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Registration deadline

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Did you know an incredibly important voter registration deadline is just days away? If you want to vote in the Nov. 6 mid-term election (you do, don't you?), you **must** register by Tuesday, Oct. 9. This deadline applies to changes of address, also. So if you're not registered, get on the ball! You don't have much time left.

I implore you not to fall into the trap of "but my vote doesn't count." According to BallotPedia, "The 10 closest primaries held between January and June 2018 all had only seven or fewer votes separating the winning and losing candidates." (One of the races was for a Texas House seat, representing a district just east of Dallas. The second-place candidate beat the third-place candidate by only *six* votes.)

Other important election information:

Make sure your registration is current and accurate: Visit www.votetexas.gov. Click on the "Register to Vote" button at the top, then click on the "Find out if you are already registered" link at the bottom and follow the instructions on the screen. It will also list your precinct number.

If you won't be in Kendall County during early voting (see below) and Election Day or if you're over 65, you may request a mail-in ballot. The Kendall County Elections Office must **receive** this application by Friday, Oct. 26 (received, not post-marked). Download the application for a mail-in ballot on the KC elections office website (Google it) or call their office at 830-331-8701 to request one.

The League of Women Voters hosts a site where you can sign up to receive reminders to vote. Sign up at bit.ly/2NResLV

The Kendall County Democratic Party (www.kendalltx-democrats.org or 830-499-7338) offers rides to the polls for those needing transportation. Contact the party office for more details.

Sample ballots for each precinct will be available on the KCEO website in mid- to late-September. The KCEO website also has great information on their iVotronic voting system, if

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you'd like to learn more about how it works.

Early Voting takes place from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on the last two days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will also be available on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lines are usually much shorter during early voting, and the hours are more convenient, so I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity. Early voting takes place at the Kendall County Courthouse Annex, 221 Fawn Valley Drive in Boerne. Comfort voters may early vote on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Comfort Baptist Church, 100 Amber Dr., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The KCEO offers curbside voting to anyone who has problems with walking or standing. Just call ahead, 830-331-8701, to request that a voting machine be brought out to your car outside the polling location.

If you have any trouble during early voting or Election Day – with your voting location, needing a ride, etc., please call the Kendall County Democratic Party office, 830-499-7338, and we'll be happy to answer your questions.

Voting on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6: An important note: on Election Day, the Courthouse Annex is **not** a valid voting location...for anyone!

On Election Day, you must vote at your precinct's polling location. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Your precinct number is listed on your yellow voter registration card. If you don't have the card, you can call the KCEO for information on your specific precinct. (Their website provides links for each location showing the address, a photo of the building, parking information and directions.)

Polling locations by precinct**:

- Pct 1010: Patrick Heath Public Library
- Pct 1110: Morningside Ministries Menger Springs
- Pct 2020: Bergheim VFD
- Pct 2080: Burdick Community Center
- Pct 2120: Kendall County Fairgrounds
- Pct 3030: Kandalia Community Center
- Pct 3040: Boerne Bible Church
- Pct 3060: Sisterdale Community Center
- Pct 4050: Comfort Baptist Church
- Pct 4070: Waring Fire House
- Pct 4100: Nineteen:Ten Church

The Texas Secretary of State is the chief election officer for the state, responsible for administering elections. Their website, www.sos.state.tx.us, has many links providing useful information on voter ID requirements, voters with special needs, and more.

Still have questions? Call the Kendall County Democratic Party, 830-499-7338, or the KCEO, 830-331-8701, for answers.

Don't wait! Make sure your voter registration is up-to-date so you can make your voice heard this November!

****Important note on precinct locations: at the time of publication, these locations were not finalized. Check the Kendall County Elections website for the final list.**

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