

Subject: FW: Public Records Request: TX-SOS-19-1515 (SOS PIR No. 19-1213)
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:24:48 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: GeneralCounsel
To: AO Records
CC: GeneralCounsel
Attachments: Documents 1.15.20.zip

Good afternoon,

Consistent with our December 20 letter, please find the attached documents responsive to your Request.

We require more time to review our records and provide other responsive documents, if any. We will provide you any additional responsive documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2020. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

Please note that a responsive document contains an email address of a member of the public, which is confidential under Section 552.137 of the Texas Government Code. The attorney general has authorized all governmental bodies to withhold an email address of a member of the public without first requesting an attorney general opinion. *See* Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009). As such, this information has been redacted from the enclosed materials.

Jennifer Williams
Legal Assistant to the General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State

From: GeneralCounsel <GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 6:10 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: GeneralCounsel <GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request: TX-SOS-19-1515

Ms. Pintado,

Please see the attached letter in response to your request for information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

Sincerely,

Adam Bitter
General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 1:06 PM
To: GeneralCounsel <GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request: TX-SOS-19-1515

From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: Ballot Certification and Drawing for Special Election for House District 148
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:22:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[HD 148 - Ballot Certification and Drawing FINAL.pdf](#)
[HD 148 - Ballot Certification FINAL.pdf](#)
Sensitivity: Personal

County Election Officials,

The ballot certification for the Special Election for HD 148 is attached. As a reminder, it is your duty to conduct a ballot drawing to determine the order of the candidates for the ballot. You are required to post notice of the ballot drawing no later than 72 hours before the drawing. A sample notice form can be found in our online forms manual posted at this link, <http://origin-www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/3-2f.pdf>, Form No. AW3-2.

In accordance with Section 203.009(b) of the Texas Election Code, we are delivering this ballot certification to you “as soon as practicable after the deadline for filing applications,” which is 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2019. Please be advised that the deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her application and have his or her name omitted from the ballot is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019 in accordance with Section 145.092(a) of the Texas Election Code.

If you have any questions regarding this election, please feel free to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-8683.

Keith Ingram
Director, Elections Division
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Ruth R. Hughes
Secretary of State

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harris County Election Officials

FROM: Keith Ingram, Director of Elections 

DATE: September 4, 2019

RE: Ballot Certification for the Special Election for State Representative, District 148

This memorandum is a reminder of your duty to conduct a ballot drawing to determine the order of the candidates for the ballot. You are required to post notice of the ballot drawing no later than 72 hours before the drawing. A sample notice form can be found in our online forms manual posted at this link, <http://origin-www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/3-2f.pdf>, Form No. AW3-2.

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KI:KH



The State of Texas

Secretary of State

I, RUTH R. HUGHS, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SURNAME) THE FOLLOWING AS THE DULY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 148:

Rob Block	Democratic
Kendra Yarbrough Camarena	Democratic
Chris Carmona	Independent
Carol Denson	Democratic
Anna Eastman	Democratic
Adrian Garcia	Democratic
Dr. Terah Isaacson	Democratic
Michele Leal	Democratic
Ryan McConnico	Republican
Mia Mundy	Democratic
Luis La Rotta	Republican
Penny "Morales" Shaw	Democratic
Alva Trevino	Democratic
Chris Watt	Democratic

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ELECTION CODE § 203.009, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED THAT THE ABOVE NAMES BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN HARRIS COUNTY ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019 IN A COLUMN UNDER THE TITLE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 148 WITH PARTY DESIGNATION AS SPECIFIED IN TEXAS ELECTION CODE § 203.011.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, Texas this 4th day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth R. Hughes".

RUTH R. HUGHS
SECRETARY OF STATE

TX-SOS-19-1515-A-000003

From: Elections Internet
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Elections Internet
Subject: FW: A Halloween Message from DHS, NASED, and NASS

Hello Everyone,

Below is a joint Halloween message from NASS, NASED and DHS regarding election security. I strongly encourage all of you to join the EI-ISAC using the link in item one below. We are now up to 17 states where 100% of election officials are members. Texas is at 56%.

Happy Halloween! I thank you for the work you are doing during early voting. If you need anything give us a call.

Keith

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From: Amy Cohen [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:46 AM
Subject: A Halloween Message from DHS, NASED, and NASS

Election Officials,

Halloween is here but nothing is scarier than the idea of a cyber incident affecting elections infrastructure. As we close out Cyber Security Awareness month, your partners in election security wish to remind you of a few things you should consider now as you work to understand and manage risks (and to avoid Freddy Krueger and Jason).

