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## Countywide Voting Centers in Harris County, TX

### What are they and how do they work?

Election Day vote centers (EDVC) can be precinct-based or non-precinct based locations for voting depending on the county plan

- All polling locations are open to all eligible voters in Harris County
- All locations are located based on population density
- Prioritization is on convenience for the voter
- Vote at your neighborhood precinct location or where you work, shop or go to school
- Locations can be any existing precinct location, large or small
- Recommended plan: Leave all 700 ED polling locations open including some EV locations as well

### Why are EDVCs better?

- Increases voter convenience and satisfaction
- Continuation of the same successful style of voting as during early vote
- Solves the confusion so many voters have about where their assigned location is on ED
- Reduces the costs of administering an election over time
- Increases the efficiency of collecting and counting votes
- Allows us to monitor and evaluate voter traffic on election day and use that data to make better choices on how to serve our voters

### Challenges of EDVCs

- Breaking with tradition
  - Harris County has had Early Voting at any location for years, but Election Day has always been in the voters local precinct
- Voter education
  - There will need to be a significant public education campaign in which all stakeholders are included and elected officials in Harris County all push the same message
- Equipment and Technology
  - At this time, there will not need to be a significant technology purchase as this type of technology has already been used on election day