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Early Voting for the December 9 Joint Runoff Election Begins: *Houston voters will decide half of the city's government elected positions*

(Houston, TX) – As early voting begins for the December 9 Joint Runoff Election, Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth urges voters to go cast their ballot before it gets too deep into the Holiday shopping season and they forget. There will be [41 voting centers](#) available to Harris County registered voters to exercise their right to vote. The voting centers will be open from November 27, through Tuesday, December 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, December 3, polls from noon to 7 p.m.

"Don't procrastinate. Go vote, now!" **asserted Hudspeth, the chief election official of the County.**

According to Hudspeth, Houston voters will decide half of the city's government elected positions, including Mayor, Controller, four at-large council members and three single-member council members. Voters in Houston council District D, G and H will see seven contests on their ballot. All other Houston voters will see six. In addition, District 4 voters in Baytown will elect a council member and Bellaire voters will elect a new Mayor.

"Voters should be aware that only citizens registered to vote within the legal boundaries of a city on the ballot may vote on the contests offered by the city," **reminded Hudspeth.** "For example, a "Houston" postal address does not guarantee that a voter lives within Houston proper."

Sample Ballots for the December 9 Joint Runoff Election are available at www.HarrisVotes.com. Information regarding the City of Houston Runoff Election candidates can be found at <https://houstontx.gov/2023-runoff-election.html>.

The following forms of photo ID are acceptable when voting in person:

- Texas Driver's License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

Voters who do not possess and cannot obtain one of these forms of photo ID may fill out a [Reasonable Impediment Declaration](#) (RID) at a Vote Center and present another form of ID, such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, or voter registration certificate.

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