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## **Students in 91 schools to pick U.S. President Tuesday in Travis County Mock Presidential Election**

AUSTIN – Students from 91 Travis County elementary, middle and high schools will pick the President of the United States on Tuesday during a Mock Presidential Election with election results airing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Austin Independent School District’s cable Channel 22.

The election, open to public, private and charter schools, is sponsored by the Travis County Tax Office’s Voter Registration Division, the Travis County Clerk’s Elections Division, the Austin-area League of Women Voters and the University of Texas’ Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life.

Participating schools registered students and provided them with voter registration cards. Due to Voter ID, students were instructed to bring their voter registration card to the polls to vote. After they vote, students will receive an “I Voted” sticker.

Some students were selected to become members of the Electoral College or student reporters covering the story.

“It will be interesting to see who the students elect for President and then who the county’s eligible voters decide on in the real Presidential Election on Nov. 8,” said Travis County Voter Registrar Bruce Elfant. “Will the student election be a barometer for who will be the next President of the United States?”

The Mock Presidential Election is part of the tax office’s First Vote! educational initiative, which includes the county clerk’s office and Austin’s League of Women Voters. Questions may be sent to [TaxOffice@TravisCountyTX.gov](mailto:TaxOffice@TravisCountyTX.gov).

“Working together we can excite students about the civic process and energize them to look forward to the day they can really vote,” Elfant said.

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**Note to Media:** Attached is the listing of participating schools.

The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$3 billion in local property taxes for 112 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 650,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.