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The Honorable Christy A. Eason
Elections Administrator for Waller County
816 Wilkins St.
Hempstead, Texas 77445

Re: *Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200;*
Notice of Election, November 5, 2024 (Commissioner Election)

Dear Ms. Eason:

Please accept this letter pursuant to Section 4.008, Texas Election Code, as Notice of a Commissioner Election, called by Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 for November 5, 2024, in accordance with Section 775.035, Texas Health & Safety Code for the Election of Emergency Services District Commissioners. Both Harris County and Waller County will be conducting the Election on behalf of the District via election services agreements between the respective counties and the District.

Please find enclosed the Election Order which designates that the Election shall be held within the Election Precincts and at the Polling Places designated by the Harris County Clerk's Office and the Elections Administrator for Waller County for both Early Voting and Election Day. Please note that the District shall deliver to you, via our office, the Notice of Election for posting as required by Election Code, Section 4.003(b). The District will continue to coordinate with both County Elections Offices regarding final designation of polling places. The Notice of Election will include the polling places designated by the Harris County Clerk's Office and the Elections Administrator for Waller County.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

COVELER & PEELER, P.C.

By:



Krystine N. Ramon

ORDER FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR TWO (2) COMMISSIONER POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 AS PROVIDED UNDER HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, SECTION 775.035

WHEREAS, WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 (the "District") operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 48-e, and Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is a multi-county District and is therefore governed by an elected Board of Emergency Services Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 775.035, Texas Health & Safety Code, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners serve alternating four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, in this year of the District operations, pursuant to Section 775.035, Texas Health & Safety Code, two (2) Commissioner positions are ending their regular terms; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners finds that it is necessary to call for an election for two (2) positions on the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 775.035, Texas Health & Safety Code, requires that such Election be held in conformity with Section 41.001, of the Texas Election Code, providing for Uniform Election Dates,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an Election be held in WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to elect two (2) persons to serve as Commissioners of WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 for the four-year terms commencing **January 1, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. (a) The ballot for the Election shall provide for voting for none, one, or two candidates among those candidates listed or written in by the voter (as may be allowed by law).

(b) The two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected in accordance with law. Election shall be by plurality vote.

(c) In the event of a tie vote among all the candidates or among those candidates each having the second or third most votes, the resolution of the tie shall be resolved in accordance with Section 2.002, Texas Election Code.

2. The Election shall be held within all regular Waller and Harris County Election Precincts wholly or partially located within the District and at the Polling Places used for regular voting by Waller and Harris Counties. Regardless of residence in the County Election Precincts, only persons residing within the District boundaries may vote in this election.

3. The election may be held jointly with other entities under the Joint Election Agreements promulgated by the Waller County Elections Office and Harris County Elections Division.

4. The election will be conducted by the Waller County Elections Office and Harris County Elections Division under the terms of the Election Services Agreements promulgated by the respective counties. To the full extent allowed by law, the District delegates to the County Elections offices all election duties described in the Agreement.

5. The voting shall be by electronic device as developed and utilized by the respective County election authorities. In the absence of electronic voting devices, the voting in the District's Election Precincts shall utilize paper ballots, the required number of metal or wooden ballot boxes, and voting booths all as specified, described and set forth in Subchapter B, Sections 51.031, 51.032, and 51.034 of the Texas Election Code.

6. The candidates' names shall appear on the ballot in the form as required by law. The candidates' names shall appear on the paper ballot in such a manner that each voter may cast no vote or may cast one vote for each of one or two candidates among those candidates listed or written in by the voter (as may be allowed by law).

7. All candidates must file an application in accordance with the Texas Election Code (including Chapter 141, Subchapters A and B, and Chapter 144, Texas Election Code). All candidates are obligated to determine on their own whether their application is correct in form and content.

8. All applications for a place on the ballot must be filed with the Melinda Hashaw, District Board Secretary, and must be received by mail at 820 Gessner Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024, in person at 820 Gessner Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024 by email at elections@coveler.com, or by fax at (713) 984-0670. The procedures and time requirements for write-in candidacies are governed by Subchapter C, Chapter 146, Texas Election Code.

9. The order of the candidates' names shall be determined by a drawing held in accordance with and under the time parameters set forth in Section 52.094, Texas Election Code. As required by law, candidates' names may only appear as an independent, without denoting any political or party affiliation. The drawing for ballot position will be conducted on August 27, 2024.

10.a. Christy A. Eason, Elections Administrator, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Waller County portion of the Election. Early voting shall be conducted in such like manner and in accordance with the applicable early voting provisions as established by Waller County for its November 5, 2024 elections, from October 21, 2024 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through November 1, 2024 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). As ordered by the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, the location of main early voting place is determined by the Waller County Elections office and is designated as follows:

Waller County Elections Department,
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, Texas 77445

Branch early voting locations:

As determined by Waller County for its November 5, 2024 elections.

10.b. Teneshia Hudspeth, the Harris County Clerk, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Harris County portion of the Election. Early voting shall be conducted in such like manner and in accordance with the applicable early voting provisions as established by Harris County for its November 5, 2024 elections, from October 21, 2024 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through November 1, 2024 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). As ordered by the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, the location of main early voting place is determined by the Harris County Elections office and is designated as follows:

Harris County Elections Department,
1001 Preston St.
Houston, Texas 77002

Branch early voting locations:

As determined by Harris County for its November 5, 2024 elections.

11. For the use of those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerks above named shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the District shall provide each voter with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.

12.a. Waller County Ballot applications and ballots voted shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445. There shall be no

provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by October 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

12.b. Harris County Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at P.O. Box 1148 Houston, Texas 77251-1148. There shall be no provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by October 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

13. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Order Approving and Appointing an Agent; Order Establishing and Designating Election Precincts and Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judges; Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot Board; Order Appointing Early Voting Clerks; Order Establishing and Designating a Polling Place. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the District delegates the appointment of election officials to Waller County and Harris County.

14. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided Spanish and Vietnamese and if applicable Mandarin (Traditional) translations of the ballot as well as other election materials.

15. This Order constitutes the Election Order of WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 Election to elect two (2) persons to serve as Commissioners of WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 for four-year terms commencing **January 1, 2025**. The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with law and shall be given by publication of the Notice of Election (which can encompass and/or contain this Order) along with the Order designating the Voting Precincts and Polling Places for the Election. Such publication shall be made one time in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the geographic boundaries of the District, said publication to be made not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the Election Date. Further, a copy of such Notice along with the Order designating the Voting Precincts shall, not later than the 21st day before the Election Date, be posted on the bulletin board or other place conspicuous to the public used for posting Notices of the meetings of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerks of Harris County and Waller County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners shall retain a copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper in which it was published and the date of publication.

ADOPTED at Open Meeting this the 16th day of July 2024, by a vote of 5 to 0.

**WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200**

By: Brenda Bundick
Brenda Bundick
President