

EXHIBIT G
Joint Election Agreements

ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND CITY OF AUSTIN

Pursuant to Chapter 31, Subchapter D, Chapter 123, and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code ("Code") and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, Travis County and City of Austin ("Participating Entity") enter into this Agreement for the Travis County Clerk, as the County's Election Officer, to conduct the Participating Entity's elections, including run-offs, and for the Participating Entity's use of the County's current or future-acquired election equipment for any voting system that the County adopts, as authorized under Title 8 of the Election Code, for all Participating Entity elections. The purpose of this Agreement is to maintain consistency and accessibility in voting practices, polling places, and election procedures in order to best assist the voters of the Participating Entity.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the term "election" refers to any Participating Entity election, occurring on any uniform election date prescribed by the Texas Election Code or a primary election date and a resulting run-off, if necessary, within all Participating Entity territory located in Travis, Williamson and Hays Counties. If a run-off is necessary, the Participating Entity shall work with the Election Officer to determine a mutually acceptable run-off date; in the event that the Participating Entity and any other entity for which the County is providing election services or for which the County is conducting a joint election do not agree on a run-off date, the Participating Entity agrees to whichever run-off date is selected by the Election Officer.
- (B) If the Participating Entity determines it is necessary to conduct an election during a time other than that specified in I.(A), the Election Officer and a representative designated by the Participating Entity will meet as soon as possible to determine the feasibility of the Election Officer conducting such an election. If both parties agree that the Election Officer will administer this election, the new election will be based on all other applicable provisions of this Agreement, except provisions that are inconsistent and cannot be feasibly applied.
- (C) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the term "Election Officer" refers to the Travis County Clerk.
- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the term "precinct" means all precincts in the territory of the Participating Entity located within Travis County, as they currently exist or are as later modified to incorporate single-member districts.
- (E) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the term "election services" refers to services used to perform or supervise any or all of the duties and functions that an election officer determines necessary for the conduct of an election. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the term "cost for election services" includes the costs for personnel, supplies, materials, or services needed for providing these services as

permitted by the Texas Election Code. The term does not refer to costs relating to the use of the voting equipment.

- (F) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the cost for "use of voting equipment" is the amount the Participating Entity agrees to pay the County for use of the County's direct electronic recording equipment or any other voting equipment in use at the time of the election (hereinafter referred to as DRE).
- (G) The Participating Entity agrees to commit the funds necessary to pay for election-related expenses for Participating Entity elections.
- (H) The Election Officer has the right to enter into agreements with other entities at any time, including during the dates listed in I.(A).
- (I) As a condition for providing election services and equipment usage, the Election Officer may require authorities of political subdivisions holding elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory to enter into a joint election agreement as authorized in Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. The Participating Entity agrees to enter into any joint election agreement required by the County.

II. PARTICIPATING ENTITY'S USE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

The County shall make available to the Participating Entity their current and future-acquired voting system as authorized under Title 8 of the Election Code, subject to reasonable restrictions and conditions imposed by the Election Officer to ensure availability of the equipment for County-ordered elections, primary elections, and subsequent run-off elections, if applicable. The Election Officer may impose reasonable restrictions and conditions to protect the equipment from misuse or damage.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICER

- (A) The Travis County Election Officer ("Election Officer") is appointed to serve as the Participating Entity's Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk to conduct the Participating Entity's elections described in Section I.
- (B) As the Participating Entity's Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk, the Election Officer shall coordinate, supervise, and conduct all aspects of administering voting in Participating Entity elections in compliance with all applicable laws, subject to Section III. (C) below. The Election Officer will provide the Participating Entity's election results for their precincts located in Williamson and Hays Counties.
- (C) The Participating Entity shall continue to perform those election duties listed in (1) through (8) below and any other election duties that may not be delegated to another governmental entity such as receipt of candidate applications:

- (1) preparing, adopting, and publishing all required election orders, resolutions, notices and other documents, including bilingual materials, evidencing action by the governing authority of the Participating Entity necessary to the conduct of an election, except Election Officer shall (1) publish a single newspaper notice that includes Participating Entity; however, such publishing expense will not be included in the pro rata assessment for remaining joint Participating Entities, and (2) in any debt obligation elections, post the notice required by and in accordance with Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, in each election day and early voting polling place;
 - (2) preparing any necessary federal Voting Rights Act election preclearance submissions to the U.S. Department of Justice, other than changes in a joint election conducted under this Agreement that directly affect the County;
 - (3) preparing the text for the Participating Entity's official ballot in English and Spanish, and any other languages as required by law;
 - (4) providing the Election Officer with a list of candidates or propositions showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidates' names and the propositions are to appear on the official ballot;
 - (5) conducting the official canvass of a Participating Entity election;
 - (6) administering the Participating Entity's duties under state and local campaign finance laws;
 - (7) having a Participating Entity representative serve as the custodian of its election records; and
 - (8) filing the Participating Entity's annual voting system report to the Secretary of State as required under Chapter 123 et seq. of the Texas Election Code.
- (D) The Participating Entity shall also be responsible for proofing and attesting to the accuracy of all ballot language and format information programmed by the County. This includes any information programmed for use with the audio or tactile button features of the equipment. The Participating Entity will also monitor and review all logic and accuracy testing and mandatory tabulations. The Participating Entity will complete its duties within timeframes as prescribed by the County. If the Participating Entity finds any discrepancies or concerns, it will immediately report them to the Election Officer and work with the Election Officer's staff to resolve any issues so that final approval can be reached. The Participating Entity shall be responsible for any and all actual costs associated with correcting the ballot and ballot programming if the error is discovered after the Participating Entity has signed off on its final proof containing the error.

- (E) The City Clerk of the City of Austin ("City Clerk") will assist the County whenever possible when the conduct of the election requires assistance from Participating Entity departments and staff. The City Clerk will serve as the Regular Early Voting Clerk for the Participating Entity to receive requests for applications for early voting ballots and forward these applications to the Joint Early Voting Clerk. The City Clerk will serve as the Custodian of Records for the Participating Entity to complete those tasks in the Election Code that the Election Officer will not perform.

