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Message Concerning Upcoming 2020 Election & Voter Registration

At the heart of a successful democratic society is an open and fair election that reflects the free expression of the will of the people.

At the heart of a successful government is the right to vote and be heard in a fair and transparent election process.

The Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office commits to protect the integrity of the election process and the ability of registered voters to exercise their right to vote by investigating any allegations of violations of the Texas Election Code and will prosecute such violations where sufficient evidence is obtained to support a conviction.

Both Texas and federal law provide for the placement of poll watchers at polling places, but there are rules concerning their appointment and conduct. Their purpose is to ensure transparency in the system and they should not interfere in any way with the election process.

The right to Free Speech belongs to each of us as citizens. Sometimes, political campaigns use speech and messages that are antagonistic and hurtful. Remember that no matter what speech is directed towards you, you are solely in control of how your vote will be exercised in the privacy of the election booth.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 election is coming up fast. Registration applications must be received by October 5th. If you want to know where to send your application to register to vote, or you are unsure of your registration status, you can check at:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-services/elections-voter-registration>.

“Elections belong to the people” – Abraham Lincoln