

Instructions and Helpful Hints for Completing the STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

By Wes Benedict – Version 7/26/2021 v3.0

Wes Benedict is not an attorney or an accountant and this is not legal or accounting advice. He's just trying to help give guidance based on personal experience, having read the instructions, called the ethics commission many times, and having talked to many candidates.

Information below is intended to be helpful hints and answers to frequently asked questions, but are not complete instructions. See official instructions for official requirements.

You can **call the State Ethics Commission at 717-783-1610** and ask questions. They're often easy to reach and are helpful most of the time.

If you require more space than has been provided, please **attach an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper** to the form with the additional information. I suggest you put your name at the top of that page as well.

BLOCKS 01 through 06 are for the current moment in 2021.

BLOCKS 07 through 15 are for **2020 (As is Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020.)**.

If you list something somewhere that did not need to be listed, I doubt that would get you into trouble. If you failed to list something that should be there (like you're trying to hide something), then that could be a problem.

Some things are supposed to be listed in more than one place. For example, if you own a small business, then you would probably need to list it in BLOCKS 10, 13, and 14.

Here are a few tips and Frequently Asked Questions for each section.

BLOCK 1 NAME

If your name doesn't fit in the blocks, put what fits and put the rest on an attached 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper. (Typed or handwritten.)

01	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	SUFFIX
	B E N E D I C T	S U P E R D O G	C	1 1 1
02	ADDRESS office (business or governmental) or home			
	1453 APPLE ST	PHILADELPHIA	PA	22257 (555) 867-5309

BLOCK 2 ADDRESS

Most likely it's your home address that goes there.

BLOCK 3 STATUS

For most of you, check item A: "Candidate . . ."

03 STATUS Check applicable box or boxes, more than one box may be marked. (See instructions on page 2)			
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate (including write-in)	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Official (Current)
B	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominee	D	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Employee (C
		C	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Official (Former)
		D	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Employee (F

BLOCK 4 PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE

That's where most of you put the office you are running for, e.g. "Constable," "Auditor," "School Director," or "Supervisor".

04 PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE (administrator, member, Commissioner, job title, etc.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seeking	<input type="checkbox"/> hold	<input type="checkbox"/> held
A	C O N S T A B L E			

BLOCK 5 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

That's where you put the Township/Boro office you are running for, e.g. "Exeter Township" or "Daniel Boone Area School District." Doesn't matter if you add things like "2-yr" term or ward number.

05 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY in which you are/were an Official, Employee, Candidate or Nominee (e.g., dept, agency, authority, borough, board, commission, county, school district, twp, etc.)	
A	J E F F E R S O N T W P

BLOCK 6 OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION

Put generic terms like "Engineer," "Technician," "Server," "Accountant," "Business Owner," "Retired," "Not employed." Don't put the actual name of your employer.

BLOCK 7 YEAR

Put 2020. Don't put 2021.

The Statement of Financial Interests is for the previous full calendar year. Please make sure to fill in box 7 with "2020." All sources of income, real estate interests, creditors, etc should pertain to last year (2020, not stuff that happened in, say, March of 2021).

06 OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION (This may be the same as block 4)		07 YEAR SEE INSTRUCTIONS. Information in blocks 8 -15 represents disclosure for the calendar year listed here:
		2 0 2 0

BLOCK 08. REAL ESTATE INTERESTS

Do I have to list my home in Box 08?

In most cases you do not have to list your home in box 08.

However, if you bought your home from the actual government of the state of Pennsylvania or from your county at a Sheriff's auction in 2020, or if you rent your home out to the Township you live, then you should list it.

If you own an office building that you rent out to small businesses, you don't have to list it in block 8 unless you also rent space out to a government entity such as the Township library. You probably would have to list an office building in section 10.

If you own a home that you rent to others, that belongs in BLOCK 10 for income.

BLOCK 09 CREDITORS

Debts that were over \$6,500 sometime in 2020 must be listed, like credit card debt, car loans, and school loans. However, do not report a mortgage or equity loan on your home or secondary home.

BLOCK 10 DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME

This is where you list each job you had any time in 2020 where you got paid more than \$1,300 for the whole year of 2020 (the name and address of your employer; do not put how much money you actually get paid).

Usually you do not have to list your spouse's income. If you jointly owned a small business that was paying your spouse, then you would have to list it.

If you owned a lot of stocks and mutual funds and earned and withdrew more than \$1,300 in profits in 2020, then you list the name and address of the company holding your brokerage account, such as "Charles Schwab" or "Vanguard," not each stock owned, or mutual fund owned. If you just had a bunch of money sitting in a brokerage account growing in value and reinvesting dividends, or if you sold stock in one company, left the money in that same brokerage account, and reinvested it in another stock, you don't have to count that and list it. If you're unsure, simply listing the brokerage account will probably keep you covered.

