**Subject:** RE: Public Information Request (TX-SOS-20-2698)

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 12:36:56 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: GeneralCounsel
To: 'AO Records'
CC: GeneralCounsel

Attachments: 12.8.20 Documents.zip, How to appeal the withholding of information under 552.024.pdf

#### **EXTERNAL SENDER**

#### Good afternoon,

Consistent with our letter of November 17, please see the attached zipped folder containing documents responsive to your November 2 request under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

The responsive documents contains email addresses of the general public. An email address of a member of the public is confidential under section 552.137 of the Texas Government Code. The attorney general authorized all governmental bodies to withhold an email address of a member of the public without first requesting an attorney general opinion in Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).

In addition, the information you requested contains the home/personal email address of a public employee or official. As allowed by section 552.024 of the Texas Government Code, this personal information is confidential. Section 552.024 allows us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling from the attorney general. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are also attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to process your request in accordance with the terms of the Public Information Act. We require additional time to review our records and produce additional responsive documents. We will provide you any additional responsive documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2020. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

Kind regards,

Jennifer Williams Legal Assistant to the General Counsel Office of the Texas Secretary of State



#### How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code Section 552.024

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information under Section 552.024 of the Texas Government Code, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
- 2) the name of the governmental body that withheld information from you;
- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at: Open Records Division P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail



From: Ruth Hughs
To: Skeeter Miller

Subject: Re: We need your Help

**Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:12:00 PM

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Skeeter, Thank you for sharing this letter. Please know it is not a decision that will be taken lightly. Every consideration will be given and the valid points raised below will be weighed against the recommendations of health officials and the realities as they evolve.

You are an extremely valued business owner in our community. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Stay well!

From: Don Miller

**Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2:21 PM **To:** Ruth Hughs <RHughs@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** We need your Help

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#### Madame Secretary,

As you have contacts across the state, I am writing to ask for urgent support to get the below message to our elected officials. Many Governors are now considering closing all restaurants and bars for 2 weeks. This would drive panic and complete societal breakdown. We believe we are the best partner to the state and local government and can work with them, side-by-side, to get through this challenging time:

- Restaurants will continue to deploy take out/pick-up, drive-thru and delivery. They already have a tremendous track record of this as it is THEIR business
- This will drive "no contact" while ensuring people have food to eat and those employees have income to support their own families
- More than 50% of food consumed by citizens of Texas comes from restaurants. With grocery store shelves already bare, where would people go? There are 50k units in Texas, excellent place to ensure people who are now practicing social distancing can get food to eat.
- Restaurants are heavily regulated by their health departments and have already



- voluntarily done even more to keep people safe
- Students out of school for 2+ weeks, where will they get their food? Many of these families cannot afford to stock pile and groceries they might find and many don't have a way to keep large amounts of food
- The major chains are in support (see latest from Raising Cane's CEO) and will work with the state to ensure people remain safe and have access to food

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In light of COVID 19 spread and our need to promote social distancing, the government is considering efforts to eliminate all public gatherings. We respectfully request that Restaurants should be considered "essential business" and need to remain open to feed the public.

If it comes to a point where government requirements eliminate dining in Restaurants to avoid people gathering, we must keep drive-thru, take-out, curbside pick-up, delivery (in-house and third party) open and operating. Grocery stores are already struggling to keep up with demand and closing Restaurants would exacerbate this; and most citizens are not in a financial position to buy excessive groceries, stockpiling their freezers and cupboards for the future. Now, more than ever, we need to make essential needs, like prepared food restaurants can provide, available to our Customers and our Communities.

Allowing Restaurants to continue to serve our Communities while operating with "no-contact" will help fulfill an essential Community need and keep workers employed. This will also help prevent the permanent closure of many Restaurant businesses like we have already seen in places like Seattle.

Our Restaurants are working diligently to help keep our Customers, Crew and Communities safe. We are committed to doing what is right, working together to support social distancing, provide food safe products to our customers thru drive thru, take out, curbside delivery, and third party delivery and be a support system for our Customers, Crew and Communities. Thank you for your consideration and your trust in Raising Cane's.

-AJ Kumaran, Co-CEO & COO Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

#### Emily Williams Knight, Ed.D. | President & CEO

Texas Restaurant Association 3300 N. IH 35, Ste. 610, Austin, Texas 78705 Mail: PO Box 1429, Austin, Texas 78767 817.713.0989 | 800.395.2872

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From: Keith Ingram

To: <u>Garrison Brothers Distillery</u>
Cc: <u>Keith Ingram; Christina Adkins</u>

Subject: Re: RED Friday Drive-Thru at Garrison Brothers Distillery

**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:24:44 PM

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I am the director of the elections division for the Texas secretary of state. I would very much like to talk to you guys about buying hand sanitizer in bulk for our county election officials to use in the primary runoff election on July 14 and the general election on November 3.

Could you please give me a call at 512-463-9871 to discuss what our options in this regard may be? Thank you very much for helping Texas elections to continue in this new time and difficult circumstances.

Keith Ingram
Texas Secretary of State, elections division
<a href="mailto:kingram@sos.texas.gov">kingram@sos.texas.gov</a>
512-463-9781

From: Garrison Brothers Distillery <

Reply-To: Garrison Brothers Distillery <

**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 19:17

To:

Subject: RED Friday Drive-Thru at Garrison Brothers Distillery



#### **RED FRIDAY DRIVE-THRU**



#### Friends and Family,

Just like you, we are sick and tired of sitting around in our pajamas with our families. It's Hye time to get back to work and our work is the business of bourbon. Though our tours, volunteer bottling operations, gift shop, and WhiskeyShack will remain closed, on RED Friday, April 24 from noon to 4, we are going to open the Good Bourbon To Go drive-thru lane which we'll be opening every Friday for bourbon pick ups.

Just come to the main gate at Garrison Brothers Distillery anytime that afternoon. The drive-thru will move quickly and we'll ask everyone to remain in their cars. Unfortunately, we can't let folks use the restrooms but feel free to go find a tree. Please keep that in mind before you head to Hye. We are offering Boot Flask Bourbon (375ml), Small Batch Bourbon (750ml), and a specially selected Single Barrel Bourbon (750ml).

#### **Small Batch**

Regular - \$89.99

Military - \$76.50

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Regular - \$44.99

Additionally, we will have bottles of Garrison Brothers WASH YOUR DAMN HANDS! hand sanitizer. You can also buy t-shirts, caps, and used bourbon barrels that we can load in your pick-up bed. For every 750ml bottle and every empty bourbon barrel you buy on RED Friday, we will donate \$5 to the American Badasses at Team Rubicon who are working on the frontlines of this war.





19 is underway! So far, we have raised over \$250K which will go directly to Team Rubicon who are on the front lines of this effort.

This will be the ONLY way to get your hands on Laguna Madre, the oldest and rarest Garrison Brothers Bourbon todate!

<u>Learn more</u> about how you can support at <u>www.OperationCrushCovid19.org</u>

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From: Keith Ingram

To: "Dan Garrison"; Keith Ingram; Houston Stephanie

Cc: <u>Christina Adkins</u>

**Subject:** RE: RED Friday Drive-Thru at Garrison Brothers Distillery

**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:36:41 PM

Thank you for the introduction. I look forward to being a volunteer bottler again when things are more normal.

From: Dan Garrison

Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:05 PM

**To:** Keith Ingram >; Houston Stephanie

Cc: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Christina Adkins <CAdkins@sos.texas.gov>

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Keith,

Meet my good friend Stephanie Houston who owns and operates Hye Rum. She is producing hand sanitizer in bulk and is probably a better resource than we are for your needs. Hope y'all can do some business and keep people safe.

Kind regards,

Dan Garrison Proprietor

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517 West 39th Street
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 From:
 GeneralCounsel

 To:
 "Matt Angle"

 Cc:
 GeneralCounsel

Subject: RE: Public Information Act Request

Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 10:21:56 AM

**Attachments:** 11-2-20 Request for Clarification - Angle PIR 20-1018.pdf

Mr. Angle,

Please see the attached letter in response to your request for information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Williams

Legal Assistant to the General Counsel Office of the Texas Secretary of State

From: Matt Angle < > Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:12 PM

To: GeneralCounsel < GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Public Information Act Request

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BY EMAIL: <u>generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov</u>

October 19, 2020

Office of the General Counsel Texas Secretary of State Capitol Bldg. 1E.8 Austin, TX 78701

#### **Re: Public Information Act Request**

Matt Angle requests all communications -- including but not limited to emails, letters, text messages, documents, and correspondence -- between staff of the Texas Secretary of State from June 1, 2020 to present regarding the following topics:

- Drive-thru voting
- Drive Through Voting
- Drive-through Voting
- Curbside Voting

The Texas Public Information Act requires you to "promptly produce" the requested information, and where that production cannot occur within 10 business days to certify that fact to us and provide a time when the information will be available. §§ 552.221(a) and (c). If you are unable to meet this time period or foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, please contact Matt Angle at 713-213-1057 or Indiana. If you deny this request in whole or in part, please specify each exemption on which you are relying to withhold information.

If you have any questions about this request, please call 713-213-1057 or email

Please send the requested records to:

Thank you very much.



Sincerely, Matt Angle



## The State of Texas

Executive Division Capitol Building, 1E.8 P.O. Box 12697 Austin, Texas 78711-2697



Phone: 512-463-5770 Fax: 512-475-2761 Dial 7-1-1 For Relay Services www.sos.texas.gov

November 2, 2020

Matt Angle

Sent via Electronic Mail to:

Re: Request for records, received: October 19, 2020 (SOS PIR No. 20-1018)

Dear Mr. Angle:

This letter responds to your request for information under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"), which was received by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State (the "Office") via email on October 19, 2020 (the "Request"). In your Request, you indicate that you are seeking:

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#### CLARIFICATION REQUEST/NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SEC. 552.222

In order to fulfill your Request, we need clarification regarding the scope and type of records that you are seeking to obtain from the Secretary of State's office. Clarifying or narrowing the scope of your request may help avoid the production of, and potential charges for, responsive information that you are not interested in receiving. It also may allow us to produce responsive documents to you more quickly. Additionally, we may be able to avoid having to withhold certain information under the Public Information Act and seek a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the release of such records.

To that end, please clarify or narrow your inquiry by responding to the following questions:

1. Is your Request limited to communications sent by or to *certain* Secretary of State employees? If so, please identify the employees (or categories of employees) covered by your Request. Narrowing your inquiry to a subset of employees would reduce the total time that we would have to spend responding to your Request and, therefore, reduce—or potentially eliminate—any costs associated with processing the inquiry.



2. Are you requesting (1) communications that Secretary of State employees sent to or received from *external* sources (*i.e.*, individuals and entities outside the Secretary of State's office); (2) *internal* communications exchanged solely among Secretary of State employees; or (3) both?

Depending on your clarification, we may have to provide you a statement of estimated costs pursuant to Section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code. Likewise, providing the requested information may require programming and/or manipulation of data and would be available only at a cost that covers such programming or manipulation. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.231. In addition, some responsive information may be exempted from public disclosure under the PIA. However, we cannot make any of these determinations until we receive a clarified request from you.

Under Section 552.222 of the PIA, if you do not respond in writing to this request for clarification within sixty-one days of this communication, your request for information is deemed by Texas law to be withdrawn. The Secretary of State is a strong supporter of open government, and this Office is ready and willing to respond to any and all public information requests. However, we must require that requests provide sufficient detail regarding the records being sought so that we may fulfill our duties under the PIA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, or if you would like to submit a clarified request, please contact our office at (512) 463-5770 or at the e-mail address listed below.

Sincerely,

Adam Bitter General Counsel

Office of the Texas Secretary of State

general counsel @sos. texas. gov

AB/jw



From: Keith Ingram
To: Joel Watson

**Subject:** Re: Information Request from La. SOS-"Drive-Thru Voting"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:36:13 PM

here is our statute on curbside voting. the procedures vary a bit by county.

Sec. 64.009. VOTER UNABLE TO ENTER POLLING PLACE. (a) If a voter is physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring the voter's health, on the voter's request, an election officer shall deliver a ballot to the voter at the polling place entrance or curb.

- (b) The regular voting procedures may be modified by the election officer to the extent necessary to conduct voting under this section.
- (c) After the voter is accepted for voting, the voter shall mark the ballot and give it to the election officer who shall deposit it in the ballot box.
- (d) On the voter's request, a person accompanying the voter shall be permitted to select the voter's ballot and deposit the ballot in the ballot box.

From: Joel Watson < joel.watson@sos.la.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:26 PM **To:** Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>

Subject: Information Request from La. SOS-"Drive-Thru Voting"

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#### Mr. Ingram:

I'm reaching out on behalf of Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin. We are compiling information about how other states conduct "drive-thru" or "drive-up" voting in the event we implement this policy in our summer elections. Could you connect me with a staffer in your office that I can reach out to with questions?

--

Joel Watson, Jr.



Director of Special Projects and Congressional Liaison Executive Division Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin 225-922-0820 (o) 225-726-1961(c)



From: Keith Ingram

To: "Winn, Michael (CCO)"; Christina Adkins

Cc: Adam Bitter

Subject: RE: FYSA: DEFENDERC NEWS SERVICE: Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point S.A.F.E. Plan Ahead

Of July Primary

**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:39:36 PM

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Indeed. Thank you. And of course these voters will receive the notice required by 61.001(g). if you guys want to modify that notice, then be sure to let us take a look at it before it is used.

- (g) If the requirements for identification prescribed by Subsection (b) are not met, the voter may be accepted for provisional voting only under Section 63.011. For a voter who is not accepted for voting under this section, an election officer shall:
- (1) inform the voter of the voter's right to cast a provisional ballot under Section 63.011; and
- (2) provide the voter with written information, in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that:
- (A) lists the requirements for identification;
- (B) states the procedure for presenting identification under Section 65.0541;
- (C) includes a map showing the location where identification must be presented; and
- (D) includes notice that if all procedures are followed and the voter is found to be eligible to vote and is voting in the correct precinct, the voter's provisional ballot will be accepted.

From: Winn, Michael (CCO) < MWinn@cco.hctx.net>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:35 PM

To: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Christina Adkins <CAdkins@sos.texas.gov>

Cc: Adam Bitter < ABitter@sos.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: FYSA: DEFENDERC NEWS SERVICE: Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point

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Keith,

I believe he understands that. I think what he is trying to say is, to proactively engage voters to check and be sure their ballots if in the cure process, completes this by them following up with the EA or TAC with an ID . Is that a more correct statement?

Michael



Michael B. Winn, CERA, CCPAP

Administrator of Elections

Office of Chris Hollins

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**From:** Keith Ingram [mailto:KIngram@sos.texas.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:03 PM To: Winn, Michael (CCO); Christina Adkins

Cc: Adam Bitter

Subject: FW: FYSA: DEFENDER NEWS SERVICE: Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point

S.A.F.E. Plan Ahead Of July Primary

Michael.

On number 17 below, does your new clerk understand that the only provisional ballots that can be cured are those for ID? There is no curing process by the voters for any other provisional ballot. See Texas Flection Code sections 65,054 and 65,0541

The clerk's office does its investigation and the ballot board makes their determination without further input from the voters. TAC rule 81.176(c)(13) makes it clear that provisional ballot envelopes are not public record until they are returned to the custodian of the election records after the ballot board has made its decision.

Keith

https://defendernetwork.com/news/harris-county-clerk-chris-hollins-launches-23-point-s-a-f-eplan-ahead-of-july-primary/



# Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point S.A.F.E. Plan Ahead Of July Primary

Defender News Service

Today, Clerk Hollins announced S.A.F.E., a robust set of 23 initiatives to ensure the July Primary Runoff Elections and the November General Election are safe, secure, accessible, fair, and efficient. The framework addresses the challenges of administering an election during an unprecedented global pandemic through thoughtful consideration of voter and poll-worker safety and innovating conventional practices to make voting more efficient.

"Since taking office on June 1st, I have spent my first two weeks learning, meeting with staff and stakeholders, and creating dedicated working groups to tackle the challenges we are facing as we head into July and November. Through these discussions, we developed S.A.F.E. to communicate to voters and staff what they can expect at the polls," said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins.

"My commitment to all the residents of Harris County is to administer a safe, secure and fair election this July and again in November. This office will do everything we can to give every Harris County voter an equal say at the polls and give you the peace of mind that your vote will be counted."

More information on the 23 S.A.F.E. initiatives below:

SAFE is our commitment to voters that you can exercise your right to vote without putting your health at risk. We will:

- 1. Provide PPE to all poll workers and voters who need it;
- 2. Optimize the floor plans of polling locations for safety and social distancing; and
- 3. Promote and maximize vote-by-mail within the bounds of the law.

Our election will be SECURE. It is ours—no one else's—and we will not allow any tampering. We will:

- 4. Ensure the security of our voting systems and hardware; and
- 5. Respond proactively to any reports of voter intimidation, coercion, or fraud.

Our election will be ACCESSIBLE. Harris County voters can cast their votes at more polling sites and can do so quickly and conveniently. We will:

- 6. Utilize data to increase the number and optimize the locations of polling sites;
- 7. Procure sufficient additional machines from other jurisdictions and provide them with exceptional technical support;
- 8. Allocate machines across polling sites based on known traffic patterns and expected turnout:
- 9. Accurately report wait times across the County during the Early Voting period and on Election Day;
- 10. Provide increased voting hours during the Early Voting period;
- 11. Ensure ADA accessibility across County polling sites; and



12. Increase curbside voting and potentially introduce drive-thru-voting.

Our election will be FAIR. Every Harris County voter has equal access to the polls, and your vote is your voice in our democracy. We will:

- 13. Increase outreach to all voters and groups traditionally left out of the democratic process;
- 14. Seek and incorporate meaningful feedback from all stakeholders;
- 15. Count every vote and ensure the accuracy of election results;
- 16. Reduce the time it takes to report results on Election Day; and
- 17. Proactively engage provisional ballot voters on how to cure their ballots so they may be counted.

And our election will be EFFICIENT. We will ensure that the resources are in place for our elections to run smoothly despite today's unprecedented conditions.

We will:

- 18. Recruit more than enough poll workers to operate polling locations during the Early Voting period and on Election Day;
- 19. Train poll workers and clarify standard operating procedures for a safe and effective operation under the current circumstances;
- 20. Prepare resources in anticipation of increased vote-by-mail usage by Harris County voters:
- 21. Put key performance indicators (KPIs) in place to measure our preparedness in ensuring a S.A.F.E. election for the voters of Harris County;
- 22. Optimize the ballot layout to allow voters to cast their votes more quickly; and
- 23. Procure the next generation of voting machines for use beyond 2020.

The first election of Clerk Hollins's administration will be the 2020 Primary Runoff. The Early Voting Period for this election will be June 29-July 10, and Election Day is on July 14.

Today, Monday, June 15, is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Texas primary runoff election.

For more information go to HarrisVotes.com and follow @harrisvotes on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



From: Keith Ingram

To: "Sonya Aston"; Josh Helton; Christina Adkins

**Subject:** RE: El Paso

**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:33:42 PM

These are being advertised as express curbside locations not drive through.

#### https://el-paso-county-

elections.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/files/000/003/084/original/Early\_Voting\_Stations\_English.pdf? 1602971694

Trying to take some of the curbside pressure off of other locations that aren't as well set up for it.

From: Sonya Aston <

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:11 PM

**To:** Keith Ingram < KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Josh Helton

>; Christina

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Subject: El Paso

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Keith,

FYI - El Paso does have 6 "drive through" polling locations. Everyone in the car can vote. The rumor that they were shutting down polling locations due to COVID is just that, a rumor.

# Sonya L. Aston

Attorney at Law (713) 320-5808

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From: Keith Ingram

To: <u>Harris - Michael Winn (mwinn@cco.hctx.net)</u>; <u>Christina Adkins</u>

Cc: Adam Bitter

Subject: FW: FYSA: DEFENDER NEWS SERVICE: Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point S.A.F.E. Plan Ahead

Of July Primary

**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:03:11 PM

Michael,

On number 17 below, does your new clerk understand that the only provisional ballots that can be cured are those for ID? There is no curing process by the voters for any other provisional ballot. See Texas Election Code sections 65.054 and 65.0541

The clerk's office does its investigation and the ballot board makes their determination without further input from the voters. TAC rule 81.176(c)(13) makes it clear that provisional ballot envelopes are not public record until they are returned to the custodian of the election records after the ballot board has made its decision.

Keith

https://defendernetwork.com/news/harris-county-clerk-chris-hollins-launches-23-point-s-a-f-e-plan-ahead-of-july-primary/

# Harris County Clerk Chris Collins Launches 23-Point S.A.F.E. Plan Ahead Of July Primary

Defender News Service

Today, Clerk Hollins announced S.A.F.E., a robust set of 23 initiatives to ensure the July Primary Runoff Elections and the November General Election are safe, secure, accessible, fair, and efficient. The framework addresses the challenges of administering an election during an unprecedented global pandemic through thoughtful consideration of voter and poll-worker safety and innovating conventional practices to make voting more efficient.

"Since taking office on June 1st, I have spent my first two weeks learning, meeting with staff and stakeholders, and creating dedicated working groups to tackle the challenges we are facing as we head into July and November. Through these discussions, we developed S.A.F.E. to communicate to voters and staff what they can expect at the polls," said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins.

"My commitment to all the residents of Harris County is to administer a safe, secure and fair election this July and again in November. This office will do everything we can to give every Harris County voter an equal say at the polls and give you the peace of mind that your vote will be counted."

More information on the 23 S.A.F.E. initiatives below:

SAFE is our commitment to voters that you can exercise your right to vote without putting



your health at risk. We will:

- 1. Provide PPE to all poll workers and voters who need it;
- 2. Optimize the floor plans of polling locations for safety and social distancing; and
- 3. Promote and maximize vote-by-mail within the bounds of the law.

Our election will be SECURE. It is ours—no one else's—and we will not allow any tampering. We will:

- 4. Ensure the security of our voting systems and hardware; and
- 5. Respond proactively to any reports of voter intimidation, coercion, or fraud.

Our election will be ACCESSIBLE. Harris County voters can cast their votes at more polling sites and can do so quickly and conveniently. We will:

- 6. Utilize data to increase the number and optimize the locations of polling sites;
- 7. Procure sufficient additional machines from other jurisdictions and provide them with exceptional technical support;
- 8. Allocate machines across polling sites based on known traffic patterns and expected turnout:
- 9. Accurately report wait times across the County during the Early Voting period and on Election Day;
- 10. Provide increased voting hours during the Early Voting period;
- 11. Ensure ADA accessibility across County polling sites; and
- 12. Increase curbside voting and potentially introduce drive-thru-voting.

Our election will be FAIR. Every Harris County voter has equal access to the polls, and your vote is your voice in our democracy. We will:

- 13. Increase outreach to all voters and groups traditionally left out of the democratic process;
- 14. Seek and incorporate meaningful feedback from all stakeholders;
- 15. Count every vote and ensure the accuracy of election results;
- 16. Reduce the time it takes to report results on Election Day; and
- 17. Proactively engage provisional ballot voters on how to cure their ballots so they may be counted.

And our election will be EFFICIENT. We will ensure that the resources are in place for our elections to run smoothly despite today's unprecedented conditions.

We will:

- 18. Recruit more than enough poll workers to operate polling locations during the Early Voting period and on Election Day;
- 19. Train poll workers and clarify standard operating procedures for a safe and effective operation under the current circumstances;
- 20. Prepare resources in anticipation of increased vote-by-mail usage by Harris County



voters;

- 21. Put key performance indicators (KPIs) in place to measure our preparedness in ensuring a S.A.F.E. election for the voters of Harris County;
- 22. Optimize the ballot layout to allow voters to cast their votes more quickly; and
- 23. Procure the next generation of voting machines for use beyond 2020.

The first election of Clerk Hollins's administration will be the 2020 Primary Runoff. The Early Voting Period for this election will be June 29-July 10, and Election Day is on July 14.

Today, Monday, June 15, is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Texas primary runoff election.

For more information go to HarrisVotes.com and follow @harrisvotes on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



**Subject:** RE: Public Information Request (TX-SOS-20-2698) 1 of 3

**Date:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 2:58:52 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: GeneralCounsel
To: 'AO Records'
CC: GeneralCounsel

Attachments: How to appeal the withholding of information under 552.024.pdf, How to appeal the

withholding of information under 552.130.pdf, 12.22.20 Documents Batch 1.zip

#### **EXTERNAL SENDER**

#### Good afternoon,

Consistent with our December 8 email, please see the attached zipped folder containing documents responsive to your November 2 request under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. Due to size and volume, two (2) additional emails will follow containing responsive documents.

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The information you requested also contains information that relates to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state or another state or country. This information is confidential under section 552.130 of the Texas Government Code. Section 552.130 allows us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling from the attorney general. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are also attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else.

Finally, dates of birth have been redacted pending a determination from the Attorney General's Open Records Division on our request for a ruling

We appreciate your patience as we continue to process your request in accordance with the terms of the Public Information Act. We require additional time to review our records and produce additional responsive documents. We will provide you any additional responsive documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2020. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

Kind regards,

Jennifer Williams Legal Assistant to the General Counsel Office of the Texas Secretary of State



From: GeneralCounsel < GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:37 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 2:23 PM

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Dear Public Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Texas public records laws.

Sincerely,

Mariuxi Pintado
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org I @weareoversight

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#### How to appeal the withholding of information under Government Code Section 552.130

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

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- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
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You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.



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From: Teresa Farfan

To: Ruth Hughs

Subject: Article Bee County

**Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 4:07:00 PM

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#### **Teresa Farfan**

#### Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State

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From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>
To: <u>Joe Esparza</u>

Cc: <u>Kim Bergmann</u>; <u>Keith Ingram</u>; <u>Christina Adkins</u>; <u>Adam Bitter</u>

**Subject:** Early Voting Observers

Date:Monday, October 19, 2020 7:42:03 PMAttachments:Early\_Voting Schedule\_November\_2020 (1).pdf

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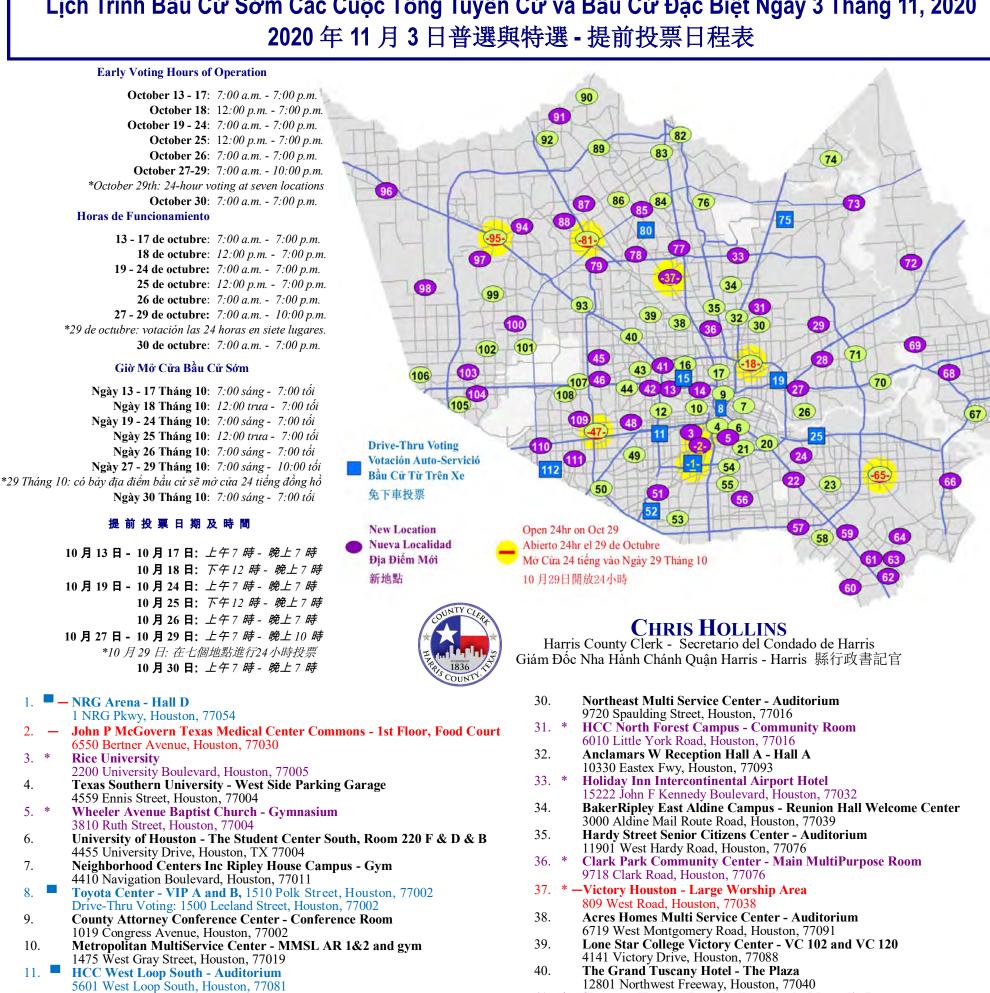
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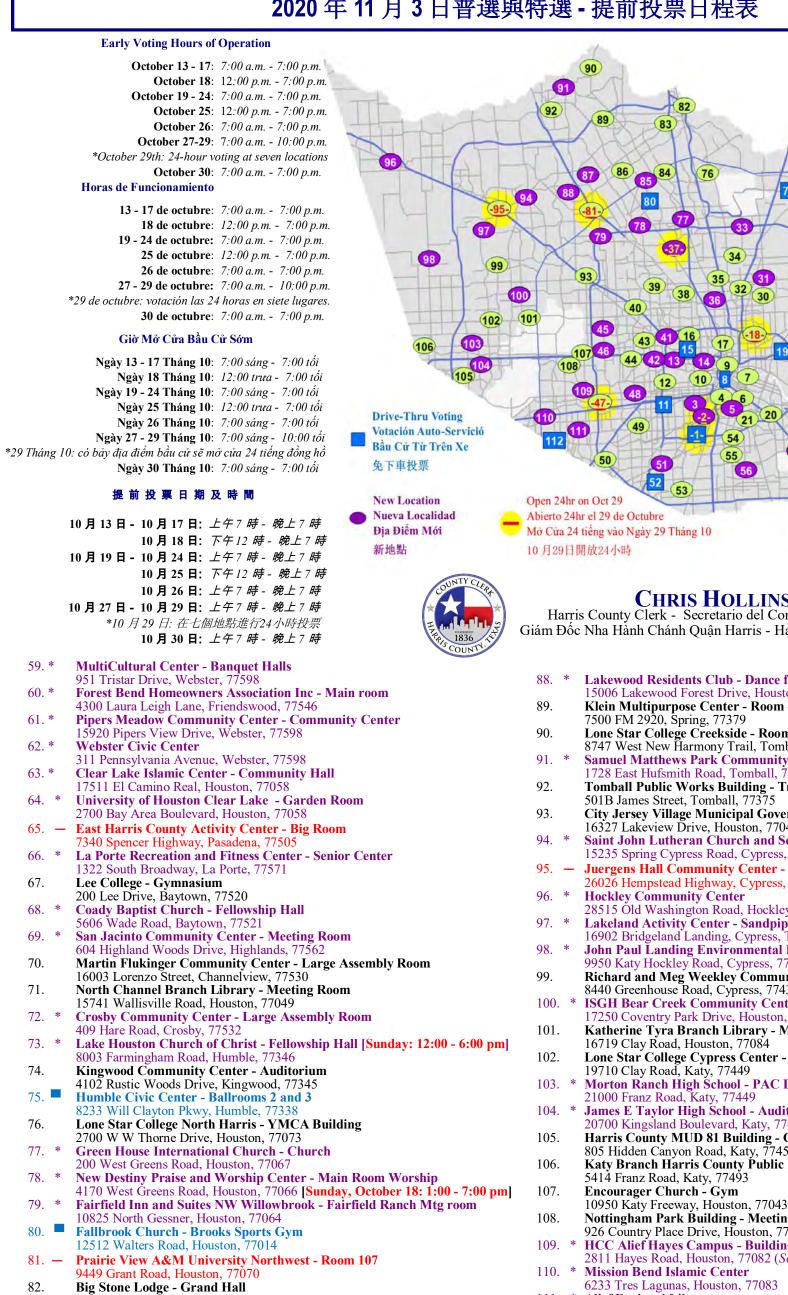
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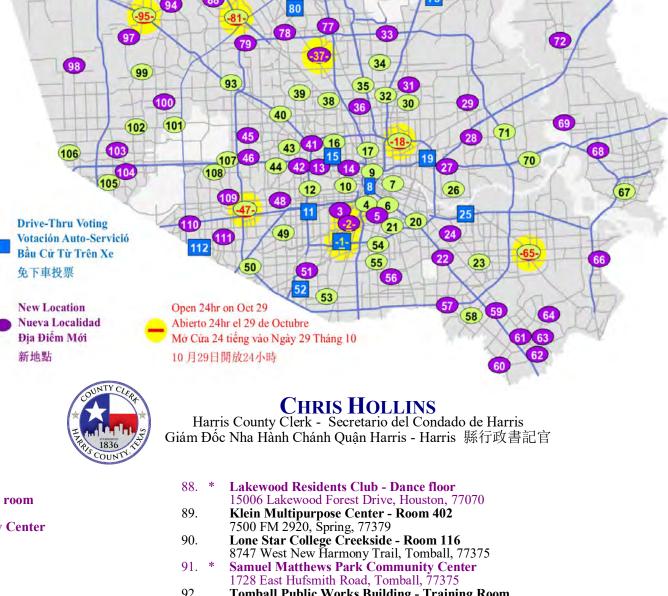
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- Katherine Tyra Branch Library Meeting Room
- 16719 Clay Road, Houston, 77084
- Lone Star College Cypress Center Room 105, 106, 107 19710 Clay Road, Katy, 77449
- Morton Ranch High School PAC Lobby 21000 Franz Road, Katy, 77449
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- 20700 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy, 77450
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- 926 Country Place Drive, Houston, 77079
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- 6233 Tres Lagunas, Houston, 77083
- **Alief Regional Library**
- 7979 South Kirkwood Road, Houston, 77072 **Houston Community College Alief Center - Room 157**
- 13803 Bissonnet St, Houston, 77083



For more information Para mas información: Để biết thêm chi tiết:

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709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, 77373

16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, 77090

1851 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, 77388

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Spring First Church - Youth Center [Sunday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm]

Hosanna Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall Room 5

Church of Christ on Bammel Road - Kaleo Building

From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>
To: <u>Joe Esparza</u>

