# ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2019; DESIGNATING VOTER CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR PERFORMANCE OF REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1251 and 1471, Texas Government Code, as amended; Chapter 331, Texas Local Government Code, as amended; the Texas Election Code and other related statutes, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas (the "County") is authorized to call an election in order to submit to the voters of the County various propositions regarding the issuance of ad valorem tax bonds for road and park and recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioners Court deems it advisable to call a bond election for the propositions hereinafter stated.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

#### Section 1. ELECTION DATE, VOTER CENTERS AND ELECTION JUDGES.

<u>Election Date.</u> A bond election shall be held in the County as prescribed by applicable law between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on November 5, 2019. The election shall be held as a joint election pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and a joint election agreement to be entered into between the County and other political subdivisions located in Williamson County which are holding an election on November 5, 2019.

<u>Voter Centers.</u> The County Voter Centers for election day voting are identified in <u>Exhibit</u> "A" to this Order, and this exhibit is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The exhibit may be revised as necessary to conform to the final polling locations established by the County in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

<u>Election Officials.</u> The Commissioners Court shall appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges and other election officials at such time and in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, including services as Early Voting Clerk, Counting Station Manager, Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station and Tabulation Supervisor for the election.

#### Section 2. <u>ELECTION CLERKS.</u>

Unless otherwise directed by the County, the Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than five (5) resident qualified electors of the County to act as clerks to properly conduct the election. However, if the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on the Election Day. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge.

#### Section 3. **EARLY VOTING.**

<u>Dates, Times, and Places for Early Voting.</u> Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall be conducted at the dates, times, and County Voter Centers identified in <u>Exhibit</u> "B" to this Order, and this exhibit is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The exhibit may be revised as necessary to conform to the final early voting locations established by the County in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

<u>Early Voting Clerk.</u> Christopher J. Davis, the Williamson County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed the Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent, for voters residing in Williamson County, is as follows:

Christopher J. Davis
Early Voting Clerk
Williamson County Elections Department
P.O. Box 209
Georgetown, Texas 78627

#### Section 4. <u>EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARDS.</u>

Early voting ballot boards are hereby created to process early voting results, and the Presiding Judge of the boards will be appointed by the Williamson County Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than five (5) resident qualified electors to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Boards.

#### Section 5. <u>VOTERS.</u>

All resident, qualified electors of Williamson County, Texas shall be entitled to vote at the election.

#### Section 6. <u>CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.</u>

The Williamson County Elections Administrator shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots and all other election records.

#### Section 7. NOTICE.

Posting. A substantial copy of this Order, with such omissions authorized by law, shall serve as a proper notice of the election. Such notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used by the County to post notices of meetings and the County Courthouse not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date the election is to be held, and shall remain posted through election day. In addition to the foregoing, this Order, with such omission, authorized by law including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be (i) posted on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; (ii) posted in three (3) public places within the County, in addition to the Courthouse, no later than twenty-one (21) days before the election; and (iii) posted on the County's Internet website during the twenty-one (21) days before the election if the County maintains an Internet website. Additionally, the County shall post on its internet website at least twenty-one (21) days before the election the form of ballot for the election.

**Publication.** A substantial copy of this Order, with such omissions allowed by law, shall serve as a proper notice of the election. This Order, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published in the *Williamson County Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, on the same day in each of two successive weeks not earlier than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day or later than the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day before election day.

<u>Authorization to Elections Administrator</u>. The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the required notices in the manner and for the time periods required by law.

#### Section 8. **VOTING DEVICES.**

In all respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Federal Help America Vote Act. The Williamson County Elections Administrator may also utilize a central counting station as provided by Section 127.000 *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. Any central counting station presiding judge and the alternate presiding judge shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Section 61.012, Texas Election Code, requires that at least one accessible voting station must be provided in each polling place used in a Texas election. Such system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that (i) fully comply with applicable laws relating to accessible voting systems which make voting accessible for disabled voters; and (ii) provide a practical and effective means for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. The Williamson County Elections Administrator is currently using election systems and software certified by the Texas Secretary of State.