You don't have to list Social Security or teacher retirement because those are government mandated retirement benefits.

If you are receiving distributions of funds from your 401k from a private employer, then you would have to list that.

Call the Ethics Commission if you are unsure.

BLOCK 11 GIFTS

Most people probably just have to check the box for “None.” But depends on your situation.

BLOCK 12 TRANSPORTATION, LODGING OR HOSPITALITY EXPENSES:

Most people probably just have to check the box for “None.” But depends on your situation.

BLOCK 13 OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS ENTITY

Q: If I serve on the board of a non-profit, even if I don't get paid, do I have to list it?

A: Yes. For example, if you are Secretary of your PTA, you must list that.

Q: If I serve as the County LP Secretary, do I have to list it?

A: Yes, if you are Secretary of the Allegheny Libertarian Party, you must list that.

BLOCK 14 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

See official instructions.

BLOCK 15 TRANSFERRED BUSINESS INTERESTS

See official instructions.

SIGNATURE

First, did you fill in every single block? Where necessary, did you fill in “IF NONE, check this box?”

Sign and date.

REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO TURN IN THE PHOTO COPY TO YOUR COUNTY, AND THE ORIGINAL TO the place your running for office to serve which is probably your TOWNSHIP, BOROUGH, or SCHOOL DISTRICT.

See attached example. Note, it has an attached 8.5x11 page with additional info.

Example with fictitious info.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

01 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MI SUFFIX
B E N E D I C T S U P E R D O G C 1 1 1

02 ADDRESS office (business or governmental) or home City State Zip Code Area Code Phone
1453 APPLE ST PHILADELPHIA PA 22257 (555) 867-5309

NOTE: IF YOU ARE INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT BEARS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR FINANCIAL ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

03 STATUS Check applicable box or boxes, more than one box may be marked. (See instructions on page 2)

A ☒ Candidate (including write-in) C ☐ Public Official (Current) D ☐ Public Employee (Current) E ☐ Check this box if you are filing as a solicitor

B ☐ Nominee C ☐ Public Official (Former) D ☐ Public Employee (Former)

☐ Check this box if you are amending an original filing

04 PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE (administrator, member, Commissioner, job title, etc.) ☒ seeking ☐ hold ☐ held

A C O N S T A B L E ☒ seeking ☐ hold ☐ held

B S C H O O L D I R E C T O R ☐ seeking ☐ hold ☐ held

05 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY in which you are/were an Official, Employee, Candidate or Nominee (e.g., dept, agency, authority, borough, board, commission, county, school district, twp, etc.)

A J E F F E R S O N T W P

B D A L L A S A R E A S C H O O L D I S T

06 OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION (This may be the same as block 4) RETIRED

07 YEAR SEE INSTRUCTIONS.
Information in blocks 8 -15 represents disclosure for the calendar year listed here: 2 0 2 0 ← not 2021

08 REAL ESTATE INTERESTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☒

09 CREDITORS (See instructions on page 2) Creditor (Name and Address) If NONE, check this box. ☐

Name: CAPITAL ONE BANK Address: 1680 CAPITAL ONE DR., MCLEAN, VA 22102 Interest Rate: 5.5%

10 DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME including (but not limited to) all employment. (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☐

Name: BURGER KING Address: 1521 COLMBUS BLVD PHILADELPHIA PA 19106 (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

11 GIFTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☒

Source of Gift Value of Gift

Address of Source of Gift Circumstances (including description) of Gift

12 TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☒

Source (Name and Address) Value

13 OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP, OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☐

Business Entity (Name and Address) Position Held (i.e., officer, director, employee, etc.)

Name: PHILADELPHIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY Address: see attached SECRETARY

14 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN BUSINESS FOR PROFIT (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☐

Name and Address of Business Interest Held (i.e., 5%, 10%, etc.)

BENEDICT, LLC 1453 APPLE ST PHILADELPHIA PA 22257 100%

15 BUSINESS INTERESTS TRANSFERRED TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. ☒

Business (Name and Address) Interest Held Relationship Date Transferred

Transferee (Name and Address)

The undersigned hereby affirms that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of said person's knowledge, information and belief; said affirmation being made subject to the penalties prescribed by 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §1109(b).

Signature Superdog C Benedict Enter Current Date 7/25/2021

THIS FORM IS CONSIDERED DEFICIENT IF ANY BLOCK ABOVE IS NOT COMPLETED. MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

ATTACHMENT FOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

SUPERDOG C. BENEDICT, III

BLOCK 01 ENTIRE SUFFIX DID NOT FIT.

FULL NAME IS: SUPERDOG C. BENEDICT, III

BLOCK 10

UBER, 1455 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94103

BLOCK 13

PHILADELPHIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY, SECRETARY

555 BANANNA ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA 22555