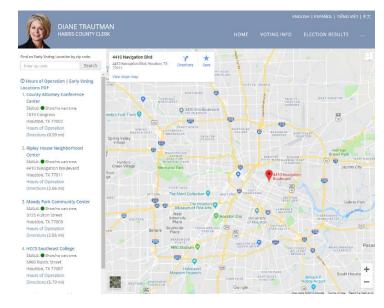


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## Harris County Kicks Off First Election With Countywide Polling Place Program



**Houston, TX–** Saturday, May 4, 2019, is Election Day for approximately 708,000 eligible voters in Harris County. This election is the first since being approved for a Countywide Polling Place Program, which means voters will be able to cast a ballot at any of the 113 Election Day Polling Locations. All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Harris County Clerk's office will conduct elections for 23 political subdivisions across the

county. Voters residing in these political entities can find their individual sample ballots, Election Day polling locations, and utilize the new wait time feature at www.HarrisVotes.com.

"Since voters can choose to cast a ballot anywhere in the county, harrisvotes.com will help them find their specific sample ballot, the nearest 5 polling locations and let them know what the anticipated wait time is at each location," **explained Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman.** 

At the end of the Early Voting period, only 18,216 votes had been cast in the election, or about 2.7%. An approximate additional 30 political entities in Harris County will also conduct elections on the same day.

For more information about the May 4 Joint Election and the Countywide Polling Place Program, voters may visit <u>www.HarrisVotes.com</u> or call the Harris County Clerk's office at 713.755.6965.