



Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Travis County Voter Registration Office opens in East Austin

AUSTIN - People looking to register to vote and volunteer deputy registrars in Travis County have a new office to service their needs.

The Travis County Voter Registration Office, 4705 Heflin Lane, will provide voter registration and materials for volunteer deputy registrars. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and features a drive-through for deputy registrars needing to drop off voter registration applications.

The Heflin Lane office is a temporary site for voter registration outreach as county commissioners begin a construction project to build new county offices and affordable housing on the Airport campus. Additionally, Travis County is looking to relocate the main tax office, 5501 Airport Blvd., to a larger facility with more parking and is exploring available office space in the north-central corridor.

“Major construction is about to begin at the main tax office on Airport Boulevard, which will limit our customer parking,” said Bruce Elfant, the county’s voter registrar and tax assessor-collector. Moving voter registration outreach to the Heflin Lane facility will reduce traffic from volunteer deputy registrars who must turn in their voter registration applications and pick up supplies to run voter registration drives, Elfant added.

Previously, the Heflin Lane office served as a tax office branch, but it was the smallest satellite office, accommodating no more than three employees. “Before we can consider using this location as a full-service satellite office again, we would need to expand the facility,” Elfant said. “For now, using it as voter registration outreach can help us to reduce parking needs at the Airport office.”

Certification to register voters by the county’s 5,800 volunteer deputy registrars expired in 2018. To continue as a deputy registrar, the state requires them and new volunteer deputy registrars to undergo a one-hour training in 2019, qualifying them to register voters through

2020. The Heflin Lane office, which is located on the Precinct 1 campus, will allow the mandatory trainings to take place in Precinct 1's Community Room.

“During the 18 months the Airport campus is expected to be under construction, we will only conduct volunteer deputy registration training at the main tax office on certain weekends,” Elfant said. “We will offer trainings at several locations throughout the county and the Precinct 1 Community Room will be our main training facility.”

If you would like to become a volunteer deputy registrar, please sign up for a January training at <http://bit.ly/DeputyRegistrarTraining>.