IV. ELECTION WORKERS AND POLLING PLACES

- (A) For presentation to the governing body of the Participating Entity, the County shall provide a list containing the locations, times, and dates of early voting polling places suitable for consideration and adoption by the governing body in accordance with Texas Election Code Chapter 85, and also a list of judges and alternates pursuant to Election Code Chapter 32, no later than the 45th day before the election. The Election Officer will designate and confirm all election day polling place locations.
- (B) The Election Officer will assume the responsibility for recruiting election personnel; however, if by the 5th day before the election, the Election Officer reports vacancies in positions for election judges, alternate judges, election day clerks, early voting ballot board, receiving substation clerks, or any other key election personnel, the Participating Entity shall provide emergency personnel in these positions.
- (C) The Election Officer shall notify each of the election judges and alternates of their appointment and the eligibility requirements that pertain to them and to the selection of election day clerks. Included in this notification will be the number of clerks that each precinct should have in addition to the election judge and alternate judge. The election judges and/or the alternates are responsible for recruiting and supervising their clerks.
- (D) All election workers must agree to attend training sessions as determined by the Election Officer. Costs for these training sessions and compensation for attendees, if authorized, will be included as part of the election services costs.
- (E) During any election and any subsequent runoff election that involve entities in addition to the Participating Entity, the Election Officer will work with all parties to find a plan that can be agreed upon regarding the designation of polling places. If agreement cannot be reached, the Election Officer will resolve the differences. In all cases, emergency polling place changes will be made by the Election Officer.

V. PAYMENTS FOR ELECTION SERVICES

- (A) Payments for the use of voting equipment are addressed separately in Section VI of this Agreement.
- (B) At the time a Participating Entity executes this Agreement, its representative must tender \$100 towards the costs associated with administering the election including, but not

limited to, polling place searches and preparation for poll worker training. If the election is ultimately held by the Election Officer, the \$100 fee will be applied towards the Participating Entity's total costs due to the Election Officer. Not later than October 1 before a November election, or not later than the 35th day before any election not held in November, the Participating Entity will make a payment equal to 75% of the total of the Participating Entity's projected share of election costs according to the most recent calculation presented by the Election Officer. Additionally, a cost estimate will be submitted to the Participating Entity no later than the 50th day before the election.

- (C) In case of a cancellation of an election by the Participating Entity, the Participating Entity shall notify the Election Officer on or before 11:59 p.m. on the 60th day before the election whether it expects to be able to cancel its election, and on or before 11:59 p.m. on the 53rd day before the election if that election will or will not be cancelled. If the Participating Entity cancels its election, the \$100 fee will not be refunded.
- (D) Notwithstanding the provisions in IX.(B), the County and the Participating Entity agree that notice under V.(C) can be provided via e-mail to the County at elections@co.travis.tx.us and cc to michael.winn@co.travis.tx.us. Email notification shall be sent by the City Clerk. No further costs (except for the \$100 fee) will be due if the Election Officer receives final written notice on or before 11:59 p.m. of the 53rd day before the election that an election will be cancelled. Within thirty days after receipt of an election cost schedule or bill setting forth the Election Officer's actual contract expenses and charges incurred in the conduct of the election, the Participating Entity shall pay the Election Officer the remaining balance due. If there is a run-off election, the Participating Entity will make a payment equal to 75% of the projected costs for the run-off election immediately after receiving that projected cost from the Election Officer. The projected share of election costs will include the 10% fee for election services as discussed in V.(E).
- (E) The Election Officer will charge a fee for election services, as described in Section V, equal to 10% of the total costs of each election, excluding the costs of voting equipment. Costs for use of voting equipment are described in Section VI. In the event of a joint election, the election costs will be divided on a pro rata basis among all entities involved in the election in the following manner referred to hereafter as the "pro rata methodology": the number of precincts each participating entity has involved in an election will be added together. The proportional cost of each participating entity for election services will be calculated by multiplying the proportional percentage of each participating entity by the total cost of the election. The product of these numbers is the pro rata cost of each participating entity. Additionally, the Participating Entity acknowledges and understands that if any other Participating Entity should cancel its election, each remaining Participating Entity's pro rata cost will result in a proportionate cost increase.
- (F) For elections that do not have a run-off election, the County will send the Participating Entity a final invoice of election expenses not later than the 90th day after an election. For elections that do have a run-off, the County may send the Participating Entity a final

invoice of election expenses not later than the 90th day after the run-off election. The total amount due according to these invoices shall be offset by payments made for costs made in accordance with Subsection (B) of this section and offset by any payments made otherwise, such as proceeds received by the County in a sale, exchange, or return of voting equipment subject to the Addendum to the Election Services Agreement executed on October 25, 2011, which is hereby attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all applicable purposes. The County shall prepare the invoice to include (1) an itemized list of each election expense incurred; (2) an itemization of any adjustments or credits to the first post-election invoice; and (3) the total payment due from the Participating Entity for any portion of the Participating Entity's costs not included in the City's payment or not included as payment for an "upfront" cost.

- (G) The Participating Entity shall promptly review an election invoice and any supporting documentation when received from the County. The Participating Entity may audit, during normal business hours, relevant County election or accounting records upon reasonable notice to the County. The Participating Entity shall pay the entire final invoice or the undisputed portion of the final invoice not later than the 30th day after receiving the invoice. Failure to timely pay invoice in full may impact Election Officer's participation in future elections with Participating Entity.

