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84 Active Registered Voters At Just One UPS Store in Harris County - 22 Have Voted!

*This pattern is currently repeating across Harris County at roughly 100 sites in the November General Election
Texas DPS says that licenses at PO Boxes violate the 9-1-1 Statute too, so why is Ms. Bennett allowing this?*

Houston - Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) joined with Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart (R-Harris County) and Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel (R-Harris County) to highlight a real world example of what happens when you lose Integrity of the Voter Roll and how that impacts jury service in Harris County. One UPS Store, located at 1302 Waugh Drive, currently has 84 people registered to vote at this location, 22 of which have already voted. Another location, the UPS Store located at 11152 Westheimer has registered local voters, 11 of which have already cast a ballot in the current November General Election.

“Having people registered in bulk where they do not live opens up the opportunity for a candidate or party to pack a targeted district,” added Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart. **“The voter roll should represent where people actually live.”**

In addition to this particular UPS store, there are around 100 additional sites throughout Harris County that have 10+ people registered to vote at commercial addresses. Under Texas law you are required to register to vote where you physically live. The Texas Department of Public Safety highlighted that they are **"very interested"** in what is going on as registering at a Post Office box is a violation of the Texas 9-1-1 Statute. DPS provides the jury wheel for the Texas Secretary of State. Texas is a Real ID compliant state.

"Registering voters at commercial address has to stop and only Voter Registrar Ann Harris Bennett can do it immediately," said Senator Bettencourt. **"We have had State Representatives elected by 7 votes, and three times that number have already voted from this UPS Store at 1302 Waugh Drive in this election. Importantly, the 9-1-1 Statute in Texas says that all drivers licenses must have a physical address and using this location as one is not allowed under law either. Let's get this mess cleaned up!"**

The Harris County Jury Wheel, like all Texas counties, is made up of actual DPS data and voter registration information. If someone is registered at a Harris County mailbox store, but lives outside of Harris County, winds up on a jury that is grounds for the entire case to be thrown out as they are ineligible to serve on that jury. Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel said, **"Out of county residents registering to vote in Harris County with a PO Box can jeopardize our entire judicial system, and here is an example."**

Recent errors by the Harris County Voter Registrar, Ann Harris Bennett (D-Harris County) have put the integrity of the Harris County Voter Roll at Risk. Her office ended a residency challenge as "invalid" because it lacked "personal knowledge" that the registrations were inaccurate. A recent opinion from the Texas Secretary of State disagreed with that assessment. (<https://bit.ly/2qgVnVU>) Senator Bettencourt has sent this opinion, as well as the response from Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan (D-Harris County) to the Texas Attorney General for an opinion. **"The integrity of the voter roll is paramount to our entire election process and system of government,"** concluded Senator Bettencourt. **"Public confidence in the voter roll must be restored."**

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