

Item 2



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 5, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: APPROVE PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTING PROCESS AND COMMEND THE COMMITMENT OF RETAILERS RANDALLS, FIESTA, AND HEB AS VITAL TO ELECTIONS IN TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS: SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Susan Bell, Chief Deputy Clerk, 854-9587

Michael Winn, Director of Elections, 854-4728/632-5927

Michelle Parker, Assistant Director of Elections, 854-9193/914-6575

Related Departments Elizabeth Winn, County Attorney's Office 854-9415

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us **by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democratic government, and

WHEREAS, when voters cast their ballots, they are literally sharing in the decisions of government, and

WHEREAS, true democracy depends on both the right to vote and on voter participation, and

WHEREAS, convenient access to a polling place raises awareness, promotes interest and enthusiasm, and encourages well-directed participation in the political process, and

WHEREAS, the participation and partnership with local companies, Randalls, Fiesta, and HEB is an integral part of the democratic process for Travis County's voters and elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the companies' willingness to allow the use of their stores for election polling sites demonstrate their dedication to democracy, and

WHEREAS, by donating their facilities, resources and time to host polling locations gives more voters the opportunity to vote

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT WE PROUDLY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTING PROCESS AND COMMEND THE COMMITMENT OF RETAILERS RANDALLS, FIESTA, AND HEB AS VITAL TO ELECTIONS IN TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

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