VI. PAYMENTS FOR USE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

- (A) The Election Officer shall conduct elections using a voting system certified by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Texas Election Code and that has been approved for use by the Travis County Commissioners Court unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties.
- (B) The Participating Entity shall make payments to Travis County as consideration for the use of the County's DRE equipment. The Participating Entity shall pay \$5 for each unit of electronic voting system equipment installed at a polling place; and \$5 for each unit of other electronic equipment used to conduct the election or provide election services.
- (C) If the Participating Entity holds an election on a date when the County is holding its own election, the Participating Entity is not charged any cost for equipment usage. However, if a run-off election is necessary after such an election, the Participating Entity will be responsible for payment of equipment usage.
- (D) If the Participating Entity holds an election on a date other than as listed in Section I.(A), the Participating Entity will pay \$5 for each unit of electronic voting system equipment installed at a polling place; and \$5 for each unit of other electronic equipment used to conduct the election or provide election services.
- (E) Payment by the Participating Entity to the County for DRE equipment is due 30 days after receipt of billing as part of the final payment for election costs as discussed in Section V. (D).

- (F) If the County acquires additional equipment, different voting equipment, or upgrades to existing equipment during the term of this contract, the charge for the use of the equipment may be renegotiated.

VII. ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- (A) All of the Participating Entity's voters within Travis County will have access to all of the Travis County Early Voting sites in each election at no additional cost. If Travis County does not run a permanent or mobile site in a Participating Entity's area, the Participating Entity may request a mobile unit for one to five days. This would include Travis County staff setting up and breaking down the equipment daily, training staff for each location, and providing Travis County law enforcement to secure the equipment in the Travis County Elections Division's safe at 5501 Airport on a daily basis.
- (B) Any Participating Entity requesting additional early voting sites shall be responsible for the additional daily cost of \$1,560 per location, with said costs to be included in the overall election costs for that Participating Entity.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

- (A) The Participating Entity and the Election Officer shall each designate a member of their staff to serve as the primary contact for the respective offices under this Agreement and provide the name and contact information for that individual to each entity.
- (B) Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Participating Entity and the County will engage in ongoing communications regarding issues related to Participating Entity elections, the use of County's voting equipment, and the delivery of services under this Agreement and, when necessary, the County Clerk, elections division staff members, and other election workers shall meet with the Participating Entity to discuss and resolve any problems which might arise under this Agreement.
- (C) The Election Officer shall be the main point of media contact for election information related to election administration. The Participating Entity shall designate a contact to be the main point of contact for matters related to the content of the Participating Entity's ballot or candidates.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- (A) Amendment/Modification

Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement may not be amended, modified, or changed in any respect whatsoever, except by a further agreement in writing, duly executed by the parties hereto. No official, representative, agent, or employee of the County has any authority to modify this Agreement except pursuant to such express authorization as may be granted by the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas. No official, representative, agent, or employee of the Participating Entity has any authority to modify this Agreement except pursuant to such expressed authorization as

may be granted by the governing body of the Participating Entity. Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk, may propose necessary amendments or modifications to this Agreement in writing in order to conduct a Joint Election smoothly and efficiently, except that any such proposals must be approved by the Commissioners Court of the County and the governing body of the Participating Entity.

(B) Notice

Any notice to be given hereunder by any party to the other shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery, by certified mail, or by common carrier. Notice to a party shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF AUSTIN:

Jannette Goodall
City Clerk
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

Cc: Karen Kennard
City Attorney
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

TRAVIS COUNTY:

Honorable Dana DeBeauvoir
Travis County Clerk
1000 Guadalupe Street, Room 222
Austin, Texas 78701

Cc: Honorable David Escamilla
Travis County Attorney
314 West 11th Street, Suite 300
Austin, Texas 78701

Notice by hand-delivery is deemed effective immediately, notice by certified mail is deemed effective three days after deposit with a U.S. Postal Office or in a U.S. Mail Box, and notice by a common carrier is deemed effective upon receipt. Each party may change the address for notice to it by giving notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(C) Force Majeure

In the event that the performance by the County of any of its obligations or undertakings hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence be an act of God or the result of war, riot, civil

commotion, sovereign conduct, or the act or condition of any persons not a party or in privity thereof, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

(D) Venue and Choice of Law

The Participating Entity agrees that venue for any dispute arising under this Agreement will lie in the appropriate courts of Austin, Travis County, Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

(E) Entire Agreement

With the exception of the aforementioned Exhibit A, this Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed and also supersedes all prior agreements, including prior election services contracts and prior agreements to conduct joint elections. With the exception of the aforementioned Exhibit A, any other prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly contained in this Agreement are of no force and effect. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force or effect, excepting a subsequent modification in writing as provided herein.

(F) Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement; and, parties to this Agreement shall perform their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the intent of the parties to this Agreement as expressed in the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(G) Breach

In the event that Participating Entity or County breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-breaching party shall be entitled to pursue any and all rights and remedies allowed by law.

(H) Payments from Current Revenues

Payments made by the Participating Entity in meeting its obligations under this Agreement shall be made from current revenue funds available to the governing body of the Participating Entity. Payments made by the County in meeting its obligations under this Agreement shall be made from current revenue funds available to the County.

(I) Other Instruments

The County and the Participating Entity agree that they will execute other and further instruments or any documents as may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

(J) Third Party Beneficiaries

Except as otherwise provided herein, nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any person, other than the parties hereto, any benefits, rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

(K) Other Joint Election Agreements

The County and the Participating Entity expressly understand and acknowledge that each may enter into other Joint Election Agreements with other jurisdictions, to be held on Election Day and at common polling places covered by this Agreement.

(L) Mediation

When mediation is acceptable to both parties in resolving a dispute arising under this Agreement, the parties agree to use a mutually agreed-upon mediator, or a person appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, for mediation as described in Section 154.023 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Unless both parties are satisfied with the result of the mediation, the mediation will not constitute a final and binding resolution of the dispute. All communications within the scope of the mediation shall remain confidential as described in Section 154.023 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code unless both parties agree, in writing, to waive the confidentiality. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties intend to fully comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act whenever applicable. The term "confidential" as used in this Agreement has the same meanings as defined and construed under the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

(M) Addresses for Payments

Payments made to the County or the Participating Entity under this Agreement shall be addressed to the following respective addresses:

Elections Division
Travis County Clerk
P.O. Box 149325
Austin, Texas 78751

Jannette Goodall
City Clerk, City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

(N) Effective Date

This Agreement is effective upon execution by both parties and expires on September 1, 2016.

