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Two Days Left to Vote Early in the May 4 Uniform and Special Elections for HCAD Board of Directors and SD 15

(Houston, TX)—Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth announces that, as of Sunday, April 28, 2024, close to 24,000 voters cast their ballots in the ongoing May 4 Uniform and Special Elections. Early voting continues today, Monday, April 29, and concludes tomorrow, Tuesday, April 30. There are [25 early voting locations](#) across Harris County open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters have the first-ever opportunity to elect three members of the Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) Board of Directors during the May 4 Elections. Although the HCAD Board of Directors is not directly responsible for assessing property values, the newly elected members will have significant administrative responsibilities. Their role includes hiring the chief appraiser, appointing members to the appraisal review board, setting the district's budget, and communicating with external stakeholders.

"The Harris Central Appraisal District is the largest appraisal district in Texas and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States," **said Clerk Hudspeth, the county's chief election official.** "If you own property in Harris County, this election will impact you."

This first-of-its-kind election is a direct result of the 88th Texas Legislature passing Senate Bill 2, which Texas voters approved as Proposition 4 during last November's election. This means the HCAD Board of Directors will consist of three at-large elected members, the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, and five appointed positions representing local taxing entities. Thirteen candidates are vying for one of the three unpaid, elected positions on the May 4 ballot. The winner of each of the three contests will begin their term on July 1, 2024, and serve until December 31, 2026.

Additionally, Harris County voters residing in Texas Senate District (SD) 15 will fill the position left vacant by Houston Mayor John Whitmire. This is the first time someone other than Whitmire will represent SD 15 in over 40 years. There are two candidates on the May 4 ballot for SD 15. The winner of this contest will immediately assume office and represent SD 15 until the current term ends on December 31, 2024.

"Senate District 15 represents a large portion of Harris County because of its geographic span and the size of its population. About 21% of Harris County's eligible registered voters live within SD 15's boundaries," **explained Clerk Hudspeth.** "I want to encourage every Harris County voter to show up and cast a ballot in the May 4 elections because, no matter where you live in Harris County, there is something on the ballot that affects you."

Voters may bring written materials, including sample ballots, inside the voting booth. [Sample ballots are available to view and print on our website.](#) Electronic devices, including phones and cameras, are not allowed within 100 feet of the voting area at any time.

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