



BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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VOTE EARLY AND AVOID THE LONG LINES ON ELECTION DAY
Any Eligible Voter in Bexar County May Vote Early *in Person*

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San Antonio, TX, October 20, 2008 –the Bexar County Elections Department announces Early Voting will begin Monday, October 20 and continue through Friday, October 31. There are two ways to vote early—in person and by mail.

“I encourage voters to take advantage of the convenience afforded by the early voting period,” said Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

“We anticipate a large voter turnout for the General Election. By voting early you can avoid the long lines we expect to see on Election Day,” finished Andrade.

“Any citizen may vote early **in person**,” says Callanen. “And unlike voting by mail, you do not need to state a reason for voting early, if you vote in person.”

Bexar County Elections has set up numerous early voting locations around the county and even offers curbside voting, for those who are unable to physically walk inside the polling location to cast their vote. Early voting locations and hours of operation may be viewed on the website at:

www.bexar.org/elections

To be eligible to vote early *by mail* in Texas, you must be:

- 65 years or older
- Disabled

- Out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance
- Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

“It’s important to note that early voting by mail is provided as a convenient privilege for our citizens over the age of 65 or for those who are disabled, no matter what their age,” says Jacque Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator.

Ballot applications by mail must be submitted and received by October 28, 2008. The marked ballot must be returned by mail to the early voting clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, 2008.

“This election is going to be one of the biggest in our County’s history,” says Callanen. “Right now, we have more than 900-thousand registered voters, so if citizens want to avoid long lines on November 4th, they may vote early at a convenient location in their political district and save themselves lots of time.”

“Our counties are definitely prepared and I am confident on November 5th, we will look back on this election with pride,” said Secretary Andrade.

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