



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

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Travis County registers historical number of voters

AUSTIN – The Travis County Tax Office reached an historical number on Tuesday, registering more than 800,000 voters.

“That is the highest number of registered voters ever in Travis County and means 93.5% of all eligible voters registered to vote,” said Bruce Elfant, the county voter registrar and tax assessor-collector. “I am so proud of our volunteer deputy registrars, the tax office staff and Travis County citizens for this achievement, but we’re not done...”

Monday (Oct. 7) is the cutoff date to register to vote for the Nov. 5 election where voters will decide on Texas constitutional amendments, city and county referendums and in some areas, candidates to boards. Historically, these elections are lucky to draw 20 percent of the county’s voters even though the ballot measures often have a direct impact on the pocketbooks of county residents, Elfant said.

“If you are registered to vote, you need to use it, showing local officials that you are committed to exercising your civic duty in every election,” he said.

Early voting begins Oct. 21. Travis County residents can vote at any polling place during early voting and on election day. To find a polling location, go to VoteTravis.com.

Next year is the Presidential Election and Elfant said he expects the county’s 3,000 volunteer deputy registrars to keep working on registering eligible voters. “With so many people registered, they will need to be extremely diligent at finding new county residents and those we have not reached to register to vote,” he added.

The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$4 billion in local property taxes for 132 local government entities and \$4 million in fines and fees for Justice of the Peace and County Courts at Law. The office registers and titles almost 1 million vehicles, registers over 700,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.