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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Teneshia Hudspeth
Harris County Clerk
P.O. Box 1525
Houston, Texas 77251-1525

Re: ***Harris County Emergency Services District No. 4;***
Notice of Election, May 7, 2022 (Commissioner Election)

Dear Ms. Hudspeth:

Please accept this letter pursuant to Section 4.008, Texas Election Code, as Notice of a Commissioner Election, called by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 4 for May 7, 2022, in accordance with Section 775.0345, Health & Safety Code for the election of Emergency Services District Commissioners. Please find enclosed the Order Calling for the Election which designates the respective voting precincts and polling locations for Early Voting and Election Day.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

COVELER & PEELER, P.C.

By: Nicole E. Pierce

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cc: Ms. Isabel Longoria
Harris County Elections Administrator

The Honorable Ann Harris Bennett
Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector

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AMENDED ORDER FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2022 FOR THREE (3) COMMISSIONER POSITIONS ON BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 AS PROVIDED UNDER HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, §775.0345.

WHEREAS, HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 (the "District") operates pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 48-e, and Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code;

WHEREAS, the District is a multi-county District and is therefore governed by an elected Board of Emergency Services Commissioners under Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to §775.0345, Health & Safety Code, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners serve alternating four-year terms;

WHEREAS, in this year of the District operations, pursuant to §775.0345, Health & Safety Code, three (3) Commissioner positions are ending their regular terms;

WHEREAS, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners finds that it is necessary to call for an election for three (3) positions on the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, §775.0345, Health & Safety Code, requires that such Election be held in conformity with §41.001, of the Texas Election Code, providing for Uniform Election Dates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an Election be held in HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 on Saturday, May 7, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to elect three (3) persons to serve as Commissioners of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 for four-year terms commencing June 1, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. (a) The ballot for the Election shall provide for voting for none, one, two or three candidates among those candidates listed or written in by the voter (as may be allowed by law).

(b) Those three (3) candidates receiving the most number of votes shall be elected in accordance with law. Election shall be by plurality vote.

(c) In the event of a tie vote among all the candidates or among those candidates each having the first, second, or third most votes, the resolution shall be handled in accordance with §2.002, Election Code.

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2. The Election shall be held within three (3) District Election Precincts and at the Polling Places designated by Order of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, subject to any changes as may be made under the authority of such Order:

Harris County Precincts	**Location**
98, 108, 604, 636, 700, 823, 1085, 1152	Harris County ESD No. 4 Administration Building 12207 Huffman Oaks Ln. Huffman, TX 77336

3. Only persons qualified to vote within the geographic boundaries of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 shall be allowed to vote at the Election and each voter shall vote at the Polling Place designated by Order of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners.

4. The voting in the District's Election Precincts shall utilize the Verity Voting System (Hart version 2.5) as certified by Texas Secretary of State, April 1, 2020. The candidates' names shall appear on the voting machine in the form as required by law and in such a manner that each voter may cast no vote or may cast one vote for each of none, one, two, or three candidates among those candidates listed or written in by the voter.

5. All candidates must file an application in accordance with the Texas Election Code (including Chapter 141, Subchapters A and B, and Chapter 144, Texas Election Code). All candidates are obligated to determine on their own whether their application is correct in form and content.

6. All applications for a place on the ballot must be filed with **Leslie Deen,** District Secretary, or his/her Appointed Agent, and must be received by mail or in person to c/o Coveler & Peeler, P.C., 820 Gessner, Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024, not prior to January 19, 2022 and not later than 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2022. The procedures and time requirements for write-in candidacies are governed by Subchapter C, Chapter 146, Election Code.

7. The order of the candidates' names shall be determined by a drawing held in accordance with and under the time parameters set forth in §52.094, Texas Election Code. As required by law, candidates' names may only appear as an independent, without denoting any political or party affiliation.

8. **Jenelle Honey** is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for this Election. Early voting shall be conducted on weekdays from April 25, 2022 (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through May 3, 2022 (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed). The location of main early voting is designated as follows:

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Harris County ESD No. 4, Administration Building
12207 Huffman Oaks Ln., Huffman, TX 77336

Except as otherwise provided below, there shall be no early voting on any Saturday or Sunday or on any official national or state holiday, except as follows: **None**

9. For the use of those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerk above named shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the District shall provide each voter with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.

10. Ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at **P.O. Box 1028, Huffman, TX 77336**. There shall be no provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by April 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

11. The following concurrent and subsequent Orders, among other Orders, may be made by the District to facilitate the Election: Order Approving and Appointing an Agent; Order Establishing and Designating Election Precincts and Polling Places; Order Appointing Presiding Election Judges; Order Appointing Early Voting Ballot Board; Order Appointing an Early Voting Clerk.

12. In accordance with all applicable Federal and State law, there shall be provided a Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin translation of the ballot as well as other election materials.

13. This Order constitutes the Election Order of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 Election to elect three (3) persons to serve as Commissioners of HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4 for four-year terms commencing June 1, 2022. The Notice of the Election shall be prepared in accordance with law and shall be given by publication. Such publication shall be made one time in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the geographic boundaries of the District, said publication to be made not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before the Election Date. Further, a copy of such Notice shall, not later than the 21st day before the Election Date, be posted on the bulletin board or other place conspicuous to the public used for posting Notices of the meetings of the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners and a copy shall be filed with the County Clerks of Harris County and Fort Bend County, Texas. After publication, the District Board of Emergency Services Commissioners shall retain a copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper in which it was published and the date of publication.

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ADOPTED at Open Meeting this the 4h day of March, 2022, by a vote of 4 to 0.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4

By: /s/

Ray Jones
President

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