(O) Renewal Terms

This Agreement may be extended by written agreement of both parties for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Term") and all provisions of this Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect unless otherwise amended by the parties pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

(P) Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon providing 60 days written notice to the other party.

(Q) The individuals below have been authorized to sign this Agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in multiple copies, each of equal dignity, on this 27th day of August, 2013, with the effective date being the date of execution by last signatory.

CITY OF AUSTIN

BY: Jannette D. Goodall
Jannette Goodall
City Clerk

TRAVIS COUNTY

BY: Samuel T. Biscoe
Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge

BY: Dana DeBeauvoir
Dana DeBeauvoir
County Clerk

AUSTIN CITY CLERK
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

THIS Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services ("Contract") is made by and between the Williamson County Elections Administrator ("Elections Administrator") and the following political subdivisions ("Participating Authority" or "Participating Authorities") located entirely or partially inside the boundaries of Williamson County. The complete list of Participating Authorities will be available after the final day to cancel an election as prescribed by the Secretary of State's election calendar and will be listed as **Attachment A**.

This Contract is made pursuant to Texas Election Code Sections 31.092 and 271.002 and Texas Education Code Section 11.0581 for a joint election to be held on the uniform election date of November 4, 2014, and administered by Jason M. Barnett, Williamson County Elections Administrator. This Contract supersedes any and all prior contracts and agreements to conduct joint elections between a Participating Authority and the Williamson County Elections Office.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, each Participating Authority listed above plans to hold a Uniform Election on November 4, 2014.

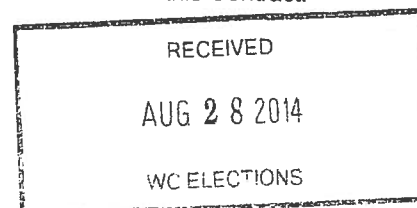
WHEREAS, Williamson County owns an electronic voting system, the Election System and Software (ES&S) iVotronic/M100/M650 Voting System (Version 3.0.1.1), which has been duly approved by the Secretary of State pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 122 as amended, and is compliant with the accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012. The Participating Authorities desire to use Williamson County's electronic voting system, to compensate Williamson County for such use, and to share in certain other expenses connected with joint elections, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code, as amended, and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, and benefits to the parties, IT IS AGREED, as follows:

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Participating Authorities agree to hold a "Joint Election" with Williamson County, if applicable, and each other in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and this Contract. The Elections Administrator shall coordinate, supervise, and handle all aspects of administering the Joint Election as provided in this Contract. Each Participating Authority agrees to pay the Elections Administrator for equipment, programming, election personnel, supplies, services, and administrative costs as provided in this Contract. The Elections Administrator shall serve as the Election Officer for the Joint Election; however, each Participating Authority shall remain responsible for the decisions and actions of its officers necessary for the lawful conduct of its election. The Elections Administrator shall provide advisory services in connection with decisions to be made and actions to be taken by the officers of each Participating Authority as necessary.

It is understood that other political subdivisions and districts may wish to participate in the use of Williamson County's electronic voting system and polling places, and it is agreed that the Elections Administrator may enter into other contracts for election services for those purposes, on terms and conditions generally similar to those set forth in this Contract. In such cases, costs shall be pro-rated among the participants according to Section XI of this Contract.



Each election judge and clerk will receive compensation at the hourly rate established by Williamson County pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 32.091. The election judge, or his designee, will receive an additional sum of \$25.00 for picking up the election supplies prior to Election Day and for returning the supplies and equipment to the central counting station after the polls close.

The compensation rates established by Williamson County are:

Early Voting – Early Voting Supervisor (\$12 an hour), Clerks (\$10 an hour)
Early Voting – EV Mobile Team: Supervisor (\$14 an hour), Clerks (\$12 an hour)
Election Day – Presiding Judge (\$12 an hour), Alternate Judge (\$10 an hour), Clerk (\$10 an hour)

Election judges and clerks who attend voting equipment and procedures training shall be compensated at the hourly rates listed above. Election poll workers will be paid a flat fee of \$25.00, one time annually (per calendar year) for 100% completion of the Williamson County online poll worker training program.

The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station, and for the post-election processes conducted by warehouse personnel. Part-time personnel working in support of the Early Voting Ballot Board and/or central counting station on election night will be compensated at the hourly rate set by Williamson County in accordance with Election Code Sections 87.005, 127.004, and 127.006.

In accordance with Sec. 31.098 of the Texas Election Code, the Elections Administrator is authorized to contract with third persons for election services and supplies. The actual cost of such third-person services and supplies will be paid by the Elections Administrator and reimbursed by the Participating Authorities.

V. PREPARATION OF SUPPLIES AND VOTING EQUIPMENT

The Elections Administrator shall arrange for all election supplies and voting equipment including, but not limited to, Williamson County's electronic voting system and equipment, official ballots, sample ballots, voter registration lists, and all forms, signs, maps and other materials used by the election judges at the voting locations. The Elections Administrator shall ensure availability of tables and chairs at each polling place and shall procure rented tables and chairs for those polling places that do not have a sufficient number of tables and/or chairs. The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for conducting all required testing of the electronic equipment, as required by Chapters 127 and 129 of the Texas Election Code.

At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. A single ballot containing all the offices or propositions stating measures to be voted on at a particular polling place may be used in a joint election. A voter may not be permitted to select a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote. Multiple ballot styles shall be available in those shared polling places where jurisdictions do not overlap. The Elections Administrator shall provide the necessary voter registration information, maps, instructions, and other information needed to enable the election judges in the voting locations that have more than one ballot style to conduct a proper election.

