

## Exhibit E: Election Services Contract and Joint Election Agreements

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# **ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN**

Pursuant to Chapter 31, Subchapter D, Chapter 123, and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, Travis County (the "County") and the City of Austin ("Participating Entity") enter into this agreement (this "Agreement") for the Travis County Clerk, as the County's election officer (the "Election Officer"), to conduct the Participating Entity's elections, including runoffs, 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 Texas 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.

## **Section 1. 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, along with any resulting runoff, if necessary, within all Participating Entity's territory located in Travis County. If a runoff 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 Section 1(A), the Election Officer and a representative designated by the Participating Entity will meet as soon as possible thereafter to determine the feasibility of the Election Officer conducting such an election. If both parties agree that the Election Officer will administer the 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:
  - (1) The term "Election Officer" refers to the Travis County Clerk;
  - (2) The term "precinct" means all precincts in the territory of the Participating Entity located within Travis County.
  - (3) The term "election services" refers to services used to perform or supervise any or all of the duties and functions that the Election Officer determines necessary for the conduct of an election.
  - (4) 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 but does not refer to costs relating to the use of the voting equipment.

- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the cost for “use of voting equipment” for a particular election is the amount the County will charge the Participating Entity for use of the County’s voting equipment in use at the time of that election.
- (E) The Participating Entity agrees to commit the funds necessary to pay for all election-related expenses for Participating Entity elections in accordance with this Agreement.
- (F) The Election Officer has the right to enter into agreements with other entities at any time, including during the dates listed in Section 1(A).
- (G) 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, and the Participating Entity agrees to enter into any joint election agreement required by the County.

## **SECTION 2. PARTICIPATING ENTITY’S USE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT; DUTIES OF THE ELECTION OFFICER AND OF THE PARTICIPATING ENTITY**

The County shall make available to the Participating Entity the County’s current voting system, which is the ES&S Express Vote® Universal Voting System, and any future-acquired voting system as authorized under Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, subject to restrictions and conditions imposed by the Election Officer to ensure availability of the equipment for County-ordered elections, primary elections, and subsequent runoff elections, if applicable. The Election Officer may also impose restrictions and conditions to protect the equipment from misuse or damage.

## **SECTION 3. 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 1.
- (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 3(C) below.
- (C) The Participating Entity shall continue to perform those election duties listed in (1) through (8) below and any other election duties, such as receipt of candidate applications, that are not allowed to be delegated to another governmental entity:

- (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. This includes required newspaper notices unless the Election Officer has agreed in writing, along with the costs to be assessed, to provide this service on behalf of the Participating Entity. However, in any debt obligation election, the Election Officer shall post the notice required by and in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 4.003(f)(1) on each election day and in a prominent location at each early voting polling place. The Election Officer shall provide written confirmation that early voting and election day personnel posted the debt obligation election order as required by Texas Election Code Section 4.003(f)(1). The Participating Entity shall pay any applicable expenses incurred directly related to the posting required by Texas Election Code Section 4.003(f)(1).
  - (2) preparing the federal Voting Rights Act election preclearance submissions, if any, to the U.S. Department of Justice;
  - (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, including any required language translations, 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 her 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) Jannette Goodall will assist the County whenever possible when the conduct of the election requires assistance from Participating Entity departments and staff. Jannette Goodall 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. Jannette Goodall will serve as the Custodian of Records for the Participating Entity to complete those tasks in the Texas Election Code that the Election Officer will not perform.

#### **SECTION 4. 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. 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, the Election Officer has sole discretion to determine whether polling place changes are necessary.

#### **SECTION 5. PAYMENTS FOR ELECTION SERVICES**

- (A) Costs and payments for the use of voting equipment are addressed separately in Section 6 of this Agreement.
- (B) Requests for Election Services. For each election the Participating Entity desires the Election Officer to conduct, the Participating Entity must submit a written request to the Election Officer that describes the general nature of the election and specifies the date of the election. Each request for election services, including each request for the Election Officer to conduct a runoff election, must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit payment of \$150 to the Election Officer
- (C) Cancellations. On or before 11:59 p.m. on the 68<sup>th</sup> day before an election for which the Participating Entity has requested election services, the Participating Entity shall notify the Election Officer as to whether the Participating Entity expects to be able to cancel its election, and on or before 11:59 p.m. on the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the election the Participating Entity shall notify the Election Officer as to whether the Participating Entity will cancel that election. If the Election Officer receives written notice from the Participating Entity on or before 11:59 p.m. of the 60<sup>th</sup> day before an election that the Participating Entity's election will be cancelled, the Participating Entity will accrue no further costs relating to that cancelled election
- (D) Notice, Cost Estimate, Initial Invoicing, and Initial Payment.
- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 9(B), the County and the Participating Entity agree that notice under Section 5 can be provided via e-mail. The following e-mail address will be used for e-mail communications to or from the County pursuant to Section 5: [Elections@traviscountytx.gov](mailto:Elections@traviscountytx.gov), with a copy to [Election.Entities@traviscountytx.gov](mailto:Election.Entities@traviscountytx.gov). The Participating Entity has designated Jannette Goodall as the Participating Entity's representative for sending and receiving e-mail communications under Section 5, and the Participating Entity designates the following e-mail address as the Participating Entity's email address for sending and receiving e-mail communications pursuant to Section 5: [Jannette.Goodall@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jannette.Goodall@austintexas.gov).
- (2) Initial Cost Estimate. On or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day before an election for which the Participating Entity has requested election services, the Election Officer will mail and/or email to the Participating Entity a cost estimate for conducting the election. The cost estimate will include an administrative fee that is equal to 10% of the total estimated cost of conducting the Participating Entity's election, excluding the costs of voting equipment. In the event of a joint election, the cost estimate will reflect that election costs will be divided on a pro rata basis among all entities involved in the election in the manner set forth in this Section 5. The proportional cost for the Election Officer to conduct each participating entity's election will be calculated by dividing the number of registered voters in the territorial jurisdiction of each participating entity by the total number of registered voters for all of the participating



