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MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS FOR MARCH 1 PRIMARY BREAKING RECORDS

Deadline to apply for Ballot by Mail Approaching



Houston, TX – Harris County Clerk and chief election officer of the county Stan Stanart reminds eligible voters that the deadline to request a mail ballot for the upcoming March 1, 2016, Primary Elections is in the final weeks. **All requests for a mail ballot must be received by the County Clerk’s office, not postmarked, by the February 19th deadline.** Voters may visit www.HarrisVotes.com for details and to download an application or call 713-755-6965.

With 11 days left until the deadline, the County Clerk’s election office has received **43,000 Ballot by Mail requests**, already exceeding the primary record set in the 2012 Presidential Primaries of 37,000 requests. **“The increase in mail ballot applications suggests a significant interest in participating in these Primary elections,”** noted Stanart. **“Compared to previous primaries, it is obvious that voters are paying attention.”**

“Voting-by-Mail makes voting accessible for voters who are at least 65 years of age, ill, disabled, incarcerated but not convicted, or out of the County during the Early Voting Period and on Election Day,” said Stanart. **“For seniors and the disabled, it is more convenient to vote in the comfort of your home than having to walk or drive to a polling location on election day. For these reasons, all qualified voters should consider taking advantage of the voting by mail option.”** According to the Harris County Voter Registrar, Mike Sullivan, there are approximately 363,000 registered voters who are or will be 65 years of age by March 1.

For more information about the ballot-by-mail process, or to obtain an application, voters can call the Harris County Clerk’s office at 713.755.6965, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit www.HarrisVotes.com.

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