

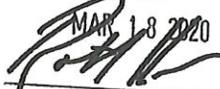


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

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The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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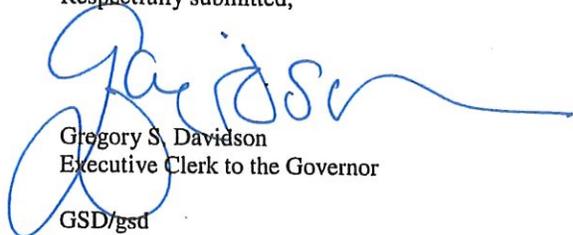
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code provides that certain districts governed by this provision are required to hold director elections in May of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office. I further suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is the authority authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with this proclamation.

Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-428**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANORAMA VILLAGE, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 CITY ELECTION TO THE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020, DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC, THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE; CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3 2020 FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Panorama Village has passed an ordinance calling for a city election for May 2, 2020 to elect the positions of mayor and city council positions No. 2 and 4; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump has declared a national disaster due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued an Executive Order directing that social gatherings be limited to no more than 10 persons, thereby instructing that the May 2 election be postponed until the uniform election date of November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Secretary of State has advised that the May 2 election for governmental bodies should be postponed until the November 3, 2020 election date; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Panorama Village has by ordinance extended the mayor's proclamation of a local disaster as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 418; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Position No. 4 had only one candidate to file and therefor Position No. 4 is uncontested;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANORAMA VILLAGE, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION I**  
**POSTPONEMENT OF MAY 2 ELECTION**

The city election (the "Election") that was to be held on May 2, 2020 is hereby postponed until November 3, 2020. The Election for City Council positions for mayor and city council position No. 2 shall be held at the November 3, 2020. City council position No. 4 which is unopposed will be declared elected as a matter of law after May 2, 2020.

**SECTION VII**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE**

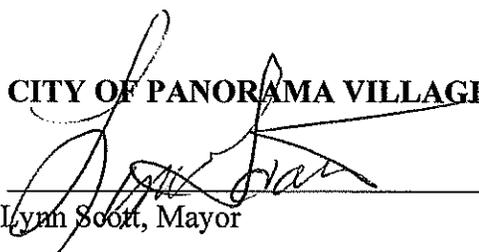
The Mayor of the City is authorized to execute and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council; and the Mayor of the City is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election on November 3, 2020. The Council finds that notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of this meeting.

**SECTION III**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE**

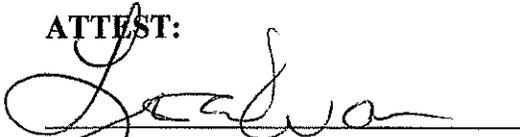
This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

**CITY OF PANORAMA VILLAGE, TEXAS**

  
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Lynn Scott, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa Evans, City Secretary