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Important Election Information

April 25: Last Day to Register to Vote for the May 24th Primary Run-off Election

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan reminds residents that April 25, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the May 24, 2016 Primary Run-off Election.

“We have some very important races that will be on the May 24th Primary Run-Off Election ballot,” said Sullivan. “I want every citizen to check their voter registration status to be sure they are registered to vote. The last day to register to vote to be eligible for the Primary Run-off election is April 25, 2016.

State law requires citizens to be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election date. Citizens can visit the Tax Assessor-Collector’s (TAC) Office website at www.hctax.net to check their voter registration status and learn how to register to vote.

Qualifications to Register to Vote:
• You are a United States citizen and a resident of Harris County; and,
• You are at least 17 years and 10 months old to register (to vote, you must be 18); and,
• You are not finally convicted of a felony, or, if convicted, you must have been fully discharged of the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote.
• You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Voter Registration applications can be submitted to any TAC branch office location before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 or mailed with a U.S. Postal Service postmark date of no later than April 25, 2016. For more information, please call 713-274-8200 or email voters@hctx.net.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan also serves as the Harris County Voter Registrar, who conducts voter registration activities and maintains a certified list of registered voters. Learn more about voter registration and the requirements by visiting www.hctax.net.

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Stats
Total Number of Registered Voters in Harris County: 2,131,530

Acceptable forms of photo ID:
• Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
• Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
• Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
• Texas License to Carry issued by DPS
• United States Military Identification Card containing the person’s photograph
• United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person’s photograph
• United States Passport

Photo ID Permanent Exemptions
Voters with a disability may apply at any Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector branch office for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either:
• The U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have a disability, or
• The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent.

In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption. Additional information can be found at www.hctax.net.

Photo ID Temporary Exemptions
Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar’s office within six (6) calendar days after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted. Additional information can be found at www.hctax.net.

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