Dallas County Vote Center Advisory Committee Resolution
March 8, 2023

Whereas, in April 2019, the Vote Center Advisory Committee was formed to assist in determining vote center locations and the total number of vote centers to be utilized in Dallas County; and

Whereas, in 2019, the Vote Center Advisory Committee recommended utilizing 100% of the county’s precinct voting locations for two election cycles and after two election cycles, “Compare election data, turnout, staffing, and other factors to determine how best to consolidate the existing number of polling locations”; and

Whereas, the Dallas County Elections Department has conducted all elections since using county-wide polling places (CWPP); and

Whereas, historic election data shows that turnout in May and November elections in Dallas County can vary significantly, with past elections ranging from as low as 9% to as high as 66% turnout; and

Whereas, low turnout elections can exacerbate several factors, including the rising cost of conducting elections and staffing difficulties; and

Whereas, in January, February, and March 2023, the Vote Center Advisory Committee convened 8 times to review the current vote center plan and to recommend changes to the Commissioners Court; Now, Therefore,

Be It Resolved: The Vote Center Advisory Committee recommends to the Commissioners Court the adoption of a dual-model vote center plan that provides for a certain number of vote centers to be utilized in low-turnout elections, with an increased number of vote centers to be utilized in a high turnout election as done in comparable counties such as Tarrant, Collin, Travis, Harris, and Bexar.

Be it further resolved: The Vote Center Advisory Committee recommends the attached list of vote centers be used for low turnout elections in Dallas County with the total number of vote centers being 362.

Be it further resolved: The Vote Center Advisory Committee will continue meeting on a regular basis with the aim of recommending to the Commissioners Court a list of vote centers to be utilized for high turnout elections.

Be it further resolved: VCAC recommends Dallas County proactively communicate with voters regarding available vote centers and the changes adopted here for low turnout elections through various outreach methods.

Be it further resolved: VCAC recommends Dallas County coordinates with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and other agencies to make voters aware of available low and no cost transportation resources.