Cc: <u>Kim Bergmann; Keith Ingram; Christina Adkins; Adam Bitter</u>

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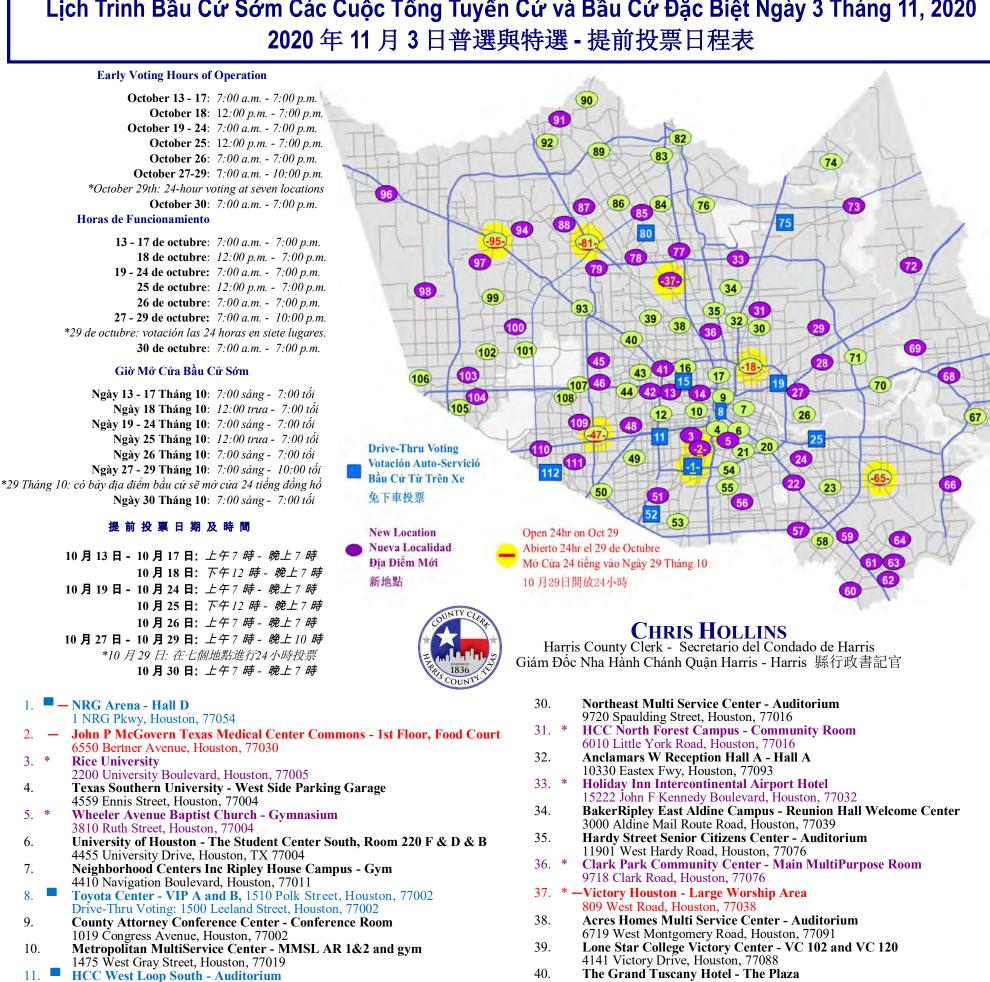
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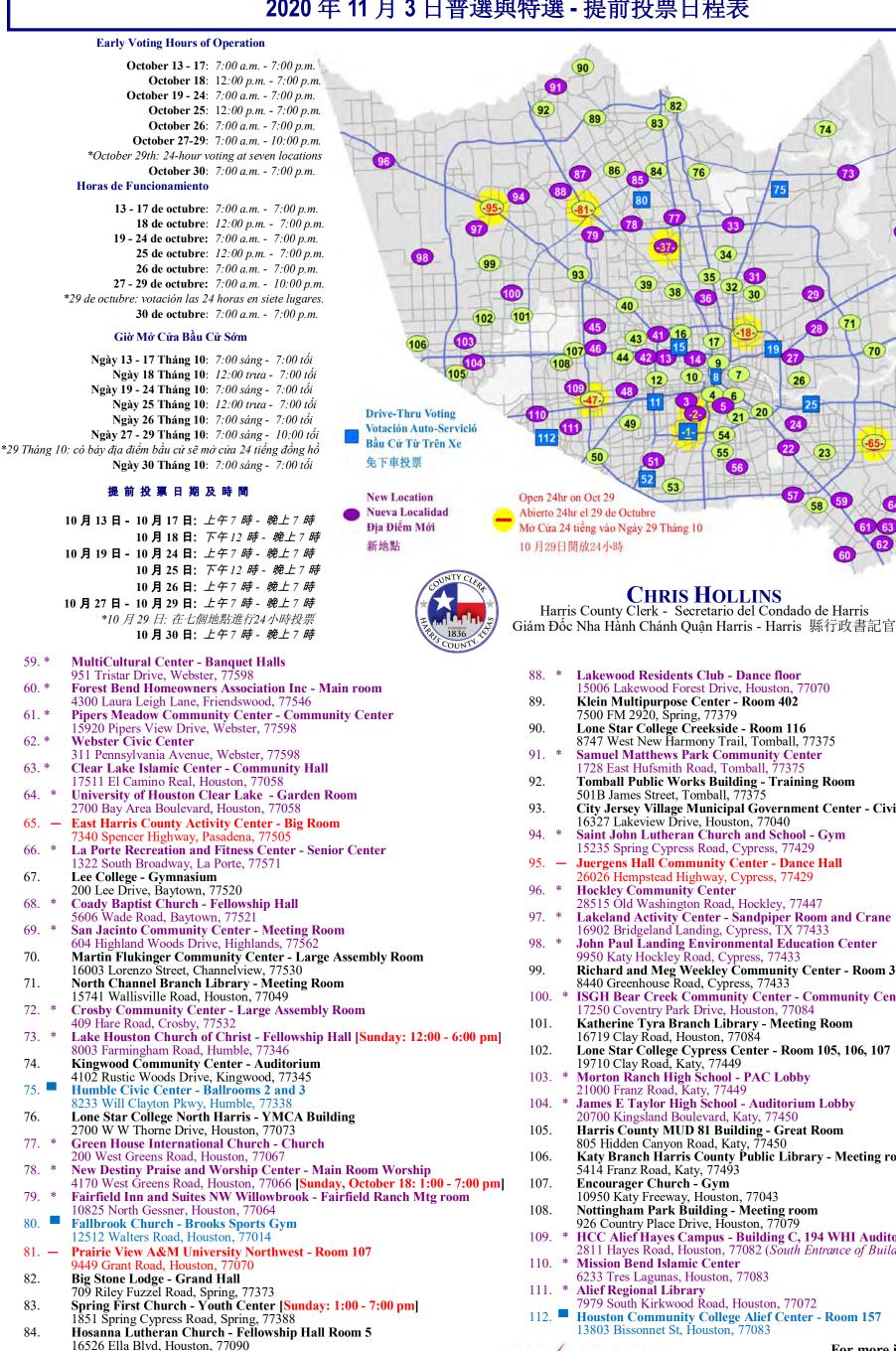
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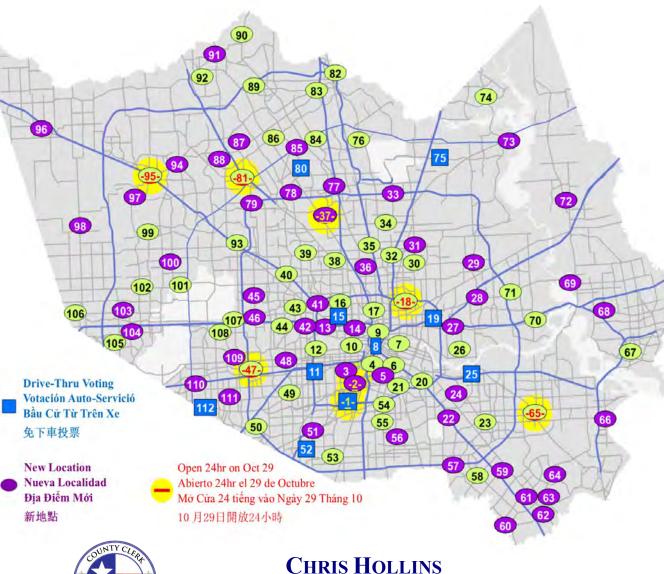
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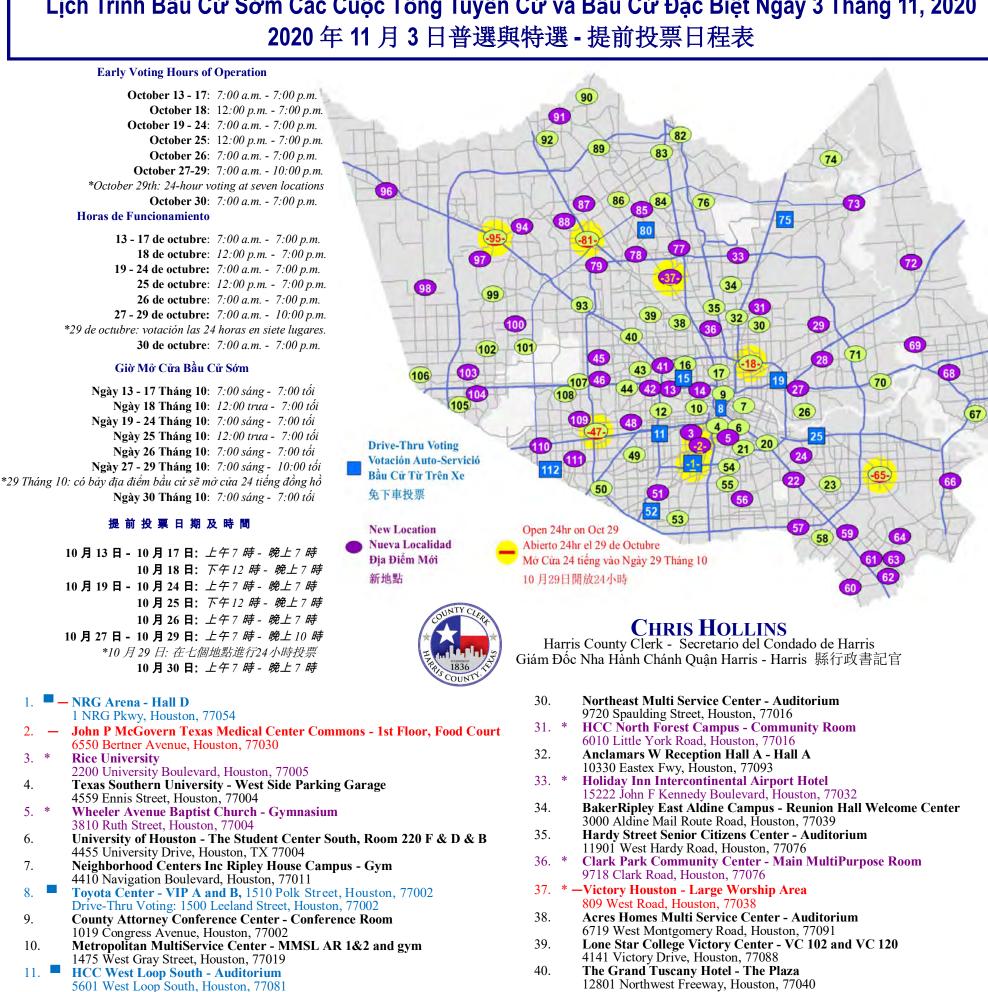
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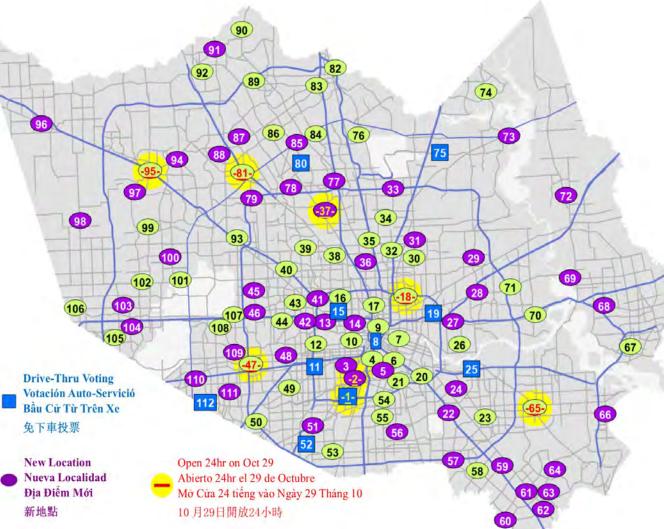
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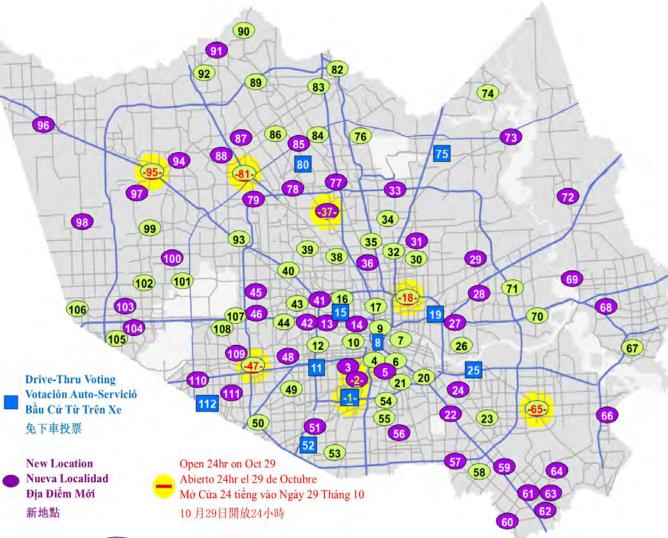
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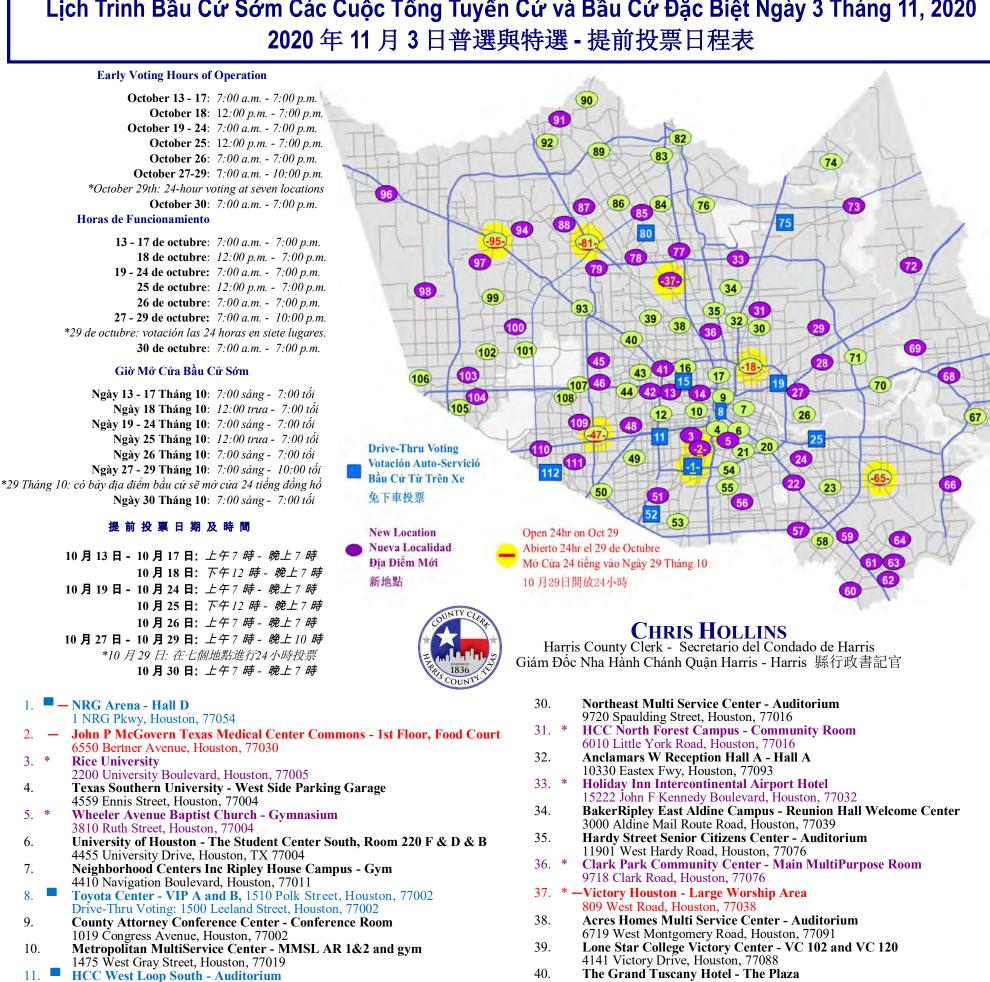
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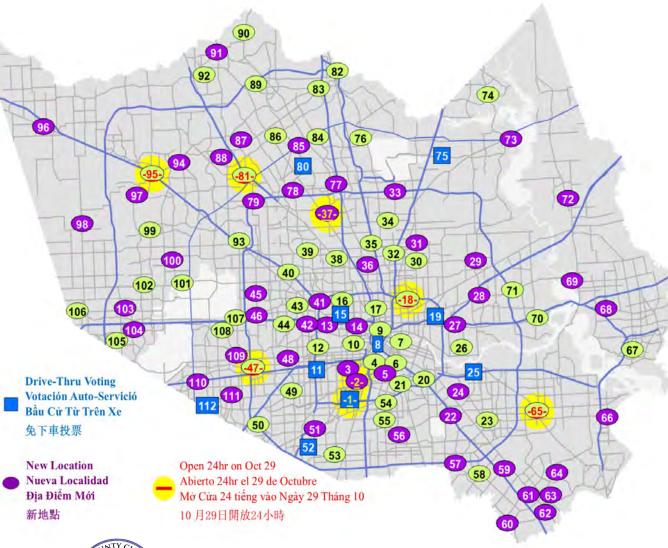
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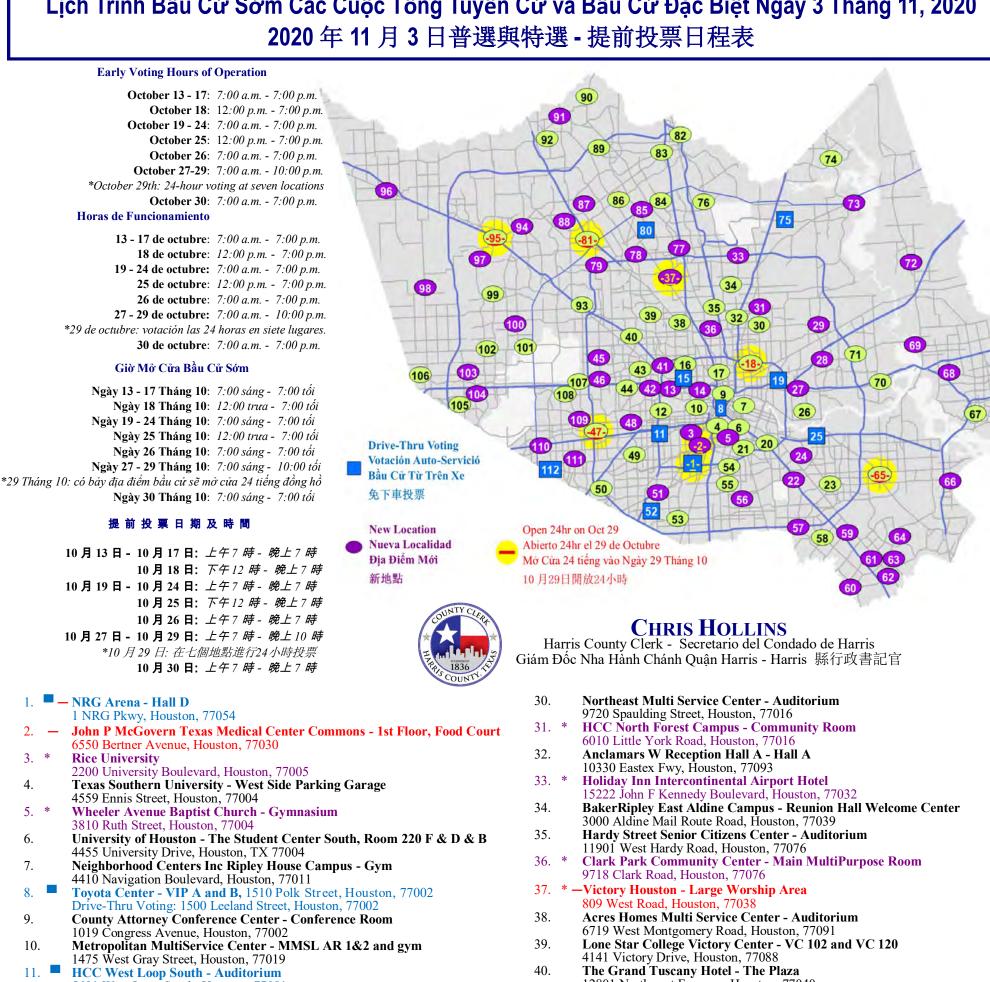
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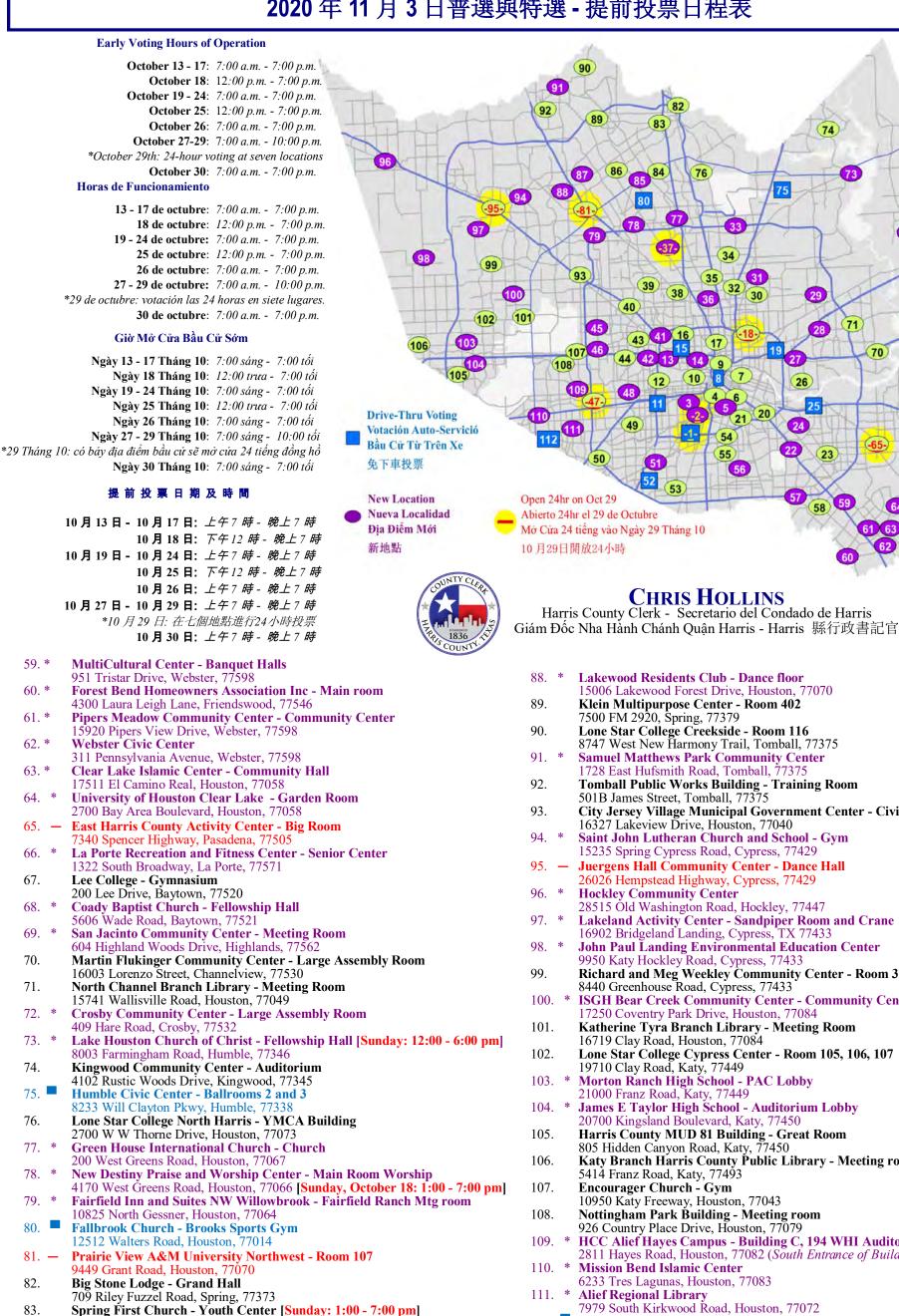


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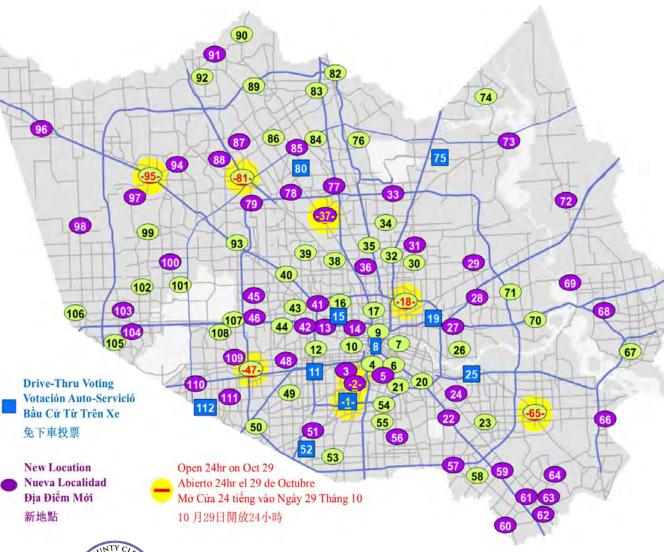
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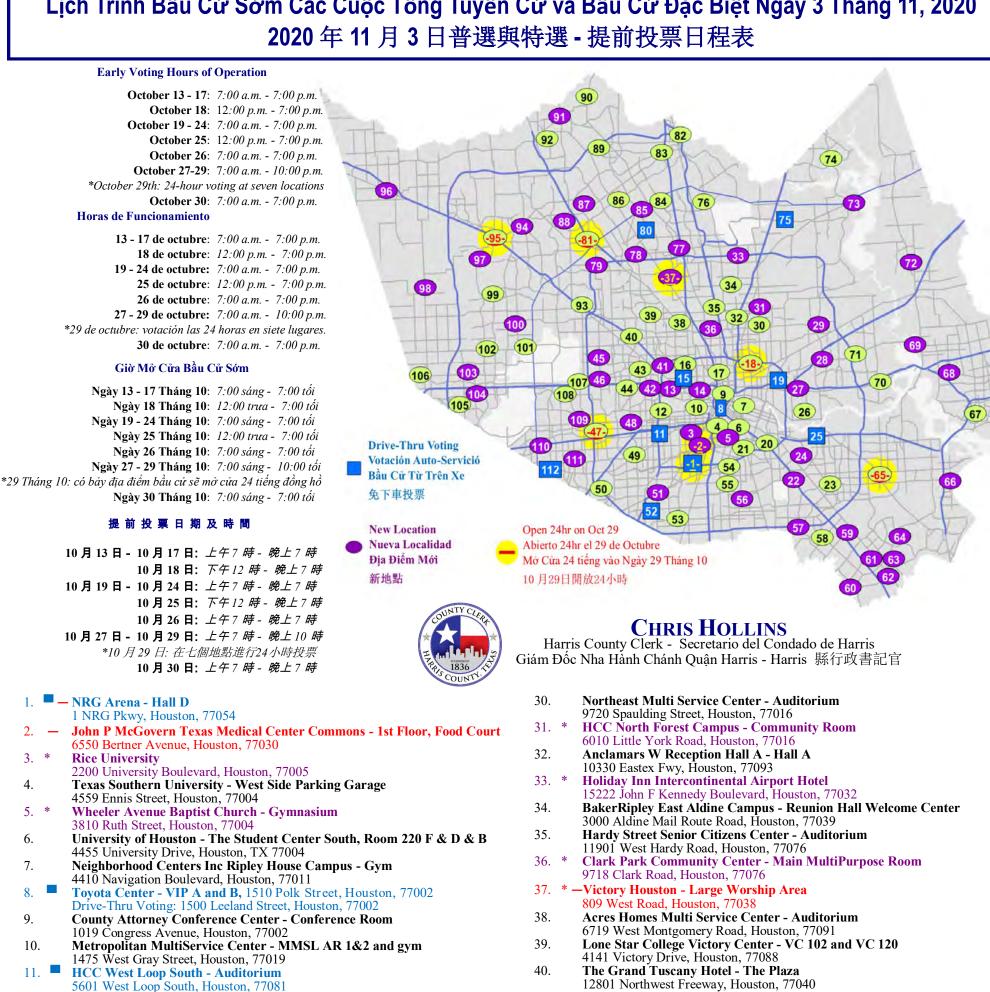
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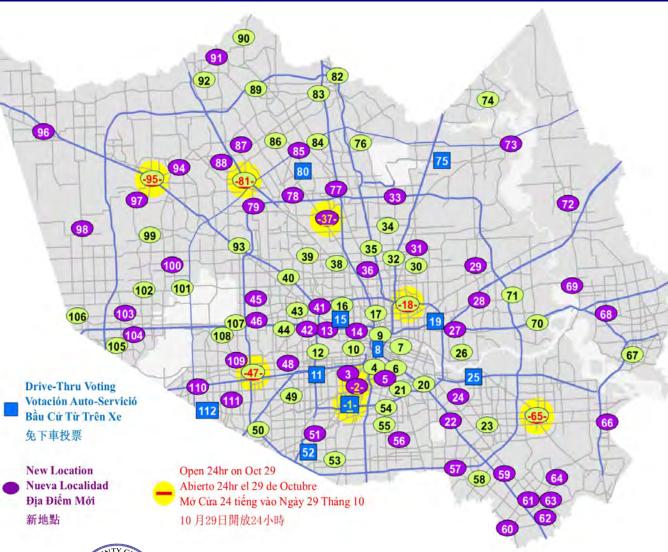
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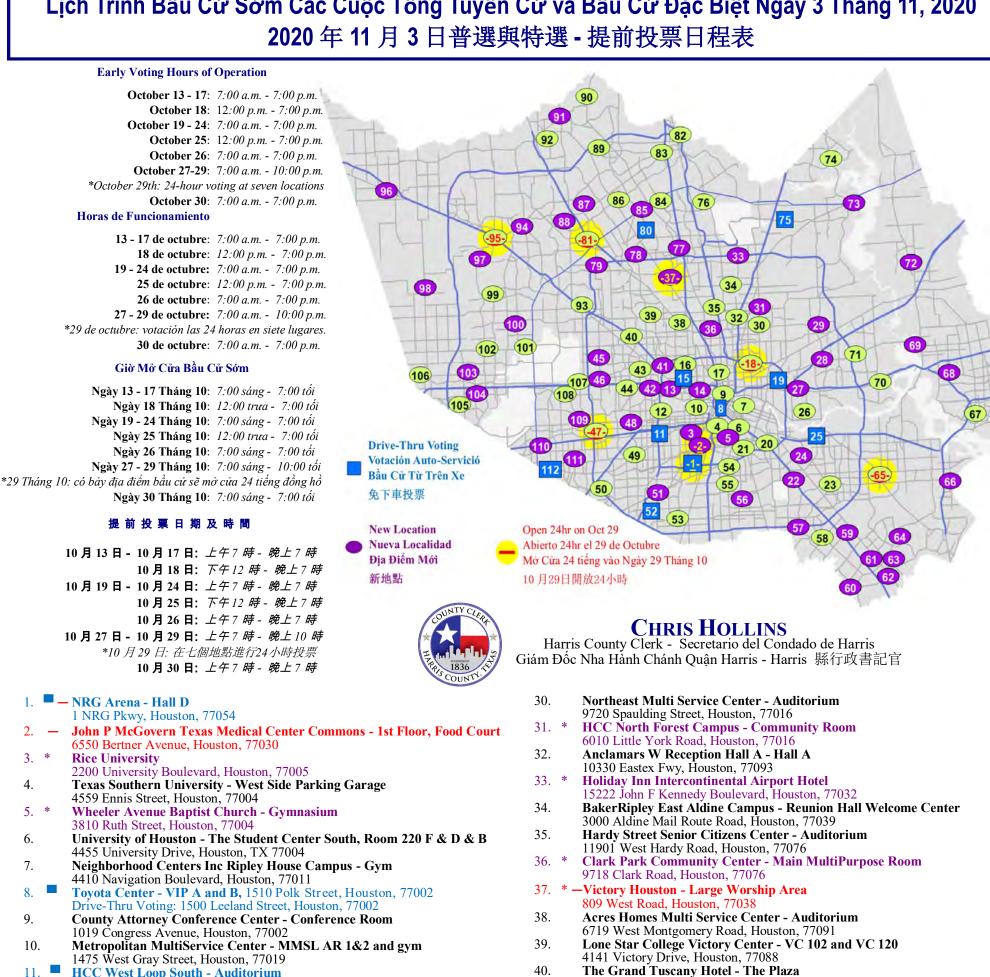
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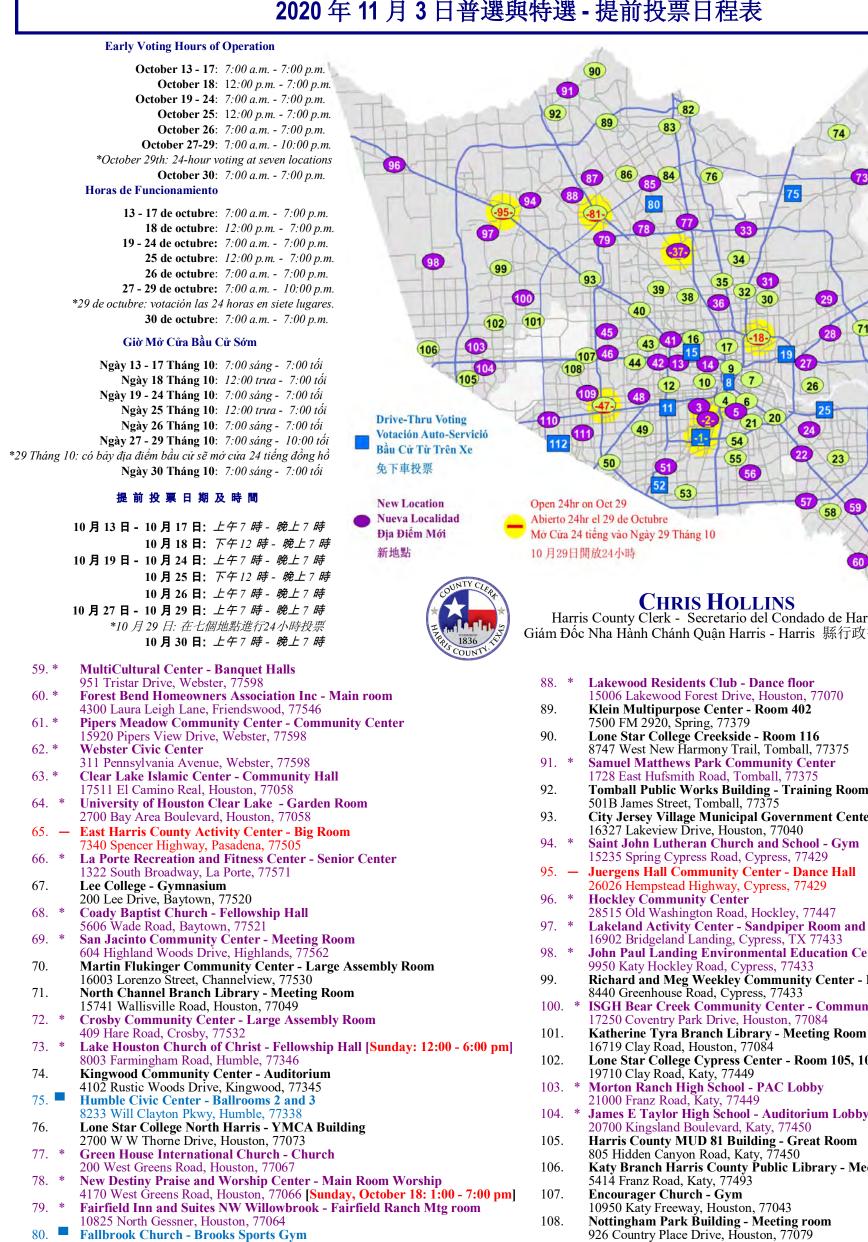


