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## Diane Trautman - Harris County Clerk

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## Incoming County Clerk to Inaugurate a New Voting Era in the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest County in the Nation



**Houston, TX-** Dr. Diane Trautman took the Oath of Office early Tuesday morning, January 1, 2019, lawfully becoming the County Clerk and Chief Election Officer of the third largest County in the nation, home to over 4.6 million people. Dr. Trautman, the first representative of the Democratic Party to hold the position in over two decades, is a native Houstonian with vast experience in the public and private sector and the first County Clerk to hold a doctoral degree. She has pledged to inaugurate a new voting era by conducting transparent, trustworthy, efficient and secure elections that ensure every citizen has equal access to the voting process.

"By building a voting infrastructure that is simpler to navigate and more convenient and working with stakeholders to enhance voter education efforts in all communities,

we will empower more voters to exercise their most sacred right as Americans," **asserted Dr. Trautman.** "Together, we will work to increase voter confidence and make Harris County a national leader in elections."

As County Clerk, Dr. Trautman's responsibilities will also include maintaining the records of Commissioners Court, the Probate Courts, and the County Civil Courts at Law, as well as recording vital documents such as property records, marriage licenses, assumed name certificates, birth records, death records, and notices of government meetings.

"I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve the public and I am committed to working vigorously to make sure all individuals are served well by their government," **concluded Dr. Trautman**.

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