Each Participating Authority shall furnish the Elections Administrator a list of candidates and/or propositions showing the order and the exact manner and in which the candidate names and/or proposition(s) are to appear on the official ballot (including titles of offices and text in both English and Spanish languages). The Participating Authorities are required to submit information in a format or template provided by the Election Office. Each Participating Authority shall be responsible for proofreading and approving the ballot insofar as it pertains to that authority's candidates and/or propositions. Each Participating Authority shall also be responsible for proofing and approving the audio recording of the ballot insofar as it pertains to that authority's candidates and/or propositions.

additional members to constitute the EVBB. The Elections Administrator shall determine the number of EVBB members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

VIII. CENTRAL COUNTING STATION AND ELECTION RETURNS

The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for establishing and operating the central counting station to receive and tabulate the voted ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this Contract.

The Participating Authorities hereby, in accordance with Section 127.002, 127.003, and 127.005 of the Texas Election Code, appoint the following central counting station officials:

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| Counting Station Manager: | Jason M. Barnett, Williamson County Elections Administrator |
| Tabulation Supervisor: | Candi Zaccheus, Williamson County GIS Analyst |
| Presiding Judge: | Kay Eastes, Williamson County Deputy Elections Administrator |
| Alternate Judge: | Julie Seippel, Williamson County Voter Registration Supervisor |

The Counting Station Manager or his representative shall deliver timely cumulative reports of the election results as precincts report to the central counting station and are tabulated. The Counting Station Manager shall be responsible for releasing unofficial cumulative totals and precinct returns from the election to the joint participants, candidates, press, and general public by distribution of hard copies at the central counting station and by posting to the Williamson County Elections Office webpage. To ensure the accuracy of reported election returns, results printed on the tapes produced by Williamson County's voting equipment will not be released to the Participating Authorities at any individual polling locations.

The Elections Administrator will prepare the unofficial canvass reports that are necessary for compliance with Election Code Section 67.004, after all precincts have been counted and will deliver a copy of the unofficial canvass to each Participating Authority as soon as possible after all returns have been tabulated. Each Participating Authority shall be responsible for the official canvass of its respective election(s). The official canvass of election shall not take place before November 13, 2014 and no later than November 18, 2014.

The Elections Administrator will prepare the electronic precinct-by-precinct results reports for uploading to the Secretary of State as required by Section 67.017 of the Election Code. Each Participating Authority agrees to upload these reports unless requested otherwise.

The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for conducting the post-election manual recount required by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code unless a waiver is granted by the Secretary of State. Notification and copies of the recount, if waiver is denied, will be provided to each Participating Authority and the Secretary of State's Office.

IX. PARTICIPATING AUTHORITIES WITH TERRITORY OUTSIDE WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Williamson County Elections will consider conducting elections in territories outside of Williamson County on a case-by-case basis.

X. RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Each Participating Authority shall have the option of extending the terms of this Contract through its runoff election, if applicable. In the event of such runoff election, the terms of this Contract shall automatically extend unless the Participating Authority notifies the Elections Administrator in writing within 3 business days of the original election.

Each Participating Authority shall reserve the right to reduce the number of early voting locations and/or Election Day voting locations in a runoff election. If necessary, any voting changes made by a Participating Authority between the original election and the runoff election shall be submitted by the authority making the change to the United States Department of Justice for the preclearance required by the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

XII. WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTRACT DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Any Participating Authority may withdraw from this Contract and the Joint Election should it cancel its election in accordance with Sections 2.051 - 2.053 of the Texas Election Code.

XIII. RECORDS OF THE ELECTION

The Elections Administrator is hereby appointed general custodian of the voted ballots and all records of the Joint Election as authorized by Section 271.010 of the Texas Election Code.

Access to the election records shall be available to each Participating Authority as well as to the public in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Public Information Act. The election records shall be stored at the offices of the Elections Administrator or at an alternate facility used for storage of County records. The Elections Administrator shall ensure that the records are maintained in an orderly manner so that the records are clearly identifiable and retrievable.

Records of the election shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 66.058 of the Texas Election Code. If records of the election are involved in any pending election contest, investigation, litigation, or open records request, the Elections Administrator shall maintain the records until final resolution or until final judgment, whichever is applicable. It is the responsibility of each Participating Authority to bring to the attention of the Elections Administrator any notice of pending election contest, investigation, litigation or open records request which may be filed with the Participating Authority.

XIV. RECOUNTS OR CONTESTED ELECTION

A recount may be obtained as provided by Title 13 of the Texas Election Code. By signing this document, the presiding officer of the contracting Participating Authority agrees that any recount shall take place at the offices of the Elections Administrator or at a location of his choosing, and that the Elections Administrator shall serve as Recount Supervisor and the Participating Authority's official or employee who performs the duties of a secretary under the Texas Election Code shall serve as Recount Coordinator.

In the event of a contested election, the expenses of a new election ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or Participating Authority will be paid for and by the Participating Authority in accordance with Texas Election Code 221.014

The Elections Administrator agrees to provide advisory services to each Participating Authority as necessary to conduct a proper recount.

XV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. The Elections Administrator shall file copies of this document with the Williamson County Treasurer and the Williamson County Auditor in accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code.
2. Nothing in this Contract prevents any party from taking appropriate legal action against any other party and/or other election personnel for a breach of this Contract or a violation of the Texas Election Code.
3. This Contract shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Williamson County, Texas.
4. In the event that one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not

ATTACHEMENT A
(To be provided after the last day to cancel an election)

