VCAC Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
7pm  

Notes  

- Will use virtual roll call and virtual voting when needed as a committee  
- Background on “Vote Centers”  
  o Vote centers are Countywide polling places  
  o 2019 – Dallas County filed to form vote centers  
  o Nov 2019 – Dallas County used vote centers for first time  
  o Dec 2019 – effectiveness of vote centers was reviewed by VCAC  
  o 2 recommendations  
    ▪ use current voting locations and turn into vote centers  
    ▪ use through 2021 and reevaluate  

- Analysis of Vote Center Model  
  o Concern #1: Some voters still don’t understand ability to vote anywhere.  
    ▪ County elections response: spent money on awareness campaign  
  o Concern #2: Difficulty in staffing ‘one size fits all’ elections since turnout for difference elections varies greatly  
    ▪ County elections response: vote centers reduced and closed  
  o Concern #3: High cost of conducting ‘one size fits all’ elections, and join elections will continue to increase  
    ▪ County elections response: became more efficient with internal costs to make up for expense; considering implementing guidelines when determining what facilities will be vote centers; proposing ‘small model’ for upcoming May 2023 election  
  o Concern #4: Vote centers not available, suitable, or ADA-compliant  
    ▪ County elections response: considering eliminating these vote centers  

- Future Use of Vote Centers  
  o Option 1: Single-model for all elections: keep, reduce, or increase for all elections  
  o Option 2: Dual-model for May elections and Primary/General elections  
  o Other possible scenarios based on recommendations from VCAC  

Next Meeting Dates:  
1) January 25, 7pm  
2) February 1, 7pm  
3) TBD