

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FORM

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Your presence is appreciated.

NAME: Belinda Darling

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP:

PHONE NUMBER:

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Agenda Item Number:

Subject Matter: Turn on ballot images and do not use rally stations for the primary runoff

Comments:

1) Ballot imaging should be turned on by the Elections Administrator for the upcoming primary runoff and for all future elections. Those images should be available to the Ballot Board for inspection. 2) Rally stations should not be used in the upcoming primary runoff election because of the debacle that happened on March 1st that has still not been fully explained. The turnout will be very low and there is no need for rally stations in this runoff.

REQUIRED COURTROOM DECORUM

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Accordingly, all members of the public in attendance at any Regular, Special or Emergency meeting of the Commissioners Court shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in speaking to, or addressing the Court; in participating in public discussions before the Court; and in all actions in the presence of the Court.

Those members of the public who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting. Refusal to abide by the Commissioners Court's order or continued disruption of the meeting may result in arrest and prosecution under the laws of the State of Texas.

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1. cancellation of a speaker's remaining time;
2. removal from the Commissioners Courtroom;
3. a Contempt Citation; and
4. such other civil and criminal sanctions¹ as may be authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

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¹ TEXAS PENAL CODE §§ 38.13, 42.05.

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Signature Belinda Darling
Belinda Darling (Mar 21, 2022 10:46 CDT)

Date 03/21/2022

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NAME: Rudolph Tovar, CEO of Texas Procurement


ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED]

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Subject Matter: Approval of an Agreement between Tarrant County and Texas Procurement for the Provision

Comments:

Please see attached letter.

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Signature *Rudolph Tovar*
Rudolph Tovar (Mar 21, 2022 11:56 CDT)

Date 03/21/2022

March 21, 2022

Good morning Judge Whitley, commissioners, and everyone else. My name is Rudolph Tovar, and I am the CEO of Texas Procurement. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I wanted to write to provide an update since the last time I appeared before the court, which was on January 25, 2022. At Judge Whitley's suggestion, I had a very brief discussion with our County Administrator, Mr. G.K. Maenius (during the time when everyone was transitioning to "closed meeting") regarding a Tissue Recovery and Facility Use Agreement for Texas Procurement. During this conversation, I was provided with no directive on how to move forward in obtaining the agreement I am seeking.

Disappointingly, my organization's journey in obtaining a Tissue Recovery and Facility Use Agreement still remains stagnant. My initial request to obtain an agreement was on November 19, 2021, it has been more than 4 months with no progress. I have not been able to successfully reach anyone from the County Administrator's office, and no one ever responds to emails or phone calls. I am still trying to obtain a Tissue Recovery and Facility Use Agreement that 3 other organizations were already given.

I am addressing the court again today to remain visible and to ask for help.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Tovar', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rudolph Tovar, CEO of Texas Procurement

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