



TENESHIA HUDSPETH

COUNTY CLERK

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January 20, 2026

Dear Local Political Subdivision,

This letter is to formally inform you that the Harris County Clerk's Office will not enter into election services contracts with local political subdivisions for the Saturday, May 2, 2026, Uniform Election date.

This decision is due to an unforeseen and extraordinary volume of elections that the County Clerk's Office is statutorily required to conduct and support between January and late May 2026. Additionally, recent legislative changes have significantly increased operational demands. These circumstances place a substantial strain on personnel, equipment, and logistical capacity, requiring the Clerk's Office to prioritize elections for which it has mandatory statutory responsibilities.

Conducting local entity elections on May 2 would create competing demands for voting equipment and resources, thereby jeopardizing the orderly, lawful, and successful administration of the March 3, 2026, Primary Elections and the May 26, 2026, Primary Runoff Elections. Historically, the Harris County Clerk's Office has not administered local political subdivision elections in a Primary Election year due to its obligation to support the Republican and Democratic Parties in the conduct of primary elections pursuant to Texas Election Code § 83.002.

Please note that this decision does not affect the County Clerk's obligation under Texas Election Code § 101.054(b) to make postal ballot applications received by the Elections Department available to the early voting clerks of political entities conducting an election independently.

In summary, the county's limited inventory of voting equipment, combined with the unprecedented election calendar and heightened statutory requirements, does not allow the Clerk's Office to conduct local political jurisdiction elections during the May 2, 2026 Uniform Election date.

Local political entities are, however, welcome to coordinate with the Harris County Clerk's Office to participate in the November 2026 General Election, where capacity, resources, and operational planning allow for broader participation.

We appreciate your understanding and continued partnership as we work to ensure the integrity, security, and efficient administration of elections in Harris County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teneshia Hudspeth".

Teneshia Hudspeth
County Clerk, Harris County, Texas