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Travis County voter registrations climb to 92.32 percent of eligible voters, registrants urged to check voter registration status online

AUSTIN – The results are in. Travis County’s official, record-breaking and exact count of registered voters is 732,340 and that means 92.32 percent of the county’s eligible voters can cast a ballot in the Nov. 8 President Election.

“What a great county we live in with so many of its citizens determined to fulfill their responsibility to register and vote,” said Bruce Elfant, the county’s voter registrar and tax assessor-collector. “We are the star of Texas and one of the best in the nation for exercising our patriotic duty to our country and state by actively participating in democracy.”

Early voting closes Friday and more than 300,000 Travis County residents have already voted. The Presidential Election is Tuesday.

Before heading out to the polls, Elfant recommends everyone use the Voter Lookup on www.votetravis.com to check their registration status.

“Make sure everything looks OK in the system before you go to vote,” he said. “This is especially important for those who mailed their registrations in late.”

State law does not allow those who sent in voter applications postmarked after Oct. 11 to vote in this Presidential Election. “What worries us is some folks may have dropped off their voter registrations late on Oct. 11 and failed to note that the U.S. Post Office would postmark them the following day,” Elfant said. “And, of course, there were others who clearly didn’t even fill their voter applications out until Oct. 12 or later.”

Every person who properly filled out a voter application will become a registered voter, but may have missed the deadline to be eligible to vote in the current Presidential Election.

Those who did register to vote on time may not receive their voter registration cards before they head out to vote. That DOES NOT mean you cannot vote and is another reason to look up your registration status at www.votetravis.com. When you put your name and birth date into the Voter Lookup it will give you your registration status, a sample of the ballot that you will be using (includes your local races and

propositions) and a list of polling places near your home and the estimated wait times at those polling locations. If any information on your voter status is incorrect, such as your name is misspelled, immediately call the Travis County Tax Office at (512) 854-9473 to have it fixed.

Elfant's office also worked with the Travis County Clerk's Election Division to create an interactive map of polling locations, featuring Green, Yellow and Red stoplights that indicate wait times at early voting locations. Simply click on a stoplight to find out the polling location name, address and wait times. The interactive map is available on the county clerk's website, <http://bit.ly/traviscountyvoter>.

Information on candidates and propositions in English and Spanish is available from the nonprofit and nonpartisan League of Women Voters of the Austin Area, <http://lwvaustin.org/voters-guide-now-available-2/>.