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## \*\*STATEMENT\*\*

## Teneshia Hudspeth, Harris County Clerk Storm Damage Update #2

(Houston, TX) - Yesterday's severe weather impacted Harris County election facilities.

Like many others across the county, the Election Technology Center (ETC) sustained roof damage and lost power and network connectivity. Significant components of elections are staged at ETC, where the county's voting equipment is housed. Another county building where election worker training took place was affected and deemed uninhabitable, and the availability of vote centers is also uncertain. So, as the first day of early voting approaches, we are working through these challenges.

I have been in constant communication with the Texas Secretary of State, members of the Commissioners Court, the County Attorney, and the Chairs of both major political parties. We will continue to review the status of facilities, the early voting and Election Day infrastructure, and, most importantly, our ability to conduct the May 28 primary runoff elections.

Updates will be provided once we determine how to proceed. The safety of our voters, poll workers, and election staff remains my top priority.

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