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TEXAS ORGANIZING PROJECT,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, et al.

*Defendants.*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

On November 8, 2022, came to be heard Plaintiff's Application for Temporary Restraining Order. The Court, having considered the application along with all supporting and opposing briefing and the applicable law cited therein, evidence presented, arguments of counsel, and the pleadings on file in this case, is of the opinion:

Plaintiff's Application for a Temporary Restraining Order should be GRANTED. The Court further FINDS:

Plaintiff has a substantial likelihood of succeeding on the merits of their claims. If the relief requested by Plaintiff is not granted, Plaintiff and its members will suffer imminent and irreparable harm, and its members' statutory rights under Section 41.031 of the Texas Election Code will be violated.

Plaintiff has notified Defendants of Plaintiff's Petition and Application through their county attorney via phone call and email. Immediate and irreparable injury, loss, and damage will result to Plaintiffs before any other form of notice can be served to Defendants and a hearing had thereon. The threatened injury if the injunction is denied outweighs any harm that will result if the injunction is granted.

The grant of an injunction will not disserve the public interest.

Therefore, the Court makes the following **ORDERS**:

Defendants, together with their agents, servants, employees, attorneys and those persons in active concert or participation with them, shall be required to:

1. Operate the following polling locations until 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022:
  - a. Neighborhood Centers Inc Ripley House Campus – Gym, 4410 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, TX 77011
  - b. Green House International Church, 16711 Ella Blvd., Houston, TX 77090
  - c. Bayland Park Community Center – Auditorium, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, TX 77074
  - d. Saint Timothy Lutheran Church – Adult Education Building, 14225 Hargrave Road, Houston, TX 77070
  - e. Helms Community Learning Center – Cafeteria, 503 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Houston, TX 77008
  - f. Bruce Elementary School – 510 Jensen Drive, Houston, TX 77020
  - g. Cypresswood Elementary School – Music Room, 6901 Cypresswood Point Avenue, Humble, TX 77338
  - h. Sunnyside Multi-Service Center, 9314 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77051
  - i. BakerRipley Cleveland Campus, 720 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX 77504
  - j. West Gray Center, 1355 W Gray Street, Houston, TX 77019
2. To operate the other polling locations in Harris County until 8 p.m. as required by Texas Election Code Section 43.007(p), which reads, “if a court orders any countywide polling place to remain open after 7 p.m., all countywide polling places located in that county shall remain open for the length of time required in the court order.”
3. Ensure that any voters who arrive at Harris County polling locations after 7:00 p.m. and are in line at or before <sup>8:00</sup>~~9:00~~ p.m. are permitted to cast a provisional ballot.

4. Ensure that any eligible voters who arrive at the polling location at or before 7:00 p.m. are permitted to cast a regular ballot

5. Demarcate those voters who arrive at or before 7 p.m. with a card, monitor, or other reasonable means to ensure that those voters who are otherwise eligible to vote are able to cast a regular ballot not a provisional ballot.

The Elections Administrator's Office will use every single possible source of media to disseminate and

6. Inform the public of this ORDER and the extended hours ordered herein at 6:30 p.m. through its Twitter, Facebook and any other social media page and its website.

A press release sent to all of Defendants' press contacts and through a notice published on the

Official Website for the Harris County Elections Department and on all of Defendants' official

~~social media accounts~~. The message will remind voters that to vote a regular ballot they must

be in line by 7 p.m., and that they will only be allowed to vote a provisional ballot if they get

7.) Supplies, including paper ballots, needed for voting and provisional ballots must be supplied to all polls.  
in line after 7 p.m. and at or before 8 p.m.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, operative until the 22nd day of November, 2022, and pending the hearing ordered below, restraining Defendant or any of her officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, representatives, or any persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order from acting contrary to the Order.

~~It is further ORDERED that for this Temporary Restraining Order to be effective under the law, cash bond in the amount of \$ xxxxxxxx shall be required of Plaintiff and filed with the District Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas.~~ The Clerk of Court shall forthwith issue a writ of Temporary Injunction in conformity with the law and terms of this Order.

It is further ORDERED that Plaintiff's Petition for a Temporary Injunction, as contained in its verified Original Petition, will be heard on the 21st day of November, 2022, at 11 a.m. p.m.

SIGNED November 8, 2022.

Signed:  
11/8/2022  
6:15 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Judge Presiding