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Williamson County
Joint General and Special Elections Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Elecciones generales y especiales conjuntas 4 de noviembre del 2014

| CITY | Location | Address | City |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| LIBERTY HILL | Liberty Hill High School | 16500 W SH 29 | Liberty Hill |
| ROUND ROCK | Baca Senior Center | 301 W Bagdad Ave Bldg 2 | Round Rock |
| | Bluebonnet Trail Community Services | 1009 N Georgetown Ave | Round Rock |
| | Brushy Creek Community Center | 16318 Great Oaks Dr | Round Rock |
| | Cedar Ridge High School | 2801 Gattis School Rd | Round Rock |
| | Central Texas Beauty College | 1400 N Mays St | Round Rock |
| | Dell Diamond Heritage Center | 3400 E Palm Valley Blvd | Round Rock |
| | Faith Baptist Church | 3625 Gattis School Rd | Round Rock |
| | Fern Bluff MUD Community Center | 7320 Wyoming Springs Rd | Round Rock |
| | Hilton Garden Inn | 2310 North IH-35 | Round Rock |
| | JB & Hallie Jester Annex | 1801 E Old Settlers Blvd | Round Rock |
| | Round Rock High School | 300 N Lake Creek Dr | Round Rock |
| | Round Rock Presbyterian Church | 4010 Sam Bass Rd | Round Rock |
| | Round Rock Randalls | 2051 Gattis School Road | Round Rock |
| | San Gabriel Rehab & Care | 4100 College Park Dr | Round Rock |
| | Sleep Inn & Suites | 1980 South IH 35 (Ex 251 McNeil Rd) | Round Rock |
| | Teravista Community Center | 4211 Teravista Club Dr | Round Rock |
| TAYLOR | Main Street Events Center | 3101 North Main | Taylor |
| | Taylor City Hall | 400 Porter St | Taylor |
| | Taylor Public Library | 801 Vance St | Taylor |
| THRALL | St John Lutheran Church | 409 S Main St | Thrall |
| WEIR | First Baptist Church of Weir | 315 FM 1105 | Weir |

XVII. SIGNATURE PAGE (Separate Page)

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 28th DAY OF August, 2014.

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR:



Jason M. Barnett, Elections Administrator
Williamson County, Texas

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 25 DAY OF August, 2014.



ATTEST:



PARTICIPATING AUTHORITY:

Name of Participating Authority: City of Austin

By: 

Printed Name: Bert Lumberras

Official Capacity: Assistant City Manager

XVII. SIGNATURE PAGE (Separate Page)

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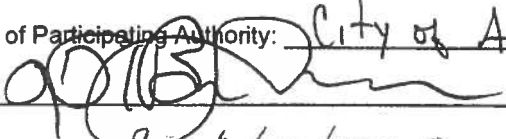
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR:



Jason M. Barnett, Elections Administrator
Williamson County, Texas

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 25 DAY OF August, 2014.

PARTICIPATING AUTHORITY:

Name of Participating Authority: City of Austin
By: 

Printed Name: Bert Lumberras
Official Capacity: Assistant City Manager

ATTEST:

CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

ELECTION OFFICE

THIS CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES (this "Contract") is made and entered into by and between ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS ("Contracting Officer"), and CITY OF AUSTIN FULL AND LIMITED PURPOSE (the "District"), pursuant to the authority under §31.092(a) of the Texas Election Code.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District expects to call an election to be held on November 4, 2014 (the "Election");

WHEREAS, the District desires that certain election services for the Election be provided by the Contracting Officer pursuant to Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the District desire to enter into a contract setting out the respective responsibilities of the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter set forth, the parties to this Contract agree as follows with respect to the coordination, supervision, and running of the Election:

I. PURPOSE; SCOPE; APPOINTMENT.

A. The purpose of this Contract is to maintain consistency and accessibility in voting practices, polling places, and election procedures in order to best assist the voters of the District. For purposes of this Contract, the term "**Election**" will include any resulting recount, or election contest. If a run-off is necessary, the District will work with the Contracting Officer to determine a mutually acceptable run-off date.

B. The Contracting Officer is hereby appointed to serve as the District's Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk to conduct the Election for those areas of the District located in Hays County. As District's Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk, the Contracting Officer will coordinate, supervise, and conduct all aspects of administering voting in connection with the Election in compliance with all applicable law, except as otherwise provided in this Contract.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTING OFFICER. The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following services and furnishing the following materials and equipment in connection with the Election:

A. *Nomination of Presiding Judges and Alternate Judges.* Contracting Officer will recruit and appoint all election workers. Such proposed presiding judges and alternate judges shall meet the eligibility requirements in Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code.

B. *Notification to District.* Contracting Officer will provide District with the most up-to-date list of early voting polling places, election day polling places, and presiding and alternate judges three weeks before the statutory deadline to order the election and again three weeks before election day. District acknowledges that the information provided may not be final or complete.

C. *Notification to Presiding and Alternate Judges; Appointment of Clerks.*

1. The Contracting Officer shall notify each presiding judge and alternate judge of his or her appointment. The notification will also include the assigned polling location, the date of the election school(s), the date and time of the election, the rate of compensation, the number of election clerks the presiding judge may appoint, the eligibility requirements for election workers, and the name of the presiding or alternate judge, as appropriate. The Contracting Officer shall notify each of the election judges and alternates of their appointment and to the selection of election day clerks. Included in this notification will be the number of clerks that each precinct can appoint in addition to the election judge and alternate judge. The election judge is responsible for recruiting and supervising their clerks. Notification to the election judges and alternates shall be made no later than October 15, 2014, unless the Contracting Officer appoints a judge after this date.

2. The Contracting Officer shall ensure that the presiding judges make the appropriate election clerk appointments and notify the clerks of such appointments. The presiding election judge of each polling place, however, will use his or her discretion to determine when additional manpower is needed during peak voting hours. The Contracting Officer will determine the number of clerks to work on the Balloting Board.

D. Contracting with Third Parties. In accordance with §31.098 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer is authorized to contract with third persons for election services and supplies. The actual cost of such third-person services and supplies will be paid by the Contracting Officer and reimbursed by the District.

E. Election School(s). The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for conducting one or more, in his or her discretion, election schools to train the presiding judges and alternate judges in the conduct of elections, including qualifying voters, provisional voting, and the counting of ballots. The Contracting Officer shall determine the date, time, and place for such school(s) and notify the presiding judges and alternate judges of such. The Contracting Officer may hold the election school(s) on a Saturday in order to increase its availability to election workers who are employed during the regular work week. If at all possible, such election schools shall be conducted within the District's territory.

