

**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
FOR TARRANT COUNTY AND KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2006, by and between the COUNTY OF TARRANT, acting by and through the TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and the KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, acting by and through its Superintendent or his/her designee (hereinafter referred to as "Entity").

WHEREAS, the County of Tarrant will conduct a General and Special Election and the Keller Independent School District will conduct a Bond Election on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for voter convenience and to reduce the overall cost to each entity that said elections be held jointly on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Independent School District has determined that Tarrant County's designated polling places located within the boundary of the election precinct adequately and conveniently serves the Tarrant County voters and will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election within Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Independent School District desires to select the Tarrant County Elections Administrator to conduct and coordinate this Joint Election; NOW THEREFORE,

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual project referenced herein, the parties hereto agree to hold an election jointly on November 7, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Section 271.002, Texas Election Code, and that said election be conducted jointly pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

I. AGREEMENT

GENERAL TERMS:

- 1.01 On Tuesday, November 7, 2006, the election shall be held from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM, that day.

- 1.02 Each political subdivision participating in the election on November 7, 2006, shall have and use the same election officials, supplies, ballots, and voting equipment (Optical Scan for mail and Election Day, and DRE equipment for Early Voting by personal appearance and Election Day).

II. TARRANT COUNTY

- 2.01 The County agrees to coordinate, supervise, and conduct the Joint Election, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code unless specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement.
- 2.02 The Elections Administrator shall perform the following duties:
- a. Designate voting locations and contact the owners or custodians of public (or if unavailable, private) buildings and arrange for their use. Such voting locations shall be furnished to the Entity as soon as possible.
 - b. Appoint, notify, and train the presiding judges and alternate judges. The names and addresses of each judge and alternate judge shall be furnished to the Entity at a later date.
 - c. Compensate election judges and clerks. Each election judge will receive \$8.00 per hour and each clerk will receive \$7.50 per hour (for a maximum of 14 hours). The election judge will receive an additional \$25.00 for each Entity for picking up election supplies prior to Election Day and delivering election returns and supplies to a designated location after the polls close.
 - d. Procure, prepare, and distribute supplies and DRE equipment for Early Voting by personal appearance.
 - e. Procure, prepare, and distribute Election Day supplies and equipment, including ballots and DRE equipment.
 - f. Procure, prepare, and distribute tables and chairs, as needed, and transport equipment to and from the polling places.
 - g. Procure and deliver to polling places all voting equipment.
 - h. Rent, if necessary, voting locations.
 - i. Provide lists of registered voters to the election judges.
 - j. Preparation of programs and test materials for tabulation of the ballots to be used with electronic voting equipment in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this Agreement.

- k. Publish notice of the date, time, and place of the testing of the electronic tabulation equipment and conduct such testing.
- l. Supervise the handling and disposition of election returns, tabulate unofficial returns, and assist in preparing the tabulation for the official canvass for each entity.
- m. Prepare the unofficial canvass report after all precincts have been counted and deliver a copy of the unofficial canvass to the Entity.
- n. Serve as custodian of election records and store election records as provided by law for a period of 22 months.
- o. Conduct the manual count.
- p. Provide maps and other reference guides to the Entity.

III. EARLY VOTING

3.01 Early Voting By Mail:

- a. The County Elections Administrator shall receive the Early Voting ballot requests by mail.
- b. The Entity or designee shall forward any requests for mail applications to the Elections Administrator.
- c. The County shall be responsible for all preparation of mail ballots including mailing ballot to voter.

3.02 Early Voting by Personal Appearance

- a. Steve Raborn shall serve as Early Voting Clerk for the Election and other clerks shall be appointed as needed.
- b. Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations listed on Exhibit B. All eligible voters in Tarrant County may vote early at any early voting location.
- c. Early Voting by personal appearance will begin on October 23, 2006, and will end on November 3, 2006.

- d. Extended hours for early voting shall take place at all early voting locations on Saturday, October 28 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Sunday, October 29 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and October 30 – November 3, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Additionally temporary branch Early Voting locations will be available according to the schedule.
- 3.03 The Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for Tarrant County shall be Jeanne Lyon. The Early Voting Ballot Board's duties will include:
- (1) Serve as Signature Verification Committee
 - (2) Prepare the mail ballots for tabulating
 - (3) Review and qualify the provisional ballots for counting
 - (4) Convene to count provisional ballots and late ballots from out of the country. (7th day or earlier after Election Day)

IV. KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Entity shall have the following responsibilities in conducting this Joint Election on November 7, 2006;

- 4.01 Prepare any election orders, resolutions, notices, and other pertinent documents for adoption or execution by the appropriate officer; and take all actions required by law for calling the election, handling contests, canvassing the returns, and declaring the results of the election.
- 4.02 Prepare and publish in the official newspaper, or post all required election notices of the election.
- 4.03 Deliver to the Elections Administrator the official wording, including Spanish translation, to be printed on the ballot.
- 4.04 Approve final ballot wording for content, form, and spelling.
- 4.05 Prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Justice, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the required submission on voting changes with respect to the election.
- 4.06 Canvass the official results between the 8th and 11th day following the election.

V. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

- 5.01 In consideration for the services and expenses provided, the County is conducting the Joint Election for a cost of **\$6,359.00** to the School District, 75% of the estimated cost of an election in the Keller Independent School District.
- 5.02 Should a recount be required, those costs associated with the recount, if any, shall be negotiated at the time the need for said recount is determined.
- 5.03 The official for parties to contact for all purposes shall be listed at the end of the Agreement. All notices and other deliveries under the Agreement shall be delivered to said individual so listed.

ACCEPTANCE:

On behalf of Tarrant County Elections Administration, I hereby accept the terms of the Agreement contained in this Resolution.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Steve Raborn
Elections Administrator
Tarrant County, Texas

On behalf of the Keller Independent School District, I hereby accept the terms of this Agreement.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2006.

David Farmer
President, Board of Trustees
Keller Independent School District

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above Resolution and Agreement was adopted at a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Tom Vandergriff,
County Judge
Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Officials for notice:

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**TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR JOINT ELECTION
WITH THE KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, Tarrant County is required to conduct a General and Special Election; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Independent School District will hold a Bond Election; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that said elections be held jointly by the Keller Independent School District and Tarrant County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, will hold the Election jointly with the Keller Independent School District, pursuant to Section 271.002 of the Texas Election Code.

MOTION was made by _____, and
seconded by _____, that the Resolution,
above and foregoing, be adopted.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

The above Resolution was voted on at a regular meeting that the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County held on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

TOM VANDERGRIF, TARRANT COUNTY JUDGE
TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

ATTEST:

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT