



BEVERLY B. KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK

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Election infrastructure normal as early voting begins

Houston, TX—There will be 824 direct-recording electronic voting machines (eSlates) dispersed among 37 voting sites as in-person early voting begins in Harris County for the Nov. 2, 2010 election. The deployment of eSlates for this early voting period is on par with the 752 units allocated in the last similar election in 2006. Early voting by personal appearance for this election cycle is scheduled to run from October 18th to 29th.

"Considering the unforeseen catastrophe we experienced just seven weeks ago, the election infrastructure is as normal as it can be", said Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman, the chief elections officer of the county, as she encouraged voters to take advantage of the early voting option. On Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, an early morning fire destroyed the Harris County Election Technology Center (ETC). All of Harris County's election equipment was destroyed.

Despite the disaster, according to the County Clerk, the early voting experience this year will be very familiar to Harris County voters in comparison to the last similar election in 2006. During the twelve day early voting period the hours of operation will be the same, the complement of voting equipment available to voters will be the same and the ballot will be long. The only significant difference from the last gubernatorial election is that now there are four more early voting locations available to County voters.

The cumulative total of items on this year's ballot is 175 compared to 193 four years ago. The Nov. 2010 ballot has more contests and candidates but less propositions. Like four years ago, there are no countywide propositions on the ballot. Overall, depending on the political subdivision a voter resides, each voter will only see about 90 contests on their specific ballot and not all voters will find a proposition on their ballot.

To vote, a person may present one of the following documents: a voter registration card, a driver's license, a picture identification of any kind, a birth certificate, a U.S. Citizenship or Naturalization certificate, a U.S passport, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. First time voters who registered by mail and did not provide their driver's license number or identification number will need to provide another form of identification other than the voter registration certificate.

To view a voter specific ballot, find the nearest early voting location or find other election information, voters may visit www.harrisvotes.com or call 713.755.6965.

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Early Voting Hours of Operation

October 18th - October 22nd 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

October 23rd 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 24th 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

October 25th - October 29th 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Inside Loop 610

1. Main Office: Harris County Administration Bldg., 1001 Preston, 1st Floor, 77002
2. Moody Park: Moody Park Community Center, 3725 Fulton, 77009
3. Kashmere: Kashmere Multi-Service Center, 4802 Lockwood Dr., 77026
4. Downtown-East: Ripley House, 4410 Navigation Blvd., 77011
5. Southeast Houston: H.C.C.S. Southeast College, Learning Hub, 6815 Rustic, 77087
6. Palm Center: Justice of the Peace/Constable Entry, 5300 Griggs Road, 77021
7. Astrodome Area: Fiesta Mart, Inc., 8130 Kirby Drive, 77054
8. Neartown: Metropolitan Mutli-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, 77019

Outside Loop 610

9. Northeast Houston: Northeast Multi-Service Center, 9720 Spaulding, 77016
10. Galena Park: Galena Park Branch Library, 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, 77547
11. Hobby Area: I.B.E.W. Hall #66, 4345 Allen Genoa Road, Pasadena, 77504
12. Sunnyside: Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center, 4605 Wilmington, 77051
13. S. Houston Area: Townwood Park, 3403 Simsbrook, 77045
14. SW. Houston: Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet (near Hillcroft), 77074
15. Near West Side: Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, 77042
16. Spring Branch: Trini Mendenhall Sosa Comm. Center, 1414 Wirt Road, 77055
17. Acres Homes: Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Road, 77091
18. North: Hardy Senior Center, 11901 West Hardy Road, 77076

Outside Beltway 8

19. Humble: Octavia Fields Branch Library, 1503 South Houston Ave., Humble, 77338
20. * Kingwood: Kingwood Branch Library, 4400 Bens View Lane, Kingwood, 77345
21. Wallisville Road: North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, 77049
22. Baytown: Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown, 77520
23. Pasadena: Harris County Courthouse Annex #25, 7330 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, 77505
24. Clear Lake: Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane, 77062
25. Alief: Henington-Alief Regional Library, 7979 South Kirkwood, 77072
26. West Houston: Lac Hong Square, 6628 Wilcrest Dr., 77072
27. Far W. Houston: Nottingham Park, 926 Country Place Dr., 77079
28. Far West/Katy: Franz Road Storefront, 19818 Franz Road, Katy, 77449
29. Bear Creek: Bear Creek Park Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Dr. at Patterson Rd., 77084
30. Jersey Village: City of Jersey Village-City Hall, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, 77040
31. Tomball: Tomball Public Works Building, 501 B James St., Tomball, 77375
32. Cypress Creek: Champion Forest Baptist Church, Multi-Purpose Building, 4840 Strack Rd, 77069
33. Far North: Ponderosa Fire Station No. 1, 17061 Rolling Creek Drive, 77090
34. Cypress: Cypress Top Park, 26026 Hempstead Highway, Cypress, 77429
35. George Bush Park: Glen Cheek Education Building, 16002 Westheimer Parkway, 77082
36. Lone Star College: University Park - Visitors Center, 20515 State Hwy 249, 77070
37. Crosby: Crosby ISD Administration Building, 706 Runneburg Road, Crosby, 77532