**Section 9. PROPOSITIONS.** At the election, the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

"Shall the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the County in the principal amount not to exceed \$412,000,000 (which amount of bonds does not exceed one-fourth (1/4) of the assessed valuation of the real property in the County) for the purpose of the construction, acquisition by purchase, maintenance, and operation of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or in aid thereof, including, but not limited to, constructing, improving, extending, expanding, upgrading and/or developing roads and state highways including right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, traffic safety and operational improvements, related drainage and other transportation related improvements (to include, but not limited to, Forest North Road Drainage improvements; Sam Bass Road safety project from Wyoming Springs to RM 1431; Southwest Bypass Extension from SH 29 to Wolf Ranch Parkway; Southeast Inner Loop Extension from SH 29 to Sam Houston Parkway; Sun City Safety Projects including: CR 245 from north of RM 2338 to Ronald Reagan Boulevard, Ronald Reagan Boulevard at Silver Spur Boulevard turn lanes, Ronald Reagan Boulevard at Sun City Boulevard turn lanes and SH 195 north bound off ramp at Ronald Reagan Boulevard; CR 366 from Carlos Parker to Chandler Road; CR 112 widening from FM1460/A.W.Grimes to CR 110; Parmer Lane at SH 45 Interchange planning; Hero Way (FM 2243) from US 183A to Ronald Reagan Boulevard; and Whitestone Boulevard widening from Bagdad Road to Anderson Mill Road); such bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than twenty-five (25) years from their date; and any issue or series of bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of the bonds; and shall the Commissioners Court of the County be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay bonds at maturity?"

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS PROPOSITION B

"Shall the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the County in the principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating, equipping and acquiring land, buildings and facilities for park and recreational purposes including, but not limited to, parkland, open space/preserve land, trail acquisition, pedestrian

and bike trail improvements, (to include, but not limited to, Champion Park Improvements including additional parking and playground equipment; trail extension from Cedar Park Lakeline Park to Twin Lakes Park; pedestrian bridge and trail improvements at Twin Lakes Park; Bagdad Trail from Leander to Liberty Hill; Regional Park to Lake Georgetown Trail; Berry Springs Park and Preserve Improvements including restrooms and pavilion; Southwest Regional Park Improvements including restrooms; trails including an extension of Brushy Creek Regional Trail from Red Bud Lane to Hutto; and Williamson County Expo Center Improvements including cover on west arena and restrooms with showers at RV Park), such bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than twenty-five (25) years from their date; and any issue or series of bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of the bonds; and shall the Commissioners Court of the County be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in said County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay bonds at maturity?"

**Section 10. OFFICIAL BALLOTS.** The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITIONS with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITIONS to be expressed substantially as follows. The bond propositions shall appear on the ballot in such order as authorized by the Texas Election Code, as amended.

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$412,000,000 TAX RONDS FOR ROADS

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AGAINST	)	
		WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS <u>PROPOSITION B</u>
FOR AGAINST	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$35,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

#### Section 11. CONDUCT ACCORDING TO TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

In all substantive respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable statutes.

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#### Section 12. <u>ELECTION RESULTS</u>.

The Williamson County Elections Administrator shall conduct an unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls on November 5, 2019. The official canvass and tabulation of the results of the Bond Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

#### Section 13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) General. The provisions of this Order are severable; and in case any one or more of the provisions of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance should be held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective as to any person or circumstance, the remainder of this Order nevertheless shall be valid, and the application of any such invalid provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

The Commissioners Court hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all in accordance with and as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the Act.

- (b) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Resolution, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 4.50% per annum as calculated in accordance with applicable law. Such estimate is based on advice received from the County's financial advisor, which advice takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (c) As set forth in Section 9 hereof, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.
- (d) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the County's debt secured by ad valorem taxes as of the beginning of the County's 2018-19 fiscal year was \$878,234,941.55.
- (e) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest on the County's debt secured by ad valorem taxes as of the beginning of the County's 2018-19 fiscal year was \$323,174,186.65.
- (f) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the County for the 2018-19 fiscal year is \$0.1675 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

This information is provided in this section is solely for purposes of compliance with Section 3.009(b) of the Texas Election Code and is for illustration purposes only. The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

# PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of August, 2019.

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

	By:
	County Judge
ATTEST:	
By:County Clerk	

# EXHIBIT "A"

## Williamson County

### Joint General and Special Elections Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Registered voters may vote at any location listed below
Los votantes registrados podrán votar en cualquiera de los lugares de votación listados abajo

Vote Center Locations 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Locaciones de Centros de Votós

