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**NOVEMBER 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

The November 8, 2016 election day is quickly approaching. We would like to share some information with our voters. Most importantly is Vote Centers. We need the public to realize that they can vote anywhere in Brazoria County on Election Day.

VOTE CENTERS

ADVANTAGES

EVERYONE CAN VOTE AT ANY BRAZORIA COUNTY VOTING LOCATION OPEN DURING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY. NO ONE IS EVER TURNED AWAY BECAUSE THEY ARE AT THE WRONG VOTING LOCATION. THIS RESULTS IN FEWER PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND NO REJECTED PROVISIONAL BALLOT FOR VOTING AT THE WRONG LOCATION.

Brazoria County now uses "Vote Centers" for all elections. What does that mean to you as a voter? It means that Election Day is just like a continuation of Early Voting. You no longer have to go to the voting location located in your precinct. You can now vote on Election Day, November 8, 2016, at any voting location that is open in "Brazoria County". For example, if you work in Angleton but live in Pearland, you can vote at any of the Angleton locations on Election

Angleton – 979-864-1373

Brazosport – 979-288-1373

North County – 281-756-1373

Day. You do not have to hurry back to Pearland on Election Day and get to a specific voting location before 7:00 pm.

For the November 8th Presidential Election we have opened additional Vote Centers:

PEARLAND AREA

**Emerald Bay Recreation Center, 11814 N Clear Lake Loop
Shadycrest Baptist Church, 3017 Yost Blvd
Southwyck Golf Club, 2901 Clubhouse Dr
Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N Grand Blvd**

ANGLETON AREA

Northway Baptist Church, 1421 Buchta Rd

ALVIN AREA

Joe's Banquet Center, 1400 E Hwy 6

DAMON AREA

Damon Elementary School, 1211 Mulcahy

FREEPORT AREA

St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1019 W 6th St

LAKE JACKSON

St Michael's Catholic Church, 100 Oak Drive South

MANVEL AREA

Rodeo Palms Clubhouse, 33 Rodeo Palms

In an effort to inform voters of these additional "Vote Center Locations" the county will be placing road signs out on Friday, November 4th. The LED lighted signs will say "Vote Here November 8th". We will also be placing additional signs at intersections that lead to the new "Vote Center Locations". So please, look for our signs. We want voters to utilize these new locations. We know there will be lines to vote on November 8th, but using these new locations will reduce the traffic we know we will have at the regular voting locations that are used every election. We have noticed that on Election Day, the voting locations that are used for Early Voting have the longest

lines. Please go to our website, brazoriacountyvotes.com and look at the entire list of voting locations. As previously stated, any location on that list is available for you to vote on Election Day.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO OPEN THE VOTE CENTER LOCATION IN HOLIDAY LAKES. DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODING, OUR POLLING PLACE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE REPAIRS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Everyone in the county will be voting in the General Election for Federal, State and County Officials. But, there are other political subdivisions that will also be holding elections “Joint” with the General Election. Damon Independent School District will be holding its election to elect new board members. City of Pearland will be holding a “Local Option Election”. Pearland Independent School District will be holding a “Bond Election”. If you are eligible to vote in any of these three elections, that race or proposition will be the last item on your ballot. So, if you decide to vote straight party, please remember to then go down to the bottom of the ballot to vote in the local election.

VOTER ID

The “Voter ID” law is still in force. There have been changes made to provide a way for voters that cannot “reasonably obtain” one of the eight forms of ID.

Voters who possess photo identification still need to show it when casting a ballot, but those without it still can vote. If a voter has one of the eight accepted forms of photo identification that is current or not expired for over 4 years, then nothing changes. Previously, the ID could not be expired for over 60 days. Those forms are: Texas

driver's license or ID card, a concealed handgun license, a U. S. passport, a military ID card, a U.S. citizenship certificate, an election identification card or a VA card. If someone cannot "reasonably obtain" one of the eight forms of ID, they now have an option to sign what is called a declaration of reasonable impediment, or affidavit, and check off why one of the photo ID's wasn't obtained. Among the reasons for not having a proper ID can be lack of transportation, illness, work schedule or family responsibilities. There is also the option for selecting "other" and then writing the reason.

It is up to the individual voter to determine the reasonableness. A voter must still present another document for identification, like a bank statement, utility bill, original birth certificate or voter registration certificate, in order to sign the affidavit.

If you have one of the eight IDs, bring it with you when you go to vote and be ready to present it at the check in table prior to voting. If you have one of the eight acceptable IDs and just do not have it with you, you will still have to vote "Provisionally" and you will have until the sixth day after the election to bring that ID to the Voter Registration Office in Angleton or your vote will not count. The affidavits, if signed, is a declaration that you are "unable to secure" one of the IDs and the affidavits are backed up by the penalty of perjury and potential violations may be investigated for perjury.

EARLY VOTING

Attached to this email is a NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING that will provide dates, times and places that early voting will take place.

We suggest that people vote early because we expect lines on Election Day. The busiest days of early voting are usually the first two days and the last two days. So, vote early and hopefully avoid

the long lines. All Early Voting locations are open on Saturday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

LAKE JACKSON CHANGE

The Early Voting location for the Lake Jackson area has been moved from the Lake Jackson Library to the Lake Jackson Civic Center. We would like to thank the City of Lake Jackson and The Civic Center for allowing us to use their facility for the entire period of early voting. The Lake Jackson Library room was just too small for this type of election. As usual, we will continue to use the Lake Jackson Civic Center on election day also.

BRAZORIA CHANGE

The Early Voting location for Brazoria will be at the Brazoria Library, as usual. But, for election day, we have moved the voting location to the American Legion Hall, 203 E. San Bernard in Brazoria. The county will have road signs at the location to give the voters advanced notice starting Friday, November 4th.

Attached to this email is a full list of the “VOTE CENTERS” that will be open on election day, November 8th, 20