F. Election Supplies. The Contracting Officer shall procure, prepare, and distribute to the presiding judges for use at the polling locations on election day (and to the early voting clerks during early voting) the following election supplies: election kits (including the appropriate envelopes, sample ballots, lists, forms, name tags, posters, and signage described in Chapters 51, 61, and 62, and Subchapter B of Chapter 66 of the Texas Election Code), pens, pencils, tape, markers, paper clips, ballot box seals, sample ballots, tacks, and all consumable-type office supplies necessary to hold an election.

G. Registered Voter List. The Contracting Officer shall provide all lists of registered voters required for use on election day and for the early voting period required by law. The election day list of registered voters shall be arranged in alphabetical order by each precinct.

H. Direct Recording Electronic Voting Devices "(DREs)". The Contracting Officer shall provide, at each polling location, at least one voting station with a voting system that: (i) fully complies with applicable law relating to accessible voting systems which make voting accessible for disabled voters; and (ii) provides a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot.

I. Election Equipment. Contracting Officer will procure, prepare, and distribute election equipment.

J. *Ballots.* The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, programming, and distribution of ballots and sample ballots, provided that the District will prepare the text of such ballots as set forth in Section III.C. below. Without limiting the foregoing, the Contracting Officer will be responsible for the programming of the direct recording electronic voting devices (referred to as DREs) and the printing of ballots requested by mail. The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for distributing the DREs along with the election supplies. In addition, the Contracting Officer will prepare the paper, optical, and auditory ballots for the election. The ballots shall be in English with the Spanish translation included.

K. *Early Voting.* In accordance with §§31.096 and 31.097(b) of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer will serve as Early Voting Clerk for the election.

1. The Contracting Officer shall supervise and conduct early voting by mail and personal appearance and shall secure personnel to serve as Early Voting Deputies.

2. Early voting by personal appearance for the election shall be conducted during the hours and time period and at the locations as determined by the Contracting Officer.

3. The Contracting Officer shall receive mail ballot applications on behalf of the District. All applications for mail ballots shall be processed in accordance with Title 7 of the Texas Election Code by the Contracting Officer or his/her deputies at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045 San Marcos, TX 78666. Applications for mail ballots erroneously mailed to the District shall be faxed as promptly as possible to the Contracting Officer for timely processing. The original application shall then be forwarded to the Contracting Officer for proper retention.

4. Early voting ballots cast by personal appearance shall be secured and maintained at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045 San Marcos, TX 78666-7751 and in accordance with Chapter 87 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall meet at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045 San Marcos, TX 78666 on November 3, 2014.

L. *Election Day Polling Locations.* The election day polling locations are determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer shall arrange for the use of all election day polling places and shall arrange for the setting up of all polling locations for election day, including ensuring that each polling location has the necessary tables, chairs, and voting booths. The District understands that the cost of services to be rendered by the Contracting Officer includes a pro rata share of any fees charged by the entity providing the poll site and the cost of all employee services required to provide access, security, or custodial services for the polling location(s).

M. *Ballot Tabulation.* The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be responsible for handling ballot tabulation in accordance with statutory requirements and county policies, under the auspices of the Contracting Officer, and will, thereafter, transport all election records to the Contracting Officer.

N. *Manual Counting.* The Contracting Officer shall conduct a manual count as prescribed by §127.201 of the Texas Election Code and submit a written report to the District in a timely manner. The Secretary of State may waive this requirement. If applicable, a written report shall be submitted to the Secretary of State as required by §127.201(E) of the aforementioned code.

O. *Election Reports.* The Contracting Officer shall prepare the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results under §66.056(a) of the Texas Election Code and shall provide a copy of the tabulation to the Travis County Central Counting Station as soon as possible after the Contracting Officer has received the precinct returns on election day night.

P. Custodian of Voted Ballots. The Contracting Officer is hereby appointed the custodian of voted ballots and shall preserve them in accordance with Chapter 66 of the Texas Election Code and other applicable law. After complying with the retention period, the Contracting Officer shall forward election material, including voted ballots, to the District, if requested.

Q. Schedule for Performance of Services. The Contracting Officer will perform all election services in accordance and compliance with the time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.

R. Compensation of Election Workers. The Contracting Officer will compensate all election workers, including election day and early voting judges and clerks and judges for election night and early voting returns, in accordance with the Contracting Officer's established compensation policies.

S. Pre-Clearance. Each of the Participating Entities shall be individually responsible for obtaining appropriate preclearance, if necessary, from the United States Department of Justice. The Contracting Officer will provide the District with information on changes affecting the District's election, such as polling place changes and changes in voting equipment, when such changes are confirmed, verified, or otherwise become known to him or his office.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT. The District shall assume the following responsibilities:

A. Applications for Mail Ballots. The District shall date stamp and then as promptly as possible fax to the Contracting Officer all applications for mail ballots that it receives. Promptly thereafter, the District shall deliver or send by mail the original mail ballot applications to the Contracting Officer.

B. Election Orders, Election Notices, Canvass. The District will be responsible for preparing, adopting, publishing, and posting all required election orders, resolutions, notices, and other documents, including bilingual materials, evidencing action by the governing authority of the District necessary to the conduct of the Election. The District will be responsible for conducting the official canvass of the Election.

C. Ballot Text. The District will be responsible for preparing the text for the District's official ballot in English and Spanish, or other languages as required by law. The District will provide the Contracting Officer with a list of propositions showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidates' names and the propositions are to appear on the official ballot. The District shall also provide approval once the Contracting Officer submits it for review by e-mail or by signature in person.

D. Custodian of Records. The Contracting Officer will serve as the custodian of voted ballots as set forth in Section II.P. above. The District will be responsible for having a District representative serve as the custodian of all other election records.