1.) Join more than 2,300 of your colleagues, including state election offices in all 50 states, DC, and four territories and local election officials in states around the country, and become a member of the Elections Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC). 15 states already have every local election official as a member. It's free and easy. No excuses. Join today.

<https://learn.cisecurity.org/ei-isac-registration>.

2.) Familiarize yourself with free services provided by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that can help you manage risks of website attacks, ransomware, and more. Especially consider scanning your websites for vulnerabilities and conducting remote penetration tests of your organization.

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/election-security-resource-library>

3.) Explore the resource library that the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) built to catalogue available help you all find public and private assistance.

https://www.nass.org/sites/default/files/Cybersecurity/9.19_NASS_Cyber_Resource_Guide.pdf

Election Security requires is a whole of government, whole of country, approach activity. From the local, state and federal levels, you have partners working extremely hard on it.

Please visit the three sites listed above and please share this with all of your election official friends. Don't be a zombie: do your part.

Spooktacularly yours,

Paul "The Avenger" Pate, President NASS, Iowa Secretary of State
Keith "Rocket Man" Ingram, President NASED, Texas Director of Elections
Geoffrey "The Wolfman" Hale, Director CISA Election Security Initiative
Matthew "Eddie Munster" Masterson, CISA Election Lead

From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: FW: MASS EMAIL (CC/EA-42):Canvass for Special Election HD148 due Friday
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 5:53:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Sensitivity: Personal

County Election Officials,

As a reminder, pursuant to Section 67.007 of the Texas Election Code, the County Clerk/Elections Administrator must certify the county returns as canvassed by the commissioners court and deliver those returns to the Secretary of State **not later than 24 hours after the completion of the canvass**. Please be advised that Section 203.012 of the Code states that the commissioners court must canvass the returns for the Special Election for Texas House of Representatives District 148 **no later than Friday, November 15, 2019**. Only two members of the commissioners court are required to be present to canvass the returns. The votes from the late ballots and provisional ballots must be included in the official canvass by the court.

The official returns must be reported to our office through the Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM) system. As a reminder, instructional materials, quick reference guides, and training presentations are available on the TEAM DocShare site. Once county returns are submitted, please print, sign, date, affix your county seal, and **upload** your official report to our office through the TEAM system.

Please report official returns no later than noon on Friday, November 15, 2019. This will help facilitate the canvass by the Governor.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-800-252-8683 or at Elections@sos.texas.gov.

Kristi Hart

Manager of Elections Administration &
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From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: MASS EMAIL (CC/EA-19): FINAL REMINDER - County Contact and Precinct/Polling Location Information due TODAY for Special Election House District 148
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 7:00:19 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

County Election Officials,

As a reminder, all county contact and precinct/polling information should be updated in the TEAM system by end of day **TODAY**. Training presentations, mini-manuals, and quick reference guides are available on the TEAM DocShare site.

Please remember, when entering the number of precincts and polling locations, please remember to **add an additional location for the reporting of early voting totals**. For example, if you have 63 precincts, you will need to enter 64 into the TEAM system. Likewise, if you have 38 polling location, you will need to enter 39 into the TEAM system.

As always, if you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Elections Administration team at (800)252-8683 or at Elections@sos.texas.gov.

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From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Bcc: Harris - Ann Harris Bennett (ann.harris-bennett@tax.hctx.net); Harris - Diane Trautman (dtrautman@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Elisa Resendiz (elisa.resendiz@tax.hctx.net); Harris - Esther Cardenas (ECardenas@cco.hctx.net); Harris - FPCA's (FPCA@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Hector DeLeon (hdeleon@cco.hctx.net); Jason Harris - Bruce (jbruce@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Jennifer Ballard (JBallard@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Jennifer Colvin (jcolvin@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Jennifer Lee (jlee@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Jonathan Dulany (JDulany@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Linda Sandoval (lsandoval@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Maureen McDonald (mmcdonald@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Michael Winn (mwinn@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Neeharika Tumati (Neeharika.tumati@cao.hctx.net); Harris - Rachelle Fortner (RFortner@cco.hctx.net); Harris - Raul Orellana (raul.orellana@tax.hctx.net); Harris - Sheena Tate (Sheena.Tate@tax.hctx.net); Harris - Sue Hastings (Sue.Hastings@tax.hctx.net); Harris - Wendy Caesar (wendy.caesar@tax.hctx.net)
Subject: MASS EMAIL (CC/EA/VR-20) Election Day Reminders for Special Election HD148
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 7:59:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Sensitivity: Personal

Good Morning!

