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TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR
VOTER REGISTRAR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar
RE: Voter ID Education Outreach Project
DATE: October 13, 2014

UPDATE: At this point we do not know if the Voter ID law will be in effect for this election. Because of the uncertainty and that early voting begins next Monday we are proceeding as if voter ID will be in effect. Should last week's ruling be overturned we want to be able to continue helping people obtain proper IDs so their votes will actually count.

Next month's election will be the first major Texas election for which voters will have to present one of the following identifications listed (in attachment 2) in order to have their votes count. According to the Secretary of State's Office as many as 34,000 Travis County voters may not possess the proper identification in order to cast an in-person vote.

Voters who don't have one of the accepted forms of identification will need to obtain **Election Identification Certificates** at one of the area drivers' license offices. DPS has also agreed to provide **Election Identification Certificates** for 2 days at the following locations:

Wednesday October 15

9:00AM to 4:00PM

Huston Tillotson College

Student Union Bldg.

900 Chicon Street

Thursday October 16

9:00AM to 4:00PM

Rebekah Baines Johnson Center

Lobby

21 Waller Street

During the early voting period and on election-day, voters may also obtain Election Identification Certificates at the DPS office at 108 Denson, which is across the street from the Highland Mall Mega Voting Center.

Those who don't have one of the acceptable forms of identification will be allowed to cast ballots, but **their votes will not count unless they come to the Tax Office with one of the 7 identifications listed on the attachment by the Monday following the election.**

These new voter ID requirements are not yet well understood by many new voters or those who have been voting for many years. **We want all eligible citizens to be able to cast their votes and have them count.**

Those with questions may call **512 238-VOTE** or go to the **KeepCalmVoteOn.com** website.

PLEASE help disseminate this information as widely as possible.

Feel free to contact me at 512 854-9005 or Bruce.Elfant@co.travis.tx.us if you have any questions regarding the Voter ID statute or our efforts to fully inform Travis County voters.