entities involved in the joint election and multiplying that quotient by the total cost of the election. The product of these numbers is the pro rata cost share for each participating entity. The Participating Entity acknowledges and understands that if any other participating entity listed in the cost estimate cancels its election, each remaining participating entity's pro rata cost (including the Participating Entity's pro rata cost share) will result in a proportionate cost increase.

- (3) Initial Invoice and Initial Payment. Along with the initial cost estimate, the Election Officer will also include an initial invoice for the Participating Entity to pay 75% of the initial cost estimate. Payments are due to the County no later than 30 days after the Participating Entity's receipt of the invoice.
  - (4) Runoff Elections. For each runoff election the Participating Entity has requested that the Election Officer conduct, the Participating Entity must make a payment equal to 75% of the projected costs for the runoff election immediately after receiving that cost estimate from the Election Officer. The projected share of election costs will include the 10% fee for election services as discussed in Section 5(D).
  - (5) Each party may change its respective email addresses for e-mail communications under this Section 5 from time to time, without the need to amend this Agreement, by sending notice to the other party in accordance with Section 9(B).
- (F) Final Accounting and Final Invoice. For elections that do not have a runoff election, the County will send the Participating Entity a final invoice of election expenses not later than the 90th day or as soon as feasible after an election. For elections that do have a runoff, the County will send the Participating Entity a final invoice of election expenses not later than the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the runoff election or as soon as feasible after the runoff election. The final invoice will include a listing of additional costs incurred at the Participating Entity's behalf, including requests for additional security, additional publications, and additional early voting polling sites. The total amount due in the final invoice shall be offset by the \$150 previously paid in accordance with Subsection (B) of this section and by any other payments made by the Participating Entity for the election. The County shall prepare the invoice to include the total payment due from the Participating Entity for any portion of the Participating Entity's costs.
- (1) Final Accounting. Within thirty days after receipt of an election cost invoice 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.

- (2) A refund maybe due if the final costs are lower than the estimated or if, at the end of the calendar year, the County Auditor's Office makes adjustments to the election workers' payroll.
- (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 the County's 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 by the Participating Entity to timely pay an invoice in full may impact the Election Officer's participation in future elections with the Participating Entity.

#### **SECTION 6. 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 the Participating Entity, the Travis County Clerk, and the Travis County Commissioners Court.
- (B) The Participating Entity shall make payments to Travis County as consideration for the use of the County's voting 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 will not be charged any cost for equipment usage. However, if a runoff election is necessary for the Participating Entity after such an election, the Participating Entity will be responsible for payment of equipment usage unless the County is holding its own runoff election in the territorial jurisdiction of the Participating Entity.
- (D) If the Participating Entity holds an election on a date other than as listed in Section 1(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 voting equipment is due 30 days after receipt of billing as part of the final payment for election costs as discussed in Section 5(F).
- (F) If the County acquires additional equipment, different voting equipment, or upgrades to existing equipment during the term of this Agreement, the charge for the use of the equipment may be renegotiated.



## **SECTION 7. 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.
- (B) If the Participating Entity desires to have one or more early voting sites that are in addition to those sites the Election Officer has already selected for a specific election, the Participating Entity must submit the request to the Election Officer no later than 60 days before the election, and the Election Officer will thereafter provide a written estimate to the Participating Entity that sets forth the estimated cost for providing the additional early voting location(s) and the deadline by which the cost estimate must be paid. If, after receiving the cost estimate, the Participating Entity desires to move forward with having the additional early voting location(s), the Participating Entity will notify the Election Officer and include payment of the cost estimate with the Participating Entity's notice to the Election Officer no later than the deadline specified in the Election Officer's cost estimate. *Pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 85.064(b) and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Election Officer has sole discretion to determine whether to provide any additional early voting sites requested by the Participating Entity.*

## **SECTION 8. 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 the other party. Each party may change their designated staff members by sending notice to the other party without the further need to amend this Agreement.
- (B) Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Participating Entity and the County will engage in ongoing communications on 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.

## **SECTION 9. 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 and

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 expressed 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

Unless otherwise provided herein, 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  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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. When notices by e-mail are permitted by this Agreement, (1) the notice is deemed effective upon the day it is sent if the e-mail is sent before 5:00 p.m. on a weekday that is not a holiday designated by the Travis County Commissioners Court; (2) the notice is deemed effective on the first weekday that is not a holiday designated by the Travis County Commissioners Court if the notice sent after 5:00 p.m. on a weekday or on a Saturday or Sunday.

(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 hereto 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

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. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly contained in this Agreement are of no force or 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. 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, 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 Agreement.

(K) 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.

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 154.053 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 meaning as defined and construed under the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

(L) Addresses for Payments

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

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

City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

(M) This Agreement is effective upon execution by both parties and remains in effect until either party terminates this agreement for any reason upon providing 60 days

written notice to the other party.