A few reminders for the day:

- **Election Night Returns:** All ENR reporting will be done through the Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM) system. You may login **after 7:00 pm** to begin reporting your **county vote totals**. As in previous elections, we ask that you enter **all early votes as soon after 7:00 p.m. as possible**. For data entry assistance, you may contact our office at **(800)252-8683**. Once your **Total Votes** are **submitted**, please remember to print and take a copy of the unofficial returns home with you should questions arise.
- **ENR Public Portal:** Election results will be available throughout the evening on our new ENR Public Portal. You may access the link on the SOS webpage or directly at <https://results.texas-election.com/races>. Please feel free to share this link.
- **Canvass:** Specific instructions related to the submission of county canvass reports through TEAM will be sent out Wednesday. As a reminder for those of you that are new or anyone who would like to attend, we will be hosting a webinar at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7th**.
- **Precinct by Precinct Reporting:** Information regarding the reporting of precinct level election results will be sent out later in the week. As with previous elections, we will send credentials and instructions for accessing the Precinct by Precinct application for county reporting.

Our staff will be available throughout the day and evening to assist as needed. For technical issues or legal assistance, please contact us (800)252-8683 or (800)252-2216 or at Elections@sos.texas.gov. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Kristi Hart

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From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: MASS EMAIL ADVISORY (CC/EA- 686) Advisories related to Electronic Voting Systems
Date: Monday, October 28, 2019 9:37:54 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Sensitivity: Personal

Dear Election Officials.

Our office has released the following two advisories related to the use of Electronic Voting Systems:

- [No. 2019-23](#) - **Electronic Voting System Procedures Advisory**
 - Provides procedures related to the use of Electronic Voting Systems. Most of the advisory is unchanged from previous versions.
 - Contains **new** instructions on ballot numbering, signature requirements on ballots, and electronic transmission of unofficial results to the central counting station.
- [No. 2019-24](#) - **Exemptions to Voting System Accessibility Requirements**
 - Provides guidance on the limited voting system exemptions that exist under the Texas Election Code.
 - Provides dates and deadlines related to acquiring such exemptions.

These advisories and other information can be found on your [Conducting Elections](#) pages.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Christina Worrell Adkins

Legal Director – Elections Division

Office of the Texas Secretary of State

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From: [Keith Ingram](#)
To: [Harris - Diane Trautman \(dtrautman@cco.hctx.net\)](#); [Harris - Michael Winn \(mwinn@cco.hctx.net\)](#)
Subject: poll book certification
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:19:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dr. Trautman,

I just spoke with Secretary Hughes and she said you had a question about the timing of the new poll book certification. We are closing in on having a draft of standards to share informally. We will not be requiring any certifications before November's election, but we will hope to have everybody certified by January 1 before the primary election. Let me know if you need anything further.

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From: [Trautman, Diane \(CCO\)](#)
To: [Keith Ingram](#)
Cc: [Winn, Michael \(CCO\)](#)
Subject: Re: poll book certification
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:46:03 PM
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Perfect, thanks so much for the quick response Keith. I thought that's what you had said at the SOS conference but wanted to confirm. I enjoyed speaking with Secretary Hughes today and look forward to meeting her on Friday.

Best,
Diane

Diane Trautman, Ed. D.
Harris County Clerk
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Houston, TX. 77251
713-274-8600

On Sep 3, 2019, at 4:20 PM, Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov> wrote:

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From: [Keith Ingram](#)
To: [Trautman, Diane \(CCO\)](#)
Subject: RE: Swearing in ceremony and reception
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 12:47:00 PM

I certainly will. Thank you.

Keith

From: Trautman, Diane (CCO) <DTrautman@cco.hctx.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Swearing in ceremony and reception

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Hello Keith,

Unfortunately, something has come up at the office and I will have to leave Austin tonight. So I will have to miss Secretary Hughes swearing in every tomorrow.

Please give her my regrets and hope to meet her soon.

Best regards,
Diane

Diane Trautman, Ed. D.
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From: [Fisbeck, Maureen \(CCO\)](#)
To: [Kristi Hart](#)
Cc: [Keith Ingram](#); [Elections Internet](#); [Winn, Michael \(CCO\)](#); [Ballard, Jennifer \(CCO\)](#); [Bruce, Jason \(CCO\)](#); [Hudspeth, Teneshia \(CCO\)](#); [Nguyen, Du Ha Kim \(CCO\)](#)
Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:29:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good afternoon Kristi,

Please be reminded that Harris County will be conducting the ballot drawing for the Special Election for House District 148 this evening at 5:30 pm.

We'll be anxiously awaiting your list.

Thanks so much!