E. Annual Voting Report. The District will be responsible for filing its annual voting system report to the Secretary of State as required under Chapter 123 *et seq.* of the Texas Election Code.

IV. PAYMENT

A. Charges. In consideration for the joint election services provided by the Contracting Officer, District will be charged a programming fee and for the equipment lease as follows:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Electronic voting system programming and testing | \$ 750.00 |
| Rental of voting equipment (Election Day & Early Voting) | |
| Number of DREs/eSlate systems 2 x rental rate of \$100.00 = | \$ 200.00 |
| Number of DAUs/Disable Access Units 2 x rental rate of \$100.00 = | \$ 200.00 |
| Number of JBCs/ Judges Booth Comptroller 2 x rental rate of \$100.00 = | \$ 200.00 |
| Total = | \$1,350.00 |

B. Payment. Payment shall be made by check payable to HAYS COUNTY within 30 days after the receipt of the invoice and mailed to:

Joyce Cowan, Hays County Election Administrator
712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045
San Marcos, TX 78666

If the District disputes any portion of the invoice, the District shall pay the undisputed portion of the invoice, and the parties will discuss in good faith a resolution of the disputed portion.

C. Funding. Payments made by the District in meeting its obligations under this Contract shall be made from current revenue funds available to the governing body of the District.

V. TERM AND TERMINATION

A. Term. The term of this Contract shall commence upon the last party's execution hereof and shall continue thereafter in full force and effect until terminated by either party in accordance with the terms hereof.

B. Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this Contract for convenience and without cause or further liability upon thirty (30) business day's written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to Contracting Officer for services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for either party's termination of this Contract for convenience.

C. Termination for Cause. If either party commits an Event of Breach (a breach of any of the covenants, terms, and/or conditions of this Contract), the non-breaching party shall deliver written notice of such Event of Breach to the breaching party. Such notice must specify the nature of the Event of Breach and inform the breaching party that unless the Event of Breach is cured within three (3) business days of receipt of the notice, additional steps may be taken to terminate this Contract. If the breaching party begins a good faith attempt to cure the Event of Breach within three (3) business days, then and in that instance, the three (3) business day period may be extended by the non-breaching party, so long as the breaching party continues to prosecute a cure diligently to completion and continues to make a good faith attempt to cure the Event of Breach. If, in the opinion of the non-breaching party, the breaching party does not cure the breach within three (3) business days or otherwise fails to make any diligent attempt to correct the Event of Breach, the breaching party shall be deemed to be in breach and the non-breaching party may, in addition to seeking the remedies available hereunder and under the law, terminate this Contract.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Nontransferable Functions. In accordance with §31.096 of the Texas Election Code, nothing in this Contract shall be construed as changing:

1. the authority with whom applications of candidates for a place on the ballot are filed;
2. the authority with whom documents relating to political funds and campaigns under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code are filed; or
3. the authority to serve as custodian of election records, except that the Contracting Officer, will serve as the custodian of voted ballots as set forth in §II.P above.

B. *Cancellation of Election.* If the District cancels its election pursuant to §2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer shall only be entitled to receive the actual expenses incurred before the date of cancellation in connection with the election and a cancellation fee of \$50. The Contracting Officer shall submit an invoice for such expenses (properly supported as described in Article IV above) as soon as reasonably possible after the cancellation and the District shall make payment therefore in a manner similar to that set forth in Article IV above. The Contracting Officer agrees to use reasonable diligence not to incur major costs in connection with election preparations until it is known that the election will be held, unless the District authorizes such major costs in writing.

C. *Contract Copies to Treasurer and Auditor.* In accordance with §31.099 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer agrees to file copies of this Contract with the County Treasurer of Hays County, Texas and the County Auditor of Hays County, Texas.

D. *Representatives.* For purposes of implementing this Contract and coordinating activities hereunder, the District and the Contracting Officer designate the following individuals, and whenever the contract requires submission of information or documents or notice to the District or the Contracting Officer, respectively, submission or notice shall be to these individuals:

For the District:

Jannette Goodall
City Clerk
City of Austin
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767
Tel: (512) 974-2211

For the Contracting Officer:

Joyce A. Cowan
Elections Administrator
Hays County
712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1045
San Marcos, TX 78666
Tel: (512) 393-7310

E. *Amendment/Modification.* Except as otherwise provided, this Contract may not be amended, modified, or changed in any respect whatsoever, except in writing, duly executed by the parties hereto. No official, representative, agent, or employee of Hays County has any authority to modify this Contract except pursuant to such expressed authorization as may be granted by the Commissioners Court of Hays County, Texas. No official, representative, agent, or employee of the District has any authority to modify this Contract except pursuant to such expressed authorization as may be granted by the governing body of the District. Both the Contracting Officer and the District may propose necessary amendments or modifications to this Contract in writing in order to conduct the Election smoothly and efficiently, except that any such proposals must be approved by the Contracting Officer and the governing body of the District or its authorized agent, respectfully.

F. *Relationship of the Parties.* Each party to this Contract, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

G. Severability. If any provision of this Contract is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Contract; and, parties to this Contract shall perform their obligations under this Contract in accordance with the intent of the parties to this Contract as expressed in the terms and provisions of this Contract.

H. Third Party Beneficiaries. Except as otherwise provided herein, nothing in this Contract, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any person, other than the parties hereto, any benefits, rights or remedies under or by reason of this Contract.

I. Entire Agreement. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed and supersedes all prior agreements, including prior election services contracts and prior agreements to conduct joint elections. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly contained in this Contract are of no force and effect. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Contract shall be of no force or effect, excepting a subsequent modification in writing as provided herein.

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WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 19 DAY OF Sept., 2014.

CONTRACTING OFFICER:

HAYS COUNTY

Joyce A. Cowan
Joyce A. Cowan, Election Administrator
Hays County, Texas

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 18th DAY OF September, 2014.

THE DISTRICT:

CITY OF AUSTIN

Janette D. Goodall
Janette Goodall, City Clerk
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin