications and be on media determined by the city clerk. The data file must be provided to the city clerk no later than the date that the associated campaign finance report must be filed.*

This document defines the campaign finance data fields that are currently available for the public to view and to download from the City of Austin's data portal at [data.austintexas.gov](http://data.austintexas.gov).

## Transaction Detail Dataset Fields

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This dataset lists individual, itemized transactions as reported on Schedules attached to the [Texas Ethics Commission Candidate/Officeholder \(C/OH\) Form](#). Each row represents an individual filer's transaction, which may be a loan, expenditure, credit, pledge, or contribution. The data in this table is reported on the following C/OH Schedules:

- Schedule A1: Monetary Political Contributions
- Schedule A2: Non-Monetary (In-Kind) Political Contributions
- Schedule B: Pledged Contributions
- Schedule E: Loans
- Schedule F1: Political Expenditures from Political Contributions
- Schedule F2: Unpaid Incurred Obligations
- Schedule F3: Purchase of Investments from Political Contributions
- Schedule G: Political Expenditures Made From Personal Funds
- Schedule H: Payment from Political Contributions to a Business of C/OH
- Schedule I: Non-Political Expenditures Made From Political Contributions
- Schedule K: Interest, Credits, Gains, Refunds and Contributions Returned to Filer

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Report_ID	Unique identifier for each specific report - can be used to link individual transactions to a specific report.	System generated
Transaction	Unique identifier for each individual transaction listed - can be used to link transactions associated with multiple records, e.g. Direct Campaign Expenditures or Out of State Travel.	System generated

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Transaction_ID	Unique ID based upon the concatenation of the Report_ID and Transaction_ID field - acts as a unique key for each individual, itemized transaction.	System generated
Filer_Name	Name of individual filing the report. This name is a standardized format used by the Office of the City Clerk to ensure all of a filer's reports are accessible under a single name.	Corresponds to the list of standardized names developed and maintained by the City Clerk
Date_Filed	Date the structured data file was received by the Office of the City Clerk.	System generated
Date_Due	Due date of the report.	Corresponds with the reporting periods determined by the <a href="#">Texas Ethics Commission</a>
Report_Type	The primary report type as listed on the C/OH form.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 9
Report_Type2	Secondary report type as listed on the C/OH form (if applicable).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 9
Period_From	The date on which the reporting period for this report starts.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 10
Period_To	The date on which the reporting period for this report ends.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 10
Election_Date	The date of the election for which this report is filed (if applicable).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 11
Election_Type	The type of the election for which this report is filed (if applicable).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 11
Office_Held	For officeholders, the office currently held.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 12

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Office_Sought	For candidates in an upcoming election, the office being sought. For unsuccessful candidates in a recently held election, the office sought during the election preceding the deadline for this report.	C/OH Coversheet- Section 13
Link_to_Report	A link to view a PDF version of the report on which the transaction is reported.	System generated
Transaction_Type	Identifies the type of transaction reported: Loan, Expenditure, Credit, Pledge, or Contribution.	Corresponds to the Schedules maintained by the Texas Ethics Commission
Schedule_Reported	Identifies the C/OH Schedule on which the transaction is listed.	Corresponds to the Schedules maintained by the Texas Ethics Commission
Entity	Identifies the transactor as either an <b>Entity</b> (such as a company, political committee, organization, or other group) or an <b>Individual</b> person.	This field does not appear on any form or schedule, but is required for data integrity and data validation purposes.
Transactor_Name	The transactor's name (for individuals) or the name of the company, political committee, organization, or group (for entities).	A1 - Section 5 A2 - Section 6 B - Section 6 E - Section 7 F1 - Section 5 F2 - Section 6 F3 - Section 5 F4 - Section 6 G - Section 5 H - Section 5 I - Section 5 K - Section 5

<b>Data Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Found on Forms</b>
Transactor_Address	Address of the individual or entity involved in the transaction.	A1 - Section 6 A2 - Section 7 B - Section 7 E - Section 8 F1 - Section 7 F2 - Section 8 F3 - Section 6 F4 - Section 8 G - Section 7 H - Section 7 I - Section 7 K - Section 6
Transactor_City	City of the individual or entity involved in the transaction.	A1 - Section 6 A2 - Section 7 B - Section 7 E - Section 8 F1 - Section 7 F2 - Section 8 F3 - Section 6 F4 - Section 8 G - Section 7 H - Section 7 I - Section 7 K - Section 6
Transactor_State	State of the individual or entity involved in the transaction.	A1 - Section 6 A2 - Section 7 B - Section 7 E - Section 8 F1 - Section 7 F2 - Section 8 F3 - Section 6 F4 - Section 8 G - Section 7 H - Section 7 I - Section 7 K - Section 6

