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MAYOR'S OFFICE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 10, 2021

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston, Texas: 2021-970

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Houston, I submit and introduce to you the Ordinance set out below with the request that it be passed finally on the date of its introduction. There exists a public emergency requiring such action and I accordingly request that you pass the same if it meets with your approval.



Mayor, City of Houston, Texas

City of Houston Ordinance No. 2021- 970

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT G, ON THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL; MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Houston City Council in the office of Council Member, District G, resulting from the automatic resignation of Council Member Greg Travis on October 27, 2021, pursuant to Article XVI, section 65 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, section 11(c) of the Texas Constitution requires the City to hold a special election to fill the existing vacancy within 120 days after the date the vacancy occurred; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code section 3.005(a) requires that an election ordered by an authority of a political subdivision be ordered no later than the 62nd day before the election day; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the Harris County Elections Administrator's ability to conduct a special election on short notice and comply with all applicable law, the most reasonable date for the City to hold a special election to fill the vacancy is Tuesday, January 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Election Code section 3.005(a), November 24, 2021, is the last day to order a special election to have it on January 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to call a special election to be held on January 25, 2022, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the Houston City Council in the office of Council Member, District G; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted.

Section 2. It is hereby ordered that a special election (the "Election") be held

on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Council Member, District G, for the remainder of the existing term of such office, which ends at 12:00 a.m. midnight on January 1, 2024.

Section 3. Pursuant to Texas Election Code section 201.054(d), the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot or a declaration as a write-in candidate for the office of Council Member, District G, is the day the election is ordered; an application may not be filed before the election is ordered. The last day to file for a place on the ballot or to file a declaration as a write-in candidate is Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm. An application for a place on the ballot or a declaration as a write-in candidate must be filed by emailing Mayor@houstontx.gov or filed in the Mayor's Office, 901 Bagby, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas.

Section 4. The Election shall be held under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Houston, Texas, the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and United States, and this Ordinance. Only voters of District G of the City of Houston, Texas, who are qualified under state and federal law shall be allowed to vote at the Election.

Section 5. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of the election services contract to be entered into between the City and Harris County, and to provide any other necessary supplies and services, in accordance with applicable law.

Section 6. Voting at the Election shall utilize a voting system approved pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code and the United States Department of Justice, as applicable ("an approved voting system").

Section 7. The election day precincts and polling places for the Election are hereby established as set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes. In the event the Mayor shall find that one or more of the polling places designated above have become unavailable or unsuitable for use at the Election or that alternate locations were otherwise designated by Harris County in connection with the administration of the Election, he is hereby authorized to designate substitute and additional polling places and provide or cause to be provided such notice as required by applicable law. In the further event that one or more precincts including territory of the City of Houston are not included in the list set out in Exhibit "A" attached, the Mayor is authorized to designate, in writing, a polling place location for that precinct, the final decision of which shall be the Mayor's, as if the precincts were set out in Exhibit "A". The Mayor is further authorized to approve any changes to the precincts and polling places described in Exhibit "A" as may be required by the laws of the State of Texas and United States.

Section 8. The Elections Administrator of Harris County is designated as the Early Voting Clerk to perform those functions for City voters of District G who are qualified to vote under state and federal law; provided, however, that in the event the City is unable to execute final agreements with Harris County pursuant to Chapters 31 and 271, Texas Election Code, any changes necessary to facilitate early voting by City voters of District G who are qualified under state and federal law shall be ordered by the Mayor. Early voting by personal appearance shall in a like manner use an approved voting system and shall be conducted at the locations and times shown below and set

forth in Exhibit "B," which is attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes:

Harris County Voters Only - Main Early Voting Polling Place

Harris County Administration Building
1001 Preston Street, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

**Hours for Early Voting by Personal Appearance
Harris County Voters only**

Monday	January 10, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 11, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 12, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 13, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	January 14, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 15, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 16, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 18, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 19, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 20, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	January 21, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Additionally, each Early Voting Clerk, in his or her discretion, may establish one or more additional early voting locations throughout the City, and the City Secretary shall cause notice of all early voting locations and the hours of operation to be given as required by law.

Section 9. The Early Voting Clerk of the county of the voter's residence shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Election Code. Applications for Election ballots to be voted by mail by Harris County residents should be mailed, emailed and mailed, or faxed and mailed to:

Isabel Longoria, Elections Administrator
Attn: Elections Division

Regular Mail: P.O. Box 1148, Houston, Texas 77251-1525
Common Carrier: 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002
VBM@HarrisVotes.com
Fax: (713) 755-4983 or (713) 437-8683

Section 10. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed all as provided in the Election agreements (through one or more agreements by and between/among the City and Harris County) and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the City hereby authorizes the Mayor to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Election agreements as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The Central Counting Stations to receive and tabulate votes shall be at the locations designated by Harris County.

Section 11. In the event the Mayor shall, from time to time, find that additional matters require designation or substitution prior to the Election, Mayor shall be authorized to make such substitutions or designations as may be necessary, giving such notice as the Mayor deems sufficient and to make such other provision for the orderly conduct of the Election as may be deemed necessary.

Section 12. In accordance with all applicable federal and state law, the County Clerk of Harris County shall also provide to the City voters of District G Spanish,

Chinese and Vietnamese translations of all ballots where appropriate; and all other election materials shall be available and distributed in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese as well as English, as required by applicable law.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall constitute the election order for the Election, and notice of the Election shall be given by publication and posting as required by the Texas Election Code and other applicable law.

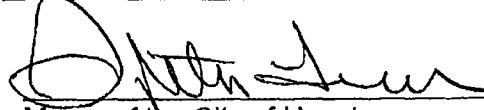
Section 14. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Ordinance nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.


Section 15. Necessary Actions. The Mayor and City Secretary of the City, or their designees, acting on behalf of the City in consultation with the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by Harris County.

Section 16. The City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall Annex of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 17. There exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2021.


Mayor of the City of Houston

Prepared by Legal Dept. 

TKL:jmb 11/3/2021

Senior Assistant City Attorney

Requested by Pat Jefferson-Daniel, City Secretary

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District G Special Election

Exhibit "A"

Election Day Precincts and Polling Places

District G Special Election

Exhibit "A"
Harris County
Election Day Polling Location for City of Houston January 25, 2022 Election

Harris County Administration Bldg., 1001 Preston, 4th Floor, 77002

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District G Special Election

Exhibit "B"

Early Voting Polling Places

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