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Harris County Receives Successful Status For Countywide Polling Place Program

Houston, TX– Harris County has earned successful status from the Texas Secretary of State's Office for the Countywide Polling Place Program following the May 4, 2019 Joint Election. Harris County is the largest county in the country to have executed a successful election where voters can cast a ballot at any polling location.

Approximately 36% of voters traveled outside of their home precinct to vote on Election Day. In the upcoming November election, voters will once again be able to vote anywhere in the county both on Election Day and during Early Voting.

"Feedback from communities across the county has been largely positive, and I am pleased that voters will continue to be able to choose a convenient location to cast their ballot" said Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman.

Dr. Trautman began championing the Countywide Polling Place Program shortly after taking office in January. The County Clerk's office held multiple public hearings and meetings about the program ahead of the unanimous vote by Harris County Commissioners Court to apply for the program in February.

"Voting is a fundamental right, and it is of the utmost importance that the ballot is accessible to all residents of Harris County," explained Trautman.

Voters can find more information on the Countywide Polling Place Program by visiting <u>www.HarrisVotes.com</u> or by calling the Harris County Clerk's office at 713.755.6965.