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Transactor_Zip_Code	Zip code of the individual or entity involved in the transaction.	A1 - Section 6 A2 - Section 7 B - Section 7 E - Section 8 F1 - Section 7 F2 - Section 8 F3 - Section 6 F4 - Section 8 G - Section 7 H - Section 7 I - Section 7 K - Section 6
Transaction_Date	Date on which the transaction occurred.	A1 - Section 4 A2 - Section 5 B - Section 5 E -Section 5 F1 - Section 4 F2 - Section 5 F3 - Section 4 F4 - Section 5 G - Section 4 H - Section 4 I - Section 4 K - Section 4
Transaction_Amount	Amount involved in the transaction. Amounts will be listed as a negative (-) for expenditures.	A1 - Section 7 A2 - Section 8 B - Section 8 E - Section 9 F1 - Section 6 F2 - Section 7 F3 - Section 8 F4 - Section 7 G - Section 6 H - Section 6 I - Section 6 K - Section 8



<b>Data Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Found on Forms</b>
Transaction_Description	For credits, expenditures, and contributions, a brief description of the transaction. For in-kind contributions, a description of the contribution or item. For credits, a description of the purpose for which the amount was received. For expenditures, a description of the activity conducted by making the expenditure.	A2 - Section 9 B - Section 9 F1 – Section 8b F2 – Section 10b F3 – Section 7 F4 – Section 7 G – Section 8b H – Section 8b I – Section 8b K – Section 7
Expense_Description	If the transaction is an expenditure, a category and brief description of the purpose of the expenditure reported.	F1 - Section 8a F2 - Section 10a F3 - Section 7 F4 - Section 10a G - Section 8a H - Section 8a I - Section 8a
Transactor_Employer	The transactor's employer (for individuals).	A1 - Section 9 A2 - Section 11 B - Section 11 E - Section 13
Transactor_Occupation	The transactor's occupation (for individuals).	A1 - Section 8 A2 - Section 10 B - Section 10 E - Section 12
Lender_Institution	For loans, if the lender is a financial institution, this field is marked 'Y.' This field is marked 'N' for any other type of lender.	E - Section 6
Interest_Rate	For loans, the interest rate of the loan.	E - Section 10
Maturity_Date	For loans, the final maturity date of the loan.	E - Section 11
Collateral	For loans, a description of the collateral (if applicable).	E - Section 14

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Personal_Funds_Deposited	When marked 'X,' indicates that the loan is a deposit of personal funds into an account in which political contributions are held.	E - Section 15
Guarantor	For loans, if there is a guarantor, this field will be marked 'Y.' When this is marked 'N,' it indicates that there is no guarantor for the loan.	E - Section 16 (Note: The checkbox on Schedule E is checked when <i>not</i> applicable).
Guarantor_Name	For loans, the name of the guarantor (if applicable).	E - Section 17
Guarantor_Address	For loans, the address of the guarantor (if applicable).	E - Section 18
Guarantor_City	For loans, the city of the guarantor (if applicable).	E - Section 18
Guarantor_State	For loans, the state of the guarantor of a loan (if applicable).	E - Section 18
Guarantor_Zip_Code	For loans, the zip code of the guarantor (if applicable).	E - Section 18
Amount_Guaranteed	For loans, the amount guaranteed by the guarantor (if applicable).	E - Section 19
Guarantor_Employer	For loans, the employer of the guarantor of a loan (if applicable).	E - Section 20
Guarantor_Occupation	For loans, the occupation of the guarantor of a loan (if applicable).	E - Section 21
Outside_Travel	When marked 'X,' indicates that a transaction is for travel outside the state of Texas.	A2 - Section 8/9 B - Section 8/9 F1 - Section 8b F2 - Section 10b F4 - Section 10b G - Section 8b H - Section 8b

