Harris Central Appraisal District News Release

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HCAD Board of Directors Election

Houston —The Harris Central Appraisal District's board of directors will add three new publicly elected members who will be selected in a May 4, 2024, countywide election.

With the Texas Legislature's recent enactment of Senate Bill 2 and the passage of Proposition 4 in the November 2023 election, the board of directors for appraisal districts in a county with a population of more than 75,000 will expand to include three at-large public members in addition to the county tax assessor/collector and five directors selected by the governing bodies of the county, cities and the school and community college districts.

The newly elected directors will take office on July 1 and serve a term that expires on December 31, 2026.

Service on the appraisal district board of directors is an unpaid position, but directors are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to board meetings and other official functions.

To serve on the board, a member must be a resident of Harris County, must not owe delinquent property taxes, may not have represented property owners in proceedings before the appraisal district during the prior three years, must not have been employed by HCAD at any time during the prior three years, or be related within the second degree to a person who either appraises property or represents property owners for compensation in proceedings before the district. Additionally, board members may not be employed by any taxing units served by HCAD unless the individual is also an elected taxing unit official.

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Local residents interested in running should direct applications to the office of the Harris County Judge. The office of the Harris County Judge is at 1001 Preston Street, Suite 911, Houston, TX 77002. They are open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications for a place on the ballot can be emailed to Judge.Hidalgo@HarrisCountyTX.gov or faxed to 713.755.8379. For a place on the ballot, interested candidates must either pay a filing fee of $400, or provide a petition with 500 signatures of registered Harris County voters in lieu of a filing fee. Both must go to the county judge using the above information.

Below is a link to the application and a link to the Texas Secretary of State's Election Advisory No. 2023-24.

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-49f.pdf

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/advisory2023-24.shtml

About HCAD

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.9 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately $895 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

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