City	Location	Address	Zip
AUSTIN	Anderson Mill Limited District	11500 El Salido Parkway	78750
	Bethany United Methodist Church	10010 Anderson Mill Road	78750
	Gateway Church	7104 McNeil Drive	78729
	Harmony School of Political Science	13415 RM 620N	78717
	Hartfield Performing Arts Center	5800 McNeil Dr	78729
	Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex	10211 W Parmer Lane	78717
	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	9700 Neenah Ave	78717
	Northwest Fellowship Church	13427 Pond Springs Rd	78729
	Rattan Creek Park Community Center	7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail	78729
BARTLETT	Bartlett Town Hall	140 W Clark Street	76511
CEDAR PARK	Cedar Park High School	2150 Cypress Creek Road	78613
	Cedar Park Library	550 Discovery Boulevard	78613
	Cedar Park Randalls	1400 Cypress Creek Road	78613
	Cedar Park Recreation Center	1435 Main St- Town Center	78613
	Highland Estates Independent Retirement Living	1500 N Lakeline Boulevard	78613
	Vista Ridge High School	200 S Vista Ridge Boulevard	78613
COUPLAND	St Peter's Church of Coupland	108 Wathen Street	78615
FLORENCE	Andice Community Center	6600 FM 970	76527
	Florence High School	401 FM 970	76527
GEORGETOWN	Cowan Creek Amenity Center	1433 Cool Spring Way	78633
	First Baptist Church-Georgetown	1333 W University Avenue	78628
	Georgetown Housing Authority	210 W 18th Street, Bldg 1	78626
	Georgetown Randalls	5721 Williams Drive	78633
	GISD Technology and Nutrition Building	603 Lakeway Drive	78628
	Main Street Baptist- Ministry Center	111 W 10th Street	78626
	Parks and Recreation Administration Building	1101 N College Street	78626
	Sun City Social Center	2 Texas Drive	78633
	The Delaney at Georgetown Village	359 Village Commons Boulevard	78633
	Williamson County Inner Loop Annex	301 SE Inner Loop	78626
GRANGER	Granger Brethren Church	306 W Broadway Street	76530
HUTTO	Hutto City Hall	500 W Live Oak Street	78634
	The Original Hutto Schools on College St	302 College Street	78634
JARRELL	Jarrell Memorial Park Community Center	1651 CR 305	76537
LEANDER	Leander Church of Christ	300 Crystal Falls Parkway	78641
	Leander High School	3301 S Bagdad Road	78641
	Leander Public Library	1011 S Bagdad Road	78641
	Pat Bryson Municipal Hall	201 N Brushy Street	78641
	Rouse High School	1222 Raider Way	78641
LIBERTY HILL	Liberty Hill High School	16500 W SH 29	78642

<b>ROUND ROCK</b>	Baca Senior Center	301 W Bagdad Avenue Building 2	78664
	Brushy Creek Community Center	16318 Great Oaks Drive	78681
	Cedar Ridge High School	2801 Gattis School Road	78664
	Fern Bluff MUD Community Center	7320 Wyoming Springs Drive	78681
	Forest Creek Elementary School	3505 Forest Creek Drive	78664
	Round Rock High School	300 N Lake Creek Drive	78681
	Round Rock Presbyterian Church	4010 Sam Bass Road	78681
	Round Rock Randalls	2051 Gattis School Road	78664
	Round Rock Sports Center	2400 Chisholm Trail	78681
	San Gabriel Rehabilitation & Care	4100 College Park Drive	78665
	Sleep Inn & Suites	1980 South IH 35	78681
	Teravista Community Center	4211 Teravista Club Drive	78665
	The Fellowship Church of Round Rock	3379 Gattis School Road	78664
	Williamson County Jester Annex	1801 E Old Settlers Boulevard	78664
TAYLOR	Main Street Events Center	3101 North Main Street	76574
	Taylor City Hall	400 Porter Street	76574
	Taylor Public Library	801 Vance Street	76574
THRALL	St John Lutheran Church	409 S Main Street	76578
WEIR	First Baptist Church of Weir	315 FM 1105	78674

#### EXHIBIT "B"

#### **Williamson County Early Voting Schedule**

Horario de la Votación Adelantada del Condado de Williamson

#### Joint General and Special Elections – November 5, 2019

Elecciones Generales y Especiales Conjuntas – 5 de noviembre del 2019

#### **Dates and Times for Locations:**

Monday, October 21 through Wednesday, October 30

8:00 am to 6:00 pm No Sunday Voting

Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Del Lunes 21 de octubre al Miércoles 30 de octubre

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Domingo NO habrá votación

Jueves 31 de octubre y Viernes 1 de noviembre

7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, 301 SE Inner Loop, **Georgetown** Anderson Mill Limited District, 11500 El Salido Parkway, **Austin** 

Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Boulevard, Cedar Park

Cedar Park Randalls, 1400 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, 1433 Cool Spring Way, Georgetown

Georgetown ISD Technology Building, 603 Lakeway Drive, Georgetown

Parks & Recreation Administration Building, 1101 North College Street, Georgetown

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, 201 N Brushy Street, Leander

Liberty Hill Municipal Court, 2801 RR 1869, Liberty Hill

BACA Senior Center, 301 W Bagdad Street, Building 2, Round Rock

Round Rock Randalls, 2051 Gattis School Road, Round Rock

Brushy Creek Community Center, 16318 Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock

Williamson County Jester Annex, 1801 E Old Settlers Boulevard, Round Rock

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter Street, Taylor