<b>Data Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Found on Forms</b>
Political_Obligation	For an unpaid incurred obligation reported on F2, or a credit card expenditure reported on F4, 'Y' indicates the expenditure was political.	F2 - Section 9 F4 - Section 9
Reimbursement_Intended	If the filer intends to be reimbursed for this expenditure, this field will be marked 'Y.'	G - Section 6
Returned_to_Filer	If the transaction was a political contribution returned to the filer, this field will be marked 'Y.'	K - Section 7
Out_Of_State_PAC	For contributions, pledges, or loans, if the contributor or lender is an out-of-state political committee (PAC), this field will be marked 'Y.'	A1 - Section 5 A2 - Section 6 B - Section 6 E - Section 7
Out_of_State_PAC_ID	For contributions, pledges, or loans, if the contributor or lender is an out-of-state political committee (PAC), the committee's Federal Election Commission (FEC) identification number.	A1 - Section 5 A2 - Section 6 B - Section 6 E - Section 7
Transactor_Location	A geocoded version of the transactor's address for mapping purposes.	System generated
Guarantor_Location	A geocoded version of the guarantor's address for mapping purposes.	System generated

## Report Details Dataset Fields

The Report Detail dataset contains information reported on the Texas Ethics Commission's Candidate/Officeholder (C/OH) Form. This dataset also includes the totals of unitemized transactions reported on Schedules attached to the C/OH form.

Data Field	Description	Found on Forms
Report_ID	Unique identifier for the specific report - can be used to link individual transactions to a specific report.	System generated
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Link_to_Report	A link to view a PDF version of the report filed with the Office of the City Clerk.	System generated
Form	The type of form filed.	Identifies the type of form or report received by the Office of the City Clerk
Name_as_Reported	Name of the filer as listed on the report filed with the Office of the City Clerk.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 3
Filer_Address	The filer's street or mailing address.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 4

<b>Data Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Found on Forms</b>
Filer_City	The filer's city.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 4
Filer_State	The filer's state.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 4
Filer_Zip_Code	The filer's zip code.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 4
Filer_Phone	The filer's area code, phone number, and (if applicable) extension.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 5
Treasurer_Name	Name of the filer's campaign treasurer as listed on the report filed with the Office of the City Clerk.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 6
Treasurer_Address	Address of the filer's campaign treasurer.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 7
Treasurer_City	City of the filer's campaign treasurer.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 7
Treasurer_State	State of the filer's campaign treasurer.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 7
Treasurer_Zip_Code	Zip code of the filer's campaign treasurer.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 7
Treasurer_Phone	The area code, phone number and (if applicable) extension of the filer's campaign treasurer.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 8
Report_Type	The primary report type as listed on the C/OH form.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 9
Report_Type2	Secondary report type as listed on the C/OH form (if applicable).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 9
Period_From	The date on which the reporting period for this report starts.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 10

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Unitemized_Contrib_Total	The total of all unitemized contributions received by the filer during the reporting period.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-1
Contrib_Total	The total of all contributions received by the filer during the reporting period (itemized and unitemized).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-2
Unitemized_Expended_Total	The total of all unitemized expenditures made by the filer during the reporting period.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-3
Expended_Total	The total of all expenditures made by the filer during the reporting period (itemized and unitemized).	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-4
Contrib_Balance	The total of all political contributions, including interest and additional income, as of the last day of the reporting period.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-5
Outstand_Loan	Outstanding principal of all loans maintained as of the last day of the reporting period.	C/OH Coversheet - Section 17-6

<b>Data Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Found on Forms</b>
Unitemized_InKind_Total	The total of all unitemized in-kind contributions received by the filer during the reporting period.	Schedule A2 - Section 4
Unitemized_Pledge_Total	The total of all unitemized pledges received by the filer during the reporting period.	Schedule B - Section 4
Unitemized_Loan_Total	The total of all unitemized loans maintained by the filer during the reporting period.	Schedule E - Section 4
Unitemized_Unpaid_Total	The total of all unitemized unpaid obligations incurred by the filer during the reporting period.	Schedule F2 - Section 4
Unitemized_Cred_Card_Total	The total of all unitemized credit card expenditures made by the filer during the reporting period.	Schedule F4 - Section 4
Filer_Location	A geocoded version of the filer's address for mapping purposes.	System generated
Treasurer_Location	A geocoded version of the filer's campaign treasurer address for mapping purposes.	System generated