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New High School program promotes teen voter registration & voting

AUSTIN, Texas – A new voter education program for public and private high schools is available through the Travis County Tax Office.

First Vote!, an educational program on voter registration and voting for high school juniors and seniors, is a joint effort of the Austin-area League of Women Voters, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, Travis County Clerk Office, the office responsible for election logistics and voting, and the tax office, which does voter registration.

The 30-minute program covers voter registration, voting and where to find non-partisan information on candidates and issues. Students 18 and older are eligible to register and vote.

“We offer this free program to help register students, explain what will happen the first time they vote and to excite them about participating and becoming decision makers in our democracy,” said Bruce Elfant, Travis County tax assessor-collector and voter registrar. “It is critical that we reach students early so engagement in the civic process becomes a lifelong practice.”

Program presenters say First Vote! works best when in an assembly of a school’s junior and senior students. The First Vote! team includes Cheryl Reese, the tax office voter registration outreach coordinator; Davia Prosser, elections management coordinator for the clerk’s office; and June Conway and Jacklyn Williams of the Austin-area League of Women Voters.

The following dates are currently available for booking the First Vote! team:

March	March	April	April	May	May
8 th	22 nd	12 th	26 th	10 th	24 th
9 th	23 rd	13 th	27 th	11 th	25 th
10 th	24 th	14 th	28 th	12 th	26 th

Send an email with your preferred date to Cheryl Reese, Cheryl.Reese@TravisCountyTX.gov. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Jacklyn Williams from the Austin-area League of Women Voters, jacklyncw.jcw@gmail.com.