- (N) All times referenced in this Agreement are to Central Time, and in all instances, the time-stamp clock used by the Travis County Clerk's Office at 5501 Airport Boulevard in Austin, Texas is the official clock for determining the correct time.
- (O) 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, and this Agreement takes effect on the date it is fully executed by the Participation Entity, the Travis County Judge (on behalf of the Travis County Commissioners Court), and the Travis County Clerk.

**City of Austin**

BY: Jannette S Goodall  
Jannette Goodall  
City Clerk

DATE: 8-15-19

**TRAVIS COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Eckhardt  
County Judge

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dana DeBeauvoir  
County Clerk

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES  
AND  
AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT JOINT ELECTION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BASTROP       §**

This Contract for Election Services and Agreement to Conduct Joint Election (this “**Contract**”) is entered into by and among BASTROP COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the “**COUNTY**”), the BASTROP COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR (“**ADMINISTRATOR**”), and the CITY OF AUSTIN (the “**CITY**”), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, individually, a “**Party**” or, collectively, the “**Parties**,” pursuant to Section 31.092 and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the CITY and the COUNTY each expect to call an election to be held on November 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY and the COUNTY desire to conduct such elections jointly pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, and the CITY desires that certain election services for the CITY’S election be provided by ADMINISTRATOR through the COUNTY’S Elections Department pursuant to Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code; and

**WHEREAS**, ADMINISTRATOR has provided a cost estimate for election services to be rendered by her office under this Contract, which estimate is set out on **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the COUNTY, ADMINISTRATOR, and the CITY desire to enter into a contract setting out the respective responsibilities of the Parties;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE**

1.01 The Parties have entered into this Contract to conduct a joint election on November 5, 2019, and for certain election services to be provided to the CITY in connection with its election. 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 CITY.

**ARTICLE II  
JOINT ELECTION**

2.01 The COUNTY and the CITY agree to conduct their respective November 5, 2019 elections jointly pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. ADMINISTRATOR is hereby appointed to serve as the CITY’S Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk to conduct the CITY’S November 5, 2019 election. As CITY’S Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk, ADMINISTRATOR will coordinate, supervise, and conduct all aspects of administering voting in connection with the CITY’S November 5, 2019 election in compliance with all applicable law, as provided in Article III hereof.

**ARTICLE III**



## ELECTION SERVICES

3.01 ADMINISTRATOR agrees to provide to the CITY the following general election services with respect to the CITY'S November 5, 2019 election, including early voting, regular Election Day voting, and any resulting run-off:

- (A) Procure and distribute election supplies, including, but not limited to, the preparation, printing, and distribution of ballots and sample ballots, provided that the CITY will prepare the text of such ballots as set forth in Section 5.01(C) below;
- (B) Procure election judges and clerks for early voting and Election Day voting;
- (C) Procure early voting polling places and Election Day polling places. The ADMINISTRATOR will arrange for the use of all Election Day polling places and will 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 ADMINISTRATOR will provide the CITY with a list for presentation to the governing body of the CITY, containing a list of places, times, and dates of early voting suitable for consideration and adoption by the governing body in accordance with Texas Election Code Chapter 85. The ADMINISTRATOR will designate and confirm all Election Day polling place locations and present the list to the governing body of the CITY for approval;
- (D) Procure, prepare, and distribute adequate election equipment and transport equipment to and from all polling locations, including early voting polling locations, for the CITY;
- (E) Distribute the lists of registered voters to be used in conducting the election, as provided by Bastrop County Voter Registration;
- (F) Pay election day and early voting judges and clerks;
- (G) Pay the judges for election night returns and early voting returns;
- (H) Provide training and information for all election officers;
- (I) Provide general overall supervision of the election and advisory services;
- (J) Prepare writ of election to election officers and notice of appointment to Presiding and Alternate judges, as required by law;
- (K) Conduct election day voting and early voting, in person and by mail, for the CITY;
- (L) Establish a Central Counting Station for the purpose of tabulating ballots. The Tabulation Supervisor will be responsible for handling ballot tabulation in accordance with statutory requirements and county policies, under the auspices of ADMINISTRATOR, and will, thereafter, transport all election records to the ADMINISTRATOR. The ADMINISTRATOR will conduct a manual count as prescribed by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code and submit a written report to the CITY in a timely manner. The Secretary of State may waive this requirement. If applicable, a

written report will be submitted to the Secretary of State as required by Section 127.201(E) of the aforementioned code. The ADMINISTRATOR will prepare the unofficial tabulation of precinct results under Section 66.056(a) of the Texas Election Code and will provide a copy of the tabulation to the CITY as soon as possible after the ADMINISTRATOR has received the precinct returns on election day night;

(M) Provide such incidental related services as may be necessary to effect the Election;

(N) At each polling location, provide 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;

(O) Provide for Central Count Tabulation(s), including:

- a. Preparation and programming of the ballots on the ES&S 850 Optical Scanner; and
- b. Preparation and programming of the ES&S ExpressVote voting system;

(P) Serve as “regular early voting clerk” for the CITY to receive requests for applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail. Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail will be processed in accordance with Title 7 of the Texas Election Code. Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by the CITY will be faxed as promptly as possible to ADMINISTRATOR for processing. The original application will then be forwarded to ADMINISTRATOR for proper retention.

(Q) Serve as the custodian of voted ballots and other election records and preserve all election records in accordance with the Texas Election Code. After the applicable retention period, ADMINISTRATOR will forward all election records to the CITY.

#### **ARTICLE IV SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF ELECTION SERVICES**

4.01 ADMINISTRATOR will perform all election services in accordance and compliance with the time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.

#### **ARTICLE V SERVICES NOT PROVIDED BY COUNTY**

5.01 The CITY will be responsible for:

(A) preparing, adopting, publishing all required election orders, resolutions, notices, and other documents, including bilingual materials, evidencing action by the governing authority of the CITY necessary to the conduct of the election;

(B) preparing the text for the CITY’S official ballot in English and Spanish, or other languages as required by law;

(C) on or before August 20, 2019, providing ADMINISTRATOR with a copy of a document showing the propositions/places that are to appear on the official ballot for the



CITY;

- (D) conducting the official canvass of the CITY'S election;
- (E) having a CITY representative serve as the custodian of its election records; and
- (F) filing the CITY'S annual voting system report to the Secretary of State as required under Chapter 123 et seq. of the Texas Election Code.

5.02 Pursuant to Section 271.006(c), the CITY designates ADMINISTRATOR to serve as "regular early voting clerk" for the CITY to receive requests for applications for early voting ballots.

5.03 The Secretary of the governing body of the CITY will serve as the Custodian of Records for the CITY to complete those tasks in the Election Code that ADMINISTRATOR will not perform.

## **ARTICLE VI TERM**

6.01 Except as hereinafter set out, the term of this Contract shall be from the time of execution until all items with respect to this Contract and the election held and administered by ADMINISTRATOR for the CITY hereunder have been completed.

## **ARTICLE VII COST OF SERVICE AND BILLING**

7.01 In consideration for the services provided hereunder by ADMINISTRATOR, the CITY agrees to pay ADMINISTRATOR its pro rata share of performing the services, including any overtime incurred by ADMINISTRATOR'S employees. A cost estimate for election expenses is attached hereto and made a part of this contract as Exhibit "A". The Parties agree that this is an estimate only and that the CITY is obligated to pay the actual expenses of the election as set forth herein. ADMINISTRATOR agrees to advise the CITY if it appears that the actual expenses incurred by ADMINISTRATOR will exceed by 20% or more the estimated expenses to be paid initially by the ADMINISTRATOR and reimbursed by the CITY. The CITY shall also pay ADMINISTRATOR an administrative fee equal to 10% of the actual costs set forth in Section 7.02(a) below, as permitted under Section 31.100(d) of the Texas Election Code.

7.02 As soon as reasonably possible after the election, ADMINISTRATOR will submit an itemized invoice to the CITY for (a) actual expenses directly attributable to the coordination, supervision, and running of the election and incurred on behalf of the CITY by ADMINISTRATOR, including expenses for supplies in connection with the election school(s), election supplies, wages paid to ADMINISTRATOR'S employees for services under this contract performed outside of normal business hours, election workers, and any other expenses reasonably and directly related to the election, including, without limitation, rental and programming of direct recording electronic voting devices and audio ballots, and (b) an administrative fee as provided in Section 7.01 above. Expenses related to wages shall be supported by compensation sheets. Other expenses shall be supported by invoices or receipts, except that the price of items coming out of ADMINISTRATOR'S stock of election supplies shall be supported by ADMINISTRATOR'S certificate about the number of items used and the unit cost therefore according to the vendor's standard price list. The total amount due according to these invoices shall be offset by any payments previously made pursuant to this Contract.

7.03 The CITY shall pay ADMINISTRATOR'S invoice within 30 days from the date of receipt to: **Bastrop County, Attn: Bridgette Escobedo, Elections Administrator, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602.** If the CITY disputes any portion of the invoice, the CITY shall pay the undisputed portion of the invoice, and the Parties will discuss in good faith a resolution of the disputed portion.

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

## **ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS**

8.01 In accordance with Section 31.096 of the Texas Election Code, nothing in this contract shall be construed as changing

- a) the authority with whom applications of candidates for a place on the ballot are filed;
- b) the authority with whom documents relating to political funds and campaigns under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code are filed; or
- c) the authority to serve as custodian of voted ballots or other election records, except that the ADMINISTRATOR, if requested in writing by the CITY, will become the custodian of the voted ballots.

8.02 The parties acknowledge that the ADMINISTRATOR may contract with other entities holding elections at the same time as the CITY on November 5, 2019.

8.03 If the CITY cancels its election pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the ADMINISTRATOR shall only be entitled to receive the actual expenses incurred before the date of cancellation in connection with the election and an administrative fee of \$75. The ADMINISTRATOR shall submit an invoice for such expenses as soon as reasonably possible after the cancellation and the CITY shall make payment therefore in a manner similar to that set forth in 7.03 above. The ADMINISTRATOR 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 CITY authorizes such major costs in writing. An entity canceling an election will not be liable for any further costs incurred by the ADMINISTRATOR in conducting the November 5, 2019 Joint Election.

8.04 In accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code, the ADMINISTRATOR agrees to file copies of this contract with the County Treasurer of Bastrop County, Texas and the County Auditor of Bastrop County, Texas.

8.05 This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in BASTROP County, Texas.

8.06 In case any 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, the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and this Contract shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Contract.



8.07 This Contract constitutes the only agreement of the Parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the written subject matter.

8.08 No amendment, modification, or alteration of this Contract shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date of the Contract and duly executed by all of the Parties.

