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STATEMENT: Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins on Court Decision to Disenfranchise Sick and Quarantined Voters

Over 10,000 Harris County Residents Tested Positive for COVID-19 after July 2

(Houston, TX) – On Friday, July 10, a Harris County District Court judge denied County Clerk Chris Hollins’s request to allow voters who have tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting COVID-19 test results, or have been exposed to COVID-19 and are self-quarantining to vote by mail in the July Primary Runoff through expedited means. Over 10,000 Harris County residents tested positive for COVID-19 after the July 2 Vote By Mail application deadline, with thousands more awaiting test results or exposed and in self-quarantine.

You can attribute the following statement to Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins:

“Texas is experiencing a surge of confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. As a result, a growing number of Harris County voters who are quarantined will be faced with the difficult decision to forfeit their Constitutional right to vote or to violate their quarantine, placing the health and safety of other voters and poll workers at risk. This is unacceptable. The Court’s decision to deny eligible voters their right to cast their ballot by alternative means when the State failed to safeguard public health is disappointing. The right to vote is essential to upholding our democracy, especially at a time when so many Harris County voters yearn to have their voices heard.”

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