Maureen J. Fisbeck
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From: Kristi Hart [mailto:KHart@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Fisbeck, Maureen (CCO) <MFisbeck@cco.hctx.net>
Cc: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>; Winn, Michael (CCO) <MWinn@cco.hctx.net>; Ballard, Jennifer (CCO) <JBallard@cco.hctx.net>; Bruce, Jason (CCO) <jbruce@cco.hctx.net>; Hudspeth, Teneshia (CCO) <THudspeth@cco.hctx.net>; Nguyen, Du Ha Kim (CCO) <DNguyen@cco.hctx.net>
Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019
Sensitivity: Personal

Maureen,

As you know the candidate filing period ends at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 4th. As in the past, we will be prepared to have the ballot certification signed immediately following the deadline and will send you a copy as soon as we have it available.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or if I can assist you in any way.

Kristi Hart

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From: Fisbeck, Maureen (CCO) <MFisbeck@cco.hctx.net>

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 11:53 AM

To: Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>

Cc: Winn, Michael (CCO) <MWinn@cco.hctx.net>; Ballard, Jennifer (CCO) <JBallard@cco.hctx.net>;
Bruce, Jason (CCO) <jbruce@cco.hctx.net>; Hudspeth, Teneshia (CCO) <THudspeth@cco.hctx.net>;
Nguyen, Du Ha Kim (CCO) <DNguyen@cco.hctx.net>

Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019

Importance: High

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Good morning,

Harris County Elections would like to conduct the ballot drawing for the Special Election for House District 148 on Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30pm. Can we expect to have the list of candidates before this date and time?

Thank you in advance.

Maureen J. Fisbeck

Director of Election Projects

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From: Elections Internet [<mailto:Elections@sos.texas.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Judge Hidalgo (County Judge's Office) <Judge.Hidalgo@cjo.hctx.net>
Cc: Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019
Sensitivity: Personal

Dear Judge Hidalgo:

Pursuant to his powers as Chief Executive Officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019, in the Texas State House of Representatives District No. 148.

A copy of the proclamation issued by Governor Abbott for that purpose is attached. We will work directly with the county elections officer regarding the procedures for conducting the election; therefore, it is not necessary for your office to do anything at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the special election, please feel free to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-8683.

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From: [Fisbeck, Maureen \(CCO\)](#)
To: [Kristi Hart](#)
Cc: [Keith Ingram](#); [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:28:44 PM
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Hello Kristi,
Will we be receiving applications? Also can you confirm if we have any write-in candidates?
Thanks a bunch!
Maureen

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From: Kristi Hart [mailto:KHart@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Fisbeck, Maureen (CCO) <MFisbeck@cco.hctx.net>
Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019
Sensitivity: Personal

We are working on it now! We will have it to you as close to five as possible.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Kristi

From: Fisbeck, Maureen (CCO) <MFisbeck@cco.hctx.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Kristi Hart <KHart@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>; Winn, Michael (CCO) <MWinn@cco.hctx.net>; Ballard, Jennifer (CCO) <JBallard@cco.hctx.net>; Bruce, Jason (CCO) <jbruce@cco.hctx.net>; Hudspeth, Teneshia (CCO) <THudspeth@cco.hctx.net>; Nguyen,

Du Ha Kim (CCO) <DNguyen@cco.hctx.net>

Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019

Importance: High

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Good afternoon Kristi,

Please be reminded that Harris County will be conducting the ballot drawing for the Special Election for House District 148 this evening at 5:30 pm.

We'll be anxiously awaiting your list.

Thanks so much!

Maureen J. Fisbeck

Director of Election Projects

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From: Kristi Hart [<mailto:KHart@sos.texas.gov>]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 1:59 PM

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Subject: RE: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019

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Maureen,

As you know the candidate filing period ends at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 4th. As in the past, we will be prepared to have the ballot certification signed immediately following the deadline and will send you a copy as soon as we have it available.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or if I can assist you in any way.

Kristi Hart

Manager of Elections Administration &
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800-252-VOTE(8683)

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From: Fisbeck, Maureen (CCO) <MFisbeck@cco.hctx.net>

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 11:53 AM

To: Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>

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Good morning,

Harris County Elections would like to conduct the ballot drawing for the Special Election for House District 148 on Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30pm. Can we expect to have the list of candidates before this date and time?

Thank you in advance.

Maureen J. Fisbeck

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From: Elections Internet [<mailto:Elections@sos.texas.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 9:26 AM

To: Judge Hidalgo (County Judge's Office) <Judge.Hidalgo@cjo.hctx.net>

Cc: Elections Internet <Elections@sos.texas.gov>

Subject: Special Election for House of Representatives District No. 148 - November 5, 2019

Sensitivity: Personal

Dear Judge Hidalgo:

Pursuant to his powers as Chief Executive Officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019, in the Texas State House of Representatives District No. 148.

