

VOTE!

HAPPY LABOR DAY! Today is the official launch of the election season. It's 56 days until Election Day on November 3rd and just 35 days until early voting starts in Texas.

MORE ON VOTE BY MAIL:

If you are 65 or over and haven't requested a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot, please do it now! <https://reg.vote/tdvbm.html>. The final day to apply for VBM is October 23rd (application received), but please don't wait that long to request it!! Because of postal delays, there is a risk that you won't receive it in time. Remember, if you receive a VBM ballot and decide you want to vote in person, you can take the ballot to a polling place to *surrender it* so that you can vote. Finally, if you think you've already applied for VBM ballot but aren't sure, you can check your status by calling the Elections Office (for Collin County 972-548-4100.)

VBM ballots will be sent starting in late September so look for your ballots around the 1st of October; some of us will be able to vote in the next **4 weeks!** (If I receive my VBM ballot in the mail on October 1st, I plan to complete it and drive up to McKinney to turn it in on October 2nd.) There's no reason to delay.

Each voter must complete and place the ballot in the yellow return envelope that is provided and ***sign on the outside of the sealed envelope***. Each envelope must contain only ONE ballot and it takes one first class stamp per envelope for postage. If you choose to mail your ballot, **MAIL IT EARLY!**

If you decide to hand deliver your ballot instead of mailing it, you must go to your County Elections Office (McKinney for Collin County residents.) To hand deliver your ballot, you will need to ***show ID and sign a form***. (You CANNOT turn in a spouse's or friend's ballot.) Deliver your ballot to the main Elections Office (**NOT the voting line** if polls are open.) The Collin County address is **2010 Redbud Lane, Suite 102, McKinney, TX 75069**.

How will you know your VBM ballot was counted? After Early Voting begins on October 13th, *each morning a list of all voters who've cast ballots (including VBM ballots that have been processed) will be posted*. When the link is available, I will send it so you can check the status of your ballot.

VOTER ID. See list of acceptable forms of photo ID here: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/id/poster-11x17-aw-voter.pdf>. If you don't have a standard form of ID, you can sign a **Reasonable Impediment Declaration** and use alternate forms of ID like voter registration card, recent utility bill, bank statement, etc. Details are here: <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/reasonable-impediment-declaration.pdf>.

EARLY VOTING. Early voting will run from October 13th through October 30th. If you plan to vote in person, **please vote during early voting!** I'll publish the locations when available. For now, if you haven't already, check to ensure there are no problems with your voter registration: <https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>.

VOTER REGISTRATION. Voters must be registered by October 5th in order to vote in the November election. If you have a neighbor or family member who's not registered, or child who will be 18 by November 3, help them get registered so they can vote. White Voter Registration cards are available at libraries.

SAMPLE BALLOTS. As soon as they are available, I will send them to you. Remember. ***Don't stop at the top.*** Please vote for each Democrat on the ballot.

Spread the word. Feel free to forward these updates to *friends, neighbors, relatives*. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your support.

VOTE!

Hazel Weathers

"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have a moral obligation to do something about it." John Lewis