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

**CITY OF AUSTIN:**

John Walker  
Business Process Specialist, Office of the City Clerk  
Austin City Hall  
301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78701  
Tel: (512) 974-2505  
Email: [John.Walker@austintexas.gov](mailto:John.Walker@austintexas.gov)


**COUNTY and ADMINISTRATOR:**

Bridgette Escobedo  
Elections Administrator  
Bastrop County  
804 Pecan Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
Tel: (512) 581-7160  
Fax: (512) 581-4260  
Email: [elections@co.bastrop.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.bastrop.tx.us)

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.

Executed to be effective the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.


COUNTY:

BY:   
Paul Pape  
County Judge  
Bastrop County, Texas



Executed to be effective the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

BY:   
Bridgette Escobedo  
Elections Administrator  
Bastrop County, Texas

Executed to be effective the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

CITY: Austin

BY: Jannette S Goodall  
Jannette Goodall  
City Clerk  
City of Austin, Texas

## EXHIBIT "A"

### ESTIMATED COST FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Election Expenses	\$ 2,944.89
Ballots and Programming	\$ 845.71
Election Kits & other precinct supplies	\$ 200.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,990.60
10% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	<u>\$ 399.06</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,389.66</u>

## **CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES**

**THIS CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES** (this "Contract") is made and entered into by and between the **ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS ("Contracting Officer")** and the **Local Political Subdivision** set forth on the signature page of this Contract (the "LPS") pursuant to the authority under Section 31.092(a) of the Texas Election Code.

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the LPS expects to order and election during the term of this Contract and during any renewal term of this Contract (the "Election"); and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties to this Contract agree as follows with respect to the coordination, supervision, and conduct of the election.

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- A. The purpose of this Contract is to maintain consistency and accessibility in voting practices, polling places, and election procedures to best assist the voters of the LPS. For purposes of this Contract the term "Election" will include any resulting recount or election contest. It will also apply to an election to resolve a tie.
- B. The Contracting Officer is hereby appointed to serve as the LPS's Election Day Officer and Early Voting Clerk to conduct the Election for those areas of the LPS located in within the contracting jurisdiction. As Election Officer and Early Voting Clerk, the Contracting Officer will coordinate, supervise and conduct all aspects of the administering voting in connection with the election in compliance with all applicable law except as otherwise provided in the Contract.
- C. The LPS agrees to commit the funds necessary to pay for election-related expenses for the LPS's election.
- D. The Contracting Officer has the right to enter into agreements with other entities at any time and may require that authorities of LPS and other entities 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 LPS agrees to enter into a joint election agreement required by Hays County.

**II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTING OFFICER.** The Contracting officer shall be responsible for performing the following services and furnishing the following material and equipment in connection with the election:

- A. Nomination of Presiding Judges and Alternate Judges.** The Contracting Officer shall recommend appointment of Election Day presiding and alternate judges, central accumulation station judges, and the Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) presiding judge, all of which shall meet the eligibility requirements in Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code.
- B. Notification to LPS.** The Contracting Officer shall provide the LPS with the most up-to-date list of presiding and alternate judges three weeks before the statutory deadline to order the election.
- C. Notification to Presiding and Alternate Judges; Appointment of Clerks.**
  - 1. The Contracting Officer shall notify each presiding and alternate judge of his or her appointment. The notification will also include the assigned polling station, the date of the election training(s), the date and time of the election, the rate of compensation, the number of clerks the judge may appoint, the eligibility requirements for election workers, and the name of the presiding or alternate judge as appropriate.
  - 2. The election judge will make the clerk appointments in consultation with the Contracting Officer. If a presiding judge or the alternate judge does not speak both English and Spanish, and the election precinct is one subject to Section 272.002 and 272.009 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer shall ensure that a bilingual election clerk is appointed. The Contracting Officer shall notify the clerks of the same information that the judges receive under this section.
- D. Election Training.** The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for conducting election training for the presiding judges, alternate judges, clerks, and early voting deputies in the operation and troubleshooting of the Verity Duo Hybrid voting system and the conduct of elections, including qualifying voters, issuing ballot style codes, maintaining order at the polling location, and conducting provisional voting.
- E. Logic and Accuracy Testing.** In advance of Early Voting (including the sending of any mail ballots), the Contracting Officer, the tabulation supervisor, and the other members the

Contracting Officer designates for the testing board shall conduct all logic and accuracy testing in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Texas Election Code and under guidelines provided by the Secretary of State's office. The Contracting Officer shall also be responsible for the publication of the required notice of such testing.

- 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 and early voting kits (including the appropriate envelopes, 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) seals, sample ballots, thermal paper rolls for use in the Verity Controllers, batteries for use in the voting system equipment, supplies for the electronic poll books, and all consumable type office supplies necessary to hold an election.
- G. **Registered Voters List.** The Contracting Officer shall provide lists of registered voters required by law for use on Election Day and for the Early Voting period.
- H. **Notice of Previous Polling Place.** The Contracting Officer shall post notices of a change in a polling place at the entrance to the previous polling location. Section 43.062 of the Texas Election Code provides that the notice shall state the location has changed and give the location of the new polling place.
- I. **Election Equipment.** The Contracting Officer shall prepare and distribute the Verity Duo Hybrid Voting System components from Hart Intercivic, Inc. ("Hart") for the election. This voting System includes the equipment referred to as "Duo" and "Verity Controllers". Each polling location will have at least one voting machine that is accessible to disabled voters and provides a practical and effective means for voters with disabilities to cast a secret ballot.
- J. **Ballots.** The Contracting Officer or designee shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, programming and distribution of English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including the mail ballots, based on the information provided by the LPS, including the names of the candidates, names of the offices sought, order of names on the ballot, propositions on the ballot, and the Spanish translation of the offices and any propositions. The ballot will be prepared in these formats: Verity Duo System, paper, auditory.
- K. **Early Voting.** In accordance with Section 31.097 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk for the election.
  - 1. The Contracting Officer shall supervise and conduct the early voting by mail and by personal appearance and shall secure personnel to serve as Early Voting Deputies.



2. The Contracting Officer shall receive mail ballot applications on behalf of the LPS. All applications for mail ballots shall be processed in accordance with Title 7 of the Texas Election Code by the Contracting Officer or deputies at the Records Building located at the Hays County Government Center at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666. Applications for mail ballots sent to the LPS shall be promptly faxed to the Contracting Officer at (512) 878-6699, or emailed to [elections@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.hays.tx.us) for timely processing and then the original sent application forwarded to the Contracting Officer for proper retention.
3. Early voting ballots shall be secured and maintained at the Records Office at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666. In accordance with Chapter 87 of the Texas election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall meet at the same location unless posted differently.
4. 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 in consultation with the LPS and in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**L. Election Day Activities.**

1. The contracting Officer and staff shall be available from 6:00 am until the completion of the vote counting on Election Day to render technical support and assistance to voters and election workers.
2. The Contracting Officer and staff shall prepare and conduct Election Night intake of election equipment, supplies, and records.
3. The Contracting Officer and designee shall serve as central counting station manager and tabulation supervisor, counting the votes in conjunction with the Early Voting Ballot Board and the Central Counting Station judges.
4. Election Day polling locations are determined by the Contracting Officer in consultation with the LPS and in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The Contracting Officer shall arrange for the use of all polling places and shall arrange for the setting up of the polling location including tables, chairs and voting booths.

**M. Election Night Reports.** The contracting Officer shall prepare the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results under Section 66.056(a) of the Texas Election Code. The unofficial tabulation of Early Voting precinct results and Election Day precinct results shall be made available to the LPS via email as soon as they are prepared and may be released

under law, but no earlier than 7:00 pm on Election Day. The tabulation reports may also be provided to other counties as necessary for the election. As soon as reasonably possible, the Contracting Officer will post all reports for public review on the Hays County Elections website at [www.co.hays.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.hays.tx.us/elections).

- N. **Provisional Votes/ Determination of Mail Ballots Timely Received under Section 86.007(d) of the Texas Election Code.** The Contracting Officer, serving as the voter registrar, shall retain the provisional voting affidavits and shall provide the factual information on each of the voters' status. The Contracting Officer shall reconvene the EVBB after the election within the time set forth in Section 65.051 of the Texas election Code for the purpose of determining the disposition of the provisional votes. At the same time, the EVBB will review mail ballots timely received under Section 86.007(d) of the Texas election Code to determine whether such will be counted and to resolve any issues with such ballots.
- O. **Canvass Material Preparation.** Promptly after determination of the provisional votes and resolution of any mail ballots, the Contracting Officer shall work with the EVBB and tabulation supervisor to tally the accepted provisional votes and resolved mail ballots, amend the unofficial tabulations, and submit new official tabulations to the LPS. These reports will serve as the canvass materials for the LPS.
- P. **Custodian of Election Records.** The election records will be submitted to the LPS except for those records that must be maintained by the Contracting Officer as Voter Registrar in accordance with Section 66.051 of the Texas Election Code. The Contracting Officer is hereby appointed the custodian of voted ballots (which in the case of the ballots cast on the DRE voting system consist of the DVD backup) and shall preserve them in accordance with Chapter 66 of the Texas Election Code and other applicable law. The Contracting Officer shall also maintain custody of the records pertaining to the operation of the Duo and Verity Controllers.
- Q. **Recount.**
  - 1. The LPS shall advise the Contracting Officer if a recount is required by law or requested and the Contracting Officer and the LPS shall discuss how such recount is to be conducted. The LPS shall reimburse the Contracting Officer for the cost of such count which is not included in the original estimate/invoice.
- R. **Schedule for Performance of Services.** The Contracting Officer shall perform all election services in accordance and compliance with the time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.

- S. **Contracting with Third Parties.** In accordance with Section 31.098 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer is authorized to contract with third parties for election services and supplies. The cost of such third-party services and supplies will be paid by the Contracting Officer and reimbursed by the LPS.
- T. **Department of Justice Preclearance for General Elections.** If required by law, any changes to the general conduct of voting in Hays County will be pre-cleared through the United States Department of Justice by the Contracting Officer with copies of the submission and response e-mailed to the LPS.

III. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LPS.** The LPS shall perform the following responsibilities:

- A. **Applications for Mail Ballots.** The LPS shall date and stamp and then as promptly as possible fax to the Contracting Officer all applications for mail ballots that it receives. Promptly thereafter, the LPS shall deliver or send by mail the original mail ballot applications to the Contracting Officer.
- B. **Election Orders, Election Notices, and Canvass.** The LPS shall be responsible for the 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 LPS necessary to the conduct of the election. The LPS shall be responsible for conducting the official canvass of the election.
- C. **Map/Annexations.** The LPS shall provide the Contracting Officer with an updated map and street index (including address Numbers) of its jurisdiction in and electronic or printed format and shall advise the contracting officer in writing of any new developments, annexations or de-annexations and any other changes to the master voter registration list within the jurisdiction.
- D. **Department of Justice Preclearance for Special Elections.** If required by law, the LPS shall be individually responsible for obtaining appropriate preclearance from the United States Department of Justice for any special elections.
- E. **Ballot Information.** The LPS shall prepare the text for the LPS's official ballot in English and Spanish and provide the Contracting Officer as soon as possible at the end of the period for ordering the election or filing for candidacy. The ballot information shall include a list of proposition showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidates' name shall appear on the ballot. The LPS shall promptly review for correctness the ballot when requested by the Contracting Officer to do so prior to the finalization and shall approve by e-mail or by signature in person.

- F. **Precinct Reports to the Texas Secretary of State.** Based on information provided by the Contracting Officer, the LPS shall prepare and file all required precinct reports with the Texas Secretary of State.
- G. **Annual Voting Report.** The LPS shall be responsible for filing its annual voting system report to the Texas Secretary of State as required under Chapter 123 et seq. of the Texas Election Code.

**IV. SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTION WORKERS**

- A. **Number of Election Workers at Election Day Polling Locations.** It is agreed by the Contracting Officer and the LPS that there will be at least three election workers at each Election Day polling location: the presiding judge, the alternate judge, and at least one election clerk appointed by the presiding judge. The number of necessary clerks is derived from the number of elections at the poll and the number of registered voters at the poll.
- B. **Compensation for Election Workers.** The Contracting Officer shall compensate all election workers in accordance with the Contracting Officer's established compensation policies, in accordance with the Texas Election Code and using the rates set by the Hays County Commissioners Court for county elections. The Contracting Officer shall pay the workers and be reimbursed by the entities sharing the polling locations.
- C. It is further agreed by all parties that at all times and for all purposes hereunder, all election judges, clerks, and all other personnel involved in this election are independent contractors and are not employees or agents of LPS. No statement contained in this Contract shall be construed so as to find any judge, clerk, or any other election personnel an employee or agent of LPS, and no election personnel shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, or benefits of LPS employees except as otherwise stated herein, nor shall any election personnel hold himself out as an employee or agent of LPS, unless considered an employee of the LPS as determined by the City Manager of the LPS.

**V. PAYMENT**

- A. **Charges and Distribution of Costs.** In consideration of the joint election services provided by the Contracting Officer, the LPS will be charged a share of the election costs and an administrative fee. The costs distribution is set forth in the Joint Election Agreement. The cost estimate is set forth in the Cost Estimate.
- B. **Administrative Fee.** The Contracting Officer shall charge a fee equal to 10% of the LPS's share of the cost of the election or a minimum of \$75.00.

- C. **Equipment Rental Fee.** Per Section 123.032(d) of the Texas Election Code, the Hays County Commissioners Court has set the equipment rental fee at \$175 each per controller and per Verity Duo component. If the County acquires additional equipment during the term of the Contract, the charge for the use of the equipment may be reset by the Hays County Commissioners Court.
- D. **Payment.** The Contracting Officer's invoice shall be due and payable to the address set forth in the invoice within 30 days from the date of receipt by the LPS.

**VI. TERM AND TERMINATION**

- A. **Initial Term.** The initial term of the contract shall commence upon the last party's execution hereof and shall continue thereafter in full force and effect for one year, subject to the termination rights set forth herein
- B. **Renewal.** Subject to the termination rights set forth herein, this contract shall be renewed annually.
- C. **Termination.** If either party wishes to terminate this contract for convenience or for cause, the party must provide not less than ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party and allow for discussion of the desired outcome and options to reach the desired outcome. In the event of termination, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the contracting Officer for services provided and expenses incurred will be due and payable.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- A. **Nontransferable Functions.** In accordance with Section 31.096 of the Texas Election Code, nothing in this Contract shall authorize or permit a change in:
  - 1. The authority with whom or the place at which any document or record relating to the election is to be filed;
  - 2. The officers who conduct the official canvass of the election returns;
  - 3. The authority to serve as custodian of voted ballots or other election records; or
  - 4. Any other nontransferable function specified under Section 31.096 or other provisions of law.

- B. Cancellation of Election.** If the LPS cancels its election pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer shall be entitled to receive an administrative fee of \$75. The Contracting Officer shall submit an invoice for the administrative fee as soon as reasonably possible after the cancellation, and the LPS shall make payment therefore in a manner similar to that set forth in **V. Payment** above.
- C. Contract Copies to Treasure and Auditor.** In accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer agrees to file copies of the Contract with the County Treasurer and the County Auditor of Hays County, Texas.
- D. Election to Resolve a Tie.** In the event that an election is necessary to resolve a tie vote, the terms of the Contract shall extend to the second election, except:
1. The LPS and the Contracting Officer will agree upon the date of the election and the early voting schedule subject to provisions of the election Code and with regard to other election conducted by the Contracting Officer.
  2. The LPS will be responsible for any Department of Justice preclearance submission under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.
  3. An attempt will be made to use the election workers that worked in the first election; those poll workers will not have additional training provided by the Contracting Officer.
  4. The cost of the election will be borne by the LPS; the Contracting Officer will work with the LPS on cost management.
- E. Amendment/Modification.** Except as otherwise provided, this contract may not be amended, modified, or changed in any respect except in writing, duly executed by the parties hereto. Both the Contracting Officer and the LPS 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 LPS or its authorized agent, respectively.
- F. Severability.** If any provision of the 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.