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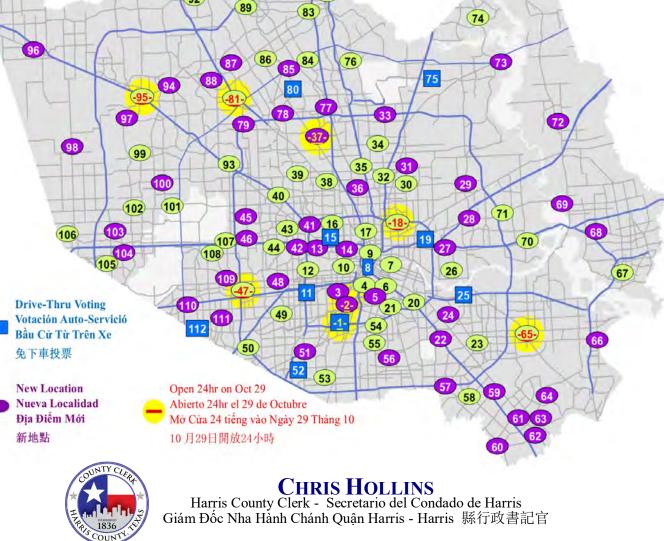
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Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 5:19:00 PM

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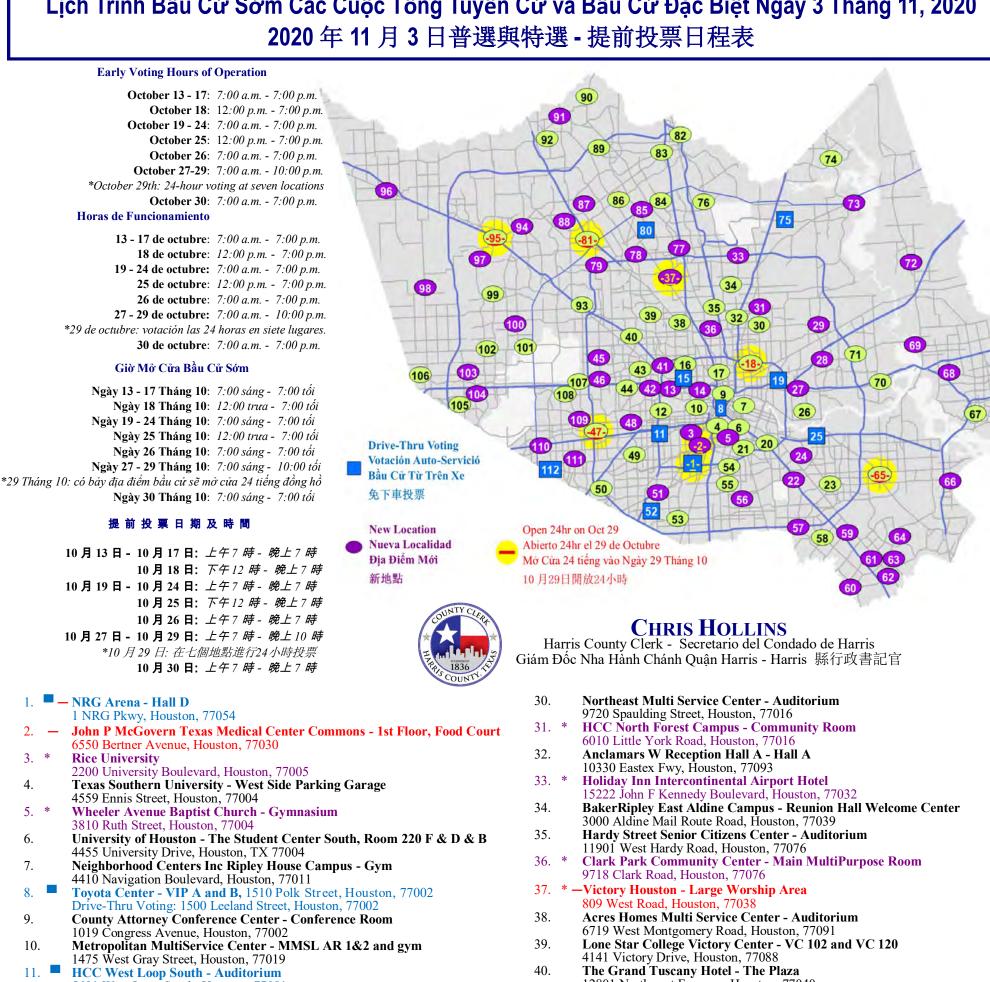
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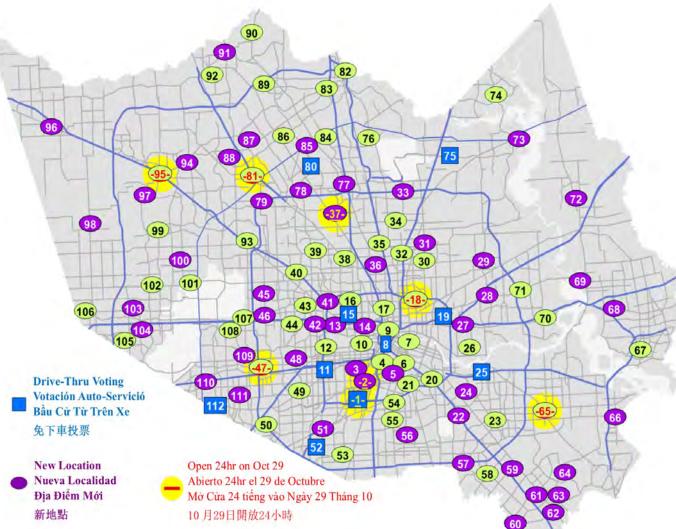
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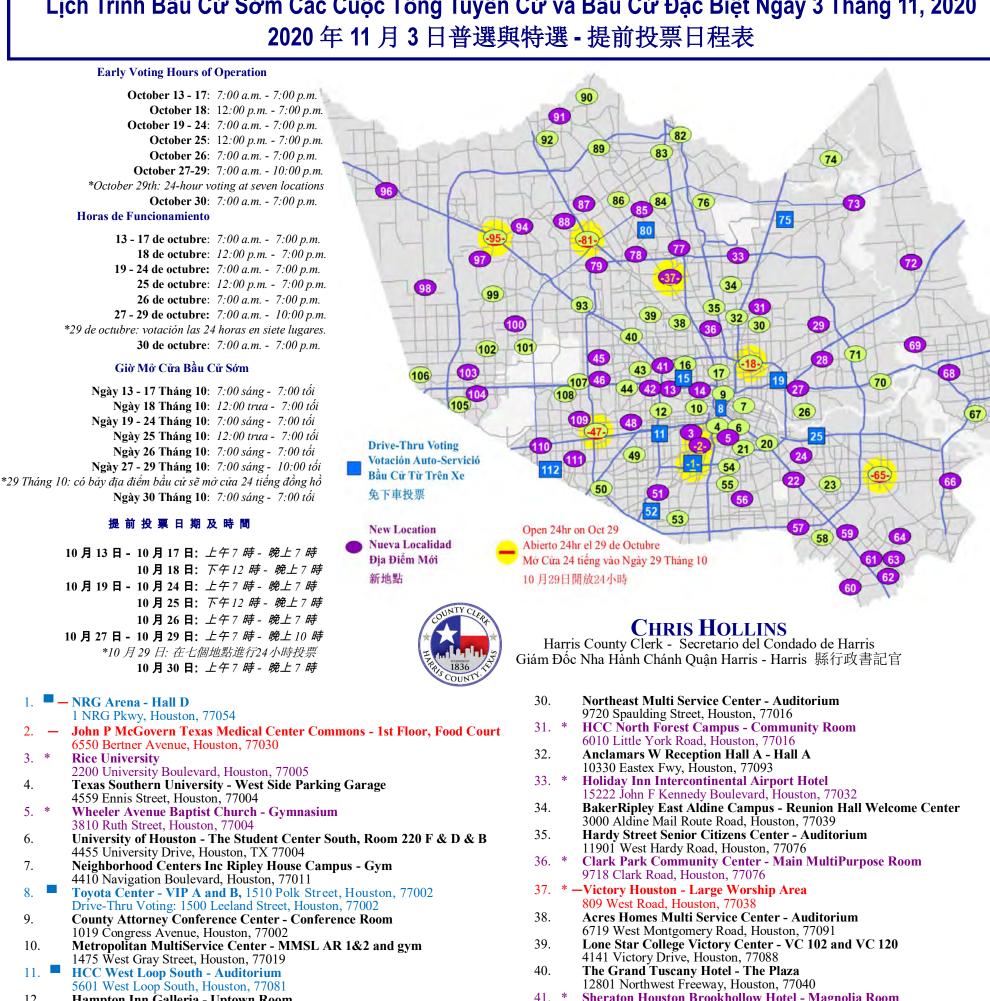
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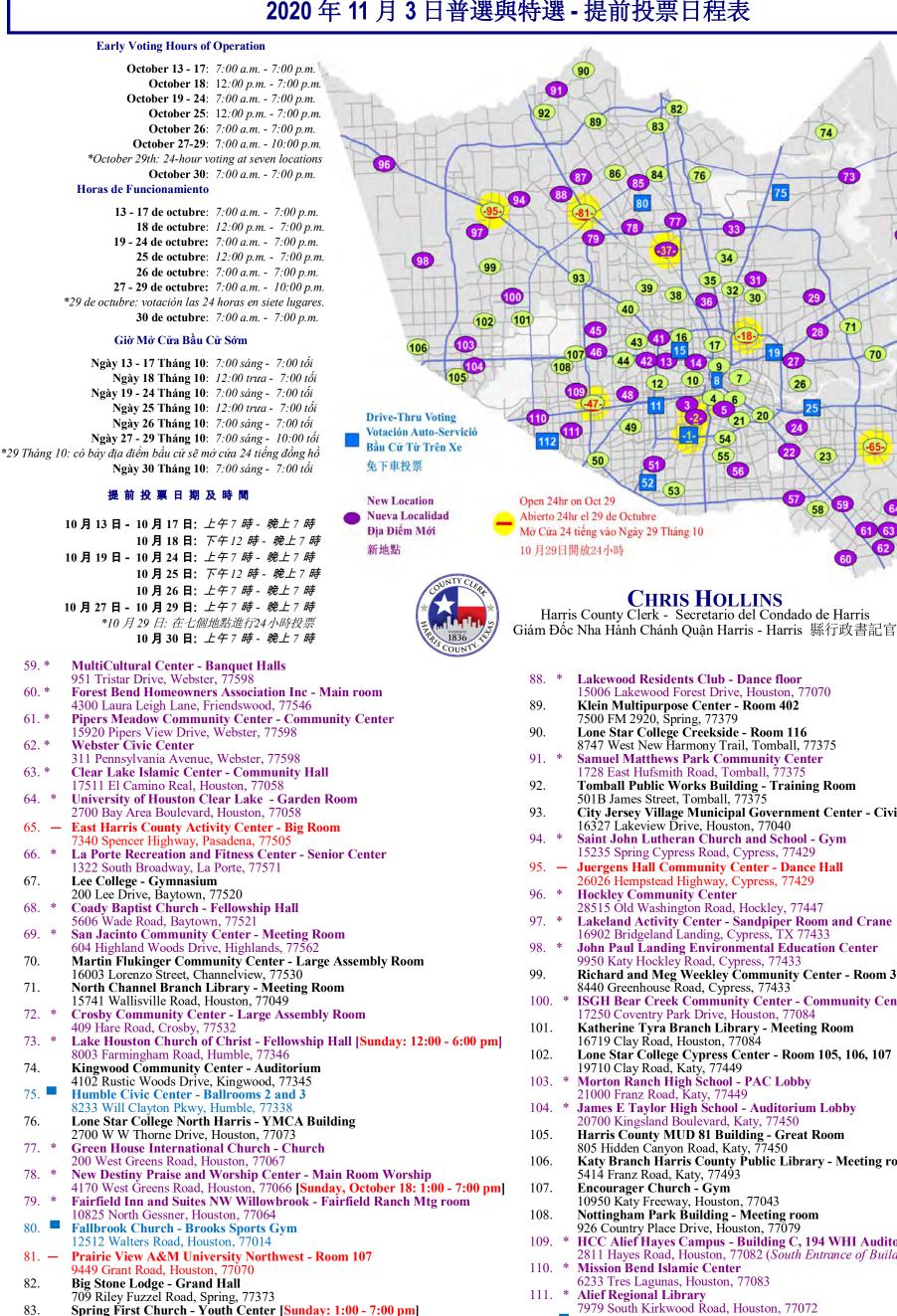


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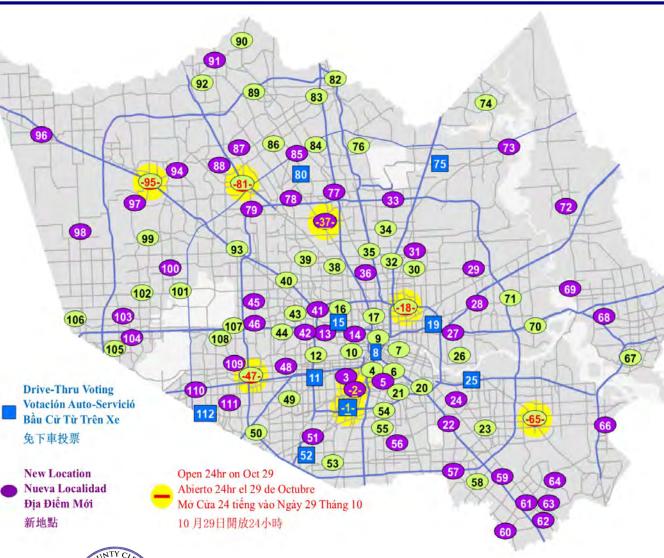
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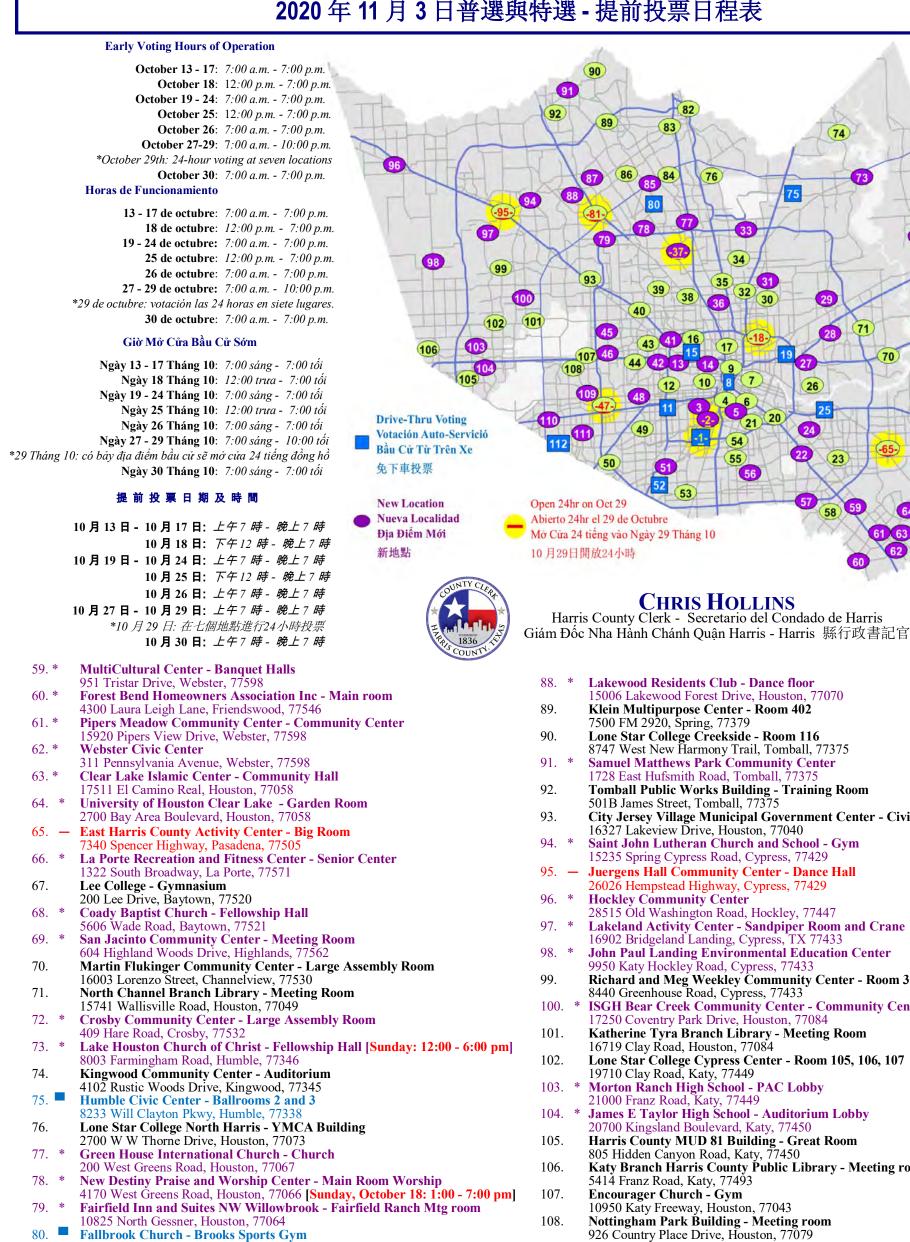


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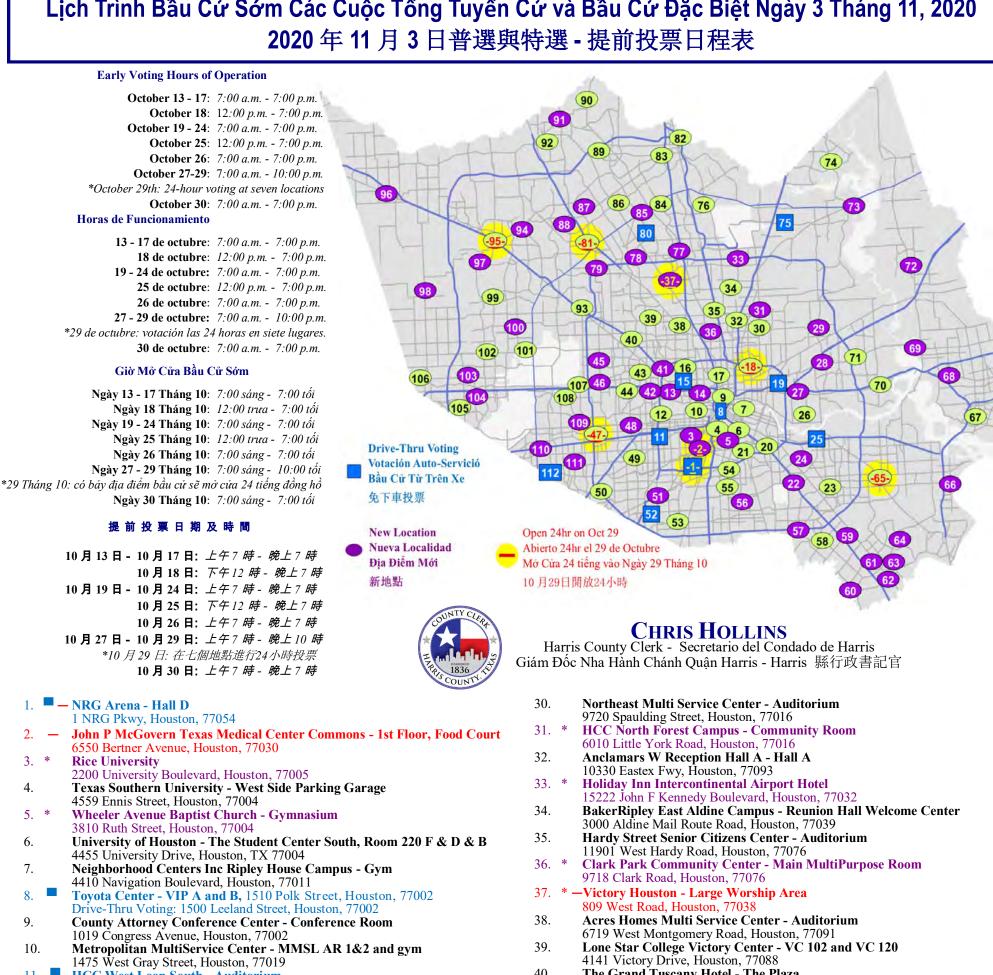
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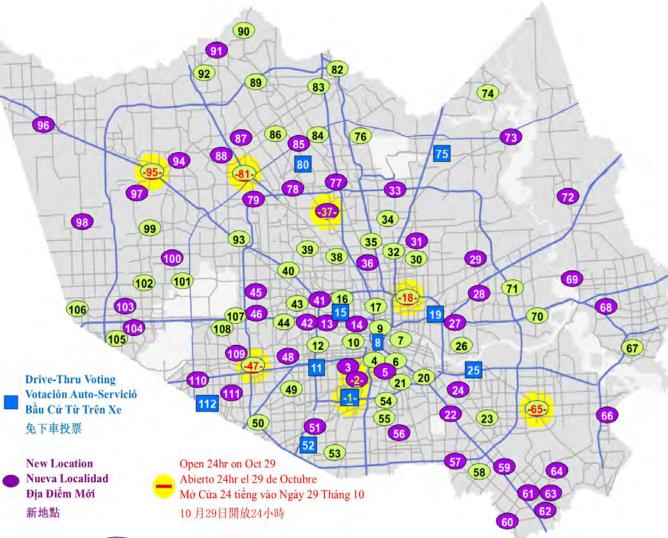
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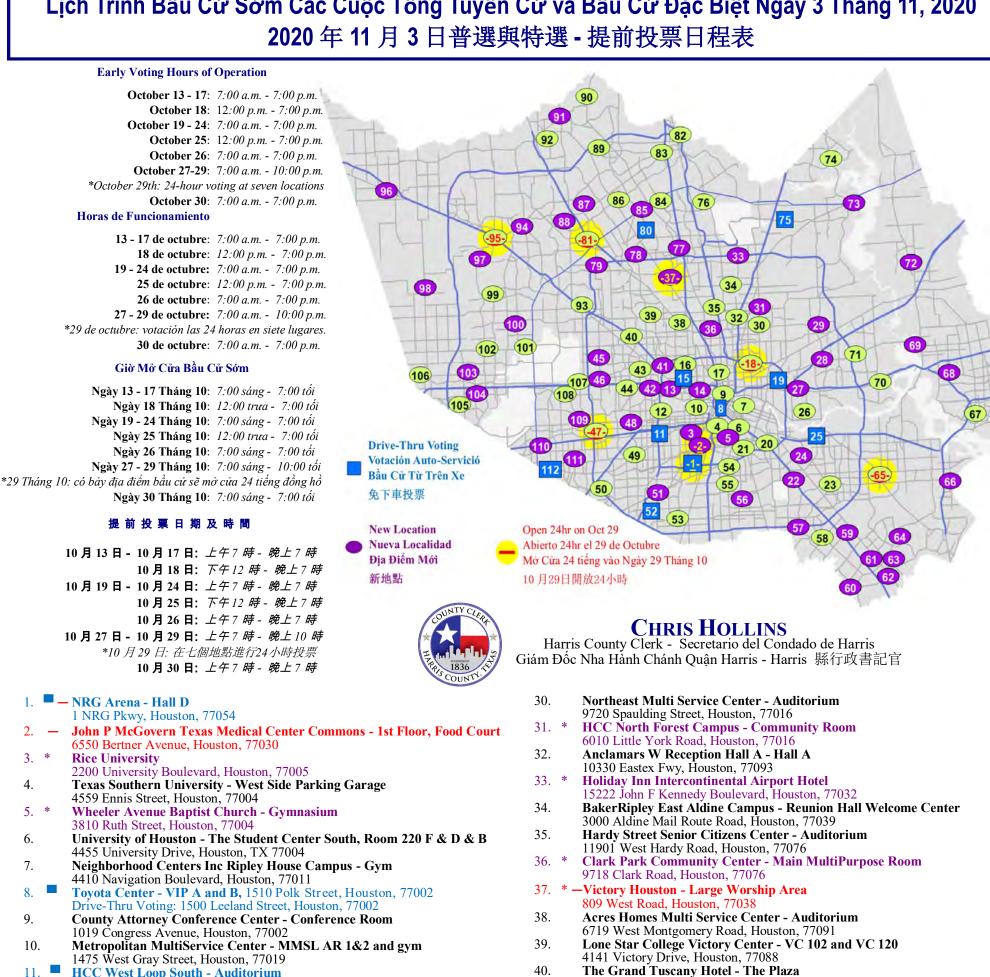
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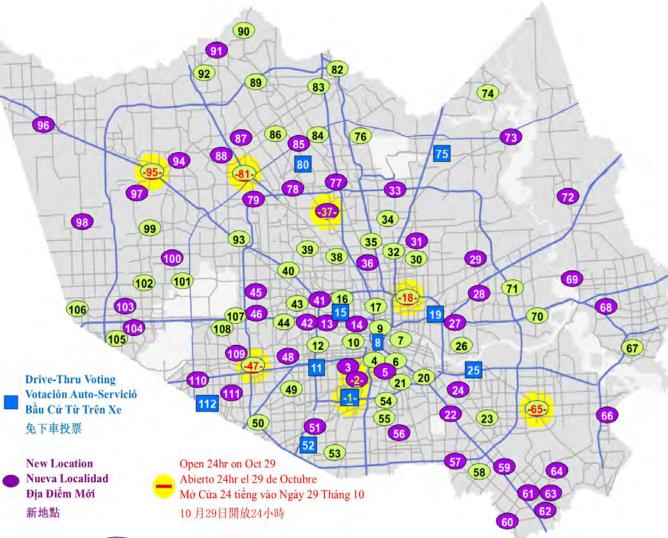
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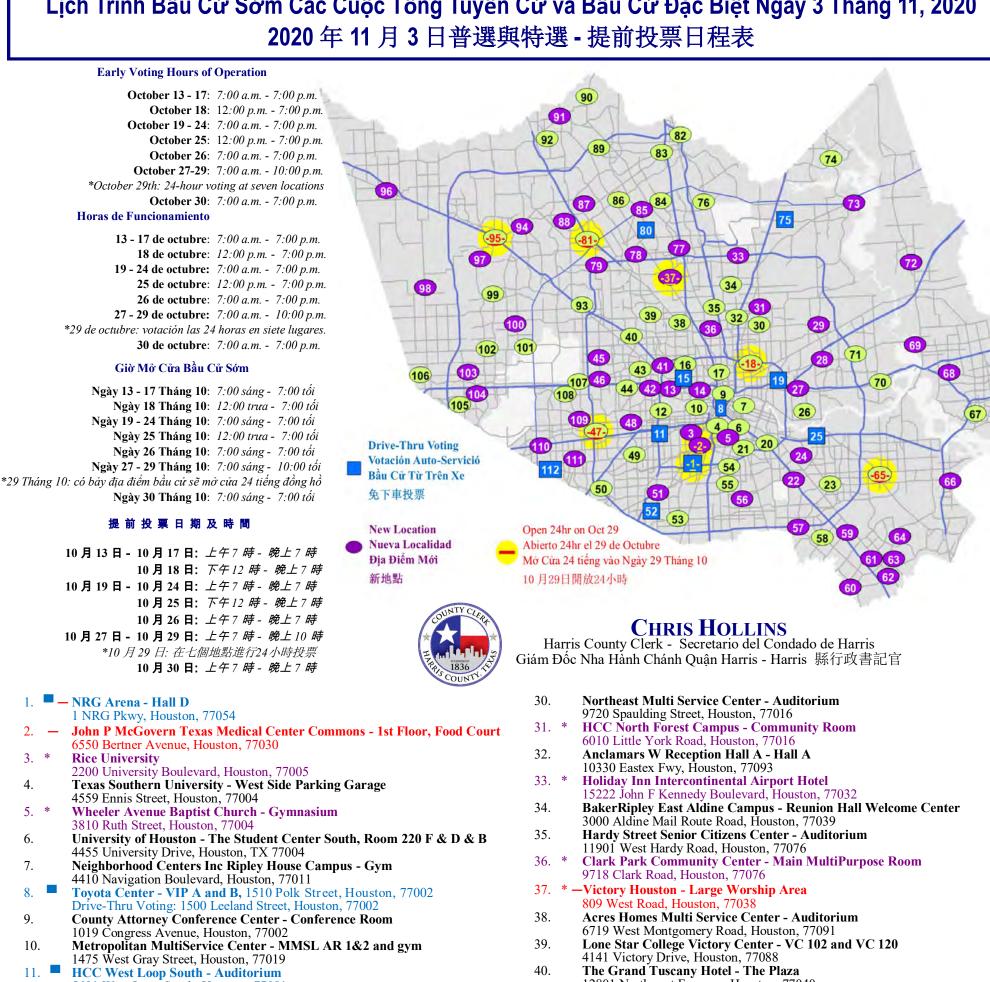
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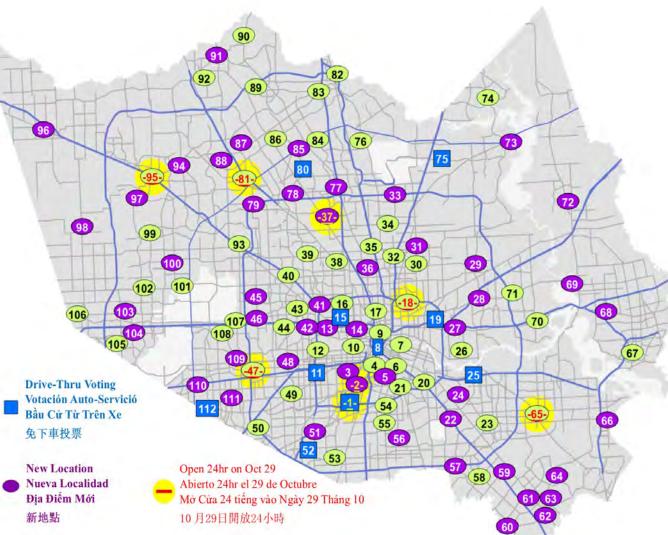
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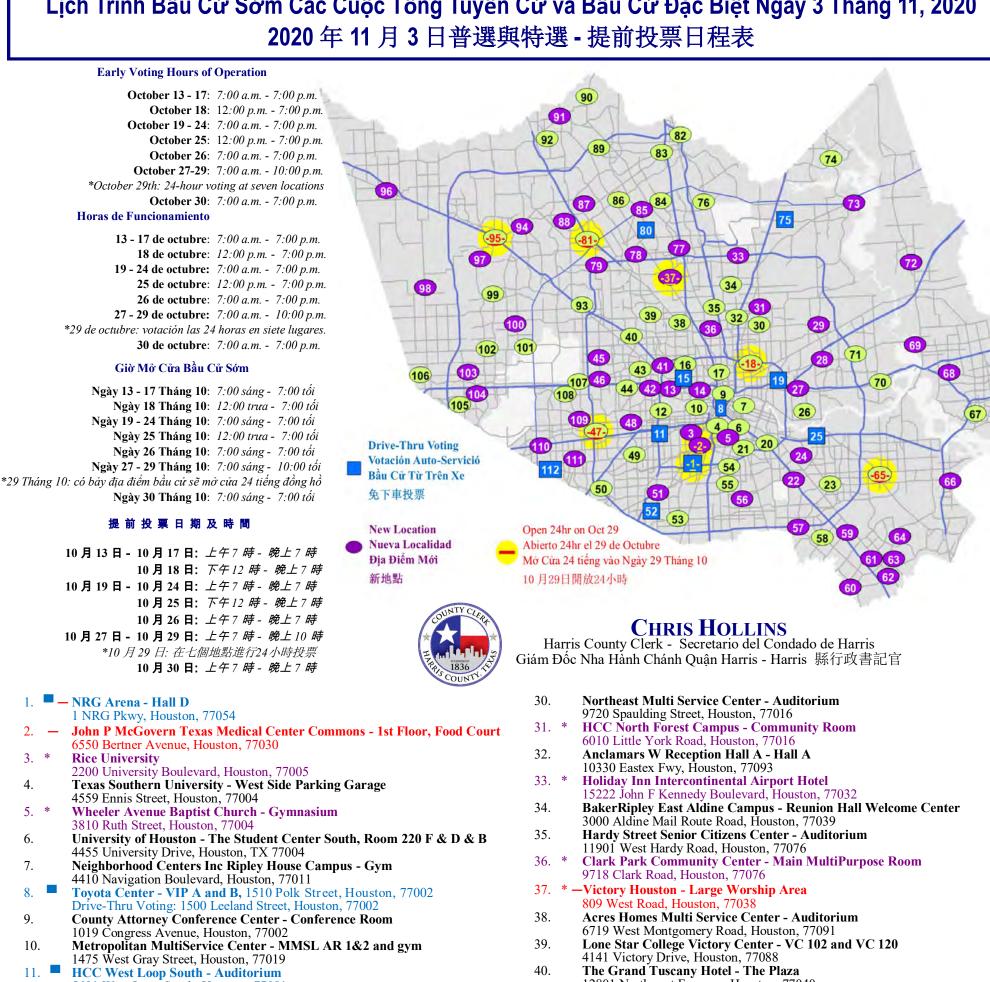
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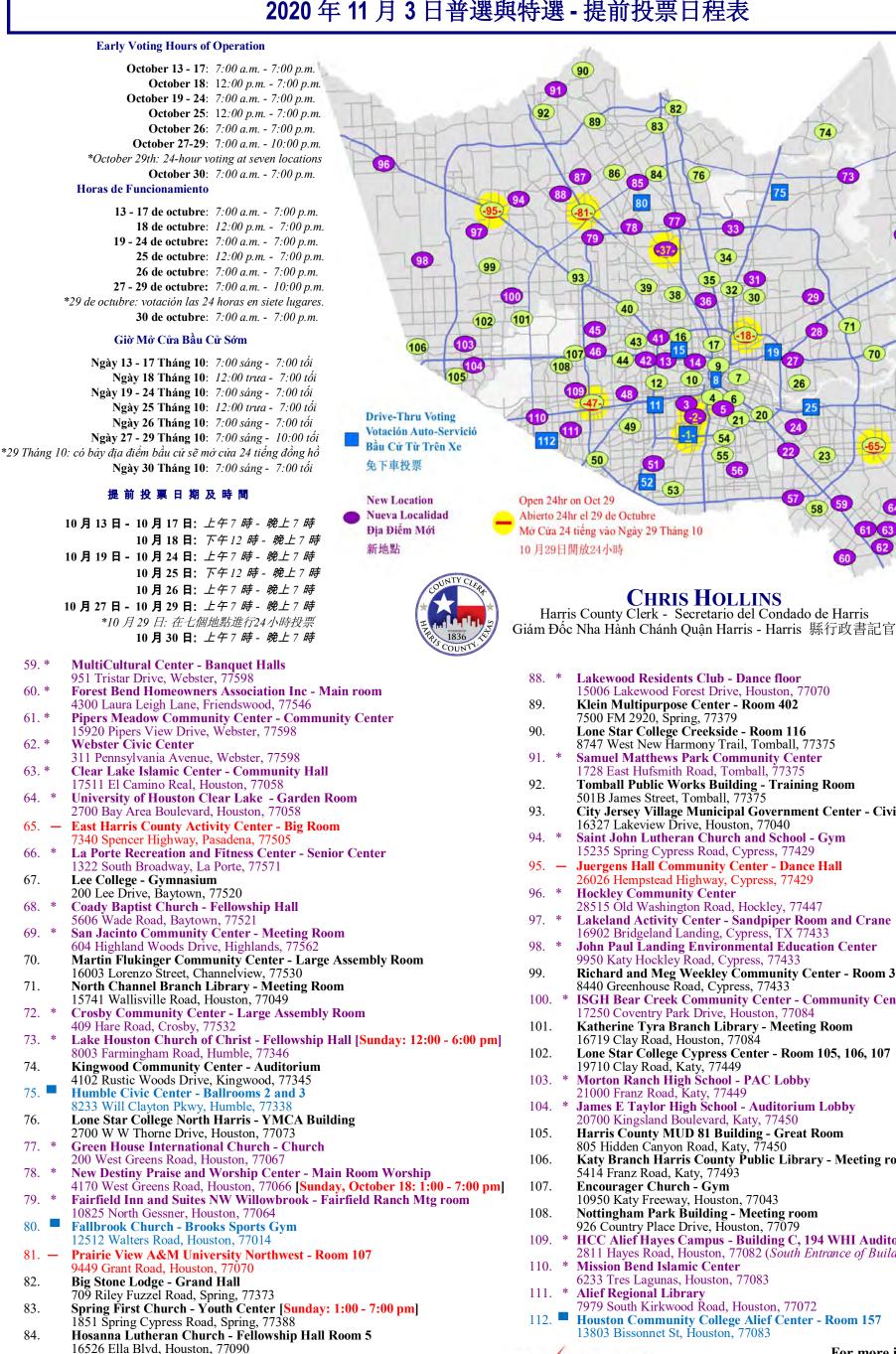
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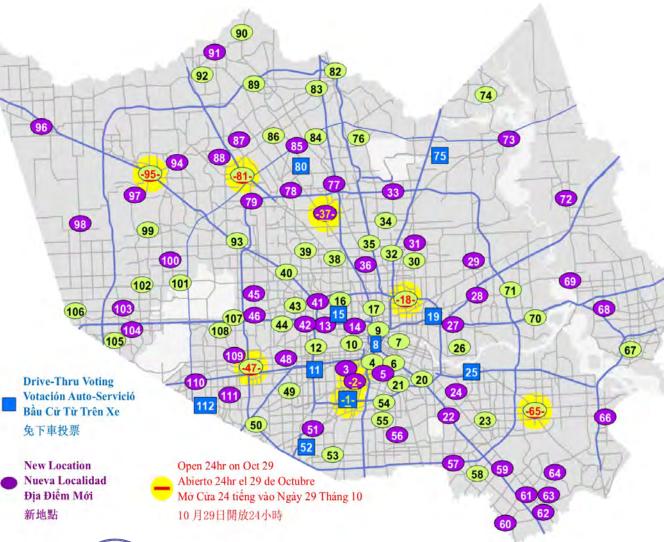
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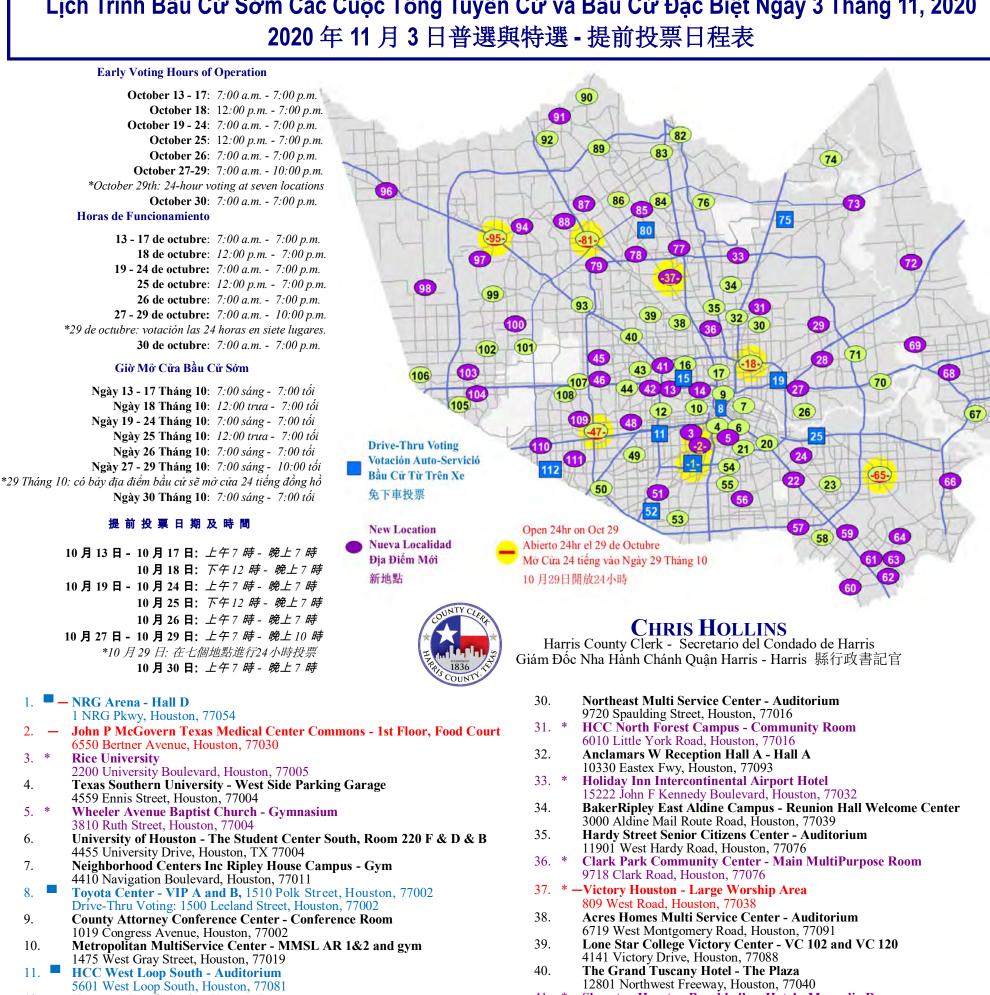
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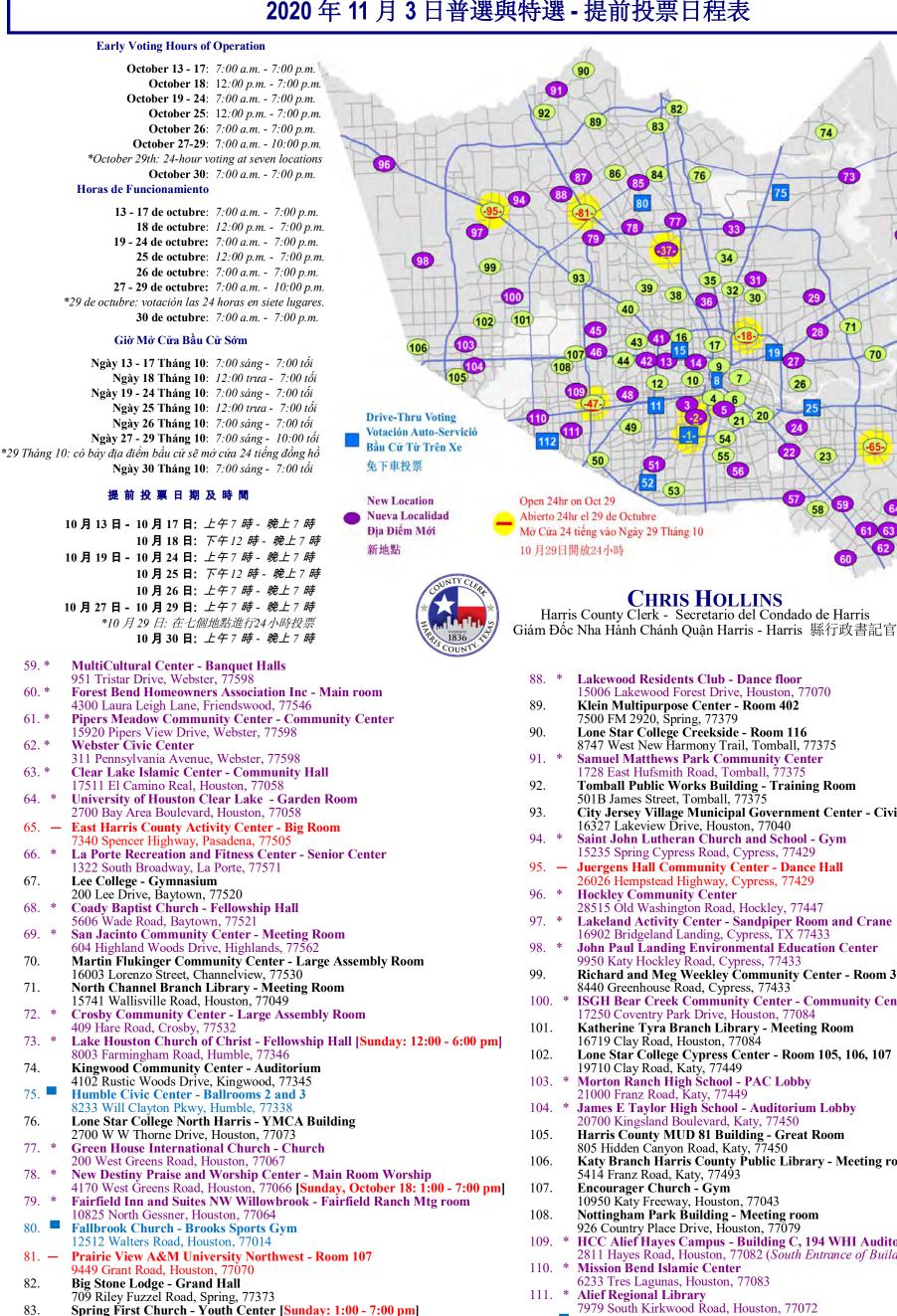


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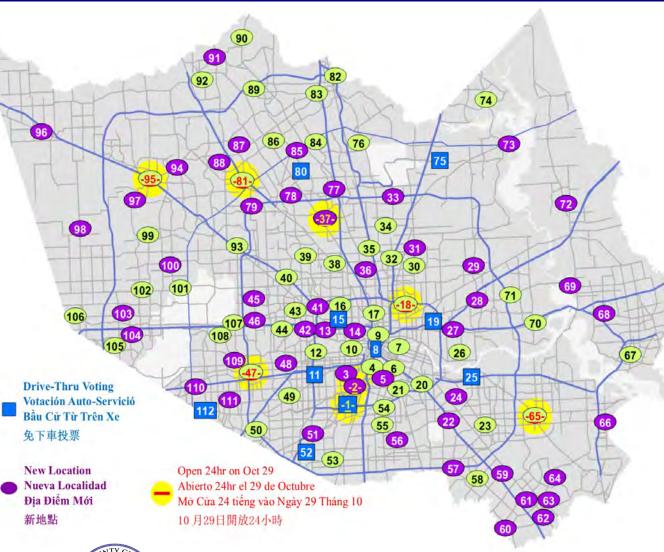
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### TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE







From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>
To: <u>Dan Page</u>

Subject: Early Voting Program

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 5:38:00 PM

Attachments: Early\_Voting Schedule\_November\_2020 (1).pdf
Observer Training - Revised Nov 2020\_CA.pptx

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#### Dan

You will be traveling to Harris County

The attached Early Voting Schedule pdf provides the location name and addresses that coincide with the polling locations listed below.

Your assigned polling locations and schedule are

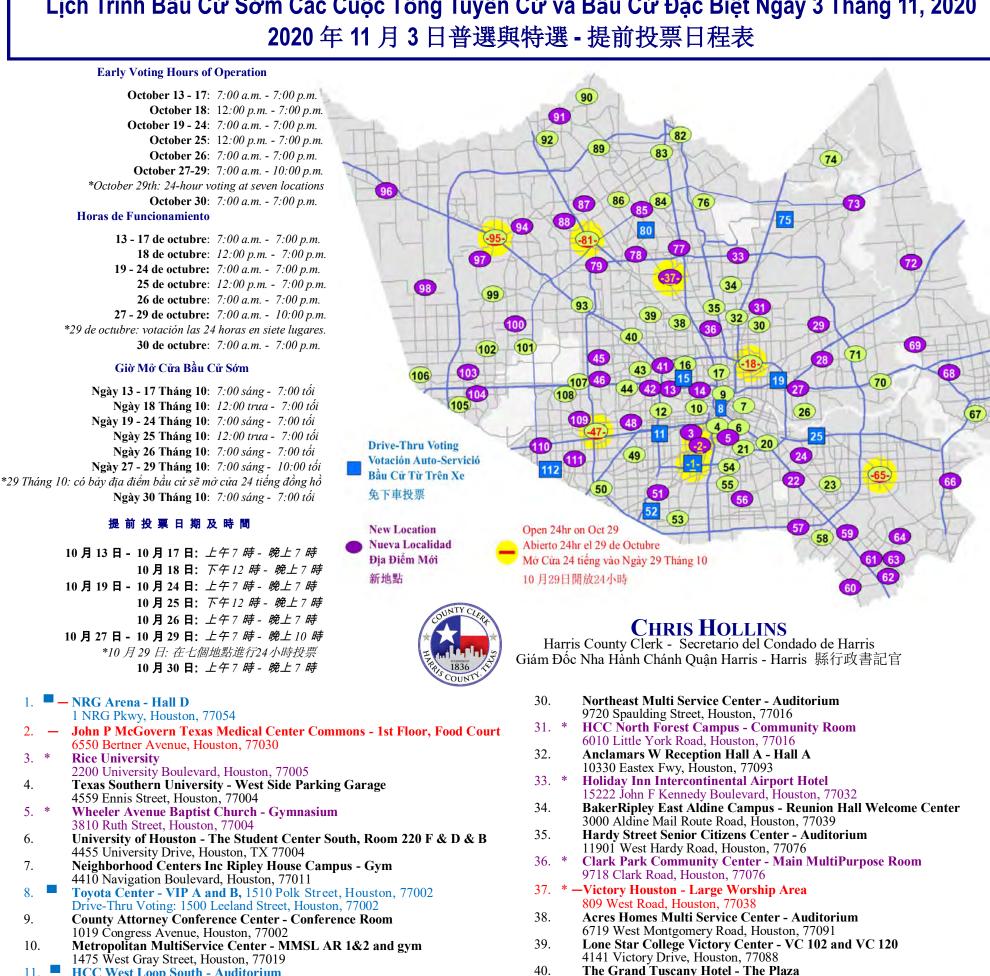
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Please let me know if you have questions.

V/r, Joe Esparza 512-463-1999 O



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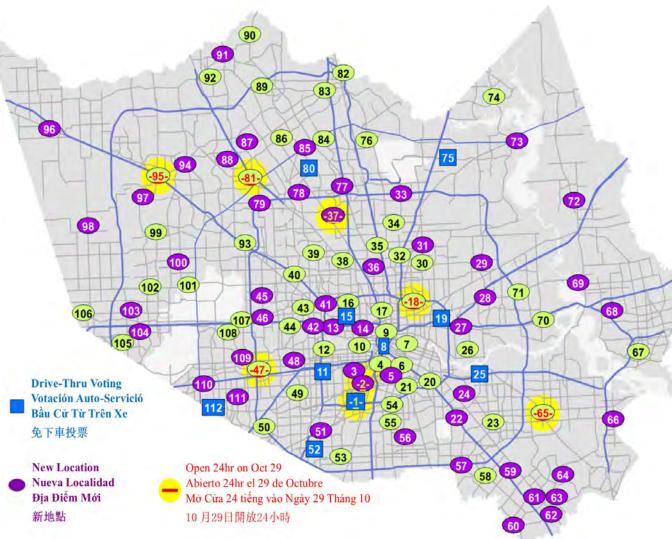
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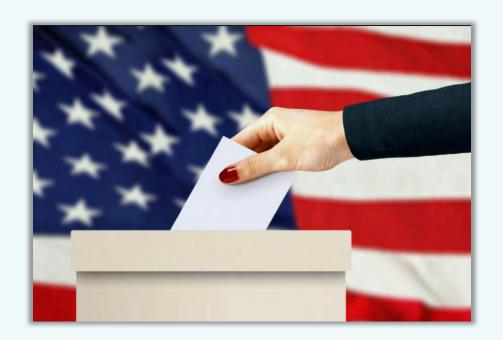


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To: <u>Ruth Hughs; Adam Bitter; Joe Esparza; Christina Adkins</u>

Subject: FW: ADVICE REQUIRED: Active Threats to Disenfranchise Tens of Thousands of Harris County Voters

**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 5:00:12 PM

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From: Hollins, Chris (CCO) < Chris. Hollins@cco.hctx.net>

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:56 PM

**To:** Secretary <Secretary@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>

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Thank you; I loo	k forward to	your response.
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Best,

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Subject: FW: Harris County Election Clerk Violations of Election Laws

**Date:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:59:00 PM

FYI

From: Len Swanson

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Only one person is to be allowed in the Voting Booth unless facilitating an individual with a language or physical handicap.... However, as your 50 State Election Inspectors should have reported in their inspection of Harris County voting locations that such Violations were occurring...

I have also documented such in this video link below... clearly illustrating and reinforcing the other aspects of Voter Violations that were exposed at my Wednesday Oct 21st Press Conference which was broadcasted live and seen by over a million viewers nationwide...

Now this additional evidence of Voter Drivethrus not being able to be operated without fraud election violations means that you should now be able Madam Secretary to reply to HC Election Clerk Chris Hollins who demanded that you Public Declare his Drivethrus were legal and compliant with State Election Law....NOT.... Especially in so much that Chris Hollins has not structured clear rules of operation and vehicle occupant requirements that limits the number of occupants to be allowed in the vehicle at time of voting to just one individual.... not allowing more than one Registered Voter in any one Vehicle at one time once voting equipment has been activated to record that voter's candidate choices...

Click This Link to View what we documented today <a href="https://youtu.be/X4-ktCTankc">https://youtu.be/X4-ktCTankc</a>

Most telling was the last video segment of 2 Snowflakes going Batshit Crazy that we recorded and they intentionally knew they were violating Election Law yet demanding that the Constable order us to delete the evidence of them breaking the law Of course the Constable told them he couldn't do so they left so booty hurt

Patriots my Press Conference this past Wednesday began exposing and rattled HC Election Clerk Chris Hollins by exposing the Election Fraud and Violations he was allowing his



DemSocialist Poll Judges and Clerks to do with no fear of any consequences....

Then within several hours of my Press Conference This is was Chris Hollins response to my Press Conference as he reported to Fox 26

https://fox26houston.com/news/harris-co-clerk-asking-texas-secretary-of-state-to-clear-up-confusion-on-drive-thru-voting-legality

I guess standing up to DemSocialist Corruption and believing they are above the Law and they believe they can do whatever is necessary to defeat our President even if it requires massive Voter Fraud made them think twice Now this new documentary will do so even more

For those who missed what I said that forced HC Election Clerk Chris Hollins to tap dance... Here is what I said at my Press Conference with Keith Nielsen Chairman HCRP on Wednesday Oct 21st

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\_fbid=1521897028198415&id=203055485347

We await your reply as do real Texans who believe in free fair elections that most suspect is not what is happening

Len Swanson Founder CEO VWAlliance Media Group RPT Alternative HC Poll Judge 832-545-7284



From: Ruth Hughs
To: Ruth Hughs

Subject: FW: HOUSTON CHRONICLE: Texas Supreme Court Upholds Legality Of Drive-Thru Voting In Harris County

**Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:21:00 PM

From: SoS News <ExecPress@sos.texas.gov> Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:00 PM

Subject: HOUSTON CHRONICLE: Texas Supreme Court Upholds Legality Of Drive-Thru Voting In

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https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hidalgo-asks-Abbott-to-confirm-drive-thru-voting-15667812.php

#### Texas Supreme Court Upholds Legality Of Drive-Thru Voting In Harris County By Zach Despart Houston Chronicle

The Texas Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a request by Republicans to halt drive-thru voting in Harris County, ending a chaotic several days where local Democrats feared the court would invalidate more than 70,000 ballots already cast.

The all-Republican court declined to grant two requests from plaintiffs that include the state and county Republican parties and Houston conservative activist Steven Hotze, who argued that drive-thru voting was not permitted under the Texas Election Code and should be stopped.

The majority did not explain its decision. The lone dissenter, Justice John Devine, said Harris County Clerk Christopher Hollins had exceeded his authority in creating the drive-thru option, and by not granting the Republicans' request, "thousands of ballots continue to be cast through what is likely an unauthorized voting procedure."

The setback was a latest in a series of failed attempts by Republicans to limit voting options in Texas during what is on pace to be the highest-turnout election in state history. The group attempted to roll back an extra week of early voting and limit when mail ballots may be delivered in person.

They succeeded in preventing Harris County from sending mail ballot applications to all voters; Gov. Greg Abbott also decided to limit the number of mail ballot drop-off sites in each county to one.

Earlier Thursday, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo asked Gov. Greg Abbott in a letter to confirm that drive-thru voting is legal, amid worries the high court would block the voting method, throwing the legality of ballots already collected into question.

Hidalgo said the governor's input was needed because Harris County officials unsuccessfully had sought an answer from Secretary of State Ruth Hughs.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton last week issued an opinion in which he suggested Harris



County's drive-thru voting option, new this year, was unlawful.

Hidalgo and County Clerk Christopher Hollins said they were concerned the Supreme Court may invalidate votes cast at a drive-thru sites. Hollins wrote a letter to Hughs earlier this week, asking her to affirm the legality of drive-thru voting.

"In absence of such an assurance, we can only conclude that state officials, in concert with the Texas Republican Party, are laying the groundwork to intentionally disenfranchise the tens of thousands of Harris County voters who have utilized drive-thru voting by invalidating their votes," Hidalgo wrote to the governor. "If this were to come to pass, it would be an outrageous act of voter suppression."

As of Wednesday about 70,000 voters — roughly 10 percent of the total — had cast a drive-thru ballot. More than 870,000 votes have been cast in Harris County so far, more than the entire 2010 and 2014 elections.



From: Secretary
To: Stephen Chang

**Subject:** FW: Inquiry/Interview Request from The Leader Newspaper

**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 5:18:00 PM

#### Stephen:

See email below. I do not see the email he mentions he sent last week.

Kim

From: Adam Zuvanich

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:48 PM **To:** Secretary <Secretary@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Inquiry/Interview Request from The Leader Newspaper

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Good afternoon,

I have not received a response to the email below that I sent a week ago, so I wanted to follow up and remind you that I would still like answers to my questions. The issue of drive-through voting is a story we've covered and will continue to cover, since thousands of our readers have cast ballots in this manner and are concerned about whether or not their votes will be counted.

On a personal level, as a registered voter in Harris County and Texas citizen for the vast majority of my life, I'm also concerned about whether my vote will be counted and whether the practice of drive-through voting was implemented with your endorsement and/or involvement. My significant other and I have a 10-month-old baby, so we decided to utilize drive-through voting because it allowed us to go to the polls together while continuing to look after our child. We also liked that fact that drive-through voting limited our contact with others because, again, we have a baby and we're in the midst of a pandemic.

So as a journalist and as a concerned Texas resident, I would appreciate answers to my questions.

#### **Adam Zuvanich**

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Ms. Hughs,

This is Adam Zuvanich, editor of The Leader newspaper in Houston, native Texan and registered voter in Harris County. I'm working on a story about drive-through voting in Harris County and have the following questions:

- Is drive-through voting legal in Texas? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Did Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins and/or other elections officials in Harris County seek your approval and guidance regarding drive-through voting in Harris County prior to implementing the practice on Oct. 13, 2020?
- If the answer to the previous question is yes, did you approve drive-through voting in Harris County for the current election period that ends Nov. 3, 2020?
- If the Texas Supreme Court rules that drive-through voting is illegal or invalid, or if State of Texas officials rule that votes cast in that manner are invalid, then how can the 73,090-plus Harris County voters who have cast ballots in that manner ensure that their votes will be counted? Will they have an opportunity to vote again in a different manner before the current election is finalized? If so, when, where and how can they vote again?

Please respond with answers to my questions ASAP. Better yet, you're welcome to call me at 806-928-5667 to discuss this topic.

Thank you,

Email: a

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To: Bryan "Scott" Martin

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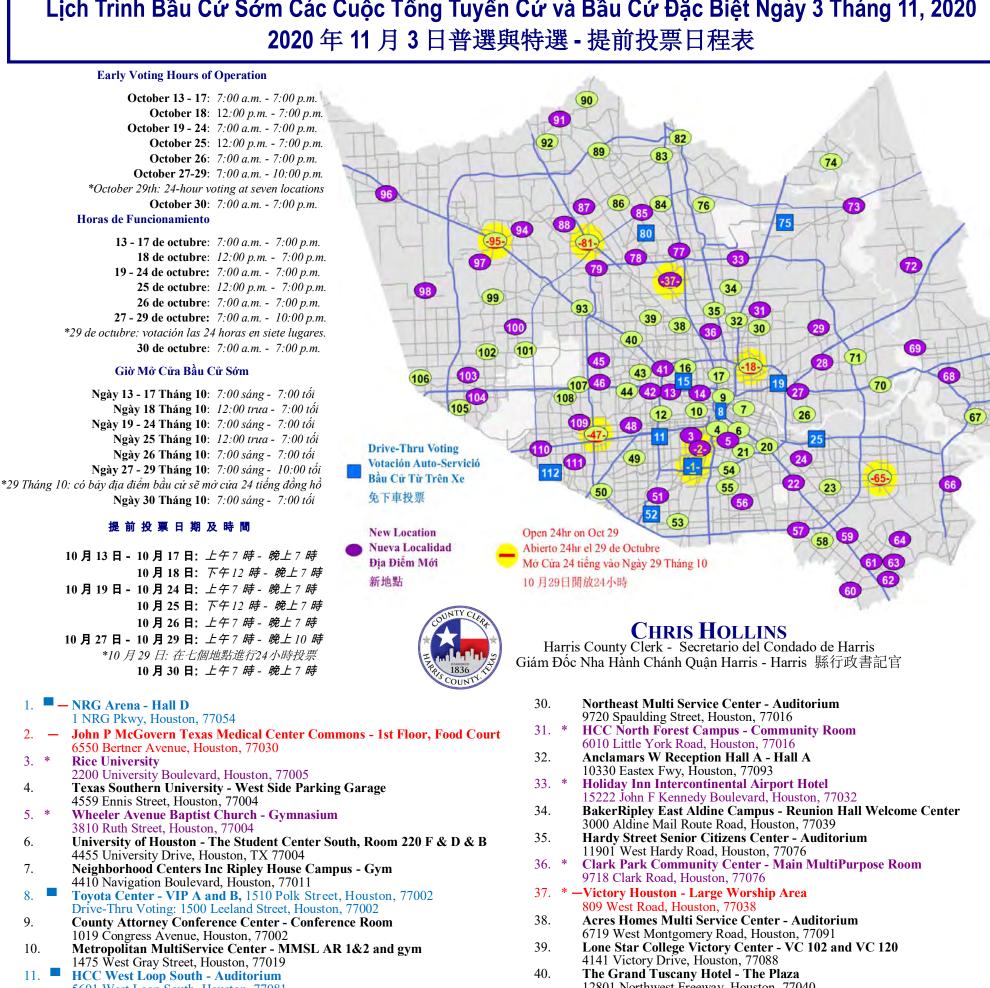
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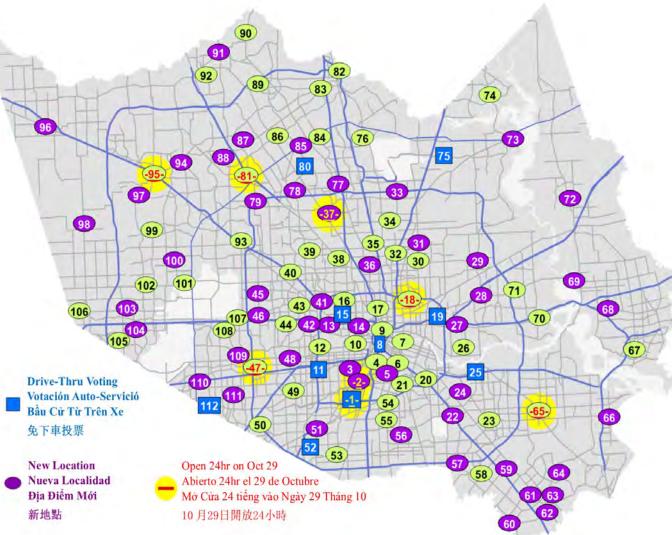
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To: <u>Eric Rodriguez</u>

