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Mr. Earl Husfeld Aledo ISD 1008 Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, TX 76008

Dear Mr. Husfeld:

RE: SB2 Changes, Nomination of Candidates to Serve on the Board of Directors, and Voting Entitlement.

SB2 Changes

As you may know, in July, the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 2 which makes extensive changes in the composition and selection of appraisal district board of directors in counties with populations of 75,000 such as Parker County. According to the bill, affected appraisal districts will have nine (9) members as follows:

- 1. Five (5) Directors who will be appointed by the taxing units, and
- 2. Three (3) Directors who will be elected by popular vote, and
- 3. The (1) Tax Assessor-Collector, who will be a voting member.

While the five Directors appointed this year will remain on the Board of Directors for all of 2024, on July 1, three members elected by popular vote in the May 2024 general election, and the Tax Assessor-Collector, will be added to the Board, all as voting members. In 2024 and 2025, the taxing units participating in the District will again appoint Directors to provide for staggered four-year terms as required by SB 2. This means that each member appointed this year will serve a one-year term in 2024.

For the first six months of 2024, the Board of Directors will have a total of five members, all appointed by the taxing units as has been done in the past. For the last six months in 2024 going forward, the Board of Directors will contain nine voting members. For more information about these changes, I am available to answer any questions.

Nomination of Candidates to Serve on the Board of Directors

The process of nominating candidates to serve on the appraisal district board of directors, as provided for in Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, has begun. The current two-year term of the five-member board of directors ends on December 31, 2023. The selected directors will serve a 1-year term beginning January 1, 2024.

The Texas Property Tax Code requires the Chief Appraiser to conduct the selection process. The following steps outline the Chief Appraiser's duties in this regard:

Before October 1 Notify each taxing unit entitled to participate in the selection

process of the number of votes it may cast and request candidate

nominations.

Before October 15 Receive director nominations from each voting tax unit.

Before October 30 Prepare and deliver a ballot listing all nominees in alphabetical

order to the presiding officer of each voting unit.

Before December 15* Taxing units shall determine its vote by resolution and submit to

the Chief Appraiser.

Before December 31 Count the votes, declare the five (5) candidates who receive the

largest vote totals elected, and submit the results to the taxing

units and to the candidates.

Aledo ISD | Azle ISD | Springtown ISD | Weatherford ISD | Parker County | Weatherford College

The quality of the property tax system in Parker County depends to a great extent on the appraisal district board of directors. Please consider your nominations carefully so that the Parker County Appraisal District can continue to provide the level of service the taxpayers and taxing units deserve.

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, a person must be a resident of the appraisal district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date of taking office. An employee of a taxing unit is prohibited from serving as a director unless the employee is also an elected official or member of the governing body of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district.

Each voting tax unit may nominate one candidate for each position to be filled. Thus, your unit may nominate from one to five candidates. Nominations must be made in an open meeting and the presiding officer must submit the names of the nominees by written resolution (sample resolution enclosed) to the Chief Appraiser before October 15.

The following persons currently serve on the Parker County Appraisal District board of directors:

Cody Lane | Jerry Durant | John Hinton | Richard Barret | Sterling Naron

Please put this important item on your board meeting agenda, keeping in mind that nominations should be returned to the chief appraiser before October 15, 2023.

Voting Entitlement

The first step in the selection process requires the Chief Appraiser to calculate and notify each eligible taxing unit of the number of votes it is entitled to cast. The number of votes allocated to a voting taxing unit is based on the ratio of its 2022 tax levy to the total tax levy of all voting units. The voting entitlement is shown on the following page.

^{*} Taxing units entitled to at least five percent of the total votes must determine its vote by resolution adopted at the first or second open meeting after the Chief Appraiser delivers the ballot. This law (TPTC: 6.03(k-1)) applies to the following taxing units:

TAXING UNIT	NUMBER OF VOTES
ALEDO ISD	965
AZLE ISD	325
BROCK ISD	220
GARNER ISD	35
GRANBURY ISD	20
LIPAN ISD	15
MILLSAP ISD	110
MINERAL WELLS ISD	5
PEASTER ISD	130
PERRIN-WHITT ISD	15
POOLVILLE ISD	50
SPRINGTOWN ISD	300
WEATHERFORD ISD	1130
CITY OF ALEDO	35
CITY OF AZLE	30
CITY OF FORT WORTH	40
CITY OF MILLSAP	0
CITY OF MINERAL WELLS	5
CITY OF RENO	15
CITY OF SANCTUARY	0
CITY OF SPRINGTOWN	20
CITY OF WEATHERFORD	235
CITY OF WILLOW PARK	60
PARKER COUNTY	900
WEATHERFORD COLLEGE	340

Again, please put this important item on your board meeting agenda, keeping in mind that nominations should be returned to the chief appraiser <u>before October 15, 2023</u>. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Armstrong

Chief Appraiser, Parker County Appraisal District

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE PARKER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that at a regular meeting a Political subdivision of the State of Texas. I	of the held on the day of
	in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas
and the rules and regulations adopted by	
	neeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the
following resolution was adopted, to wit:	
WHEREAS, section 6.03 of the Texas Propert	ty Tax Code provides that each taxing unit that is
entitled to vote may nominate by resolution	adopted by its governing body one candidate for
each position to be filled on the Board of Dir	rectors of the Parker County Appraisal District; and
WHEREAS, the	is a taxing unit that is entitled
to vote for candidates for membership on th	ne Parker County Appraisal District Board of
Directors of Parker County, Texas and desire	es to make nomination as provided by Section
6.03(g) of the Texas Property Tax Code;	
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the	
does hereby nominate the following as cand	lidate/s for membership on the Parker County
Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024	1 :
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Passed this day of	, 2023
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ATTEST:	