

EXHIBIT G

Joint Election Agreements

**Election Services Agreement – Travis
Joint Election Agreement/Contract for Election
Services – Williamson
Contract for Election Services - Hays**

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



**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 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.

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 May 7, 2016, and administered by Christopher Davis, 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 plans to hold an election on May 7, 2016;

WHEREAS, Williamson County owns an electronic voting system, the Election Systems 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, postage, 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.

II. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Each Participating Authority shall be responsible for the preparation, adoption, and publication of all required election orders, resolutions, notices, and any other pertinent documents required by the Texas Election Code and/or the Participating Authority's governing body, charter, or ordinances, except that the Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of all voting equipment testing notices that are required by the Texas Election Code. Election orders should include language that would not necessitate amending the order if any of the Early Voting and/or Election Day polling places change.

Preparation of the necessary materials for notices and the official ballot shall be the responsibility of each Participating Authority, including providing the text in English and Spanish. Each Participating Authority shall provide a copy of their respective election orders and notices to the Elections Administrator.

III. VOTING LOCATIONS

The Elections Administrator shall select and arrange for the use of and payment for all Election Day voting locations. Voting locations shall be compliant with the accessibility requirements established by Election Code Section 43.034 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The proposed Election Day voting locations are listed in **Attachment A** of this Contract and may be amended. In the event a voting location is not available or appropriate, the Elections Administrator will arrange for use of an alternate location. The Elections Administrator shall notify the Participating Authorities of any changes from the locations listed in **Attachment A**.

IV. ELECTION JUDGES, CLERKS, AND OTHER ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Elections Administrator will recruit all election poll workers and personnel.

The Elections Administrator will take the necessary steps to insure that all election judges appointed for the Joint Election are eligible to serve and meet the eligibility requirements in Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code and meet any requirements to serve as an Election Worker set forth by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

The Elections Administrator shall arrange for the training and compensation of all election judges, clerks, and election personnel. The Elections Administrator shall arrange for the date, time, and place for the presiding election judges to pick up their election supplies. As set forth in Sec. 32.009 of the Texas Election Code, each presiding election judge and alternate presiding judge shall be given written notice of their appointment. The notice from the Elections Administrator will include the time and location of training and distribution of election supplies and the number of election clerks the presiding judge may appoint.

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.

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 ballot information in a format or template as requested by the Elections 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.

In the event a Participating Authority identifies an error after approval of their respective ballot(s) proof(s), and any programming and/or audio files require changes, the Participating Authority approving the original ballot and audio proof will be responsible for the full cost of reprogramming if required. This will include the cost of reprogramming ballot language and/or audio files for other Participating Authorities as necessary due to software limitations.

Early Voting by Personal Appearance and/or the use of Vote Centers (Texas Election Code Section 43.007) on Election Day shall be conducted exclusively on Williamson County's iVotronic electronic voting system. Provisional ballots will be cast on paper ballots.

The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the programming, preparation, testing, and delivery of the voting system equipment for the election as required by the Election Code.

At his discretion, the Elections Administrator shall be responsible for conducting criminal background checks for relevant election officials, staff, and temporary workers upon hiring as required by Election Code 129.051(g).

VI. EARLY VOTING

The Participating Authorities agree to conduct joint early voting and to appoint the Election Administrator as the Early Voting Clerk in accordance with Sections 31.097 and 271.006, Texas Election Code. Each Participating Authority agrees to appoint the Elections Administrator's permanent county employees as deputy early voting clerks. The Participating Authorities further agree that the Elections Administrator may appoint other deputy early voting clerks to assist in the conduct of early voting as necessary, and that these additional deputy early voting clerks shall be compensated at an hourly rate set by Williamson County pursuant to Section 83.052 of the Texas Election Code. Deputy early voting clerks who are permanent employees of the Williamson County Elections Administrator may be paid from the election services contract fund for contractual duties performed outside of normal business hours (Sec. 31.100(e), Texas Election Code).

Early Voting by personal appearance will be held at the locations, dates, and times listed in **Attachment B** of this document and may be amended. In the event a voting location is not available or appropriate, the Elections Administrator will arrange for use of an alternate location. The Elections Administrator shall notify the Participating Authorities of any changes from the locations listed in **Attachment B**. Any qualified voter of the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any one of the joint early voting locations.

As Early Voting Clerk, the Elections Administrator shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with Chapters 31 and 86 of the Texas Election Code. Any requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by the Participating Authorities shall be forwarded immediately by fax or courier to the Elections Administrator for processing. The address of the Early Voting Clerk is as follows:

Early Voting Clerk
Williamson County Elections Office
PO Box 209
Georgetown, TX 78627

After the first day of early voting, the Elections Administrator shall post on the Williamson County Elections Office webpage, the early voting turnout by early voting polling location by day and a cumulative final early voting turnout report following the close of early voting.