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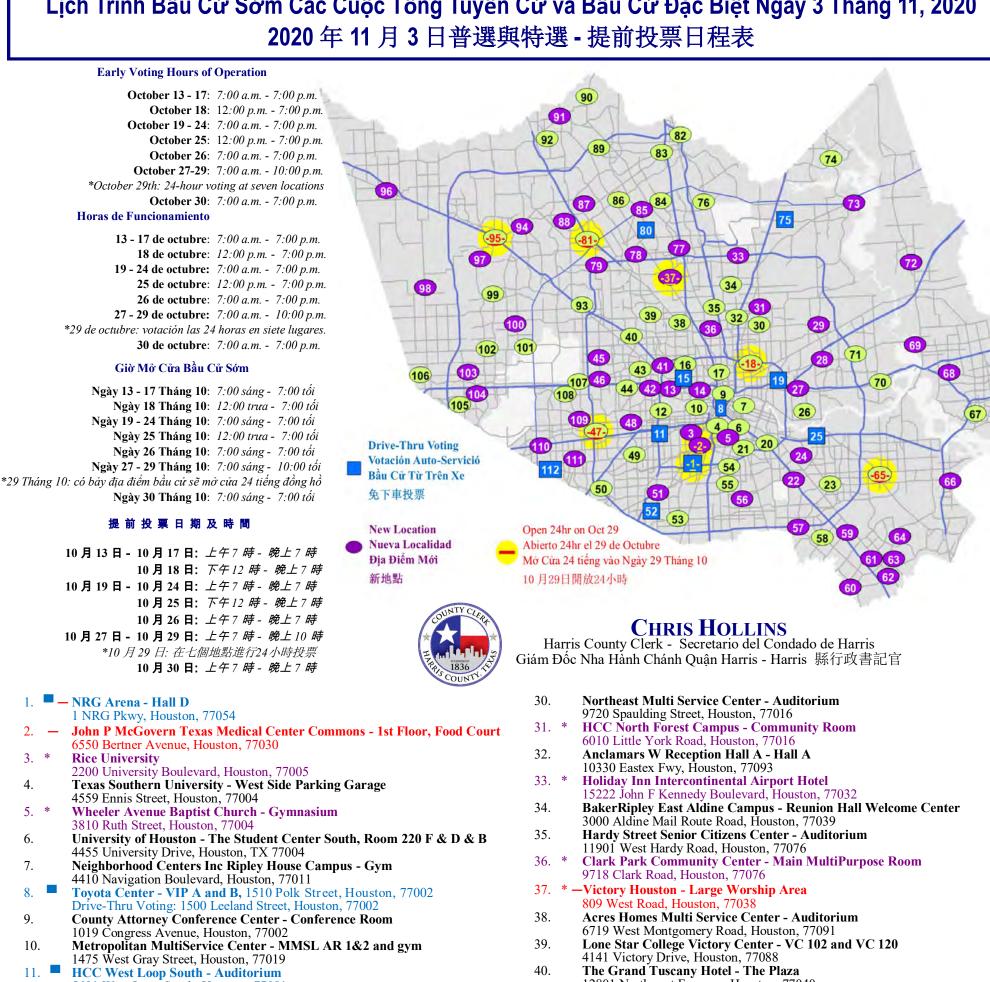
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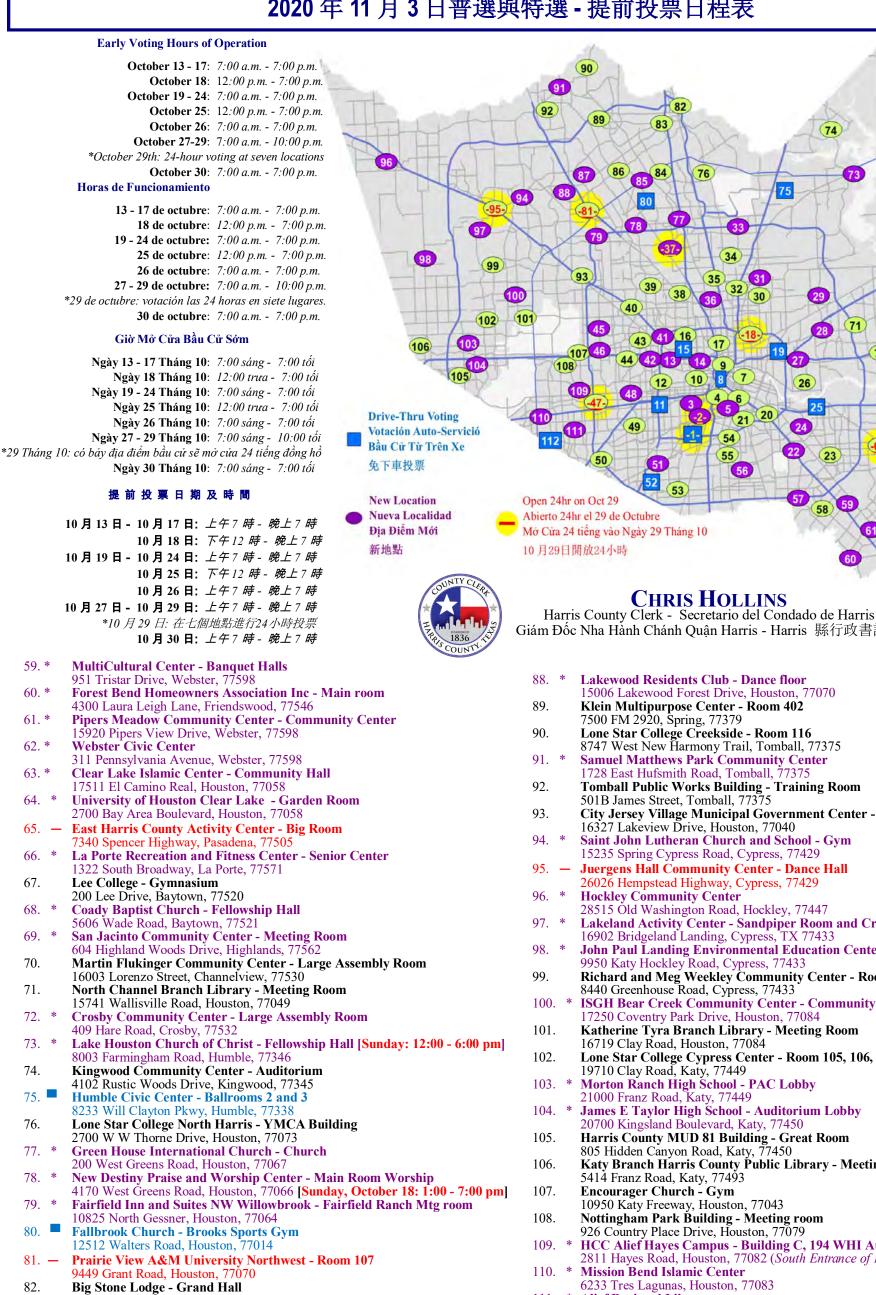


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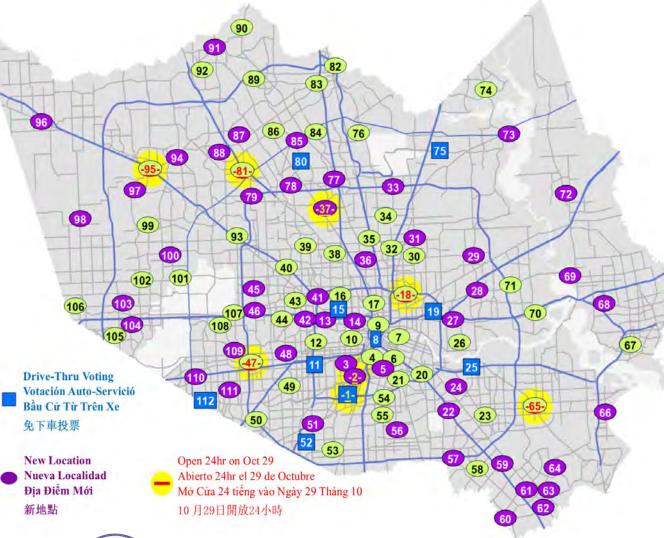
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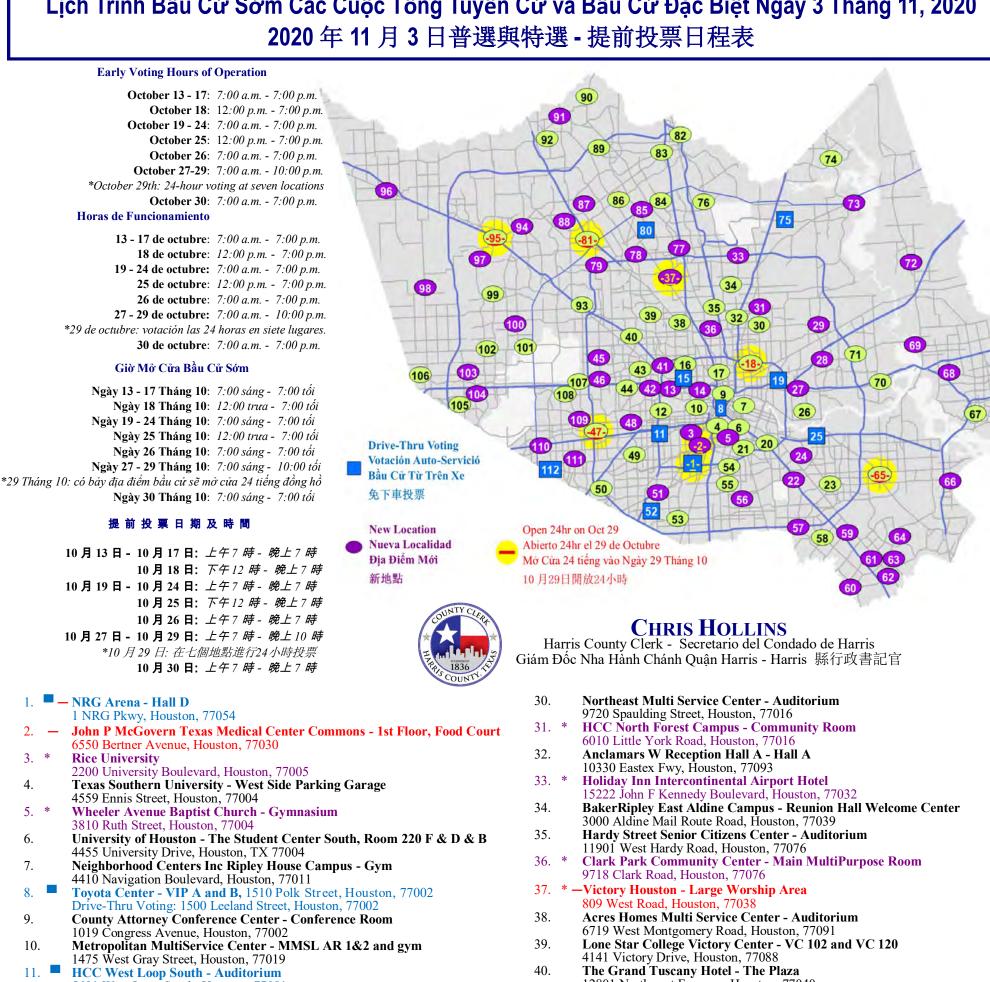
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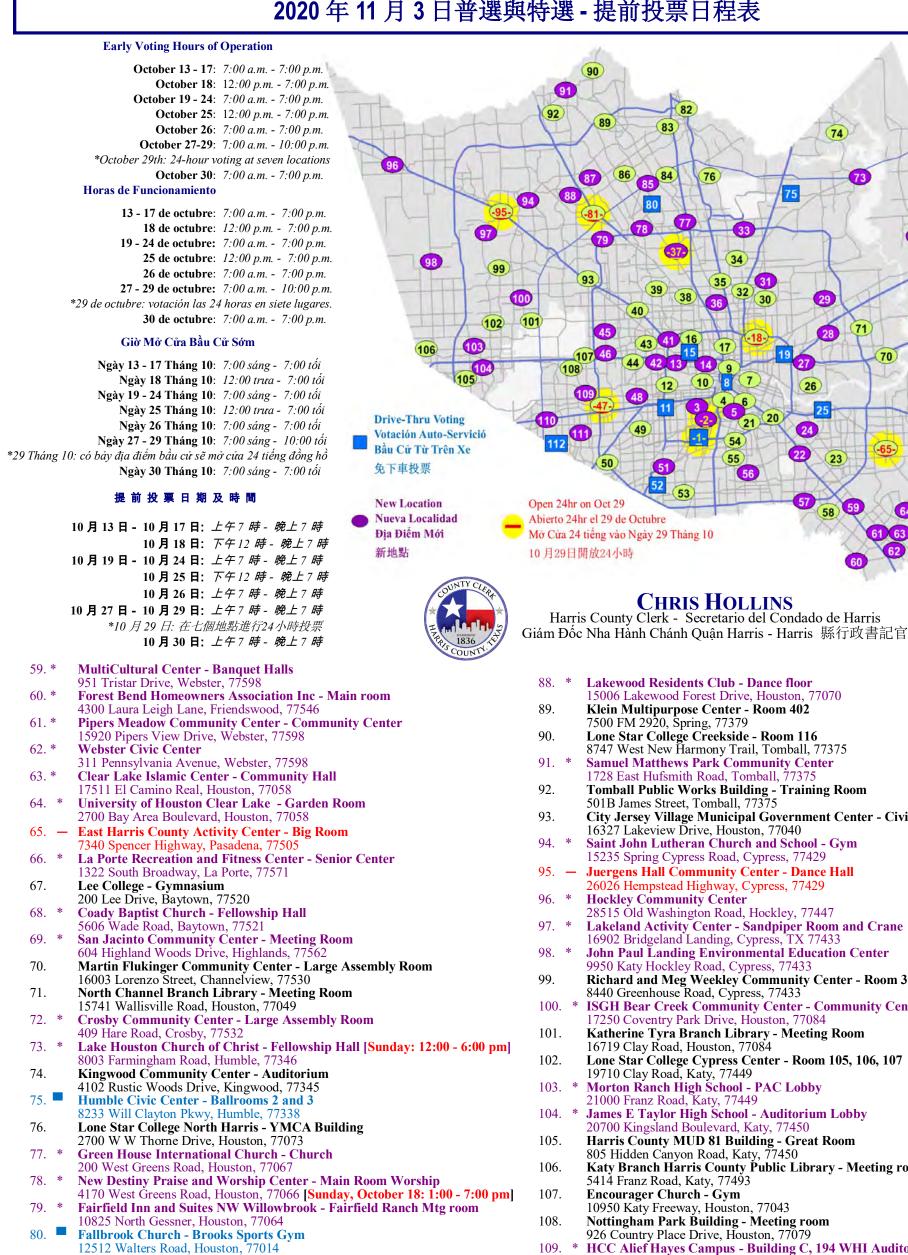
- 12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, 77040
- 41. \* Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel - Magnolia Room
- 3000 North Loop West Freeway, Houston, 77092 42. \*
- Crowne Plaza Houston Galleria Sycamore Room
  7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77024
  Trini Mendenhall Community Center Large auditorium 43.
- 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, 77055
- First Congregational Church Assembly Room
- 10840 Beinhorn Road, Houston, 77024
- John Knox Presbyterian Church Education Building Classroom 11
- 2525 Gessner Road, Houston, 77080
- Masjid El Farooq
  - 1207 Conrad Sauer Drive, Houston, 77043 Tracy Gee Community Center - Room 1 and 2
- 599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, 77042
- **Unity of Houston Annex Annex** 2819 Hillcroft Street, Houston, 77057
- **Bayland Park Community Center Auditorium** 49. 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, 77074
- Raindrop Turkish House Ballroom 50.
- 9301 West Bellfort Boulevard, Houston, 77031
- The Power Center Green Room
- 12401 South Post Oak Road, Houston, 77045
- **Kingdom Builders Center Great Room** 6011 West Orem Drive, Houston, 77085
- Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center Auditorium 53.
- 3810 West Fuqua Street, Houston, 77045
- 54. J J Roberson Family Life Center - Gym
- 4810 Redbud, Houston, 77033
- 55. Sunnyside Multi Service Center - Auditorium 9314 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, 77051
- Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church Parish Hall 10960 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Houston, 77048

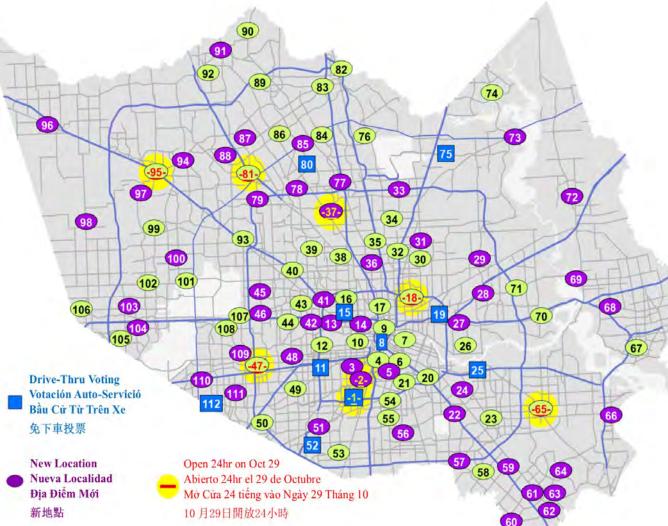
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Klein Multipurpose Center - Room 402

7500 FM 2920, Spring, 77379 Lone Star College Creekside - Room 116

8747 West New Harmony Trail, Tomball, 77375

**Samuel Matthews Park Community Center** 1728 East Hufsmith Road, Tomball, 773' Tomball Public Works Building - Training Room

501B James Street, Tomball, 77375

City Jersey Village Municipal Government Center - Civic Center Auditorium 16327 Lakeview Drive, Houston, 77040

Saint John Lutheran Church and School - Gym 15235 Spring Cypress Road, Cypress, 77429

Juergens Hall Community Center - Dance Hall 26026 Hempstead Highway, Cypress, 77429

**Hockley Community Center** 

28515 Old Washington Road, Hockley, 77447

**Lakeland Activity Center - Sandpiper Room and Crane** 16902 Bridgeland Landing, Cypress, TX 77433

John Paul Landing Environmental Education Center

9950 Katy Hockley Road, Cypress, 77433
Richard and Meg Weekley Community Center - Room 300 8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress, 77433

**ISGH Bear Creek Community Center - Community Center** 

Katherine Tyra Branch Library - Meeting Room

16719 Clay Road, Houston, 77084 Lone Star College Cypress Center - Room 105, 106, 107

19710 Clay Road, Katy, 77449

Morton Ranch High School - PAC Lobby

James E Taylor High School - Auditorium Lobby

Harris County MUD 81 Building - Great Room

Katy Branch Harris County Public Library - Meeting room

5414 Franz Road, Katy, 77493 **Encourager Church - Gym** 

10950 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77043

Nottingham Park Building - Meeting room 926 Country Place Drive, Houston, 77079

HCC Alief Hayes Campus - Building C, 194 WHI Auditorium 2811 Hayes Road, Houston, 77082 (South Entrance of Building C)

**Mission Bend Islamic Center** 

6233 Tres Lagunas, Houston, 77083

**Alief Regional Library** 

7979 South Kirkwood Road, Houston, 77072

**Houston Community College Alief Center - Room 157** 13803 Bissonnet St, Houston, 77083



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Prairie View A&M University Northwest - Room 107

Hosanna Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall Room 5

Church of Christ on Bammel Road - Kaleo Building

HCPL Barbara Bush Branch - Multipurpose Room

Spring First Church - Youth Center [Sunday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm]

9449 Grant Road, Houston, 7

**Big Stone Lodge - Grand Hall** 

16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, 77090

709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, 77373

1851 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, 77388

6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, 77379

16700 Old Louetta Road, Spring, 77379

2700 Cypress Creek Parkway, Houston, 77068

From: Keith Ingram

To: "White, Jonathan"

Cc: Goodwin, Angela

Subject: RE: Curbside Voting

**Date:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 10:47:35 AM

No. Only the drive through voting in Harris County. They say it isn't curbside voting though.

I will let you know if I hear anything though.

From: White, Jonathan < Jonathan. White@oag.texas.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 10:46 AM **To:** Keith Ingram < KIngram@sos.texas.gov>

**Cc:** Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Curbside Voting

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Keith,

Have you gotten any reports of curbside voting abuse? Namely, the use of the process by ineligible people, bussing operations, and use of the process to influence the voter during the voting process.

Thanks,

JW



From: Keith Ingram

To: "Jennifer Glass"; Joe Esparza

Cc: Adam Bitter

**Subject:** RE: Office of Senator Taylor Constituent Assistance

**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:12:27 PM

I am not aware of any reason for those votes not to count. However, there is litigation right now in the Texas Supreme Court regarding these drive through voting sites.

From: Jennifer Glass < Jennifer. Glass@senate.texas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:46 PM

To: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>

Subject: Office of Senator Taylor Constituent Assistance

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Hi Keith and Joe,

A constituent called our office stating she did the drive-thru vote at NRG. She heard rumors that the NRG drive-thru ballots will not count; they will be thrown out. Do you have any info I can pass on to the constituent?

Her info as follows:

Cynthia Schaefer

DOB:

County: Harris

DL#: (she did not know her Voter ID #)

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kind regards,

#### **Jennifer Glass**

Office of Senator Larry Taylor League City District 11 Office 174 Calder Road, Suite 151 League City, Texas 77573 Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov



**From:** Keith Ingram [mailto:KIngram@sos.texas.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:24 PM

To: Mark Williams < <a href="Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov">Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov</a>>; Joe Esparza@sos.texas.gov</a>>

**Cc:** Jennifer Glass < <u>Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Voter Identification Number issue

as I said, he should be good to go, but if he has trouble again, he should get Ann Harris Bennett's office to call my voter registration team and figure out why her VOTEC system isn't correct. Those systems are supposed to be in sync.

**From:** Mark Williams < <u>Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:19 PM

To: Keith Ingram <<u>KIngram@sos.texas.gov</u>>; Joe Esparza <<u>JEsparza@sos.texas.gov</u>>

**Cc:** Jennifer Glass < <u>Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov</u>>

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Thanks for looking into this so quickly. It is my understanding he tried to vote on Monday the 19th. IS it possible it took the system a couple of days to update? If this is still an issue what would be his next steps.

From: Keith Ingram < <a href="mailto:KIngram@sos.texas.gov">KIngram@sos.texas.gov</a>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:47 PM

To: Mark Williams < <a href="Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov">Mark Williams@senate.texas.gov</a>; Joe Esparza@sos.texas.gov</a>

**Cc:** Jennifer Glass < <u>Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Re: Voter Identification Number issue

he is an active voter in Harris County and is good to go. Looks like the problem was untangled on 10/17. But his effective date of registration is from 2014.

**From:** Mark Williams < <u>Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:20 PM

**To:** Keith Ingram < <a href="mailto:Klngram@sos.texas.gov">Klngram@sos.texas.gov">Klngram@sos.texas.gov</a>>; Joe Esparza@sos.texas.gov</a>>

**Cc:** Jennifer Glass < <u>Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov</u>>

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Adam Olivier



VUID: 1211648787

From: Keith Ingram < <a href="mailto:KIngram@sos.texas.gov">KIngram@sos.texas.gov</a>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:18 PM

**To:** Mark Williams < <u>Mark.Williams@senate.texas.gov</u>>; Joe Esparza < <u>JEsparza@sos.texas.gov</u>>

**Cc:** Jennifer Glass < <u>Jennifer.Glass@senate.texas.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Re: Voter Identification Number issue

the photo is too small/low resolution. can you give us his name/dob/county and VUID?

From: Mark Williams < Mark. Williams@senate.texas.gov >

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:13 PM

**To:** Keith Ingram < <a href="mailto:KIngram@sos.texas.gov">KIngram@sos.texas.gov</a>>; Joe Esparza < <a href="mailto:JEsparza@sos.texas.gov">JEsparza@sos.texas.gov</a>>

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Hi Keith and Joe-

We had a constituent come in the office this afternoon with an issue they are experiencing when trying to vote in Harris county. Apparently his voter id number was reassigned to another voter in Bowie county. The election officials asked him to come back Monday and said they would fix it by then, but it was not fixed when he went in earlier this week. The only solution they are able to provide now is for him to cast a provisional ballot. Can you help fix this issue for our constituent so he able to vote in this election? Or point me in the right direction? Picture of his ID and voter registration included below.

Thanks!



From: Keith Ingram

To: <u>Christina Adkins; Joe Esparza; Adam Bitter</u>

Cc: <u>Dan Glotzer</u>; <u>Kristi Hart</u>

Subject: FW: Election Infrastructure GCC and SCC Joint COVID-19 Working Group Guidance Resources

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:51:56 AM

Attachments: cisa.pnq

Finding Polling Locations Poll Workers (2020-05-28) (508 version).pdf

Considerations for Modifying Scale of In-Person Voting (2020-05-28) (508 version).pdf

Health & Safety at the Polling Place (2020-05-28) (508 version).pdf Safequarding Staff & Work Environment (2020-05-28) (508 version).pdf

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**From:** Election Infrastructure SSA <EISSA@cisa.dhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:14 PM

**To:** Election Infrastructure SSA <EISSA@cisa.dhs.gov>

Subject: Election Infrastructure GCC and SCC Joint COVID-19 Working Group Guidance Resources

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Dear Elections Infrastructure GCC and SCC Partners,

Please find attached the guidance resources that many of you helped to develop. They are ready to share with the thousands of election officials and private sector vendors navigating these unique election administration and security challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This body of work reflects your direct contribution, commitment and tireless effort to ensure safe, secure and resilient electoral processes to our Democracy.

They will be posted to the Protect 2020 website under GCC and SCC products soon.

Thank you again. We look forward to continuing to work with each of you.

Very Respectfully,

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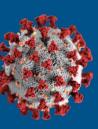


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Email: EISSA@CISA.DHS.GOV







# FINDING VOTING LOCATIONS AND POLL WORKERS







This document is one in a series created as part of the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and Subsector Coordinating Council's Joint COVID Working Group. These documents provide guidance for state, local, tribal, and territorial election officials on how to administer and secure election infrastructure in light of the COVID-19 epidemic.

### **OVERVIEW**

While many election officials have responded to COVID-19 by focusing on increased mail voting, they will still hold in-person voting and will need to find voting locations and poll workers to staff sites. There will be challenges finding locations that will open to the public and workers who will be willing to staff them. This document provides input on risks and associated mitigations that relate to in-person voting.

### CHALLENGES ACQUIRING VOTING LOCATIONS

If current conditions continue, usual voting locations, such as assisted living homes or nursing homes, may no longer be available or appropriate for upcoming primaries or November 2020. If usual locations are available, many may not be large enough to accommodate the newly recommended layout and line management advice.

Size and space considerations are important in determining the viability of a voting site. Consider the impact of spreading out voting booths, machines, and check-in tables, as well as the impact of line length and how many voters and workers can remain inside the facility. Consider which locations are still available and what new locations you may be able to choose.

Some disruptions that may affect location availability include:

- □ Some large sites that could be or have been used for very large voting centers or super-sites (e.g., containing many precincts) are currently being used as makeshift or overflow medical facilities for when hospitals run out of space.
- Drawing outside traffic to voting locations at long-term care facilities, senior centers, and other facilities associated with senior citizens or healthcare presents risks to vulnerable populations associated with those facilities. Such use may even be prohibited.
- □ Some private facilities may not agree to serve as voting locations.
- □ It may be necessary to disinfect a location before and/or after the election.

One option for increasing the number of sites available to serve as voting locations is to enact changes to laws, regulations, or policies governing how sites are chosen. Public facilities, including schools, are likely to be a useful option for election officials. When working with policy makers, it is important to consider:



- While many states provide election officials authority to use public facilities, there may be community resistance to using public facilities, such as schools. It may also be helpful to rely on the persuasive authority of senior political leadership to obtain the facilities.
- Some jurisdictions are discussing mandating the closure of schools for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday around Election Day. When describing space and needs with legislators, be sure your request includes adequate time to set up, clean and disinfect, and tear down voting locations.

Often providers of voting locations allow use of some space for election purposes but continue to conduct other business unrelated to voting. The best practice is likely for the voting location to be a single-use facility where the regular use is suspended during the time of voting (e.g., a school would not hold classes that day while voting occurs in the school's auditorium or library). If the voting location must remain a multi-use building, it will be important to find out the following:

Will you have exclusive use of the room where voting will take place?
 What other activities are occurring?
 What is the expected volume of people on-site that day who will be associated with non-voting activities?
 What is the time and duration of the non-voting activities?
 What are the expected high-volume times during the day for non-voting activities? How do they compare to expected high-volume voting times?
 What population is being served by the non-voting activities?
 Has the CDC warned that this population is at particular risk for COVID-19?
 Can the activities be successfully isolated with separate entrances and exits?
 Can restrooms for use by poll workers and/or voters be isolated from those using the

### WHAT CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OR VOTE CENTERS?

building for non-voting activities?

Voting locations used as large vote centers, especially those used for early in-person voting, may present many of the same considerations as traditional Election Day voting locations, but it may be challenging to implement new accommodations, such as additional space or the sole use of a facility, over the entire early voting period.

Arranging to share some of the costs of these accommodations may help you reach agreement with potential voting location facilities. Consider some of the following:

- Increasing the financial stipend offered to locations.
- Covering the costs of disinfecting and cleaning the location after use.

For a more detailed discussion, please see *Considerations for In-person Voting* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage.

### WHAT CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR TEMPORARY VOTING LOCATIONS?

Some locations have succeeded in establishing temporary facilities for particular situations, including the following:

- □ Creating mobile voting locations (i.e., voting location on wheels).
- Implementing drive-through voting or curb side voting.
- Renting event or wedding tents to use as voting locations.

Some of these examples, ideas, and their implementation are discussed in detail in the *Extraordinary Measures and New Solutions* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage.

Check with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to verify whether Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, including Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, can be used to cover these additional costs. FAQs and other information can be found on the EAC's CARES Act grant site.

### CHALLENGES OF FINDING POLL WORKERS

Election officials should prepare for significant changes to the election-support labor force. Poll workers who have worked in past elections may not return for the 2020 election. If you expect a shortfall of poll workers, increasing poll worker compensation may help with recruitment. Also consider expanding or varying recruiting efforts to attract new workers.

General considerations related to recruiting poll workers during the pandemic include:

- Workers in the at-risk population, including the elderly and immunocompromised, may want or need to avoid service. This population is large and includes the most experienced poll workers.
  - Workers in this population may decline to serve, possibly without notice to election officials or even after previously signing up to work.
- The CDC has <u>not</u> yet reported those who have recovered from COVID-19 infection are immune to the virus. The data is not yet strong enough to base recruitment efforts around this assumption. Similarly, antibody testing should not be used for this purpose, based on the CDC's current understanding of these tests. Please check for further CDC guidance on this topic.
- Election officials may also find it prudent to institute a protocol, as appropriate and if consistent with applicable law for taking the forehead temperature and other symptom

screening of their poll workers. Such actions may influence the ability and willingness of some to serve.

Recruiting new poll workers is an exercise all election officials undertake. States are trying a variety of methods to recruit new poll workers in light of COVID, including:

- □ Recruiting and messaging coordination with other public officials in government, like the governor, or legislature.
- Creating strategic partnerships with stakeholder organizations like political parties, unions, businesses, high schools, colleges/universities, voter advocacy groups, and other state or local government agencies.
- □ Increasing poll worker pay. See the contracting and financial implications discussion below for more information on this specific consideration.
- Record numbers of people have become unemployed as a direct result of COVID-19. While many may return to work before the election, some of these people may be available to serve as poll workers. If it is possible for those who are on furlough or earning unemployment benefits to be compensated for serving as poll workers without suffering a complete loss of unemployment benefits—emphasizing this fact may be important to recruitment messaging.
- Splitting shifts. One obstacle for potential poll workers can be the length of the work day. Splitting the day means you may need more poll workers, but a shorter day could make service more attractive to others.

Other considerations regarding the recruitment and assignment of poll workers to be considered in planning:

- □ Training in a social distancing environment will be more difficult for poll workers and election officials.
- Online training will require poll workers have access to the Internet and basic computer skills.
  - Poll worker training may still require some in-person training sessions, including training those who need hands-on familiarization with voting equipment, electronic pollbooks, or other technologies used at voting locations.
- □ If there are fewer voting locations, poll workers may have to travel further to work in areas further from their home, making it less attractive to some individuals.
- It is also important to consider the length of time election officials will be willing to serve. If you are considering additional days of early voting, extending the election period, you may encounter difficulty when recruiting people to work for the duration of the newly extended election period.

We recommend election officials seek guidance from their respective legal counsel on the applicability of state and local laws, regulations, and policies involving employment of poll workers.

### **NEW OR GREATER CYBER AND PHYSICAL RISKS**

- The use of new locations comes with potential issues regarding IT infrastructure, such as connectivity, and infrastructure should be fully tested before implemented. If election IT will be riding on the Internet backbone of other organizations, for example, this will require extra testing and awareness of their security posture.
- Increased use of online training could contribute additional cyber risks, such as insecure coding and SQL injections in the training platform.
- □ Frequent communication with poll workers requires trustworthy communications platforms.
- □ Changes to voting locations and materials receiving stations bring operational, cyber, connectivity and physical layout challenges to meet physical security requirements.

### **CONTROLS FOR MANAGING RISK**

- Run vulnerability scans and conduct remote penetration testing on your publicly facing websites, such as new online training sites.
- Invite your regional Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Physical Security Advisor (PSA) for an Assist Visit.
- □ Work with your PSA after the visit to fill out the Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) to identify and document the overall security and resilience of the facility.
- □ Access the services described above in the CISA Election Infrastructure Security Resource Guide. All services can be requested at EISSA@cisa.dhs.gov. All these services are available at no cost to election officials.
- □ Use a .gov top-level domain for your official website.
- □ To gain situational awareness of the threats to the election infrastructure, become an EI-ISAC Member by visiting https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/.

### **RESOURCES**

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- □ **CDC Situation Summary webpage**—This page provides updated information and guidance on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- □ CDC Coronavirus index webpage—This page provides links to all CDC resources on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

- CDC List of State and Territorial Health Department Websites—This page provides links to all websites of state and territory health departments, which the CDC recommends consulting for state-specific information on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- CDC Recommended Precautions for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 in Election Polling Locations, including Cleaning and Disinfection—This guidance provides recommendations on the routine cleaning and disinfection of polling location areas and associated electronic equipment. It suggests actions poll workers can take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by limiting the survival of the virus in the environment. According to the CDC, this guidance will be updated if additional information becomes available.
  - □ There is a section on recommendations for processing mail-in ballots. The CDC states workers handling mail in ballots should practice hand hygiene frequently and no additional precautions are recommended for storage of ballots.
- CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020—This interim guidance for businesses may be relevant to election offices. It seeks to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19.

### Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

- CISA Coronavirus webpage—This page provides information on CISA's efforts with federal partners concerning coronavirus and COVID-19 and links to other federal resources.
- CISA Insights: Risk Management for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)—This brief provides recommendations on how to address physical supply chain and cyber security issues that may arise from the spread of the novel coronavirus. This resource is helpful for election officials to prepare for possible impacts of the novel coronavirus.

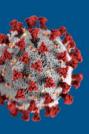
### **ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)**

- □ EAC Disaster Preparedness and Recovery webpage—This page features presentations from election administrators about how they conducted elections in the face of a variety of natural disasters. Their examples of preparedness and recovery could be helpful for election officials as they address the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- □ EAC Contingency Plans webpage—In preparation for the 2016 elections, the EAC collected continuity of operations plans (COOPs) and resources from election officials

at the state and local levels. This includes state-specific examples for H1N1 flu preparedness.

- □ EAC Election Management Guidelines Chapter 11: Contingency Planning and Change Management—This 2009 resource was created to assist state and local election officials in effectively managing and administering elections. Each chapter explores a different aspect of election administration and provides examples and recommendations.
- □ EAC 2020 CARES Act grants webpage—This page features information on 2020 CARES Act grants for election administration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This document was finalized on May 28, 2020. The situation and resultant guidance are subject to change. For current public health guidance relating to COVID-19, see <u>coronavirus.gov</u>. Election officials should also consult their state and local laws, including any applicable executive orders, regarding social distancing and other required or recommended public health practices (such as the wearing of masks by non-medical personnel).









### **HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THE POLLING PLACE**



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For the remaining 2020 elections, both primaries and in November, jurisdictions will still offer inperson voting, whether at Election Day polling places, or during early in-person voting at sites or the election offices. In the COVID-19 environment, election officials should understand potential election management considerations associated with health and safety at voting locations. Regardless of the size of a jurisdiction's in-person operation, methods should be developed to protect the health and safety of poll workers and voters.

Decisions affecting upcoming elections should be made as soon as possible to facilitate a safe election and minimize the operational risks associated with changing processes and procedures at a late date.

Much of the guidance in this document is based upon the Joint Working Group's review of current information and guidance available from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has a "Hierarchy of Controls" for managing workplace safety and occupational hazards. Using that as a model, ways to make the workplace safer include the use of:

- Engineering measures to isolate people from the hazard (e.g., spreading check-in stations and voting booths to support social distancing of workers and voters).
- Administrative measures to change the way people work (e.g., creating a policy of not passing ballots or ID cards back and forth and instead placing them in a neutral area).
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gloves and N-95 masks) and additional items (e.g., other masks or face coverings) to protect workers and others.

The guidance in this document includes engineering and administrative suggestions that can help minimize or mitigate poll worker exposure to COVID-19.

