**Write your Elected Officials**

Let your elected officials know how you feel about issues. Be brief. Be courteous. Be reasonable.

Suggested salutations:

Dear President/Senator/Representative/Mayor/Council Member/Commissioner ______________.

**Area Voter Information**

**Who May Vote?**

- Citizens of the United States who are at least 18 years old on election day.
- Residents of Texas, the county, city or district where the election is held, on the day of election.
- Anyone who registered to vote at least 30 days before election.

**How to Register to Vote:**

- Applications are available in the voter registrar’s office, the drivers license bureau, libraries, post offices and other public agencies.
- Complete a post card application for voter registration and mail it post-age-free, or present it in person, to the registrar of voters or the election administrator in your county.
- To receive an application by mail, call or write: Voter Registration Office, 701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101, Denton, TX 76208 940-349-3200.
- You may register to vote if you are at least 17 years and 10 months of age on the date the application is submitted to the registrar, but you may not actually vote until you are 18 years of age.
- Your spouse, parent or child may complete and sign a voter registration application on your behalf if authorized by you. The authorization need not be in writing. In order to apply on your behalf, your spouse, parent or child must be a registered voter or have applied for voter registration.
- If you make a mistake while voting, stay at the booth and ask the election judge for assistance.
- Moving to another county: you must re-register in the county of your new residence.
- You will be eligible to vote in your new precinct on the 30th day following the change of residence. Meanwhile, you may return to vote in your old precinct.
- Special Voter Services:
  - If you are unfamiliar with the type voting machine or ballot being used, ask the election judge for a demonstration.
  - If you make a mistake while voting, stay at the booth and ask the election judge for assistance.
  - If you are unable to communicate with election officials in English, another language, or sign language for the deaf, you may use an interpreter.
  - If you are unable to mark your ballot because of blindness, physical disability, or inability to read or write, you will receive assistance.
  - Physically handicapped and elderly voters may send someone to the polling place to ask that a ballot be brought to the curb or entrance of the polling place by an elected official.

**Your Voting Precinct:**

- After the registrar receives your application, you should receive your voter registration certificate or card within 30 days.
- Your voter registration certificate identifies you as a registered voter in your precinct; however, you will need a valid Drivers License or Photo ID to present at the polling place on the day of the election when you vote.
- A new color-coded certificate will be mailed to you at your registered address in the odd-numbered years beginning in the middle of November through the end of December.

**How to Vote Early:**

- In Person: Registered voters may vote early beginning 17 days and ending 4 days prior to election day at designated polls.
- By Mail: Registered voters may apply beginning 60 days and ending 7 days before election. Ballot is mailed to voter and must be returned to the elections department by mail on or before election day.
- Special Voter Services: Absent from county on election day and in person voting period, 65 years of age or older, not able to vote in person due to illness, physical disability, confined to jail but eligible to vote or religious beliefs.
- College Students: Either register and vote in the county in which their school is located or in the county of their parents’ residence, whichever they determine to be their residence address.

**Keeping Your Registration Up To-Date:**

- Moving within the County or making a name change: correct the information on your current voter registration certificate, sign the back and return it to the registrar or the office of the Secretary of State.
- Moving to another County: you must re-register in the county of your new residence.
- You will be eligible to vote in your new precinct on the 30th day following the registration receives a notice of the change of residence. Meanwhile, you may return to vote in your old precinct.

**Your Political ID**

To identify your own political jurisdictions, refer to your voter registration certificate. Call your County Elections Department for your voting precinct number and the other information:

- My Voting Precinct Number: ________
- My Congressional District: ________
- My Senate District: ________
- My Texas Representative District: ________
- My County Commissioner Precinct: ________
- My State Board of Higher Educ. Dist.: ________
- My Community College District: ________
- My School District: ________
- My City Council District: ________

**Relevant Web Pages:**

| Federal Election Commission | www.fec.gov |
| Texas Sec. of State | www.sos.state.tx.us/ |
| Denton Co. Elections Adm. | www.votedenton.com |
| City of Denton | www.cityofdenton.com |
| Denton ISD | www.dentonisd.org |
| LWV of Texas | www.lwvtx.org |
| Denton LWV | www.lwvdenton.org |

**Toll Free Numbers:**

| Secretary of State, Elections | 1-800-252-8683 |
| Legislative Information Systems | 1-800-253-9693 |

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