



# **BORRIS L. MILES**

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## **Statement by Senator Borris L. Miles on Primary Election Voter Suppression**

"Tuesday's Primary Election was horrifying and unacceptable. I was appalled and disgusted by the number of voting centers that had residents waiting in line from two to seven hours, malfunctioning equipment, and not enough staff to process voters. Upon receiving reports about the voting issues, I personally visited several voting centers throughout Harris County. I found that the majority of the voting centers with the longest lines existed in Senate District 13, specifically in predominantly African American communities.

"Tuesday's fiasco reeked of voter suppression, and it was downright criminal. Harris County's 2.3 million registered voters expect an organized and well-run election, not a broken and mismanaged system that led to citizens leaving and not being able to exercise their right to vote. No voter should ever have to wait in line for an unprecedented amount of time due to faulty equipment and weak policies and procedures. We have to do better, the Republicans not agreeing to a joint primary is no excuse for the injustices that occurred on Tuesday. My own party, the Democratic Party, the party I am a member of, has an obligation to fight for our citizens, to go to the mat for them and it was clear, WE DID NOT DO THAT!

"I plan on meeting with the Harris County Democratic and Republican Chairs, the Harris County Clerk's Office and Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, to get to the bottom of these problems and make sure they do not happen in any election going forward."

Keep the Faith, Keep the Fight!

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