### PROTECTING POLL WORKERS AND VOTERS

Protecting poll workers will help facilitate safe and effective election administration. To successfully recruit poll workers and keep them healthy, it may be important to provide some base level of protection for them, consistent with the conditions and public health official guidance at the time.



# WHAT CAN YOU AS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL DO TO PROTECT YOUR WORKERS AND VOTERS IN POLLING PLACES?

There are a number of areas to consider when working to make elections safe for your workers and voters, including:

- Promoting certain behavioral norms, such as cleaning, disinfection, hand hygiene and social distancing.
- Selecting, designing, and operating polling places consistent with safety precautions and public health official guidance.
- Reengineering poll worker training.
- Reengineering the return of supplies at the close of Election Day and final cleaning and disenfection of locations to return them to prior use.
- Providing supplies for cleaning, disinfection, hand hygiene, and protection.

## WHAT PPE AND SUPPLIES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTION CAN YOU REASONABLY PROVIDE TO POLL WORKERS?

Protective materials and supplies for cleaning and disinfection offer some level of protection to poll workers and give confidence their health and safety is a top priority. In the 2020 primary season, election officials have successfully deployed some or all of the following items to poll workers:

- Hand sanitizer or hand washing stations.
- Disinfecting wipes and spray.
- Gloves.
- Masks and other face coverings.
- Other protective clothing.

Gloves can be helpful for workers interacting with voters if used properly and consistent with public health guidance. If gloved poll workers touch a contaminated surface and then touch their face, they could still be exposed to the virus. However, gloves may provide confidence to workers and are widely used when provided.

As of this writing, with limited exceptions, the CDC\_recommends people wear "cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain" to contain their own droplets in case they are carrying or shedding the virus. The CDC advises "cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure." Face coverings may also present an opportunity for local election officials to brand the election, using slogans such as "Protect the Poll Workers" or "#DemocracyBeatsCovid."

During the Wisconsin primary election on April 7, 2020, a drive-in voting location was staffed by teams wearing additional protective equipment, including N-95 masks, eye protection and isoloation gowns. Such equipment could be helpful for election staff when serving voters believed to be carrying COVID-19. Videos and written guidance on how to properly put on and take off PPE are provided on the CDC website. Having a small supply of this equipment may prove valuable for such limited instances.

In light of supply chain considerations, try to procure this equipment as soon as possible.

#### CAN ANY OF THE PPE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO VOTERS?

It is unlikely election officials will be able to provide full PPE to all voters. However, you may be able to offer voters some supplies in some quantity:

- Handwashing stations and/or hand sanitizer.
- Gloves and masks, while likely more difficult to acquire in quantities to supply all voters, may be available for certain circumstances.

#### HOW CAN YOU REGULARLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT THE POLLING PLACE?

It is important to provide poll workers with supplies to regularly clean and disinfect the polling place. Traditional cleaning supplies such as bleach spray or similar products can be effective in killing COVID-19, though these items have been in high demand, and supply chain problems may persist through the election in November. Consult this list of Environment Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19. Consult your voting equipment vendor before approving any cleaning solution for use on voting equipment, electronic poll books or other polling place technologies.

Using approved methods, poll workers should clean equipment in full view of voters so they can see that it is being done. Specific recommendations include:

- Check with your vendor on approved cleaning products and procedures for voting devices.
   Many standard disinfectant products may harm the devices.
- Place orders for cleaning products as early as possible through the normal procurement process for your jurisdiction. If supplies cannot be secured through traditional acquisition processes, make official requests through emergency management officials at the local and state level.
- Look for alternative providers. Supplies you can usually acquire may be forfeited to other critical functions such as healthcare systems, public safety and jails.
- Election officials have found products outside their normal or preferred purchasing channels, including from local distilleries for hand sanitizer. It will be important to determine the regulations or emergency purchasing powers of the office.
  - Interactive map from the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.
  - List from the American Craft Spirits Association.
- Some election officials can offer portable hand washing stations to voting locations.

### HOW CAN YOU ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE NORMS FOR POLL WORKER AND VOTER BEHAVIOR TO INCREASE SAFETY?

At the time of this writing, CDC guidance recommends social distancing to keep people at least 6 feet apart. This can be challenging when administering polling places.

Providing well-designed signage in the polling place to establish broadly understood norms will be valuable. Large posters with clear, declarative statements should be visible to all

stakeholders directing them to follow instructions. Signs should also include infographics depicting the expected behavior. Consider providing directions in multiple languages, consistent with ballot language options. The point is to ensure your workers and customers understand what is expected. The <a href="Center for Civic Design">Center for Civic Design</a> is a potential partner to assist with developing plain language guidance. An example of such a poster could include the following language:

- Poll Workers Must
  - Stay 6 feet away from other poll workers and voters.
  - Wear a face covering.
  - Wash or sanitize their hands frequently.
  - Disinfect items such as pens and pollbooks regularly.
  - Disinfect voting booths regularly.
- Voters Should
  - Remain 6 feet away from other voters and poll workers.
  - Wear a face covering, if they have one.
  - Use personal or provided alcohol-based hand sanitizer after transactions with poll
    workers or any voting device, but not before or at any point while in possession of an
    optical scan ballot. Sanitizer can damage paper ballots and render them unreadable.

#### HOW SHOULD YOU MODIFY THE POLL WORKER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT?

Training poll workers in a COVID-19 environment may present unique challenges. For many jurisdictions, training is generally designed and executed in a classroom and includes hands-on experience with voting equipment. With the potential for use of many first-time poll workers, it will be particularly important to provide high-quality training.

Try offering as many virtual training opportunities as possible:

- This can be a live or recorded video lecture that simulates the up-close opportunities voters get when equipment is provided. For example, for the April 7, 2020, Wisconsin primary election, state election officials built an entire library of virtualized training opportunities:(https://elections.wi.gov/COVID-19/training-for-poll-workers).
- Invest in available online training technology to simulate using the equipment. Election
  officials have used this type of technology to allow poll workers to simulate physical
  movements by using the mouse in a drag-and-drop manner to locate seals on voting
  machines or to simulate pushing access buttons in the sequence necessary to operate the
  machines properly.

If you must conduct in-person training sessions, make the class size as small as possible and enforce social distancing:

- Inform trainees of the sanitation requirements and whether they are responsible for supplying their own protective gloves, masks and other PPE.
- Consider holding training in a location that allows poll workers to have hands-on practice
  with the equipment one person at a time. It may also be possible to have small groups in a
  facility where the pieces of equipment can be 6 feet apart with one person per piece of
  equipment. Having hands-on training can be especially important when using new
  technology.

### OPENING THE POLLING PLACE AND RETURNING MATERIALS

Cleaning and disinfecting the polling place prior to opening the doors, including wiping down doorknobs and push plates, will help establish appropriate norms among poll workers.

The CDC recently <u>published guidance</u> for managing essential workers who have been exposed to COVID-19, along with a simplified <u>list of do's and don'ts</u>. Subject to applicable employment laws and regulations, election officials should consider establishing protocols for taking the temperature of poll workers before opening to ensure they remain healthy. Consider how you should modify procedures for closing polls and returning materials to safeguard the poll workers, election staff, and materials.

The safety of poll workers and election staff is important throughout the election process, including when collecting materials from poll workers at the close of voting and when poll workers return materials to regional or central locations.

Material collection operations include collection of results media, ballots, provisional ballots, and other necessary election materials. This can be a lengthy process. It may involve asking two poll workers to travel together, which can introduce additional risk to them personally. Poll workers may be required to work together to bring materials into a staffed building, potentially introducing another set of interactions with others.

Trying to limit potential worker health and safety risks is important. Consider new procedures for the acceptance of voting materials at the end of the voting day to limit person-to-person contact to the extent possible. Review the CDC's "Hierarchy of Controls" and the approach of reengineering processes or administrative practices to isolate individuals from one another to limit exposure. Make decisions as soon as possible to ensure time for proper training and implementation.

Drive-through collection operations may be a prudent option. They allow poll workers to avoid exiting their cars and congregating in a receiving operation. In some places, this change will take considerable reengineering of process and space. If such a change is not viable at your elections office, you may need to secure a remote location and/or multiple regional locations. Additional considerations for such reengineering include:

- Vehicle lines may require more space than may be available in existing parking lots. If lines
  extend out of the parking lot and into the street, they may slow normal traffic patterns. Work
  with local planning authorities and law enforcement to set up a viable, safe plan.
- Moving check-in operations outdoors may bring weather, electrical and connectivity challenges.
- Possible sites might include parking lots or parking garages at locations such as malls, schools, convention centers or sport venues.
- Election officials may accept materials from poll workers through car windows or take them
  directly from the trunk. Create a plan that ensures and maintains the proper chain of custody
  for any exchange of election materials, as required by law.
- Materials necessary to provide election results, such as transfer bags and their contents including SD Cards or USB cartridges, should be cleaned before transfer and use for tabulation.
- It is important to validate this procedure with vendors to prevent damage to these critical items.

 Other materials not immediately needed for use can be stored for a period of time to reduce risk and permit cleaning under less pressing time constraints. Changing these receiving protocols involves implementing a new process for the acceptance, transfer, and storage of materials such as ballots and affidavits, which are critical for canvases, audits, and recounts. Consequently, care should be exercised to ensure chain of custody is maintained.

If you use the traditional models of requiring poll workers to park and enter a building, follow the same suggestions for redesigning a polling place described above. Key elements are:

- Social distancing of poll workers and materials receiving team.
- Cleaning and PPE.
- Consider modifications to the chain of custody procedures to allow poll workers to travel separately, but in tandem, in their own vehicles. Pairs of returning poll workers could divide the materials between them so no single source has custody of all the materials. For example, ballots, a copy of the results tape, and a record of seals could travel in one vehicle and results data media, a record of seals, and the results tape in another.
- In lieu of a drive-through approach, it may be possible to create outdoor drop-off in some places and limit the indoor congestion.

Note such modifications may increase the time to return material and supplies, thus increasing the time to update election results. It also may invite legal or political concerns about the integrity of the process. Communication regarding process changes to political parties, campaigns, and other stakeholders will be vital.

# HOW DO YOU ADDRESS CONTRACTING AND OTHER FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS BASED ON EXPECTED CHANGES?

Acquiring high demand or high price supplies may create procurement challenges. Procurement can also be a time-consuming process that may make timely receipt of goods untenable. Consider working with your purchasing department to determine whether your organization participates in a cooperative purchasing alliance or whether you can take advantage of a cooperative contract. An option might also be the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program. Check whether your vendor is an approved industry partner in this program.

Increased election worker pay or rental agreement changes can also pose challenges. Hold meetings now with your elections office partners—procurement, finance, legal—that can help you modify budget line items quickly. Move quickly to define the new or changed specifications, such as new or additional materials needed to manage lines, social distancing, and poll worker isolation devices. Working through this document should guide you on the path to identifying these gaps.

Within the confines of your procurement requirements, begin work with your vendors as soon as possible.

Check with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to verify whether Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, including The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds, can be used to cover these additional costs.

### DESIGN VOTING LOCATIONS FOR DISTANCING

In addition to social distancing, the layout and operation of your voting location can help isolate workers from the hazards of COVID-19. Each location will have its own variations, but consider these principles as you reconfigure the polling place operation to support poll worker and voter safety.

Some general layout guidance includes:

- Set up voter check-in tables to create 6-foot distancing between poll workers.
- Physical barriers like plexiglass shields can also be used between workers and voters and between voting stations.
- Provide guidance and templates showing the poll workers exactly where to set up voting machines and voting booths, making sure they are at least 6 feet apart.
  - Note this kind of layout has a high potential to reduce the amount of voting equipment that can fit into any given location and could result in longer wait times. Voter education and outreach should highlight this fact.
- Provide guidance for line management. Election officials and others managing lines have taken to marking the ground in 6-foot increments. This puts the election officials in charge of setting the expected behavior and allows them to better enforce the practice.
  - Note that lines may extend outside the polling location, which presents additional factors for consideration. Voters waiting outdoors would benefit from outdoor air circulation. Outdoor lines may also impact how poll workers are able to monitor or control electioneering behavior (i.e., campaigning near polling locations). Potential inclement weather is also a factor in many parts of the country.
- Place guidance on the floor using arrows from painters tape to guide voters through the
  polling place, from the entrance to the line, to the check-in stations, to the voting area, to the
  ballot receiving scanner or box, and finally to the exit.

The 6-foot requirement will increase the look of the length of the line drastically. It can result in perhaps one quarter of the voters being able to line up in the same amount of space if they are being snaked around inside a polling place. If they are lining up in a straight line, you should plan to fit fewer than half of the voters in the same amount of space. What does this new math do to a location's viability?

- When assessing locations, determine whether there will be enough room to snake voters around inside the building, or whether the 6-foot spacing will require extending a line of voters outside.
- Have a line management plan drawn up ahead of time and include it in poll worker training.
  - Provide adequate supplies (e.g., painter's tape, chalk, etc.) for poll workers to indicate where voters should stand.

Consider using visual simulation models, such as the <u>University of Rhode Island's (URI)</u>
 <u>Votes Tools</u>, to lay out voting locations and design line strategies that help enforce appropriate social distancing.

Checking in voters will involve significant person-to-person interaction. This likely involves passing identification, documentation, and voting necessities between poll workers and voters. This may also include sharing tablets used for electronic poll books, which may not be compatible for use with gloves. To mitigate some of the hazards of personal contact consider:

- Having poll workers examine documents by eye without physically taking them from the
  voters where possible. For example, a seethrough barrier could be placed between voter
  and poll worker. Alternatively, without a barrier, the voter could put the documentation down
  on the table and step back while the poll worker examines the documents without touching
  them..
- Tasks that must be performed by bipartisan teams, in jurisdictions where this is required, could be done in series not in parallel, if consistent with applicable law and policy. One party member reviews first; then the next party member reviews.
- Create a "neutral zone" for passing materials.
  - Have poll workers place documents needing to be signed by the voters, such as
    pollbook or provisional ballot applications, in a neutral space from which they can back
    away as the voter approaches, and vice versa.
  - Use the same neutral space for delivering ballots, pens, and activation cards to voters to maintain appropriate space.

New and innovative products are coming to market to help physically isolate individuals from the virus, such as plexiglass shields to protect the check-in table. Such solutions come with design, procurement, and production challenges of their own, although some officials have built their own.

# WHAT ARE THE BEST PROTOCOLS FOR ITEMS THAT MUST BE HANDLED BY MULTIPLE PEOPLE?

Voting equipment, voting booths, electronic poll books, marking devices (i.e., pens, pencils) all must be touched by many voters and poll workers. Appropriate cleaning protocols should be followed. Work with your vendors to determine how to appropriately disinfect these devices. Identify a first and second option in case there are supply issues. Check in regularly with your vendors as they work with component suppliers and new information is made available from the EPA and CDC.

Consider how to regularly clean the following devices:

- Touchscreen voting machines, including adaptive equipment.
- Other Direct Recording Electronic devices, including adaptive equipment.
- Printers that deliver the ballot to the voter, either internal or external to the voting equipment.
- Electronic poll books, laptops and tablets.
- Hardware used to key in the code that writes data to a card which may be used to activate a
  voter's specific ballot.

- Paper ballot scanners. While often not touched by voters, scanners are regularly touched by poll workers to resolve issues as well as open and close the polls.
- Devices used to capture and transmit machine- or precinct-level results, if not embedded into voting equipment. This can include a laptop or a purpose-built machine.
- Ballot booth surfaces.
- Pens and pencils.

Consider alternatives that could reduce or eliminate cleaning between uses by voters:

- Provide a new pen for each voter which are approved for use with precinct count optical scanners. Many vendors require quick drying ink to prevent damage to the scanners.
- Some ideas require more discussion and approval from equipment vendors such as:
  - Provide pencils with an eraser to use as a stylus for the voter to interact with the touch screen.
  - Provide single use Q-Tips to work as a stylus.
  - Place and regularly change plastic wrap over the touch screen devices (e.g., ballot marking system, electronic pollbook, etc.).

### **GUIDANCE AND EXPECTATIONS FOR VOTERS**

Setting realistic expectations for voters is important. Communicate clearly with voters about what they can expect and what is expected of them to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Consider what you might tell voters to expect in the polling place:

- Wait times are likely to be longer because of social distancing.
  - Publicize this before the election. Let people know in advance what to expect and recommend voting during traditionally lower demand times, like mid-morning and midafternoon, or lower traffic early voting days.
- Lines will look longer as a result of social distancing.
- Spaces for lining up may be marked with tape inside and chalk outside.
- Signs will list what voters can expect from poll workers as well as the expectations of voters in the polling place as listed above.

If you have significant new procedures in place, alert voters in advance before they enter the polling place. Use signage and messaging to help voters understand they can help distance themselves from poll workers by following the new procedures. Your signage might include information such as:

- Voters may show voter verification documents to poll workers without handing directly to them.
- There will be a neutral space on the check-in table where materials such as IDs, ballots, or documents that need to be signed will be placed.
- Please use the neutral space so social distancing can be maintained with the poll workers.

### **NEW OR GREATER CYBER AND PHYSICAL RISKS**

- Increased use of online training contributes additional cyber risks such as insecure coding and SQL injections.
- Changes to the physical operations for accepting electronic media used for transferring voting results from the voting machines to the election tally system should be fully vetted.
- Frequent messaging and communication with poll workers and voters requires websites, emails, and social media accounts to be secure and trustworthy—now more than ever.
- Changes to voting locations and materials receiving stations can result in operational, cyber, connectivity, and physical security challenges.

#### **CONTROLS FOR MANAGING RISK**

- Run vulnerability scans and conduct remote penetration testing on your publicly facing websites, such as new online training sites.
- Invite your regional Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Physical Security Advisor (PSA) for an Assist Visit.
- Work with your PSA after the visit to fill out the Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) to identify and document the overall security and resilience of the facility.
- Access the services described above in the <u>CISA Election Infrastructure Security Resource</u>
   <u>Guide</u>. All services can be requested at <u>EISSA@cisa.dhs.gov</u>. All these services are
   available at no cost to election officials.
- Use a .gov top-level domain for your official website.
- To gain situational awareness of the threats to the election infrastructure, become an EI-ISAC Member by visiting <a href="https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/">https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/</a>.

### RESOURCES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- **CDC Situation Summary webpage**—This page provides updated information and guidance on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- CDC Coronavirus index webpage—This page provides links to all CDC resources on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- CDC List of State and Territorial Health Department Websites—This page provides links
  to all websites of state and territory health departments, which the CDC recommends
  consulting for state-specific information on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- CDC Recommended Precautions for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 in Election
   Polling Locations, including Cleaning and Disinfection—This guidance provides
   recommendations on the routine cleaning and disinfection of polling location areas and
   associated electronic equipment. It suggests actions that poll workers can take to reduce the
   risk of exposure to COVID-19 by limiting the survival of the virus in the environment.

According to the CDC, this guidance will be updated if additional information becomes available.

- There is a section on recommendations for processing mail-in ballots. The CDC states
  workers handling mail-in ballots should practice hand hygiene frequently and no
  additional precautions are recommended for storage of ballots.
- CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to
   Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020—This interim guidance for
   businesses may be relevant to election offices. It seeks to help prevent workplace
   exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings.
   The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread,
   community outbreaks of COVID-19.

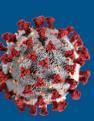
### Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

- CISA Coronavirus webpage—This page provides information on CISA's efforts with federal partners concerning coronavirus and COVID-19 and links to other federal resources.
- CISA Insights: Risk Management for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)—This brief provides recommendations on how to address physical supply chain and cyber security issues that may arise from the spread of the novel coronavirus. This resource is helpful for election officials to prepare for possible impacts of the novel coronavirus.

### Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

- Vendor Manufacturer Guidance on Cleaning Voting Machines and Other Election Technology—This resource was created to track vendor specific guidance.
- EAC Disaster Preparedness and Recovery webpage—This page features presentations from election administrators about how they conducted elections in the face of a variety of natural disasters. Their examples of preparedness and recovery could be helpful for election officials as they address the novel coronavirus and
- COVID-19.
- EAC Contingency Plans webpage—In preparation for the 2016 elections, the EAC collected continuity of operations plans (COOPs) and resources from election officials at the state and local levels. This includes state-specific examples for H1N1 flu preparedness.
- EAC Election Management Guidelines Chapter 11: Contingency Planning and Change Management—This 2009 resource was created to assist state and local election officials in effectively managing and administering elections. Each chapter explores a different aspect of election administration and provides examples and recommendations.

This document was finalized on May 28, 2020. The situation and resultant guidance are subject to change. For current public health guidance relating to COVID-19, see <u>coronavirus.gov</u>. Election officials should also consult their state and local laws, including any applicable executive orders, regarding social distancing and other required or recommended public health practices (such as the wearing of masks by non-medical personnel).



### CONSIDERATIONS FOR MODIFYING THE SCALE OF IN-PERSON VOTING







This document is one in a series created as part of the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and Subsector Coordinating Council's Joint COVID Working Group. These documents provide guidance for state, local, tribal, and territorial election officials on how to administer and secure election infrastructure in light of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Increasing mail voting or expanding early voting may allow election officials to reduce the number of voting locations and poll workers required on Election Day. This could help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the availability of poll workers or voting locations. However, reducing the number of locations can have dramatic effects on voter access, lines and congestion and should be done with caution and in view of considerations in this document. Election officials should assess any changes they are contemplating in comparison to the pre-COVID-19 voting model. The possible changes to the ratios of mail voting and in-person voting (Election Day and early voting) can be a starting point. The necessary policy decisions should be made as early as possible so that election officials have time to administer the change(s).

Any changes to locations and personnel come with corresponding changes to risks impacting election infrastructure. Addressing any increased risk early, as well as effectively communicating changes to stakeholders and to voters, can increase public access and participation, bolster trust, and support election infrastructure security by providing voters with clear information about the election process. It is important to communicate how security and integrity of the voting process will be maintained for mail voting processes, to increase public awareness of the security processes and to combat possible disinformation campaigns. See Election Education and Outreach for Increased Absentee or Mail Voting on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage for additional information.

Officials should review this document in conjunction with the other Government Coordinating Council (GCC) and Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) Joint COVID Working Group documents.

### HOW CAN YOU MAINTAIN A FOOTPRINT SIMILAR TO THAT USED ON PAST **ELECTION DAYS?**

The decision whether to maintain your current Election Day in-person voting footprint or modify the number of voting locations and workers will be based on the magnitude of change you expect from your jurisdiction's normal ratio of absentee/mail and early voting to in-person Election Day voting. Adjusting the in-person Election Day voting model may not be realistic unless other voting options are significantly expanded. Without extensive efforts, such as direct mail of absentee applications or a mail ballot, or changes to laws or policies permitting expanded use of absentee or mail voting, jurisdictions with historically low percentages of absentee voting may not reasonably be able to significantly reduce their Election Day footprint. Even in normal circumstances, presidential elections are high turnout elections that strain the capabilities of voting locations.

Jurisdictions that decide to conduct the election without changing the number of voting locations will need to plan to meet the same service expectations as in years past while providing the physical infrastructure and staffing levels to facilitate social distancing. Finding the same



number of locations used in the past will take additional effort and may require help from other levels of government. Consider:

Voting generally occurs in small facilities, many of which may not accommodate social distancing. Start working now to secure larger locations that can accommodate a redesigned polling place for voting in the COVID-19 environment.
 Work to significantly increase the use of publicly owned facilities, such as schools, that may be closed to other purposes for the day.
 Increased financial inducements for locations willing to serve.

Finding the same number of poll workers for your jurisdiction will also take additional effort. You may need a largely new workforce, requiring increased training efforts.

Line management is challenging under normal circumstances and will be even more so with polling locations modified to accommodate social distancing. Election officials will need to assess their jurisdiction's tolerance for lines and for voter perception of lines (and associated perceived wait time); however, for any given location, there are some additional considerations, such as:

- ☐ With precinct polling locations, the number of assigned voters is fixed by location, and therefore the maximum number of voters should be more predictable. While absentee/mail voting likely will increase, the level of increase will be hard to predict until closer to the election, and that increase may be distributed unevenly across the jurisdiction. Therefore, the expectations for in-person voting should likely be based on the number of voters that have historically come through a given polling place in prior presidential elections.
- □ Social distancing is still a factor. Wait times will likely be longer, and lines will also appear longer. Lines may also stretch outside the building, limiting poll workers' ability to control social distancing.
- □ Longer wait times and longer lines have been the subject of mis- and disinformation. Educating voters and media by driving them to trusted information can build resiliency and minimize the risk.

Please see *Finding Voting Locations and Poll Workers* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage for more details.

### HOW CAN YOU COMBINE PRECINCT VOTING LOCATIONS IN A LARGER FACILITY TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF FACILITIES?

If the expected demand for in-person voting is significantly decreased from prior presidential elections because of expanded absentee and mail voting or expanded early voting, there may be opportunities to combine locations using new or existing sites. Even with only marginal changes to demand, it may be possible to combine locations into larger facilities. In this model, the organizational scheme of Election Day in the jurisdiction remains fundamentally consistent, with voters assigned to precincts, precincts assigned to locations, and the voting equipment assigned either to precincts or locations. This consistency may be a virtue given other changes occurring simultaneously, such as changes to early voting or absentee and mail voting.

Modifying the number of locations has unique consequences to consider, particularly if you do not expect a reduction in the number of in-person voters. Finding polling locations large enough to accommodate conjoined precincts—with the footprint needed for social distancing—may be a challenge. However, there are some administrative advantages, including:

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	Moving precincts into voting locations serving neighboring precincts is a practice that election officials often employ already.
☐ To reduce the number of poll workers, if needed, consider programming voting technology to include all precincts in the voting location instead of programming voting equipment for individual precincts. This can functionally create one larger precinct allowing efficiencies such as one check-in operation rather than multiple check-in operations for each precinct, and full use of the space to lay out voting booths and machines. For example, if the polling place had four precincts, each with four physical work areas and five workers each, 20 workers in total, programming the voting technology to include in all precincts could allow the site to be operated with fewer 20 workers, perhaps as few as 12–15.	
	Alternatively, some minor reengineering of the polling place lay out, such as using non-precinct specific check-in stations for voters, but using distinct voting machines still programmed by precinct, could achieve some slight reduction in the need for poll workers.
	At the same time, larger, combined voting locations may benefit from enough workers to support new rules for social distancing—you may need workers to remind people to maintain 6 feet of distance, point them to hand sanitizing stations, or help them understand the new flow of their voting location. Therefore, combining two precincts, for example, into one location, and changing the voting technology programming to functionally create one large precinct, should not reduce the number of poll workers serving by half.
Line m	nanagement will remain challenging with consolidation because:
	More people will be assigned to a given location.
	Specific absentee or mail voting data will not be available in time to combine locations with numeric precision, which can make predicting demand at specific locations difficult.
jurisdic to pred does r	ding on the percentage of people already voting either early, absentee or by mail in your ctions, some locations will be affected by disproportionately longer lines. It will be difficult dict which sites because voters' use of the other options across the jurisdiction generally not distribute normally. Within counties and cities some communities have historical all preferences for methods and those must be accounted for.
Voter	education will be important and similar to existing planning. However:
	Assignment of voters to new voting locations likely comes with legal notice requirements.
	A significant increase in new reassignments should include a strong outreach campaign and additional mailings, pursuant to applicable state and federal law.
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issue as soon as possible to encourage community acceptance and avoid impacting certain communities disproportionally.

# HOW CAN YOU SHIFT TO VOTE CENTERS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS?

Shifting from precinct-based voting to vote centers requires detailed advance planning and has significant administrative and back office impacts. However, it may also address location and poll worker shortages.

Some significant challenges accompanying this model are described below. The Other Resources section includes reference documents that may be valuable, as well.

A move to vote centers may require changes in voting technology and pollbook infrastructure. For example, if voting equipment is used to tabulate ballots in the voting location, it will need to be programmed to accept all ballot styles for the entire jurisdiction. Also, electronic pollbooks will need to be networked and have a direct connection to the voter registration database in order to allow voters to vote anywhere and ensure no one votes twice.

Legacy voting equipment may have limitations in a vote center model, particularly for equipment that has limitations on the type or number of different ballot styles it is able to accept simultaneously. One workaround would be assigning voters to regional vote centers and managing voting equipment limitations by using multiple precinct scanners, each handling a range of precincts or ballot styles. For example, Scanner 1 can accept ballots from Precincts A–D, while Scanner 2 accepts ballots from Precinct X–Z. This could create additional logistical issues directing voters inside the vote center after they receive their ballots because they would need to be directed to the appropriate voting equipment.

In addition, assigning voters to these regional locations, as well as the public messaging informing voters of their new location assignment, can create travel and communication issues for administrators and voters.

Jurisdictions also may not have enough of the equipment they need for the transition to vote centers. For example, while ballot marking devices (BMDs) can contain many ballot styles and are used often in these environments to avoid pre-printing significant quantities of all ballot styles, many precinct-based locations keep only one such device in each voting location to meet Help America Vote Act (HAVA) accessibility requirements. Scaling up to a vote center model may require jurisdictions to procure more of these devices to meet capacity.

For jurisdictions that choose to use hand-marked paper ballots in this environment, the challenge will be keeping an adequate supply of pre-printed ballots (including provisional ballots) for every ballot style, in every location. Ballot on Demand (BOD) technology is a potential solution. If the jurisdiction is not already using the technology, however, the acquisition and installation of this technology between now and the 2020 general election may introduce new hurdles.

In a vote center model, electronic pollbooks are necessary to manage the voter list and ensure that voter history is updated in real time. Connectivity introduces new operational and security risks, including:

Finding locations that have	Internet connectivity	may be challenging.

	Having reliable, consistent, and constant connectivity, with both a primary and redundant solution, has associated challenges and risks.
	Acquiring and implementing new hardware, software, and election technology may add cyber risk and create operational risk, especially under tight timelines.
	Regardless of whether new hardware is needed, there may be a need to make design and configuration modifications for existing software or voter registration database systems, which introduce cybersecurity and operational risks.
The co	g locations to accommodate the potential size of the voting population may be difficult. Instraints noted above and in the document <i>Finding Voting Locations and Poll Workers</i> on SA COVID-19 & Elections webpage apply. In addition, consider the following:
	Locations will need to be large enough to meet demand. They will need to have electricity and connectivity bandwidth to meet demands of polling place technology (e.g., voting equipment, electronic pollbooks ballot-on-demand printers, etc.).
	Acquiring these locations could be difficult because similar large sites may have already been repurposed for temporary healthcare or other COVID-19 community needs (e.g., school lunch distribution).
	Larger locations will come with increased demand for parking and accessibility.
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Reducing the number of poll workers needed is likely among the biggest advantages of moving to a vote center model. Requiring fewer poll workers may also provide opportunities for new, more effective training methods.

Ensuring adequate capacity at each site is always a challenge, and with the "vote anywhere" model, it is difficult to know who will vote where and when during the day. Finding a way to encourage voters to use particular locations can help load balancing during voting. Some jurisdictions have found actively pushing voters to particular sites through direct mail, for example, can generate a reasonably high level of compliance. Similarly, the use of social media on Election Day alerting voters to line length information available on your website may work to highlight specific voting locations that have less traffic than others. Such efforts mitigate the effects of capacity constraints that affect some locations more than others and may help with line management. These measures require good mapping, modeling, and most importantly, direct mail nudging voters to the preferred/closest location for voting. Locations in heavily trafficked "downtown" business and transit centers present the greatest capacity issues and are least predictable.

Line management concerns will be similar to those described in *Finding Voting Locations and Poll Workers* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage. However, the vote center environment may allow for creative line management techniques. Instituting new technology or practices, such as allowing voters to take a ticket and be notified in some manner of their turn, may be possible. More information on these options is available in *Extraordinary Measures and New Solutions* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage. Consider the following:

Implementing extraordinary measures and new solutions will take investments of time
and potentially money and could require a high level of effort in what may be a short
period of time.

☐ While changes such as these can be difficult and risky without an adequate opportunity to be piloted, they may offer the safest alternative to managing lines.

Voter education will be important with any changes to the voting model, especially introduction of a completely new model. A brand-new voting experience necessitates a strong campaign and significant additional mailings and advertising.

Stakeholder engagement is a critical component of location selection and combination. These decisions have potential implications for different stakeholder groups. Addressing this issue should be done as soon as possible to encourage community acceptance and avoid claims that your chosen changes might have an electoral impact.

#### HOW CAN YOU INSTITUTE OR EXPAND EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING?

Early or advance in-person voting can be valuable because it offers voters a choice of when they engage. When presented with choices, voters are empowered to protect themselves using the best option for their risk tolerance. Not all states currently offer early in-person voting opportunities, and those that do offer it have different requirements. Offering or expanding early in-person voting can allow poll workers and voters to socially distance more effectively by spreading people across days. Additionally, it can significantly reduce the demand for in-person voting on Election Day itself, further allowing election officials to reduce their footprint on that day.

Most considerations for instituting or expanding in-person early voting are the same as those of utilizing vote centers on Election Day, but the following are some specific impacts on site selection and availability:

- ☐ Availability may be affected depending on the length of time requested for the early voting period.
- ☐ Locations may be unwilling to commit to exclusive use for voting because of the longer time commitment. This is true for both public and private facilities.

Whatever the offering for early and advance voting periods, it is important to consider persistent public messaging on voting hours and locations. Uniformity of voting hours across a jurisdiction is easier for voters, but you must keep it in mind as you negotiate with locations because your desired hours may be outside their normal operating hours.

#### SECURITY RESOURCES

#### General

- ☐ Sign up for CISA services, such as vulnerability scans remote penetration testing (RPT), phishing campaign assessment, etc. All CISA services can be located in the CISA Election Infrastructure Security Resource Guide. All services can be requested at EISSA@cisa.dhs.gov.
- ☐ Invite your regional Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Physical Security Advisor (PSA) for an Assist Visit.

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	Work with your PSA after the visit to fill out the Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) to identify and document the overall security and resilience of the facility.
	To gain situational awareness of the threats to the election infrastructure, become an EI-ISAC Member by visiting https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/.
Vote	Center Resources
	California Civic Engagement Project Vote Center Sitting Tool
	National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Report on Vote Centers
	Indiana Report on Vote Centers
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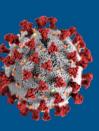
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# SAFEGUARDING STAFF AND WORK ENVIRONMENT FROM COVID-19







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#### **OVERVIEW**

The health and safety of election staff is of paramount concern to election officials as they prepare to administer the November 2020 election.

