



Fourth Court of Appeals
San Antonio, Texas

MEMORANDUM OPINION

No. 04-16-00097-CV

Carlos Antonio **RAYMOND**,
Appellant

v.

BEXAR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
and Manuel Medina, in his capacity as Bexar County Democratic Party Chairman,
Appellees

From the County Court at Law No. 3, Bexar County, Texas
Trial Court No. 2015-CV-07199
Honorable Karen Crouch, Judge Presiding

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Sandee Bryan Marion, Chief Justice
Karen Angelini, Justice
Marialyn Barnard, Justice

Delivered and Filed: March 16, 2016

DISMISSED AS MOOT

On February 24, 2016, appellant filed a notice of appeal seeking to challenge the trial court's ruling in the underlying cause. In the underlying cause, appellant sought to challenge the Bexar County Democratic Party Chair's decision that appellant did not qualify for placement on the primary election ballot for the primary election held on March 1, 2016.

"Once an election begins, a challenge to the candidacy of an individual becomes moot."
In re Uresti, 377 S.W.3d 696, 696 (Tex. 2012) (citing *Polk v. Davidson*, 145 Tex. 200, 196 S.W.2d 632, 634 (Tex. 1946) ("[W]hen the time comes that the issues cannot be heard and a final judgment

entered adjudging the validity or invalidity of the nominee's certificate so that absentee ballots can be printed and available to voters as and when required by statute, the contest is moot and must be dismissed.")). Because voting in the primary election was underway prior to the date appellant filed his notice of appeal, we ordered appellant to show cause in writing why this appeal should not be dismissed as moot. *See id.* Appellant responded and explained the reasons he was delayed in his efforts to challenge the decision by the Bexar County Democratic Party Chair. Because the primary election has been held, however, this court is unable to provide appellant any relief because the appeal is moot. *See id.* Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed as moot.

PER CURIAM