

NOTICE OF TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District (“District”) seeks to ensure a high quality education program for all of its students, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is authorized to levy taxes to fund the maintenance and operation of the District and to pay the principal and interest on bonded debt, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has adopted a total tax rate for 2012 that exceeds the calculated 2012 rollback tax rate at a duly called and posted meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.08(a) requires the District to conduct a tax ratification election for the purpose of permitting the registered voters of the District to determine whether to approve the tax rate adopted by the Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.08(a) requires the Board of Trustees to order that the election be conducted in the District on a date not less than thirty (30) days or more than ninety (90) days after the date on which it adopted the tax rate, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Election Code, Section 3.005(a) requires the Board of Trustees to order the election not later than the 62nd day before the election day,

**THEREFORE**, it is ordered by the Deer Park Independent School District Board of Trustees that:

- 1. A special tax ratification election shall be conducted on Saturday, December 15, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the following polling place(s):

Precinct No.	Polling Place	Election Officials
1	Deer Park Community Center 610 East San Augustine Deer Park, TX 77536	Judge Paula Smith Alt Judge Annette Osburn
2	Deepwater Elem. School 309 Glenmore Drive Pasadena, TX 77503	Judge Tom Hailey Alt Judge Joan Hollis
3	First Apostolic Church 1211 South Main Highlands, TX 77562	Judge Don Ross Alt Judge Dennis Leckbee
4	Fairmont Elementary School 4315 Heathfield Pasadena, TX 77505	Judge Carolyn Franks Alt Judge Rose Nichol

2. The main early voting polling place for voting by personal appearance and by mail shall be located at the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536.
3. During the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being Wednesday, November 28, 2012 through Tuesday, December 11, 2012, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place shall be from 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays or Sundays and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerk shall keep said early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.
4. At said election, the following shall be submitted in accordance with law:

**Tax Ratification Ballot**

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.5267 per \$100 valuation in the Deer Park Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is 11.24% higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate.

5. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to: Norma Hysler, Election Coordinator, c/o Deer Park ISD, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, December 7, 2012.
6. The election shall be conducted by election officers, in accordance with the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, the Texas Tax Code and the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

**Passed and Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012**

/s/Lynn Kirkpatrick

President, Deer Park ISD Board of Trustees

/s/Rhonda Lowe

Secretary, Deer Park ISD Board of Trustees