Protecting staff *now* offers administrators the greatest opportunity to minimize the operational risks associated with running elections, particularly in an environment with many expected changes in voting behavior and changes to election administration processes and procedures. Unlike the management decisions concerning how voters will participate in November, work environment changes can be introduced now by election officials and modified as time goes on and the situation changes.

Much of the guidance in this document is based upon reviewing information available from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has a "Hierarchy of Controls" for managing workplace safety and occupational hazards. Using that as a model, there are ways to make the workplace safer, including through the use of:

- □ Engineering measures to isolate people from the hazard (e.g., building barriers between workers who must share space).
- Administrative measures to change the way people work (rotating shifts to decrease the number of people sharing space at any given time).
- □ Personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gloves and N-95 masks) and additional items (e.g., other masks or face coverings) to protect workers and others.

The points addressed in this document are a mix of engineering and administrative changes that can help isolate workers from the virus as much as possible and change the way they work to avoid exposure in situations where all risk cannot be eliminated.

# WHAT CAN YOU, AS ELECTION OFFICIALS, DO TO PROTECT YOUR STAFF WHEN THEY ARE IN THE OFFICE?

New policies and procedures are typically administrative in nature and can be instituted more quickly than regulatory or statutory changes.



#### ESTABLISH NEW PRACTICES AND NORMS IN THE OFFICE

Providing well-designed signage in the workplace to establish norms is valuable. These posters should provide clear declaratory statements regarding safety practices required for all election staff and should be posted and visible to all stakeholders. The point is to ensure your workers and the voters they serve understand what is expected of election staff. A sample poster might include a list such as:

#### **Elections Staff Must:**

- □ Work at least 6 feet away from other staff or use partitions if 6 feet of separation is not possible
- □ Stay home if sick or at higher risk of severe disease
- □ Wash their hands often and for at least 20 seconds (or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not readily available)
- Wear their face covering
- □ Wear gloves (when appropriate)
- □ Regularly disinfect work items such as keyboards, pens, and any shared materials

#### IMPLEMENT OFFICE SAFETY MEASURES

- □ Some staff will need to access the office. Have procedures and schedules that allow for specific staff to access the building at specified times.
- Create rotating shifts for personnel that need to be on site so that you can limit the number of people in the office at any given time. Consider having a backup team that is on call if one of the shifts gets sick.
- □ Create workspaces within the office that adhere to social distancing protocols.

#### REENGINEER THE WORKPLACE TO ISOLATE STAFF

Consider engineering efforts that distance voters from staff and staff from one another. Plexiglass shields can offer some protection for shared workspaces such as conference and lunchrooms or can be used to provide a shield between members of the public and election office staff. Voter privacy shields could be used if the barrier does not need to be transparent.

It is possible to reengineer the work done in elections offices to make it easier to isolate staff and reduce the need for labor intensive in-office work. Effective policy changes that have a direct impact in this area include:

Offering online tools such as online absentee ballot requests. This transfers most of the work to the voter, which decreases the labor needs substantially. The remaining work for election officials is done completely on screen. Election officials can more easily regulate where the workforce is stationed, particularly when it is a smaller workforce. It may even be possible to offer this type of work remotely, as described further below in How Can You Support a Remote Elections Workforce.

- □ Limit face-to-face interaction as much as possible.
  - □ Using video conferencing tools to allow workers to be in different rooms even if they are in the same facility.
  - Remember that social distancing must be balanced with security. If your jurisdiction has a two-person rule (requiring that no single individual has access to critical software systems or certain paper election records) the rule should be followed to ensure confidence in the custody process; consequently, other safety measures should be implemented. Two-person situations may be appropriate places for PPE use.
  - If your state requires bipartisan teams or boards to review paper voter registration or absentee ballot applications, consider having an employee scan all paper from the office and conduct application review via screen share or conference call. These sessions could be recorded or broadcast to meet legal requirements or as a transparency measure.
  - Sharing physical documents with coworkers will be particularly challenging. If documents cannot be shared digitally consider having staff examine documents without taking them directly from coworkers—worker A places the item for review on a table and backs away before worker B approaches the table to review. Wearing gloves and/or hand hygiene measures can also mitigate risk when sharing physical documents.
- Be mindful of social distancing when developing staff training. A commitment to training and education cannot be ignored given the numbers of temporary workers needed to execute an election. Generally, staff training is done one-on-one or in a classroom style, sometimes with equipment brought in for new staff to touch and experience. Given the current situation, physically touching equipment is made more difficult, but training in general remains critical. Try to offer as many training opportunities online as possible. This can be a video of lectures, up-close videos of voting equipment, or videos of procedures. Sometimes the most valuable part of training is the questions and answers, so try holding online video conferences to interact with your workers. Do not let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

# REGULARLY DISINFECT THE OFFICE WORKSPACE AND PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER

Certain disinfectants and alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be effective in killing COVID-19. Consult this list of Environment Protection Agency (EPA)-approved disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19. However, disinfectant products and alcohol-based hand sanitizers have been in high demand, and supply chain issues may continue through the election in November. Election officials can endeavor to mitigate these issues by:

Placing orders as early as possible through the normal procurement process for your jurisdiction, while looking for alternatives. This is especially true because your government procurement office may play some role in distributing the supplies it can acquire, and you may find your office forfeiting supplies to other critical functions such as healthcare systems, public safety, and jails.

- Seeking products outside normal or preferred purchasing channels, including from local distilleries for hand sanitizer. It will be important to determine the regulations or emergency purchasing powers of the office.
  - Interactive map from the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States
  - □ List from the American Craft Spirits Association

#### PROVIDE PROTECTIVE GEAR

Gloves, masks, and protective clothing all offer some protection and may give poll workers and voters confidence that election officials are taking health and safety seriously.

- Gloves are advised for workers interacting with the public or when handling documents, such as mail, that was previously handled by others. Gloves, however, are only as good as the behaviors of the person wearing them—if the user touches a contaminated surface and then touches his or her face while wearing gloves, he or she has compromised the purpose of the gloves.
- Masks or other face coverings are important. The CDC recommends that people in public wear face coverings to contain their own droplets in case they are carrying or shedding the virus. For the election purposes discussed in this document, N95 masks are not required, and items such as bandannas or otherwise homemade mouth covers can be better than no protection. For public-facing staff, this is also a potential opportunity to brand the election for the local administrator: (e.g., "Protect the Poll Workers" or "#DemocracyBeatsCOVID100%").
- Other protective equipment may or may not be valuable as the election nears. For example, additional protective gear (e.g., N-95 masks, eye protection, and isoloation gowns) could be helpful for election staff working closely in the office or when serving voters believed to be carrying COVID-19. Videos and written guidance on how to properly put on and take off PPE are provided on the CDC website.

#### MANAGE EMPLOYEES PREVIOUSLY EXPOSED TO COVID-19

To support continuity of operations, you may need to accommodate employees who are known to have been previously exposed to the virus, but currently do not show symptoms. The CDC recently published guidance for managing essential workers who have been exposed to COVID-19, along with a simplified list of do's and don'ts. Subject to applicable employment laws and regulations, election officials should consider taking the temperatures of all employees before each work shift. Any workers with elevated temperature should be sent home.

#### MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY TO INSTILL PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Some work in elections must be done in public and includes robust participation from observers. Usually that means having observers physically share space and observe the election process. However, there are ways to reengineer some processes in light of public health guidelines to isolate the observers and better protect the workers.

For example, live streaming events that must happen publicly, such as equipment preparation, mail ballot signature validation, or provisional ballot adjudication, can encourage interested parties to observe from home rather than in person. Nearly all the major social media companies offer video streaming platforms (sometimes at no cost), and others can be used at low or no cost to make these activities accessible to the public at home. Many jurisdictions already stream these meetings for the public benefit. Even though live streaming is not a perfect substitute for in-person observation, it is advisable in the current environment. Considerations for election officials considering live streaming election-related events include:

- Deciding which angles to film from, and how many. This can take time and may require modifying operations slightly to meet the available technology. For example, those essential employees participating in person may need to narrate what they are doing or bring items to the camera for the benefit of online viewers.
- If the video feed is disrupted and there are viewers, it may be necessary to halt operations.
- ☐ If the office already has security cameras and the video feed is visible and recorded, it may be possible to push that to your website.
- Social media companies offer streaming services that are free and generally reliable options.

If live streaming these events is not viable, you should utilize other measures for social distancing that are described for maintaining *Health and Safety at Polling Places* and *In-Person Voting Consideration* on the CISA COVID-19 & Elections webpage.

# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT A REMOTE ELECTIONS WORKFORCE?

Election officials hire staff for tasks such as data entry and validation of voter registration or mail ballot requests. Although the paper record for these tasks is needed, these processes can all be done with a computer and network connection.

### PERFORM SOME TASKS REMOTELY

You must be sure to maintain the chain of custody for all election artifacts, but some processes can be conducted remotely if hardcopy originals are scanned and securely shared with necessary employees. Such tasks include:

	such as:
	Voter registration data entry, referring to scanned originals
	Vote by mail request data entry, referring to scanned originals
	List maintenance work

 Data entry work that comes from Internet service portals, such as Online Voter Registrations (OVR) and online mail ballot requests

□ Phone-base	d work
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- □ Recruitment and confirmation of poll workers
- □ Recruitment and confirmation of polling places

# SECURE DOCUMENTS AND ASSETS REMOVED FROM THE OFFICE

- □ Be sure to maintain and document the chain of custody for all documents and assets that are removed from the elections office and received outside of the office.
- Provide the necessary resources and training on how to secure critical assets and sensitive information that staff will be maintaining outside of the office such as filing cabinets and banker bags.
- Manual work that does not have a scanned image corresponding to the required data entry is generally not suitable for remote work. This includes:
  - Voter registration data entry without scanned images
  - □ Vote by mail data entry without scanned images

### **ESTABLISH CYBERSECURITY MEASURES FOR REMOTE WORK**

Remote work can mean that systems are connecting to computers outside the traditionally closed network. Some general guidance provided by partner organizations listed below in the "Remote Workforce Resources" includes updating and instituting some basic controls such as:

- □ Ensure that remote access using virtual private networks (VPNs) is up to date.
  - Hopefully, this technology and its use is native to the organization. If not, there are plenty of VPN services online; some are free, and others can be purchased and enabled on external devices.
  - Some helpful information is available at: <a href="https://www.globalcyberalliance.org/five-simple-steps-to-protect-yourself-and-your-organization-while-working-and-studying-remotely/">https://www.globalcyberalliance.org/five-simple-steps-to-protect-yourself-and-your-organization-while-working-and-studying-remotely/</a>
- □ Require strong passwords and multifactor authentication.
- Turn on the automatic updates for routers and modems.
- □ To the extent law and policy allow, require staff to secure their home wireless networks:
  - Turn on the automatic updates for routers and modems
  - Turn off WPS and UPnP
  - Turn on WPA2 and WPA3
  - □ Configure Router/Modem Firewall
  - Secure systems that allow remote access—ensure that VPNs are fully patched
  - Ensure antivirus software on endpoints is up to date

At the office, IT staff should prepare for enhanced monitoring of your systems.

- Ensure any Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) are fully installed, up to date, and being monitored.
- Ensure Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) are fully installed, up to date, and being monitored.
- Push out a broad and liberal "See Something, Say Something" policy to make sure the staff recognizes there is no such thing as overly cautious in these circumstances.
- Protect the endpoints connected to systems that are under control of state and local officials.
  - □ Where possible, provide the hardware and connection protocols to the workers for devices such as laptops or tablets.
  - Desktop as a Service (DaaS) solutions can also be valuable.
- □ See Resources below for additional guidance.

#### ADDRESS IMPACTS ON IT DEPARTMENT

Now that IT support may be required outside the traditional office environment, users will need phone or remote access-based IT support. Election officials and IT must work together to determine whether access to critical systems should be permitted through personal devices, which can add additional costs and considerations, but may be necessary if election staff are not provided government-issued portable hardware.

- Government-issued hardware may be easier to keep up to date and patched.
- □ Government-issued devices are subject to government rules concerning personal use, privacy, and monitoring of activity.
- Government offices have limited control over personal devices.
- □ If the government allows the use of personal devices, their use should include the following conditions:
  - □ Require, to the extent law and policy permit, that all security features are on, including passwords, biometric authentication, etc.
  - Require, to the extent law and policy permit, the device be patched and updated. That can be difficult to enforce but perhaps having staff send versioning screenshots on "patch Tuesday" could work.

#### RECOGNIZE RISKS TO THE ASSETS AND INFORMATION

Remote access to information and systems comes with many risks that are exacerbated if there are not proper controls, for both digital and paper records, in place. General data management protocols should be given significant attention. Consider the following examples: What if someone brings paper home and then loses it, destroys it, or copies it? What if someone does not secure his or her device at home?

Consider all the implications of remote work and to which system and processes you are allowing additional access.

#### **BUILD AWARENESS OF THE THREATS**

Workers at home may be more susceptible to cyber-attacks, which can affect the business network. For instance, use of personal equipment and accounts that may not have the same controls as your business network puts the business at risk. There are opportunities for the organization and employees to increase their awareness and training of these additional risks to the business network in a work-from-home environment. Consider the following actions:

- Conduct phishing campaign assessments (PCA) with your staff while working from home.
- Implement vulnerability (a.k.a. Cyber Hygiene) scans and remote penetration testing (RPT).
- □ Incentivize Cyber Security Trainings. All election officials have free access to the federal virtual training environment (FedVTE).
  - □ Note: These services and others are offered at no cost to SLTT partners. All CISA services can be located in the CISA Election Infrastructure Security Resource Guide. To request services contact CISAServiceDesk@cisa.dhs.gov.
- □ Ensure that staff are members of the EI-ISAC Member by going to https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/.
  - Members of the EI-ISAC can also use the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN).

#### WHERE TO START

- Update Continuity of Operations Plans to account for this expanded labor force.
- ☐ Ensure that Incident Response Plans and trainings are up to date.
- □ Ensure the organization is ready to provide IT support to the extended workforce and their different environments.
- Build strong policies to help limit the variation in practices that IT needs to support.

#### **RESOURCES**

#### **Remote Workforce**

- □ CISA Insights: Risk Management for COVID 19
- □ CIS Guidance: Network Security Remedies for Telework
- Global Cyber Alliance: Work from Home
- □ NIST: Telework Overview and Tips

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 7:34 PM

To: Ruth Hughs

**Subject:** Fw: Inquiry Regarding Drive Thru Voting

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Here is an article from the Houston Chronicle that has some information about the press conference from Hollins today:

https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hollins-asks-secretary-of-state-to-affirm-support-15664894.php



### Hollins asks secretary of state, Abbott to affirm support for drive-thru voting amid legal challenges

In a letter to Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins cited prior support from state elections officials for the legality of drive-thru voting. He asked Hughs to confirm by noon Wednesday that the office stands by those statements.

www.houstonchronicle.com

The information about the press conference is almost at the end.

This is the inquiry I mentioned came in today (below).

From: Stephen Chang <SChang@sos.texas.gov> Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 1:38 PM



**To:** Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Teresa Farfan <TFarfan@sos.texas.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Inquiry Regarding Drive Thru Voting

FYI.

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From: Gabriel Goldman

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 1:22:47 PM

**To:** Elections Internet < Elections@sos.texas.gov >; Stephen Chang < SChang@sos.texas.gov >; Secretary < Secretary@sos.texas.gov >; Rosio.Torres-Segura@cco.hctx.net < Rosio.Torres-Segura@cco.hctx.net >; ccinfo@hccountyclerk.com < ccinfo@hccountyclerk.com >; Clerk@cco.hctx.net > Clerk@cco.hctx.net >

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Secretary of the State Hugh's:

My wife and I cast our ballots last week via Harris County's drive thru version of in-person voting (at NRG Stadium). Recently, this form of in-person voting has been challenged by Republican Party (pending in the Texas Supreme Court) and criticized by the Attorney General.

It is my understanding, based on a recent letter by County Clerk Hollins to your Office, that the legality of this form of in person voting was vetted and approved by your Office including by Director of Election Ingram.

https://abc13.com/politics/harris-co-clerk-wants-state-to-make-sure-drive-thru-votes-count/7212441/

However, given that lack of any action by your Office or the State to defend this form of voting publically or in ongoing litigation matters, it is my concern that my vote may not be counted by your Office (along with disenfranchising over 60,000 other people's votes and counting).

Please advise ASAP, and confirm that my vote WILL COUNT.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Goldman
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 From:
 Linda Payne

 To:
 Corey Rose

 Cc:
 Kim Bergmann

Subject: FW: NASS Elections Committee: Senate Bill for COVID-19, Next Elections Call August 6, Electoral College/Fed

Election Certification Webinar August 7, USPS and Elections, GCC New COVID Doc on Innovation, New Report

from Harvard"s Ash Center & Brookings

**Date:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:31:12 PM

Attachments: innovative practices and new solutions 508 v2.pdf

### FYI – thank you. Linda

**Subject:** NASS Elections Committee: Senate Bill for COVID-19, Next Elections Call August 6, Electoral College/Fed Election Certification Webinar August 7, USPS and Elections, GCC New COVID Doc on Innovation, New Report from Harvard's Ash Center & Brookings

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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

#### Senate HEALS Act Proposal - No Current Election-Related Funding

While we haven't seen the actual language in the Senate funding proposal for the next round of coronavirus funding, media reports indicate that currently no funding for elections is included. In talking with some Senate staff yesterday, if you are interested in receiving funding, it would be important to share how much funding you have in HAVA and CARES Act funds remaining, how much you will be spending in the next 3 months and how much you need. NASS did not take an organizational position on election funding for the pandemic, so we can't answer these questions. We do have a position on sustained election security funding.

Mark Your Calendar - Our Weekly Elections Committee Calls will resume on August 6 at 2:30PM ET – We'll also share a calendar invite with the login, once we figure out how - NO CALL THIS THURSDAY 7/30

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## Mark Your Calendar NASS and NASED Holding Briefing on August 7 at 2PM ET on Federal Election Certification and Electoral College Requirements

On **Friday, August 7 from 2-3pm ET**, NASED and NASS will hold a briefing from the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Federal Register to discuss your obligations around certifying Senate and House candidates, as well as Electoral College results. Please encourage anyone on your staff who will handle these matters to attend. They will cover what to do as well as common mistakes, so this will be valuable for old and new staff to participate. You do not need to register.

WebEx Link: <a href="https://nased1.webex.com/nased1/">https://nased1.webex.com/nased1/</a>

PW:

Phone: 1-844-621-3956,

#### **USPS and November 2020**

We have reached out to our contact at the USPS to help us set up a call with Postmaster General DeJoy. Between recent USPS memos and <u>media stories</u>, we thought it would be helpful to hear from the USPS directly. We will keep you posted as to the day/time of the call.

#### **GCC Document on Innovative Practices and New Solutions for Voting Amidst COVID**

Attached is the latest GCC Document – it has some helpful tips on voting supercenters, reservation systems for voting, drive through voting, etc.

## Harvard's Ash Center and Brookings Institute Release Report "Lift Every Voice: The Urgency of Universal Civic Duty Voting"

Former CT Secretary of State and NASS Emeritus Member Miles Rapoport asked that I share <u>Lift</u> <u>Every Voice: The Urgency of Universal Civic Duty Voting</u>. He and Washington Post columnist EJ Dionne led a working group that studied the issue of universal voting and developed this report.

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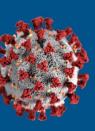
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# INNOVATIVE PRACTICES AND NEW SOLUTIONS







This document is one in a series created as part of the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and Subsector Coordinating Council's Joint COVID Working Group. These documents provide guidance for state, local, tribal, and territorial election officials on how to administer and secure election infrastructure in light of the COVID-19 epidemic.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Innovative practices and new solutions have been implemented through the 2020 primary election season in response to COVID-19. They offer illustrations of operations that are possible, either as principal solutions or as backup options for the 2020 general election. The primary election season has also provided examples of how significant uncertainty can impact election operations, especially when conditions change rapidly.

As the title of this document indicates, many of the practices highlighted here are innovative or experimental. These solutions may not have the complete stress testing election officials would prefer. However, new ideas and inspiration triggered by examples of solutions such as those used by other election officials around the country in response to this unprecedented pandemic may be necessary.

Resilient Election Day operations should include contingencies for voting locations being unable to open as a result of last-minute facility cancelations, poll worker or staff shortages, and other potential problems related to the pandemic. Some modifications election officials have employed include:

- Consolidating the number of locations into larger "super centers" that can serve the same projected number of in-person voters, but with fewer poll workers and locations.
   Creating a ticketing or reservation system so voters do not have to stand in line while waiting to vote.
   Deploying drive-through voting and ballot drop-off locations.
- ☐ Using a "teller" window to separate the voter and poll worker.

Although this document provides many examples, election officials are continuing to develop new and groundbreaking ideas. Wisconsin and Nebraska, for example, recently implemented innovative practices during in-person voting amid COVID-19. Elections in other countries, such as South Korea, may also be instructive, to the extent consistent with applicable U.S. federal,



state, and local laws.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, election officials may find it useful to seek information from industries that have addressed challenges related to implementing and enforcing social distancing, such as grocery stores or banks.

# HOW CAN YOU USE "SUPER CENTERS" (LARGE VOTING LOCATIONS)?

Non-traditional super center locations offer some logistical challenges to consider:

Standing up very large voting locations, or "super centers," centralizes resources, expertise and facilitates in compliance with social distancing. Football fields, stadiums, fairgrounds, drive-in movie theaters, malls (especially if they are vacant), large warehouses, parking lots, and parking garages are all examples of potential non-traditional locations to leverage as super centers. You can find additional information on voting locations, as well as recommendations for voter and stakeholder engagement, in *Finding Voting Locations and Poll Workers* and other Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and Subsector Coordinating Council guidance documents on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) <u>Elections</u> webpage and the Election Assistance Commission <u>COVID-19 response webpages</u>.

Longer travel distances to these locations for some voters.
Accessibility challenges.
Power needs for voting equipment and other technology.
Internet connectivity for electronic pollbooks.
Heating or air conditioning, depending on the external conditions.
Tenting to maintain acceptable shelter and climate.
Availability of close, adequate parking.
Proper allocation and transportation of necessary supplies to each location.
Physical security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, e.g., International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA): Managing Elections under the COVID-19 Pandemic; The Republic of Korea's Crucial Test <a href="https://www.idea.int/sites/default/files/publications/managing-elections-during-pandemic-republic-korea-crucial-test.pdf">https://www.idea.int/sites/default/files/publications/managing-elections-during-pandemic-republic-korea-crucial-test.pdf</a>; and International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES): Elections Held and Mitigating Measures Taken During COVID-19 <a href="https://www.ifes.org/sites/default/files/elections-held-and-mitigating-measures-taken-during-covid-19.pdf">https://www.ifes.org/sites/default/files/elections-held-and-mitigating-measures-taken-during-covid-19.pdf</a>.

# HOW CAN YOU INSTITUTE A TICKETING OR RESERVATION PROCESS?

To facilitate social distancing, it may be beneficial to reengineer the voter check-in process. Some examples of innovative voter check-in systems are described below. Remember to develop a plan for voter education and stakeholder outreach related to any new initiatives.

#### **LOW-TECH TICKETING**

Officials can use a low-tech (e.g., paper) line management system similar to those used at deli counters or some motor vehicle licensing agencies. This can be operationalized with sequentially numbered raffle tickets and a white board to announce the next number, or range of numbers, to enter the polling location.

Such a system can be valuable when lines are expected to be long. The "next ticket"
range can be posted both inside and outside the polling place. For example, the location
lead worker can post information every 15 minutes about the next range of ticket holders
that will be allowed into the polling place.
☐ At 10:00 a.m., the site lead announces "From 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., numbers
24,700 through 24,725 will be allowed to enter the polling place."
☐ This process could inform voters in the parking lot when their time to access the
polling place to vote is approaching. Voters waiting in parking lots or in a vehicle
line can introduce additional traffic management issues.

#### **TECH-BASED TICKETING**

control requirements.

Use a technology-based check-in system similar to some restaurant host stations.

	A voter arriving at the polling place provides their phone number to a poll worker who
	enters the data into a queuing tool with texting capabilities that is staffed and managed
	by a poll worker. The voter then receives a notification, through text message, when it is
	time to check in. The voter can remain in their car or away from others until it is their
	turn.
	☐ It is possible that buzzer/paging units may be handed out in lieu of using a texting
	tool; however, that will create additional cleaning, procurement and device

You m	ay also consider the use of an automated ticketing application that allows people
to rese	erve their position in line at home in real time and track their progress in the line
before	they reach the polling place. Similar to the option described above, the voter
receiv	es a text message when it is their turn to check in.
	This solution eliminates the need for voters to be physically present to begin the
	check-in process.
	However, a voter may sign up and then not arrive in time for their turn, leading to
	predictability challenges.

Deploying such a system would require implementation of accommodations for individuals without access to the Internet and/or a mobile phone, or who otherwise face challenges using such tools.

#### **RESERVATION SYSTEM**

There may be ways to accept advanced reservations to vote from voters, or certain voters, especially during early voting times. This is similar to the process restaurants use to reserve a table for later in the evening or even a few days out. It also allows you to modify the number of reservations available at any given location and at any given time. Such a system:

serv	rations available at any given location and at any given time. Such a system:
	Allows voters to schedule a time to vote in-person at a given location.
	May provide enough data on voter preferences or demand for specific locations to allow resources to be shifted to meet the demand.
	Might help election officials provide safe voting opportunities to specific voters affected by this crisis, such as those at higher risk of severe disease.  Retail and commercial service providers have tailored operations to specific users. For example, some grocery stores open an hour early for high risk individuals and/or emergency workers. However, elections are legally and fundamentally different from other critical functions. Such a targeted opportunity should not be undertaken absent significantly vetted legal authorities.

Introducing new technology and hosting it on a website introduces many risks, especially if there is a shortened timeline to implement and test the technology. Review established guidelines for new technology and implement rigorous product testing.

#### **HOW CAN YOU USE DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING?**

You can create outdoor vote centers or drop-off locations that allow voters to vote or cast their ballots from their cars. Sites might include large parking lots (e.g., malls, stadiums, colleges, high schools, convention centers, etc.), parking structures, drive-in movie theaters, etc. Some officials in Wisconsin implemented drive-through voting locations during the state's April 7, 2020, primary election. Voters remained in their cars, while poll workers wore gloves and face coverings, and in some locations additional protective gear. Videos and written guidance on how to properly put on and take off PPE are provided on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Considerations for using such a system include:

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Voters can check in from the safety of their cars without co-mingling with other voters.
☐ Additional technology conducive to constant physical movement, such as tablets,
may be necessary to verify a voter's eligibility in the voter registration database (VRDB).
For jurisdictions that use a ballot marking device, election officials could mount the
voting machines in such a way that voters can either interface with them through their
car window (like a drive-up ATM machine) or by stepping out of their vehicles
momentarily.
For jurisdictions that use a hand-marked paper ballot:
☐ The poll workers can use ballot-on-demand technology or preprinted ballots
retrieved and brought to the voters' cars by poll workers after check-in.
☐ The voter receives a ballot, pen and clipboard.
<ul> <li>Under one option, there are multiple stations, each one with a poll worker the ballots, and a ballot box or tabulator. The poll workers check in the voters, give them the ballots, and then step away while the voters mark their ballots in their cars. Next the poll workers bring over the ballot box/scanner or put the ballot in a secrecy folder and then put it in the scanner or box.</li> <li>Alternatively, after checking in and receiving their ballot materials from a</li> </ul>
poll worker, voters park, vote, and then drive to the exit where the ballot box/scanner station is located to deposit their ballot and return their supplies.
Please note, using voter centers where any voter can vote at any location means all
ballot styles should be available at all locations.
Supplies should be disinfected before being reused.

You may have the opportunity to use vacant restaurant buildings with a drive-through. Voters can check in by announcing themselves where they typically order food, and when they arrive at the pickup window, an election worker presents the pollbook and a ballot. Voters can vote in their cars and deposit their ballots in a scanner or ballot box at the exit.

#### MIXING VOTING MODELS BY NECESSITY

During the 2020 primaries, election officials have left or considered leaving their *vote anywhere* early voting locations open through Election Day as a fail-safe measure to accommodate voters whose precinct polling places were unable to open. This solution allows every voter to have a place to vote on Election Day and can be used to manage late changes that arise on or just before Election Day. Considerations for such a measure include:

- Keeping early voting locations open on Election Day may exacerbate potential staffing issues because poll workers, who often have precinct assignments on Election Day, may need to be reassigned to stay at the early voting locations.
   Using universal use locations on Election Day, when voters are typically only allowed to vote at their precinct, may create voter confusion. Voters in neighboring precincts where polling places are still open may believe they can vote at universal sites.
   Mixing voting models can create some data integrity concerns if the universal vote locations are not strictly limited to voters whose precinct voting locations are not open unless pollbooks update in real-time. Many precinct-based voting operations rely on paper pollbooks or electronic pollbooks that are not networked. Early voting sites are typically networked to accommodate the voter's choice in where to vote. Running the two models simultaneously, without strict controls on who can vote where, could potentially allow individuals to vote in both locations if there is no real-time connectivity between all locations.
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  - ☐ If employing a mixed model, it is important to carefully consider the technical and integrity implications and available risk mitigations, as well as to communicate the rules clearly to the voters, campaigns, and other stakeholders.

# WHAT OPERATIONAL RISK CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD YOU ADDRESS?

Adding new technology to an operation, particularly with a short timeline, can create
risks. As risk managers, election officials may decide to accept or mitigate those risks in
light of other pressures. Considerations for reducing operational risk include:
☐ Keep it simple. Poll workers and voters may find it easier to interact with lower-tech systems.
☐ Test all new technologies for functionality, security, and volume under typical
Election Day pressure.

# WHAT CYBER AND PHYSICAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD YOU ADDRESS?

Any new technology may have vulnerabilities. It is important for election officials to know the risks and make a knowledgeable decision whether to accept and work to mitigate the risks. It is important to conduct penetration testing on new technology and vulnerability scanning on information distribution methods such as public facing websites.

#### SECURITY RESOURCES

- □ Sign up for CISA services, such as vulnerability scans (aka CyHy), remote penetration testing (RPT), phishing campaign assessments, etc. All CISA services can be located in the CISA Election Infrastructure Security Resource Guide. All services can be requested at Central@cisa.dhs.gov.
- ☐ To gain situational awareness of the threats to the election infrastructure, become an Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center Member by visiting <a href="https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/">https://www.cisecurity.org/ei-isac/</a>.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES**

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

□ <u>CDC Situation Summary webpage</u>—This page provides updated information and guidance on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

□ CDC Coronavirus index webpage—This page provides links to all CDC resources on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. □ CDC List of State and Territorial Health Department Websites—This page provides links to all websites of state and territory health departments, which the CDC recommends consulting for state-specific information on the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. □ CDC Recommended Precautions for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 in Election Polling Locations, including Cleaning and Disinfection—This guidance provides recommendations on the routine cleaning and disinfection of polling location areas and associated electronic equipment. It suggests actions poll workers can take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by limiting the survival of the virus in the environment. According to the CDC, this guidance will be updated if additional information becomes available. ☐ There is a section on recommendations for processing mail-in ballots. The CDC states that workers handling mail-in ballots should practice hand hygiene frequently. No additional precautions are recommended for storage of ballots. CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020—This interim guidance for businesses may be relevant to election offices. It seeks to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COVID-19. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) ☐ CISA Coronavirus webpage—This page provides information on CISA's efforts with federal partners concerning coronavirus and COVID-19 and links to other federal resources. ☐ CISA Insights: Risk Management for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)—This brief provides recommendations on how to address physical supply chain and cyber security issues that may arise from the spread of the novel coronavirus. This resource is helpful for election officials to prepare for possible impacts of the novel coronavirus.

### U.S. Postal Service (USPS)

□ <u>USPS Statement on Coronavirus</u>—This statement from the U.S. Postal Service released March 4, 2020 may be helpful to voters who participate by mail, including military and overseas voters.

### Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

- □ EAC Disaster Preparedness and Recovery webpage—This page features presentations from election administrators about how they conducted elections in the face of a variety of natural disasters. Their examples of preparedness and recovery could be helpful for election officials as they address the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.
- ☐ EAC Contingency Plans webpage—In preparation for the 2016 elections, the EAC collected continuity of operations plans and resources from election officials at the state and local levels. This includes state-specific examples for H1N1 flu preparedness.
- ☐ EAC Election Management Guidelines Chapter 11: Contingency Planning and Change Management—This 2009 resource was created to assist state and local election officials in effectively managing and administering elections. Each chapter explores a different aspect of election administration and provides examples and recommendations.

From: Linda Payne

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:00 PM

**To:** Joe Esparza; Adam Bitter

**Subject:** Fwd: Public Health Disaster and Executive Order EO-08 PDFs

**Attachments:** EO-GA 08 COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation FINAL 03-19-2020 CORRECTED.pdf;

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Thank you.



#### GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Governor Abbott Issues Executive Orders In Accordance With Federal Guidelines
To Mitigate Spread Of COVID-19 In Texas

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced a series of Executive Orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. The four orders serve to limit public gatherings and help reduce exposure for people across the state. These orders are in accordance with federal guidelines issued by the President and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will aid in the state's efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Governor Abbott was joined for the announcement by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dennis Bonnen.

Commissioner Hellerstedt also announced that he has declared a Public Health Disaster which will give state and local officials additional tools to respond to COVID-19. The Governor's Executive Orders, combined with the Public Health Disaster, provide Texas with enhanced tools and protocols to help state and local partners in their ongoing efforts to respond to, track the progress of, and limit the spread of COVID-19 in Texas.

"The State of Texas is at a pivotal moment in our response to COVID-19, and it is imperative that we act now on preemptive measures to slow the spread of this virus," said Governor Abbott. "One of the most effective ways we can do this is by promoting more social distancing and ensuring Texans avoid large group settings such as bars, restaurants, gyms, and schools where the risk of spreading COVID-19 is high. We must also continue to protect our most vulnerable populations, which is why the State of Texas is barring all visitations at nursing homes and retirement or long-term care facilities except in the case of critical assistance. Today's executive orders are precautionary measures that are in line with guidelines from the CDC and they will strengthen Texas' ability to safeguard our communities and respond to COVID-19. As Texans, we must continue to work collaboratively to slow the spread of this virus and protect public health."

#### The following orders have been issued by Governor Abbott:

- **Order No. 1:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- **Order No. 2:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- **Order No. 3:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- **Order No. 4:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 11:59 PM on March 20, 2020 and will end at 11:59 PM on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services.

