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Commissioner Eversole Files Campaign Finance Report Robert Eckels to Oversee Finances

Houston – Harris County Commissioner Jerry Eversole today filed his year end accounting detailing the contributions and expenditures to his campaign account with the Harris County Clerk. The filing was accompanied by a release to the media of the same information in a detailed, searchable database.

Commissioner Eversole’s campaign finances have become a subject of intense media scrutiny following a series of exposés aired on a local Houston television station.

“A number of errors were pointed out in our past reports. They were a result of poor reporting practices and ignorance of the applicable laws. I have taken the criticism to heart and adopted a “best practices” approach to my campaign finances. I have made a dramatic shift in procedures and practices,” Commissioner Eversole said.

Eversole continued, “First, I have asked former County Judge Robert Eckels to take over all campaign finances as of the beginning of the New Year. He is a gentleman known for adhering to the highest ethical standards. I appreciate his willingness to assist in helping me raise the bar. Going forward, I have removed myself from the operations and Judge Eckels will serve as treasurer having direct oversight of all future financial transactions.

“Second, I have retained legal counsel and professional assistance in the preparation of this report. With the help and assistance of others, I believe this report is free of the same errors that plagued past reports.

“Third, I have asked Judge Eckels to oversee a complete review of past filings and to help me put the finances of the campaign in order. It is no secret that numerous errors have been brought to light in past reports and I

intend to see that those errors are corrected and brought into full compliance with the law.

“Eversole concluded, “I regret that I have not been more attentive to the details of my campaign finances. I have sought assistance from experts and made the necessary changes to minimize future errors and perform a complete review of past reports and amending and re-filing of those reports.

“Being the subject of intense media scrutiny is never pleasant. However, learning from ones past mistakes is the only road to future success.”