

Privacy Policy

Many aspects of a political campaign for federal office are regulated by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC). One thing that is regulated is that donations given to a political campaign must be reported to the FEC. The information collected and reported to the FEC are the name of the individual or Political Action Committee donating funds, the city and state of the donor, and in the case of individuals, the employer and occupation of the donor. The Blatt for Congress committee must abide by these regulations. In addition to collecting the name, city and state, employer, and occupation data associated with the donation, we will also be collecting as much additional contact information as we can. This will not only allow us to communicate with our donors better, but will also facilitate a more efficient refund of donations if requested. (See our refund policy below).

In addition to information collected by donors, the Blatt for Congress committee will be making use of voter registration data for registered voters within the district. This information is obtained from the Texas Democratic Party and includes contact information that the party has collected above and beyond the voter registration data from the State of Texas and County Election Supervisors of the respective counties in Texas. Information such as email address and phone numbers are not always included in this data.

The Blatt for Congress committee is collecting this additional data whenever possible, with the permission of the individual voters, to be able to establish a more comprehensive list of electronic contact information. This list will be shared with the Texas Democratic Party, unless individuals check the box requesting that we do not share such information. This electronic contact information will allow our campaign to conduct a more "Green" campaign with fewer massing mailings. Instead we will try to contact people who have provided their email addresses and/or phone numbers in the individual's preferred manor. Our goal is to keep you informed and allow other Texas Democratic organizations to do the same, but we will abide by your wishes.

Refund/Return Policy

The Federal Elections Commission (FEC) has strict regulations that we, the Blatt for Congress committee, must follow. Included in those regulations are specific requirements for returning donations. Donations will be returned, when requested in writing (either by mail or email) within 30 days of receiving such request. If the donation had been deposited into the committee account, a check must be issued and reported by the Blatt for Congress committee for FEC record keeping purposes, otherwise the original check will be returned. In the case of an electronic donation such as a online

credit card transaction, we will have to issue a check and report it as if it had been a check that had been deposited.

In requesting a refund, we request that you inform us of the reason behind the request. While this is not required by the FEC, it will give us feedback and let us know if we have done something to precipitate the request.

Donations to a campaign are designated for a particular election and have specific limits for each election. The party primary election is considered a separate election to the general election. In the event that there are excess donations (above the federal legal limits for an individual), the committee will refund the excess funds via check within 60 days. Donations not specified for a particular election are considered to be for the next election. Once the next election is over, remaining donations for that election must be returned to the donors, or re-designated for the next election (after communications with the donors) within 60 days of the election.