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TRAVIS COUNTY SETS VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD

Austin, TX - Travis County's voter rolls exceeded 635,000 citizens last week, breaking the November 2012 record of 634,931 registered voters. In December 2012 more than 41,000 residents were removed from the voter rolls, as required by law, bringing the number of registered voters down to under 600,000. Voters are removed from the rolls because they move out of Travis County, move within Travis County but fail to update their address or are deceased. The new voter registration record represents the largest increase for any comparable period in more than a decade.

"The Strauss Institute for Civic Life ranks Texas 42nd in registered voters and 51st in voter turnout," said Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor and Voter Registrar. "We are very proud to have set this new voter registration record thanks to the efforts of both our staff and volunteers. Registering voters is the first step to improving voter turnout."

The citizen voting age population of Travis County is approximately 739,000 people, and to date the Voter Registration Division estimates that more than 100,000 eligible Travis County residents are not registered to vote. "Over the next 5 months more than 3,100 volunteer deputy registrars and hundreds of voter registration partners will be working hard to encourage *all* Travis County citizens to register to vote and participate in their democracy," Elfant said.

One-hour training sessions for Volunteer Deputy Registrars are held the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Travis County Tax Office located at 5501 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX 78751. Training is available by special arrangement for 10 or more people.

The Voter Registration deadline for the Nov. 4, 2014, election is Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. For questions about becoming a volunteer or registering to vote, visit www.traviscountytax.org or call (512) 854-9473.

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