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Dear Fellow Texan,

Around the district and in Austin, I've been hearing a lot of confusion relating to the propositions on the November ballot. Since Early Voting begins today, I wanted to take a moment to outline some of the different propositions that you and your family will have the opportunity to vote on.

First, you'll see the Statewide Propositions. They will appear under the section, "**State of Texas Constitutional Amendment Election.**" These propositions will be voted on by everyone in Texas. These propositions were approved by the State Legislature earlier this year and are required to have a public vote before they are approved. You will recognize these propositions from our ballot spotlights from the two previous newsletters. There are **7** total propositions that fall into this category.

If you are a resident of Harris County, you will then see the section "**Harris County and Harris County Flood Control District Bond Elections.**" These propositions will only affect the residents of Harris County (and all of District 127) directly. There are **4** total propositions that fall into this category.

Finally, the City of Houston has its own propositions that are to be voted on during this election as well. They will be under the category "**City of Houston, Special Election.**" These **2** propositions will only affect the residents of Houston and incorporated territory of Houston.

Below, you'll find more about these propositions and exactly what they could mean for you and your family. Keep in mind that the City of Houston special election propositions may not be on your ballot. To see what your ballot looks like, head over to [Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart's useful website](#) to find a sample ballot, so that you're as prepared as possible when it comes time to vote. Here, you can also find your precinct. (Remember for Early voting, you don't have to go to your precinct. To find a list of early voting locations, go [here](#).)

If you're a resident of Harris County, check out [Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan's Website](#) to see if you're registered to vote. If you happen to live outside of Harris County, check the [Texas Secretary of State's Website](#).

As always, please contact me or my office with any questions or concerns you may have. See you at the polls!

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty

STATE OF TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

This month, several constitutional amendments will be on the November Ballot. Below, each amendment is briefly explained. The Texas House Research Organization put together a comprehensive guide explaining all of the amendments in an easy to navigate document. Here, you'll be able to discover what supporters say, opponents say, and basic summaries of each of the amendments.

For these Constitutional Amendments, you will have the opportunity to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST**.

[Check it out here!](#)

PROPOSITION 1

The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.

PROPOSITION 2

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.

PROPOSITION 3

The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.

PROPOSITION 4

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

PROPOSITION 5

The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.

PROPOSITION 6

The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.

PROPOSITION 7

The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.

HARRIS COUNTY AND HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOND ELECTIONS

The following are the Harris County and Harris County Flood Control District bond elections for November 3, 2015.

For these propositions you will have the opportunity to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST**.

PROPOSITION NO. ONE

The issuance of \$700,000,000.00 to Harris County Road Improvement Bonds, of which \$60,000,000.00 shall be for subdivision street replacement and repair, and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

PROPOSITION NO. TWO

The issuance of \$60,000,000.00 Harris County Parks Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

PROPOSITION NO. THREE

The issuance of \$24,000,000.00 Harris County Veterinary Public Health Adoption and Care Center bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

PROPOSITION NO. FOUR

The issuance of \$64,000,000.00 Harris County Flood Control District bonds and the levying of the tax of the district in payment thereof.

City of Houston, Special Election

These propositions will only affect those that live in Houston or in incorporated territory of Houston.

For these propositions you will have the opportunity to vote **YES** or **NO**.

City of Houston, Proposition No. 1

(Relating to the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance.)

Are you in favor of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, Ord. No. 2014-530, which prohibits discrimination in city employment and city services, city contracts, public accommodations, private employment, and housing based on an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, familial status, marital status, military status, religion, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or pregnancy?

City of Houston, Charter Amendment - Proposition No. 2

(Relating to Term Limits for City Elective Office.)

Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended to reduce the number of terms of elective offices to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years, beginning in January 2016; and provide for transition?

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