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DAY ONE OF EARLY VOTING REVEALS COUNTY-WIDE ISSUE CONCERNING ePOLLBOOKS

(DALLAS)—The first day of early voting in Dallas County was not conducted with the ease voters had hoped and expected. Long lines at many voting locations revealed what was later explained as a software glitch with the e-polling books (EPB). All locations experienced an above average turnout.

There are 71 early voting locations in Dallas County. Many of these locations experienced wait times of two hours. The ePollBooks, which are used to check in the voter, were repeatedly shutting down, becoming unusable, requiring reboots, and the printing of ballots with the wrong ballot style (including precinct number) for the voter.

According to Susan Cumby, DCRP Election Oversight Chairman, when a voter is issued an incorrect ballot style, the ballot must be spoiled and a new ballot reissued, which is very time consuming. Also, according to Cumby, the EPB check-in system repeatedly crashed requiring timely rebooting, causing long wait times.

“We have brought our serious and measured concerns regarding the issues with the Dallas County Election Department equipment,” said Chairman Allen West. “Day one of early voting has unfortunately proven our concerns. This is an entire County problem—north and south Dallas. It’s quite apparent the DCED is and was not good to go.”

“Citizens of Dallas County need to be assured that their votes are secured.”

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