For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVD-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

Under Chapter 81 of the Health and Safety Code, Commissioner Hellerstedt's Public Health Disaster Declaration triggers a number of important tools for state and local officials to respond to COVID-19:

 Texas and local health authorities can more easily require property owners to disinfect, decontaminate, and seal off property that might be contaminated.



- It authorizes health authorities to take additional control measures that they see fit to control and eradicate the threat to public health.
- It streamlines the process for state and local health authorities to invoke the courts to enforce quarantines of individuals.
- Activates enhanced tools for DSHS to collect disease and health information and to share that information with law enforcement personnel and first responders as appropriate.

View the Governor's Executive Order.

View the Public Health Disaster Declaration.



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### GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Executive Clerk to the Governor

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# Kxecutive Order

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department Austin, Texas March 19, 2020

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 08

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, "[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

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- Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of March, 2020.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

RUTH R. HUGHS Secretary of State

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#### Commissioner John W. Hellerstedt, M.D.

#### **DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

March 19, 2020

#### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, John W. Hellerstedt, M.D., Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services, do hereby certify that the introduction and spread of the communicable disease known as COVID-19 in the State of Texas has created an immediate threat, poses a high risk of death to a large number of people and creates a substantial risk of public exposure because of the disease's method of transmission and evidence that there is community spread in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 81.082(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, I do hereby declare a state of public health disaster for the entire State of Texas.

Pursuant to Section 81.002 of the code, each person shall act responsibly to prevent and control communicable disease. The following actions, taken immediately, will reduce and delay the spread of COVID-19:

- People, businesses and communities should immediately undertake hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation practices that are accessible, affordable and known to be effective against COVID-19.
  - Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
  - If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - O Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- People who are known to have, or are under investigation or monitoring, for COVID-19, should adhere to the direction provided to them by duly authorized persons, including public health officials. Failure to abide by such direction may result in involuntary quarantine or isolation for the purposes of preventing further community spread of COVID-19.

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- People who are ill, especially those with symptoms consistent with influenza or COVID-19, should isolate themselves at home until they recover. Such persons should only present for medical evaluation and treatment if their symptoms are such that they cannot continue to be cared for in their home. And, when seeking medical care should call their doctor or health care facility before arriving to allow them to prepare.
- Limit trips into the public to essential outings. Traveling to work, the grocery store, the pharmacy or to seek medical care would be considered essential trips.
- Limit as much as possible close contact with other people. Stay six feet away.
- Do not gather in social groups of more than ten (10) individuals.
- Employers should allow work at home alternatives to the greatest extent possible.
- Restaurants should not allow dine-in options, either inside or outside. Take-out and curbside options with minimal contact are permitted and highly encouraged.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will continue to provide the most current and practical advice on how to control the spread of COVID-19 and encourages all Texans to seek additional information from a trusted source such as <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/</a> or from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/</a>.

Adherence to these rules and the sound public health principles that support them will provide optimal protection for the people of Texas. These measures are necessary to advance the health and safety of all Texans.

Copies of this proclamation will be filed with applicable authorities.

Given under my hand this the

4\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

JOHN W. HELLERSTEDT, M.D. Commissioner of Public Health

ATTESTED BY:

Ruth Hughs

Secretary of State

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From: Keith Ingram

To: Joe Esparza; Christina Adkins; Adam Bitter
Subject: Fwd: Re-counting of DTV E-slates
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:35:07 AM

#### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Hollins, Chris (CCO) < Chris. Hollins@cco.hctx.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 09:52

**To:** Alan Vera; Winn, Michael (CCO); Ray, Douglas (CAO)

Cc: Joe Esparza; Keith Ingram

**Subject:** RE: Re-counting of DTV E-slates

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Alan,

All eSlates and JBCs throughout all of Harris County were secured each night.

There was a 1:1 ratio of eSlates and JBCs at drive-thru voting centers.

All JBCs and MBBs used in this election will be preserved in compliance with Texas law.

All issues regarding stranded votes have been addressed. Of the 1.4 million votes cast, there are roughly twenty votes total that needed to be addressed. This is typical. Mr. Winn has connected directly with Director Ingram on this matter and confirmed that the way in which the stranded votes were recovered was done properly.

I will speak to EVBB today about any further action. I believe the timing of your request should be fine, but will need to confirm.

Thank you,

Chris

From: Alan Vera <

Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:03 AM



To: Winn, Michael (CCO) <Michael.Winn@cco.hctx.net>; Ray, Douglas (CAO) <Douglas.Ray@cao.hctx.net>; Hollins, Chris (CCO) <Chris.Hollins@cco.hctx.net>

Cc: Josh Helton >; Sonya Aston < >; Eric Opiela >; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Mano DeAyala >;

Subject: Re-counting of DTV E-slates

Mr. Winn:

Importance: High

We have knowledge that in Harris County, apparently, the voting booth (eSlate) was not connected back to the JBC after every vote was cast on the eSlate in the drive through locations. Presumably, this activity resulted in not all of the votes being captured on the JBC associated with each eSlate. Please confirm this report.

We also understand that there was one eSlate for each JBC machine at the drive through locations. Please confirm.

We are very concerned about the accurate counting of all of the votes and the documentation that all of the votes from the eSlate machines have been handled through a quarantine process and that the medium you used to capture the votes yesterday was set to zero. Please confirm.

You have offered to re-download all of the votes from the drive-through in the presence of the Central Count personnel. Please do perform that task of re-entering the votes from those machines in the presence of Central Count personnel and poll watchers before noon on Monday 11-2-20. Please also allow Central Count to confirm that the medium into which the information is downloaded into is set to zero. Please confirm.

Upon completion, we request that all of the JBCs and eSlates used at the drive through locations be quarantined until the end of this calendar year, until this matter is resolved. Please confirm.

Please also provide any documentation confirming and/or denying that these e-slates during the 3-week period of early voting were secured overnight, every night for the entirety of the voting period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter to add transparency to the process.

Regards,

Alan D. Vera
Chairman, HCRP Ballot Security Committee
President/CEO
Quest Business Agency, Inc
18130 Cadbury Dr.
Houston, TX 77084



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From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>

To: <u>Christina Adkins</u>; <u>Keith Ingram</u>; <u>Alexa Buxkemper</u>

Subject: RE: Alexa Re: Harris County

Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:57:00 PM
Attachments: Early Voting Schedule November 2020 (1).pdf

I just approved the travel.

The attached sheet was very helpful to me. I'll let you know where I was and a few location you should try and hit tomorrow. But start at the Farooq site (Number 46) on the pdf

From: Christina Adkins < CAdkins@sos.texas.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 4:55 PM

To: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Alexa

Buxkemper < ABuxkemper@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Alexa Re: Harris County

I was just emailing you about this.

Per Joe the main location is the Masjid El Farooq Islamic Center.

**From:** Alexa Buxkemper <<u>ABuxkemper@sos.texas.gov</u>>

**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 4:53:21 PM

**To:** Christina Adkins <<u>CAdkins@sos.texas.gov</u>>; Keith Ingram <<u>KIngram@sos.texas.gov</u>>; Joe Esparza

<JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Alexa Re: Harris County

Please let me know the sites that you all have in mind for me to visit. I have reserved the rental car and will pick up tonight. I still need executive approval for my travel request. As for the hotel, I am still working on that. I would like the opportunity to review my role and what is expected with one of you this evening or early in the morning tomorrow.

Thank you!!!

## Alexa Buxkemper

### **Elections Security Trainer – Elections Division**

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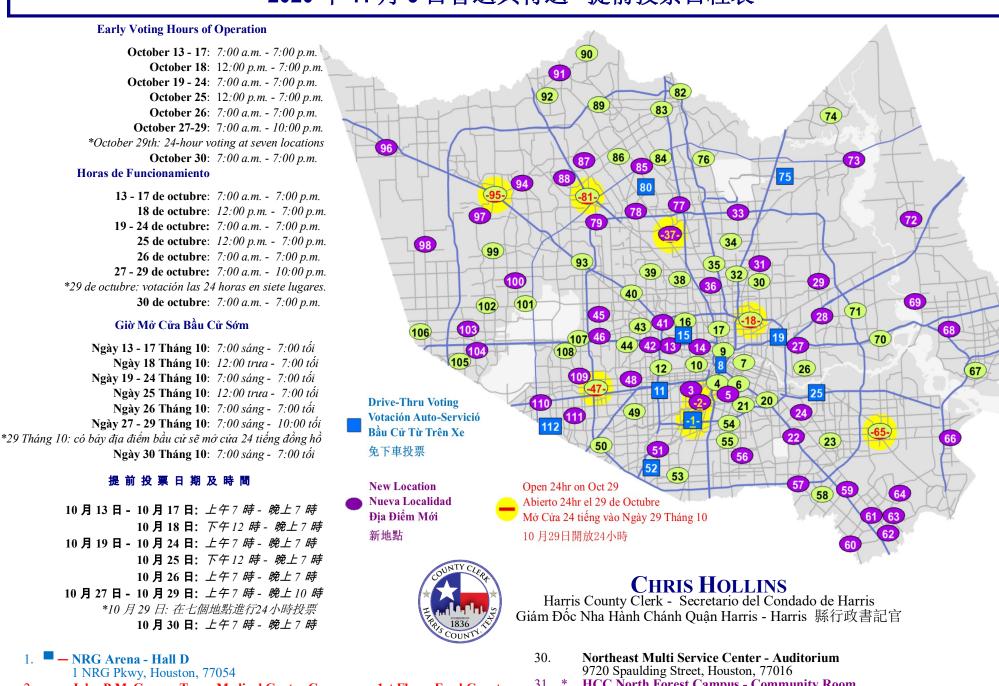
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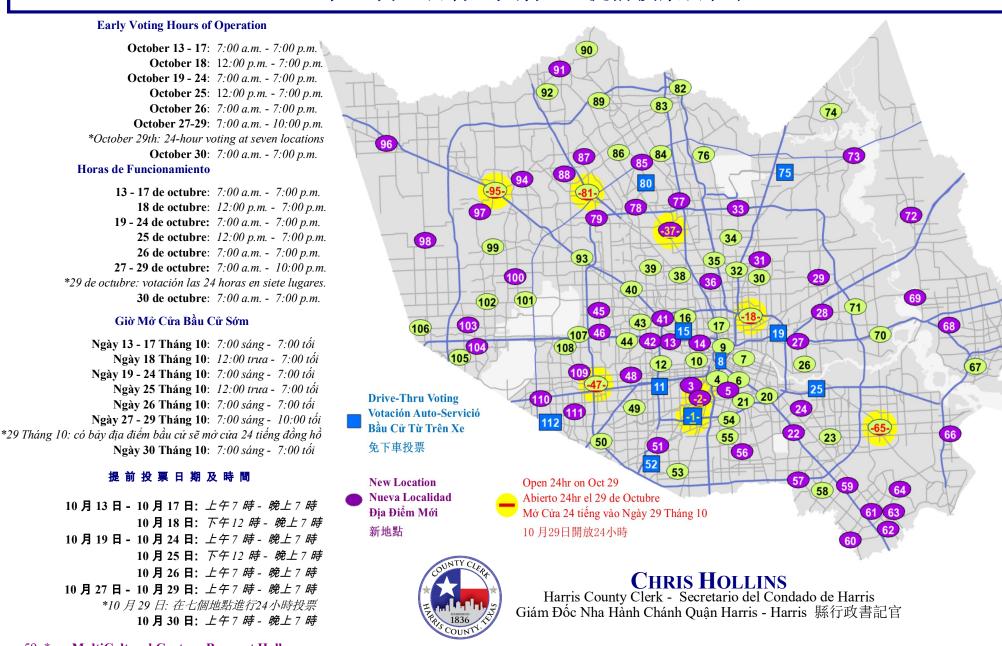


- John P McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons 1st Floor, Food Court 6550 Bertner Avenue, Houston, 77030
- **Rice University**
- 2200 University Boulevard, Houston, 77005
- Texas Southern University West Side Parking Garage 4559 Ennis Street, Houston, 77004
- Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Gymnasium
- 3810 Ruth Street, Houston, 77004
- University of Houston The Student Center South, Room 220 F & D & B 4455 University Drive, Houston, TX 77004 6.
- Neighborhood Centers Inc Ripley House Campus Gym
- 4410 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, 77011
- **Toyota Center VIP A and B,** 1510 Polk Street, Houston, 77002 Drive-Thru Voting: 1500 Leeland Street, Houston, 77002
- County Attorney Conference Center Conference Room 1019 Congress Avenue, Houston, 77002
- Metropolitan MultiService Center MMSL AR 1&2 and gym 10.
- 1475 West Gray Street, Houston, 77019 HCC West Loop South - Auditorium 11.
- 5601 West Loop South, Houston, 77081
- **Hampton Inn Galleria Uptown Room** 4500 Post Oak Parkway, Houston, 77027 12.
- Hampton Inn and Suites Bayou City Ballroom 13.
- 5820 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77007 14.
- West End Multi Service Center Auditorium Building 3 170 Heights Boulevard, Houston, 77007
- **Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church Gathering Place** 15.
- 2025 West 11th Street, Houston, 77008
- SPJST Lodge Num 88 Ballroom 1435 Beall Street, Houston, 77008
- Moody Park Community Center Meeting room 17. 3725 Fulton Street, Houston, 77009
- Kashmere MultiService Center Auditorium
- 4802 Lockwood Drive, Houston, 77026
- **Houston Food Bank Community Room**
- 535 Portwall Street, Houston, 77029 HCC Southeast College Learning Hub - Room 108 20.
- 6815 Rustic Street, Houston, 77087
- Shrine of The Black Madonna Cultural and Event Ctr Main Floor 21. 5309 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Houston, 77021
- Marriott Houston South at Hobby Airport Pasadena Room 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, 77017
- BakerRipley Cleveland Neighborhood Center Gym 23.
- 720 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, 77504
- Iglesia Una Luz en Tu Camino Meeting Room 24. 9045 Howard Drive, Houston, 77017
- John Phelps Courthouse Training Room
- 101 South Richey Street, Pasadena, 77506
- 26. Alvin D Baggett Community Center - Conference Room 2
- 1302 Keene Street, Galena Park, 77547 Milton Lusk Activity Center - Basketball Court
- 1022 Mercury Drive, Houston, 77029
- **Harris County Cultural Arts Center** 13334 Wallisville Road, Houston, 77044
- C E King Middle School 8530 C E King Parkway, Houston, 77044

- HCC North Forest Campus Community Room 6010 Little York Road, Houston, 77016
- Anclamars W Reception Hall A Hall A 32.
- 10330 Eastex Fwy, Houston, 77093
- **Holiday Inn Intercontinental Airport Hotel** 33. \* 15222 John F Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, 77032
- BakerRipley East Aldine Campus Reunion Hall Welcome Center 34.
  - 3000 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, 77039 Hardy Street Senior Citizens Center - Auditorium
- 35.
- 11901 West Hardy Road, Houston, 77076 Clark Park Community Center Main MultiPurpose Room 36. \*
- 9718 Clark Road, Houston, 77076
- -Victory Houston Large Worship Area 809 West Road, Houston, 77038
- 38. Acres Homes Multi Service Center - Auditorium 6719 West Montgomery Road, Houston, 77091
- Lone Star College Victory Center VC 102 and VC 120 4141 Victory Drive, Houston, 77088 39.
- 40. The Grand Tuscany Hotel - The Plaza
- 12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, 77040
- 41. \* Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel - Magnolia Room
- 3000 North Loop West Freeway, Houston, 77092 42. \*
- Crowne Plaza Houston Galleria Sycamore Room
  7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77024
  Trini Mendenhall Community Center Large auditorium 43.
- 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, 77055 First Congregational Church - Assembly Room
- 10840 Beinhorn Road, Houston, 77024
- John Knox Presbyterian Church Education Building Classroom 11
- 2525 Gessner Road, Houston, 77080
- Masjid El Farooq
- 1207 Conrad Sauer Drive, Houston, 77043
- Tracy Gee Community Center Room 1 and 2 599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, 77042
- **Unity of Houston Annex Annex**
- 2819 Hillcroft Street, Houston, 77057 **Bayland Park Community Center - Auditorium** 49.
- 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, 77074
- Raindrop Turkish House Ballroom 50. 9301 West Bellfort Boulevard, Houston, 77031
- The Power Center Green Room
- 12401 South Post Oak Road, Houston, 77045
- **Kingdom Builders Center Great Room** 6011 West Orem Drive, Houston, 77085
- Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center Auditorium 53.
- 3810 West Fuqua Street, Houston, 77045
- 54. J J Roberson Family Life Center - Gym
- 4810 Redbud, Houston, 77033
- 55. Sunnyside Multi Service Center - Auditorium
- 9314 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, 77051
- Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church Parish Hall 10960 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Houston, 77048
- 57. El Franco Lee Community Center - Auditorium 9500 Hall Road, Houston, 77089
- 58. Harris County Scarsdale Annex - Room D & Room 110 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, 77089

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- 59. \* MultiCultural Center - Banquet Halls 951 Tristar Drive, Webster, 77598
- Forest Bend Homeowners Association Inc Main room 60. \*
- 4300 Laura Leigh Lane, Friendswood, 77546 Pipers Meadow Community Center - Community Center 61. \*
- 15920 Pipers View Drive, Webster, 77598
- 62. \* Webster Civic Center
- 311 Pennsylvania Avenue, Webster, 77598
- 63. \* Clear Lake Islamic Center - Community Hall 17511 El Camino Real, Houston, 77058
- University of Houston Clear Lake Garden Room
- 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, 77058
- **East Harris County Activity Center Big Room** 7340 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, 77505
- La Porte Recreation and Fitness Center Senior Center 66.
- 1322 South Broadway, La Porte, 77571
- Lee College Gymnasium 67.
- 200 Lee Drive, Baytown, 77520
- Coady Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 5606 Wade Road, Baytown, 77521
- San Jacinto Community Center Meeting Room 69.
- 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands, 77562 Martin Flukinger Community Center - Large Assembly Room 70.
- 16003 Lorenzo Street, Channelview, 77530 North Channel Branch Library - Meeting Room
- 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, 77049
- **Crosby Community Center Large Assembly Room**
- 409 Hare Road, Crosby, 77532
- Lake Houston Church of Christ Fellowship Hall [Sunday: 12:00 6:00 pm] 73. 8003 Farmingham Road, Humble, 77346
- 74. Kingwood Community Center - Auditorium
- 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, 77345
- **Humble Civic Center Ballrooms 2 and 3** 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, 77.
- Lone Star College North Harris YMCA Building 76.
- 2700 W W Thorne Drive, Houston, 77073
- **Green House International Church Church**
- 200 West Greens Road, Houston, 77067
- New Destiny Praise and Worship Center Main Room Worship 4170 West Greens Road, Houston, 77066 [Sunday, October 18: 1:00 - 7:00 pm]
- Fairfield Inn and Suites NW Willowbrook Fairfield Ranch Mtg room
- 10825 North Gessner, Houston, 77064 Fallbrook Church - Brooks Sports Gym
- 12512 Walters Road, Houston, 77014 81. **—** Prairie View A&M University Northwest - Room 107
- 9449 Grant Road, Houston, 7
- **Big Stone Lodge Grand Hall** 82.
- 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, 77373 Spring First Church - Youth Center [Sunday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm] 83.
- 1851 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, 77388
- Hosanna Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Room 5
- 16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, 77090
- Church of Christ on Bammel Road Kaleo Building 85.
- 2700 Cypress Creek Parkway, Houston, 77068 HCPL Barbara Bush Branch - Multipurpose Room 86.
- 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, 77379
- 16700 Old Louetta Road, Spring, 77379

- 88. **Lakewood Residents Club - Dance floor** 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston, 77070
- 89. Klein Multipurpose Center - Room 402
- 7500 FM 2920, Spring, 77379 Lone Star College Creekside - Room 116 90.
- 8747 West New Harmony Trail, Tomball, 77375
- 91. **Samuel Matthews Park Community Center** 1728 East Hufsmith Road, Tomball, 773'
- Tomball Public Works Building Training Room 92.
- 501B James Street, Tomball, 77375
- 93. City Jersey Village Municipal Government Center - Civic Center Auditorium 16327 Lakeview Drive, Houston, 77040
- Saint John Lutheran Church and School Gym 15235 Spring Cypress Road, Cypress, 77429
- **Juergens Hall Community Center Dance Hall**
- 26026 Hempstead Highway, Cypress, 77429
- **Hockley Community Center** 96.
- 28515 Old Washington Road, Hockley, 77447
- **Lakeland Activity Center Sandpiper Room and Crane** 16902 Bridgeland Landing, Cypress, TX 77433 97.
- 98. John Paul Landing Environmental Education Center
- 9950 Katy Hockley Road, Cypress, 77433
  Richard and Meg Weekley Community Center Room 300 99.
  - 8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress, 77433
- 100. **ISGH Bear Creek Community Center - Community Center**
- 17250 Coventry Park Drive, Houston, 77084 101. Katherine Tyra Branch Library - Meeting Room
- 16719 Clay Road, Houston, 77084
- Lone Star College Cypress Center Room 105, 106, 107 102. 19710 Clay Road, Katy, 77449
- Morton Ranch High School PAC Lobby
- 21000 Franz Road, Katy, 77449 James E Taylor High School - Auditorium Lobby
- 20700 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy, 77450
- 105. Harris County MUD 81 Building - Great Room 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, 77450
- 106. Katy Branch Harris County Public Library - Meeting room
- 5414 Franz Road, Katy, 77493 107. **Encourager Church - Gym**
- 10950 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77043
- Nottingham Park Building Meeting room 108.
- 926 Country Place Drive, Houston, 77079
- HCC Alief Hayes Campus Building C, 194 WHI Auditorium
- 2811 Hayes Road, Houston, 77082 (South Entrance of Building C) **Mission Bend Islamic Center**
- 6233 Tres Lagunas, Houston, 77083
- **Alief Regional Library**
- 7979 South Kirkwood Road, Houston, 77072
- **Houston Community College Alief Center Room 157** 13803 Bissonnet St, Houston, 77083



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From: Adam Bitter
To: "Reitz, Aaron"
Subject: RE: Question re.

**Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 2:00:31 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Best,

Adam

#### **Adam Bitter**

General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State
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From: Reitz, Aaron < Aaron. Reitz@oag.texas.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 1:28 PM **To:** Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Question re.

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Adam,

Brent Webster had lunch with Luis Saenz today, and

. Can we arrange a time to connect?

Best,



## Aaron F. Reitz

Special Counsel to the First Assistant Office of the Attorney General of Texas

Desk: 512-936-1989 Cell: 512-639-7177





From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>
To: <u>SOS Employees</u>

**Subject:** SOS Agency Update for the Week ending 5/1

**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020 10:21:26 PM

Sensitivity: Personal

Hello all,

I first want to thank you all for your dedication to service as well as your continued adherence to recommendations both in and out of the Rudder building. As we continue our path toward regaining our pre-COVID-19 momentum, it's extremely important that we remember these recommendations and increase our diligence while operating in the building, and while you go about your day at home. We are continuing our plan to provide the safest environment possible for those of you with in-house work.

I especially want to thank those that were available to visit with me to discuss your concerns and ideas that would further provide for adequate working environments. I also want to thank our IT team for their work in making all the necessary changes as we have transitioned how we work in the midst of COVID-19.

I think it's important to mention that the implementation of even a perfect plan is only successful if we as individuals commit to the practice and resist complacency. This means making these recommendations second nature and allowing them to become your routine. Keep in mind that the practices of handwashing, covering your mouth to cough, and wearing a mask is not only for your sake, but for the sake of everyone around you. If the current state of global affairs made us understand one thing, it should be that we are *all* connected.

In the next week, you will notice around the building and in your inbox further reminders to heed and commit to your daily routines at increased intervals. This will further continue to keep us safe as we provide necessary services to the public.

Earlier this week, Governor Abbott <u>announced via Executive Order</u>, that effective May 1, 2020, retail establishments, movie theaters, restaurants, and museums *may* reopen (but are not required to) at 25% capacity, provided social distancing and other guidelines stipulated by the CDC are followed. The Governor <u>also announced the lifting of travel restrictions and self-quarantine protocols</u> between the states of Texas and Louisiana.

Additionally, the Governor's Office <u>announced new Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) guidance</u> to unemployment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment benefits. Under this guidance, Texans can continue to receive unemployment benefits throughout the COVID-19 response if they choose not to return to work for certain reasons as specified by TWC.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) <u>have launched an online COVID-19 test collection map</u> to help Texans locate test collection sites within their community. The interactive map displays detailed information on public and private mobile, walk-in, and drive-thru test collection sites around the state.



Secretary Hughs and I appreciate all that you do in the service of our state, and we wish you and your families continued safety and a great weekend!

V/r,

Joe Esparza Deputy Secretary of State 512-463-1999 o



From: <u>Joe Esparza</u>
To: <u>SOS Employees</u>

**Subject:** SOS Agency Update for the Week Ending May 22

**Date:** Friday, May 22, 2020 3:58:25 PM

**Sensitivity:** Personal

All Staff,

Please be vigilant about your Cyber Awareness! Utilizing telework brings an increased risk of exposure to bad actors looking to gain access into our government systems. I've recently learned an example of a cyber-attack currently circulating which provides the recipient a false notice of termination, or some other shocking information, citing COVID-19 as the reason. This draws on an expected sense of confusion and creates a sense urgency to spring into an action without noticing the signs of a spoofed email address. Other than just being plain mean – it works. Emotions tend to take over and those bad actors count on this. Currently in the news, state agencies are seeing an uptick in this sort of activity and some have even been thrown into fights with ransomware. We absolutely must do everything we can to prepare for this by heeding repeated reminders and engaging in regular training.

Email phishing is the number one way that cyber-criminals infect your computer with Trojan malware viruses and ransomware. It is very important not to open any suspicious email attachments or click on any links contained in the email that you receive. Whenever possible, confirm with the sender before opening attachments or clicking links if you are not expecting an email from sender with attachment/links. If you still have doubts about a message you received, feel free to notify and forward the email to the SOS Information Security team at InformationSecurity@sos.texas.gov.

Note that this is not only limited to teleworkers -- it involves each of us on the network as well as your personal devices.

This week, the Governor's Office and CVS Health <u>announced the opening of 44 new COVID-19 test sites</u> at select CVS Pharmacy drive-thru locations across Texas. These new sites will utilize self-swab tests and will be available to individuals who meet the CDC's prevention criteria, in addition to age guidelines. Patients must register in advance at <u>CVS.com</u> beginning Friday, May 22 to schedule an appointment.

TDEM and DSHS have also released an interactive map, which you can <u>access to see the list of available COVID-19 testing sites across the state.</u>

As the Lone Star State continues its gradual reopening and COVID-19 testing increases, please be sure to continue following CDC and state and local guidelines regarding social distancing and hygiene!

As a reminder, our agency will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Secretary Hughs and I hope that you take a moment this weekend to reflect on those who have



sacrificed in the service of our country to ensure our continued freedoms, and we wish you and your families a safe and restful weekend!

V/r,

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#### **EXTERNAL SENDER**

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a courtesy copy of OR2021-03191 regarding your November 2, 2020 request for information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"). The Office of the Attorney General has ruled that our Office must release additional information to you pursuant to Section 552.022(a)(17) of the PIA. Please find that additional information attached. There are no further documents to produce in response to this request.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Williams Legal Assistant to the General Counsel Office of the Texas Secretary of State





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February 5, 2021

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Dear Mr. Bitter:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 864924 (SOS PIR No. 20-1103).

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This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued">https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued</a> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

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obligates the necessity.

- Q. Okay. A few other things, Judge. Is it true that vote by mail applications are public information after the election?
- A. That is correct. 86.01 forces that an application for a ballot by mail is an open record after the first election that it's used for.
- Q. And, of course, they'll be redacting personal information that if someone asks for -- if I apply to vote by mail and someone asks for it, will my personal information be redacted before someone gives it to me?
- A. Well, confidential information will be redacted which usually on an application for ballot by mail is just the date of birth.
- Q. Okay. So the point being that if I -- if I fraudulently fill out an application form and I mail it in and I get a ballot and I vote, it's possible I could get caught; would you agree?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
  - Q. And, in fact, I think you mentioned this already, the Secretary of State's Office has gotten some referrals for that very thing; isn't that true?
    - A. That's correct.
  - Q. Let me change gears here.
- What is your opinion of the Harris County



- Clerk's efforts in ensuring in-person voting for this election?
- A. I have been very, very pleased with all of
  Texas counties and their creativity and their
  innovations in coming up with ways to -- for voters to
  vote safely in person. And what I've been reading about
  from Harris County's plans for this November's election
  go above and beyond.
- 9 Q. (Isn't it true that Harris County plans to have 10 a drive-thru voting procedure?
- A. I believe so. I think they might have one or

  12 -- more than one but I don't know for sure. You would

  13 have to ask Mr. Hollins.
  - Q. Okay. Have people complained to the Secretary of State's Office about the drive-thru procedure?
- 16 A. Not yet.

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- 17 Q. Okay. I'll move on.
- 18 A. They probably will.
- Q. Well, if someone did complain about the drive-thru procedure would you -- do you have any opinion about if that's allowed into the law or not?
- A. You know, it's -- it's a creative approach that is probably okay legally. You know, the requirement is that polling places be located in a building so what we've told counties who want to try this is that they

need to have the location associated with a physical building and that they need to take whoever shows up at that location, whether they're walking, riding a bicycle or driving a car, they need to be able to provide all of those folks with an opportunity to vote.

Q. Okay. And to your knowledge is there any particular reason to justify -- let me try that again.

Is there going to be -- are there going to be problems with in-person voting that would justify a need to send vote by mail applications to everybody as far as you know?

A. I'm convinced that the counties have got a plan for safe in-person voting. So voters who qualify to vote by mail and want to vote by mail then they should. And voters who want to vote in person, we would encourage them to do so. It'll be safe for them to do it and the counties will have a good experience for those voters.

I would, if I have the opportunity, encourage voters to vote during early voting and to vote in the middle of the week during early voting to have the most contact-free experience. The best opportunity to vote quickly and not encounter a great number of other folks.

Q. And just to be sure you're talking about





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Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses the doctrine of common-law privacy. *Indus. Found. v. Tex. Indus. Accident Bd.*, 540 S.W.2d 668, 685 (Tex. 1976). Under the common-law right of privacy, an individual has a right to be free from the publicizing of private affairs in which the public has no legitimate concern. *Id.* at 682. The Third Court of Appeals has concluded public citizens' dates of birth are protected by common-law privacy pursuant to section 552.101. *See Paxton v. City of Dallas*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 WL 3394061, at \*3 (Tex. App.—Austin May 22, 2015, pet. denied) (mem. op.). Thus, the secretary of state's office must withhold all public citizens' dates of birth under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.

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We note the remaining information contains e-mail addresses that are subject to section 552.137 of the Government Code. Section 552.137 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "an e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating electronically with a governmental body" unless the member of the public consents to its release or the e-mail address is of a type specifically excluded by subsection (c). See id. § 552.137(a)-(c). The e-mail addresses at issue are not excluded by subsection (c). Therefore, the secretary of state's office must withhold the personal e-mail addresses we have marked under section 552.137 of the Government Code, unless the owners affirmatively consent to their public disclosure.

In summary, the secretary of state's office must release the court-filed documents we marked pursuant to section 552.022(a)(17) of the Government Code. The secretary of state's office may withhold the remaining information it marked under section 552.103 of the Government Code. The secretary of state's office may withhold the information it marked under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code. The secretary of state's office must withhold all public citizens' dates of birth under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy. The secretary of state's office must withhold the motor vehicle record information we marked under section 552.130 of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Office of the Attorney General will raise mandatory exceptions on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address the remaining argument against disclosure of this information.

Government Code. The secretary of state's office must withhold the personal e-mail addresses we have marked under section 552.137 of the Government Code, unless the owners affirmatively consent to their public disclosure. The secretary of state's office must release the remaining information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued">https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued</a> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

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7	CHRIS HOLLINS, in his ) official capacity as )				
8	Harris County Clerk ) 127TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT				
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- Okay. A few other things, Judge. Is it true that vote by mail applications are public information after the election?
- That is correct. 86.01 forces that an Α. application for a ballot by mail is an open record after the first election that it's used for.
- And, of course, they'll be redacting personal Q. information that if someone asks for -- if I apply to vote by mail and someone asks for it, will my personal information be redacted before someone gives it to me?
- Well, confidential information will be redacted Α. which usually on an application for ballot by mail is just the date of birth.
- Okay. So the point being that if I -- if I fraudulently fill out an application form and I mail it in and I get a ballot and I vote, it's possible I could get caught; would you agree?
- 19 Absolutely. Α.
- Q. And, in fact, I think you mentioned this already, the Secretary of State's Office has gotten some 22 referrals for that very thing; isn't that true?
  - Α. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Let me change gears here.
- 25 What is your opinion of the Harris County



- Clerk's efforts in ensuring in-person voting for this election?
- A. I have been very, very pleased with all of

  Texas counties and their creativity and their

  innovations in coming up with ways to -- for voters to

  vote safely in person. And what I've been reading about

  from Harris County's plans for this November's election

  go above and beyond.
- 9 Q. (Isn't it true that Harris County plans to have 10 a drive-thru voting procedure?)
- 11 A. I believe so. I think they might have one or
  12 -- more than one but I don't know for sure. You would
  13 have to ask Mr. Hollins.
  - Q. Okay. Have people complained to the Secretary of State's Office about the drive-thru procedure?
- 16 A. Not yet.

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- 17 Q. Okay. I'll move on.
- 18 A. They probably will.
- 19 Q. Well, if someone did complain about the
- 21 opinion about if that's allowed into the law or not?

drive-thru procedure would you -- do you have any

- opinion about if that's allowed into the law or not?
- 23 is probably okay legally. You know, the requirement is

You know, it's -- it's a creative approach that

- 24 that polling places be located in a building so what
- 25 we've told counties who want to try this is that they



need to have the location associated with a physical building and that they need to take whoever shows up at that location, whether they're walking, riding a bicycle or driving a car, they need to be able to provide all of those folks with an opportunity to vote.

Q. Okay. And to your knowledge is there any particular reason to justify -- let me try that again.

Is there going to be -- are there going to be problems with in-person voting that would justify a need to send vote by mail applications to everybody as far as you know?

A. I'm convinced that the counties have got a plan for safe in-person voting. So voters who qualify to vote by mail and want to vote by mail then they should. And voters who want to vote in person, we would encourage them to do so. It'll be safe for them to do it and the counties will have a good experience for those voters.

I would, if I have the opportunity, encourage voters to vote during early voting and to vote in the middle of the week during early voting to have the most contact-free experience. The best opportunity to vote quickly and not encounter a great number of other folks.

Q. And just to be sure you're talking about

