



NAACP Houston

Young Adult Committee

2015 Municipal Election Guide

Ready..Set..VOTE!

As we approach Early voting next week and Election Day next month, NAACP wants to ensure that all residents are prepared and knowledgeable before heading to the polls. Please take a moment to review this email leading up to Election Day.

Early Voting

The dates for early voting are Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 30. Early voting polling locations and early voting hours can be found [HERE](#). Any registered Harris County voter may cast an early ballot at any early voting location in Harris County.

Ballots By Mail

Some voters qualify to vote by mail. The request for a Ballot by Mail must be received by the County Clerk's office no later than Friday, October 23. Except for mail ballots coming from overseas, all completed mail ballots must arrive at the County Clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. For complete details and to see if you qualify, [CLICK HERE](#). If you request a mail ballot and then decide to vote in person, you will be asked to relinquish your mail ballot when you arrive at the polling place. If your paper ballot is not available, you will still be able to vote in person, using the provisional ballot option.

Election Day

On Election Day you **MUST** vote at the location that is designated for your precinct. Although during early voting you may vote at any one of the 41 early voting locations in Harris County, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, you **MUST** vote in your precinct. Your precinct number appears on your current Voter Registration Certificate (VRC), which is orange and white. You can also find your precinct number by contacting the Voter Registrar at 713-368- 8683 or by going [HERE](#).

To get a list, by precinct, of Election Day voting locations [CLICK HERE](#) or call the Harris County Clerk's office at 713-755-6965. This information will also appear in the Houston Chronicle prior to Election Day.



VOTER INFORMATION

When Can I Vote?

Early Voting: Oct 19-30
Election Day: Nov 3
Vote By Mail: Application must be received by Oct 23rd! Click [HERE](#) for an application

[Vote by Mail Application!](#)

What Should I Take To The Polls?

- Voter Registration Card
- One form of Photo ID
- Voter Guide (If unsure)

[Complete Voter Guide!](#)

Need Assistance Voting At The Poll?

- Voters with special needs will be accommodated at all polling sites
- No medical explanation is necessary
- No proof of illness or disability is required

[More Information!](#)



What photo ID will be REQUIRED at the poll? (Must show one form)

- Texas driver license
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS.
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the voter's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the voter's photograph
- United States passport

[Harris County Sample Ballot!](#)

State Constitutional Amendments

Proposition 1 - SJR 1:

The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from Ad Valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence exemption, from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.

Proposition 2 - HJR 75:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing residence homestead exemption for such a veteran too effect.

Proposition 3 - SJR 52:

The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capitol.

Proposition 4 - HJR 73:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

Proposition 5 - SJR 17:

The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.

Proposition 6 - SJR 22:

The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.

Proposition 7 - SJR 5:

The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.

Harris County Propositions

Proposition No. 1:

The issuance of \$700,000,000.00 Harris County ROad Improvement Bonds, of which \$60,000,000.00 shall be for subdivision street replacement and repair, and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

Proposition No. 2:

The issuance of \$60,000,000.00 Harris County Parks Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

Proposition No. 3:

The issuance of 24,000,000.00 Harris County Veterinary public health adoption and care center bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

City of Houston Propositions

Proposition No. 1:

(Relating to the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance.) Are you in favor of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance Ord. No. 2014-530, which prohibits discrimination in city employment and city services, city contracts, public accommodations, private employment, and housing based on an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, familial status, martial status, military status, religion, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or pregnancy?

Proposition No. 2:

(Relating to term limits for city elective office.) Shall the city charter of the city of Houston be amended to reduce the number of terms of elective offices to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years, beginning in January 2016; And provide for transition?

[City of Houston Candidates](#)

[Houston Community College Candidates](#)

[Houston Independent School District Candidates](#)

Special Thanks to the League of Women Voters of Houston along with the Harris County Clerks Office for supplying the information provided in this guide. Click [HERE](#) to see full guide.

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