G. **Representatives.** For the purposes of implementing this Contract and coordinating activities, the Contracting Officer and the LPS designate the following individuals for submission of information, documents and notice:

For the Contracting Officer:

Jennifer Anderson  
Elections Administrator, Hays County  
712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012  
San Marcos, Texas 78666  
Tel: (512) 393-7310  
Fax: (512) 878-6699  
Email: [janderson@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:janderson@co.hays.tx.us)

For the LPS:

Jannette S. Goodale  
City Clerk  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767  
512-974-2210

Witness by my hand this the 9 day of 4, 2019.

Contracting Officer:

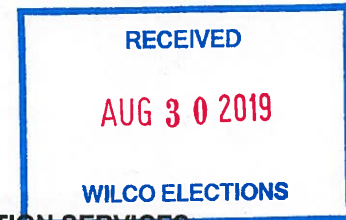
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Jennifer Anderson, Elections Administrator  
Hays County, Texas

Witness by my hand this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Local Political Subdivision:

Name of Entity: City of Austin  
By: Jannette S. Goodale  
Printed Name: Jannette S. Goodale  
Official Capacity: City Clerk  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 5, 2019, 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 listed above plans to hold an election on November 5, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County owns an electronic voting system, the Election System and Software (ES&S) EVS 6020 voting system, which includes the DS200 precinct scanner, the DS850 central scanner and the ExpressVote ballot marking device and 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 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 XII 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. NONPERFORMANCE

The Elections Administrator will inform each Participating Authority of any problems or deficiencies in their respective performance of obligations under this contract, including but not limited to non-adherence to deadlines for requests for information of each Participating Authority by the Elections Administrator, and may set a reasonable period of time to cure or obtain adequate assurance that any such problems or deficiencies will be timely addressed and corrected. **The Participating Authority's failure to cure problems or deficiencies related to its obligations, duties, and responsibilities in accordance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement will be considered in any future contracts with Elections Administrator or Williamson County, and any Participating Authority failing to perform will reimburse Elections Administrator for any additional costs and expenses to Williamson County, including all costs associated with interference of conducting the election.**

### IV. 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 B** 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 B**.

If polling places for the November 5, 2019 Joint Election are different from the polling place(s) used by a Participating Authority in its most recent election, the Participating Authority agrees to post a notice no later than November 5, 2019 at the entrance to any previous polling places in the jurisdiction stating that the polling location has changed and listing the Participating Authority's polling place names and addresses in effect for the November 5, 2019 election. This notice shall be written in both the English and Spanish languages.

### V. ELECTION JUDGES, CLERKS, AND OTHER ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Elections Administrator will recruit all election workers.

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 polling location 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)  
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.

The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel as 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.

## **VI. 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 with a list of candidates and/or propositions showing the order and the exact manner 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 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 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 EVS 6020 electronic voting system. Provisional ballots will be cast on the EVS 6020 system, as well.

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.

The Elections Administrator shall conduct criminal background checks for relevant election officials, staff, and temporary workers upon hiring as required by Election Code 129.051(g).

## VII. 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 C** 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 C**. Any Williamson County 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:

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

Physical Location  
Early Voting Clerk  
301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 104  
Georgetown, TX 78626

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.

## VIII. 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.

## IX. CENTRAL COUNTING STATION AND ELECTION RETURNS

The Elections Administrator will take the necessary steps 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 Counting Station Manager or an approved 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 8, 2019 and no later than November 18, 2019.

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.

## **X. 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.

## **XI. 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 November 5, 2019 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 runoff elections after the November 5, 2019 Uniform Election Date agrees that the date of a necessary runoff election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code.

## **XII. 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, a staffing agency fee for election workers, 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 the 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. Each Participating Authority's share of the staffing agency fee for election workers will be determined on a pro rata basis. The staffing agency fee is based on a markup cost percentage of 27% of the gross wages of election workers not classified as employees of Williamson County.
3. 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:
  - \$250.00 per ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device
  - \$400.00 per DS200 Precinct Scanner;
  - \$6,000.00 per DS850 Central Count scanner to cover the duration of the election;
  - \$250.00 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.

4. 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, less the staffing agency fee, 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.

### **XIII. 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.

### **XIV. 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.



## **XV. 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.

## **XVI. 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.



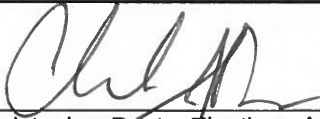
## XVII. COST ESTIMATES AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

The total *estimated* cost for the November 5, 2019 election is \$550,000.00 and is based partly on the costs of the November 7, 2017 joint general special election. 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 XII.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 30 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.

## XVIII. SIGNATURE PAGE

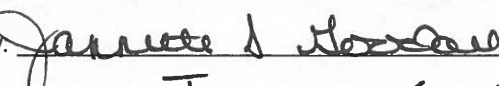
WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2019.

### ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR:

  
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Christopher Davis, Elections Administrator  
Williamson County, Texas

WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

### PARTICIPATING AUTHORITY:

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

ATTEST:

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**(To be provided after the final day to cancel an election as prescribed**  
**by the Texas Secretary of State's Election Law Calendar)**

List of Participating Authorities (to be determined)

## **ATTACHMENT B**

Election Day voting locations (to be determined)

## **ATTACHMENT C**

Early Voting Schedule with Voting Locations (to be determined)