A copy of the proclamation issued by Governor Abbott for that purpose is attached. We will work directly with the county elections officer regarding the procedures for conducting the election; therefore, it is not necessary for your office to do anything at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the special election, please feel free to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-8683.

Keith Ingram

Director, Elections Division

Office of the Secretary of State

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From: [Trautman, Diane \(CCO\)](#)
To: [Keith Ingram](#)
Subject: Swearing in ceremony and reception
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 12:02:48 PM

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Hello Keith,

Unfortunately, something has come up at the office and I will have to leave Austin tonight. So I will have to miss Secretary Hughes swearing in every tomorrow.

Please give her my regrets and hope to meet her soon.

Best regards,
Diane

Diane Trautman, Ed. D.
Harris County Clerk
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Houston, TX. 77251
713-274-8600

From: [Elections Internet](#)
To: [Elections Internet](#)
Subject: UPDATED Ballot Certification and Drawing for Special Election for House District 148
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:05:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Application - Nunez_Redacted.pdf](#)
[HD 148 - Ballot Certification UPDATED FINAL.pdf](#)
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County Election Officials,

The **updated ballot certification** for the Special Election for HD 148 is attached. As a reminder, it is your duty to conduct a ballot drawing to determine the order of the candidates for the ballot. You are required to post notice of the ballot drawing no later than 72 hours before the drawing. A sample notice form can be found in our online forms manual posted at this link, <http://origin-www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/3-2f.pdf>, Form No. AW3-2.

In accordance with Section 203.009(b) of the Texas Election Code, we are delivering this ballot certification to you “as soon as practicable after the deadline for filing applications,” which is 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2019. Please be advised that the deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her application and have his or her name omitted from the ballot is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019 in accordance with Section 145.092(a) of the Texas Election Code.

If you have any questions regarding this election, please feel free to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-8683.

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All information is required to be provided unless indicated as optional.

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APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT (Special Election to Fill a Vacancy)					
TO: Secretary of State					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any. District 148			PARTY AFFILIATION (if any) Democrat		
Texas House of Representatives					
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) Anna Lilia Núñez			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT Anna NÚÑEZ		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street address and apartment number. If none, describe location of residence. Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.) 729 E. 10th 1/2 St			MAILING ADDRESS (If different from residence address) Anna Núñez Campaign P.O. Box 30129, Houston, TX 77249		
CITY Houston	STATE Tx	ZIP 77008	CITY Houston	STATE Tx	ZIP 77249
EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL) anna@annaforTexas.com		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) Coordinator, Special Projects		COUNTY OF RESIDENCE Harris	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (Optional) OFFICE: 713-857-9160 HOME: annaforTexas.com		Length of Continuous Residence as of Date Application Sworn Native Texan. moved to L.A. 2013-2014 IN STATE 5 yr(s) 5 mos IN CITY 5 yr(s) 5 mos IN DISTRICT OR PRECINCT 5 yr(s) 5 mos			
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) Anna Núñez , who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, (name) Anna Núñez , of Harris County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of Texas House of Representatives, District 148 swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the Constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.					
I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
Anna Núñez			X Anna Núñez SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE		
Sworn to and subscribed before me at Chase Bank this the 30th day of August , 2019					
Signature of Officer administering oath 		Title of Officer administering oath Notary			
TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE:					
This document and \$ _____ filing fee or nominating petition of _____ pages received.					
(See Section 1.007)					
Date Received			Signature of Receiving Officer		



The State of Texas

Secretary of State

I, RUTH R. HUGHS, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SURNAME) THE FOLLOWING AS THE DULY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 148:

Rob Block	Democratic
Kendra Yarbrough Camarena	Democratic
Chris Carmona	Independent
Carol Denson	Democratic
Anna Eastman	Democratic
Adrian Garcia	Democratic
Terah Isaacson	Democratic
Michele Leal	Democratic
Ryan McConnico	Republican
Mia Mundy	Democratic
Anna Núñez	Democratic
Luis La Rotta	Republican
Penny "Morales" Shaw	Democratic
Alva Trevino	Democratic
Chris Watt	Democratic

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ELECTION CODE § 203.009, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED THAT THE ABOVE NAMES BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN HARRIS COUNTY ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019 IN A COLUMN UNDER THE TITLE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 148 WITH PARTY DESIGNATION AS SPECIFIED IN TEXAS ELECTION CODE § 203.011.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, Texas this 4th day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

RUTH R. HUGHS
SECRETARY OF STATE TX-SOS-19-1515-A-000024