VII. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

Williamson County shall appoint an Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) to process early voting results from the Joint Election. The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the Elections Administrator, shall appoint two or more 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:

Counting Station Manager:	Kay Eastes, Williamson County Deputy Elections Administrator
Tabulation Supervisor:	Christopher Davis, Williamson County Elections Administrator
Presiding Judge:	Kay Smith, Williamson County Warehouse Manager
Alternate Judge:	Julie Seippel, Williamson County Voter Registration Supervisor

The Counting Station Manager or her 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 May 10, 2016 and no later than May 18, 2016.

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.

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.

Each Participating Authority agrees to order any runoff election(s) at its meeting for canvassing the votes from the May 7, 2016 election and to conduct its drawing for ballot positions at or immediately following such meeting in order to expedite preparations for its runoff election.

Each Participating Authority eligible to hold early voting and runoff elections after the May 7, 2016 Uniform Election Date agrees that the date of a necessary runoff election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code.

XI. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS

Charges. In consideration for the joint election services provided hereunder by the Elections Administrator, the Participating Authorities will be charged a share of election costs, an administrative fee, and for the lease of voting equipment.

1. Share of Election Costs. Each Participating Authority's share of election costs will be (i) a base fee of \$1,000.00, (ii) plus a pro rata share of the total of all costs incurred by the Elections Administrator in connection with the administration of elections of other entities held at the same time as their election. The sum of the base charges from all Participating Authorities will be subtracted from the total of all costs before allocating the remaining costs to each Participating Authority. Each Participating Authority's share of the remaining (allocated) costs will be determined as follows: The number of registered voters in each individual Participating Authority will be divided by the number of all registered voters of all Participating Authorities to determine each entity's pro rata share expressed as a percentage, which will then be multiplied against each of the allocated costs (remaining costs after base charges are subtracted) as itemized on the final Total Cost report/invoice submitted to each Participating Authority after the election. The end result will be a charge to the Participating Authority of \$1,000.00 plus the Participating Authority's allocated share of county-wide election costs not covered by the sum of all base fees received.

2. Lease of Voting Equipment. Per Texas Election Code Section 123.032(d), the Williamson County Commissioners Court has established the following prices for leasing county-owned voting equipment:

- \$309.50 per ADA iVotronic DRE;
- \$250.00 per iVotronic DRE;
- \$85.00 per iVotronic printer;
- \$274.43 per electronic pollbook

The Participating Authority's share of voting equipment costs will be determined on a pro rata basis. Leasing cost will be calculated once for the Early Voting period and once for Election Day. If the County acquires additional equipment, different voting equipment, or upgrades existing equipment during the term of this Contract, the charge for the use of the equipment may be reset by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

3. Administrative Fee. Each Participating Authority agrees to pay the Williamson County Elections Administrator an administrative fee equal to ten percent (10%) of its total billable costs in accordance with Section 31.100(d) of the Texas Election Code.

The Elections Administrator shall deposit all funds payable under this Contract into the appropriate fund(s) within the Williamson County treasury in accordance with Election Code Section 31.100.

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 the Elections Administrator's 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 of 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 affect any other provision hereof and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
5. All parties shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State of Texas, all local governments, and any other entities with local jurisdiction.
6. The waiver by any party of a breach of any provision of this Contract shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach.
7. Any amendments of this Contract shall be of no effect unless in writing and signed by all parties hereto.
8. Participating Authority agrees to act in good faith in the performance of this agreement, and shall immediately contact and notify the Elections Administrator of any potential problems or issues relevant to the subject matter of this contract.

XVI. COST ESTIMATES AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

The total *estimated* cost for the May 7, 2016 election is \$250,000.00 and is based on the cost of previous May joint general and special elections. After the final determination has been made of whom the Participating Authorities will be and the Contracts are fully executed, the Elections Administrator shall provide each Participating Authority with an official cost estimate. Each Participating Authority's percent share of the estimated total cost is based on the number of registered voters and further described in Section XI.1. of this Contract. Each Participating Authority agrees to pay the Williamson County Elections Administrator a deposit of 50% of the *estimated obligation* no later than 15 days after receiving the official cost estimate. As soon as reasonably possible after the election, the Elections Administrator will submit an itemized invoice to each Participating Authority based on the actual expenses (supported by documentation such as time sheets, compensation forms, and invoices) directly attributable to the services provided by the Elections Administrator. The exact amount of each Participating Authority's obligation under the terms of this Contract shall be calculated after the election (or runoff election, if applicable); and, if the amount of an Authority's total obligation exceeds the amount deposited, the authority shall pay to the Elections Administrator the balance due within 30 days after the receipt of the final invoice from the Elections Administrator. However, if the amount of the authority's total obligation is less than the amount deposited, the Elections Administrator shall refund to the authority the excess amount paid within 30 days after the final costs are calculated.

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XVII. SIGNATURE PAGE (Separate Page)

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR:

Christopher Davis, Elections Administrator
Williamson County, Texas

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 24 DAY OF MARCH, 2016.

PARTICIPATING AUTHORITY:

Name of Participating Authority: City of Austin
By: Jannette S. Goodale
Printed Name: Jannette S. Goodale
Official Capacity: City Clerk

ATTEST:

ATTACHEMENT A

Election Day voting locations (to be determined)

ATTACHMENT B

Early Voting Schedule with Voting Locations (to be determined)