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Secretary of State

November 24, 2025

The Honorable Annette Ramirez
Harris County Tax Assessor Collector
1001 Preston Street
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Tax-Assessor Collector Ramirez,

Pursuant to Section 31.018 of the Texas Election Code, not later than the 30th day after receiving an administrative complaint under Section 31.017 of the Texas Election Code, the Secretary of State shall provide notice to the applicable county election official of receipt of such complaint.

On November 18, 2025, a complaint was submitted to our office by Senator Paul Bettencourt, who has previously been a candidate in the Harris County elections. The complaint alleges a recurring pattern of problems related to the failure to conduct voter registration list maintenance activities. We have determined that this administrative complaint meets the requirements outlined in Section 31.017 of the Texas Election Code. This letter serves as your official notice of receipt of the qualifying complaint.

Under Section 31.018, the county election official may provide a response with any supporting documentation relating to the complaint or allegations in the complaint to the Secretary of State not later than the 30th day after receiving notice of the complaint. We are attaching the administrative complaint and all accompanying evidence for your review. If you would like to provide a response, that response must be received no later than December 18, 2025.

Please note that receipt of a qualifying administrative complaint does not automatically trigger administrative oversight. Based on the complaint and the county's subsequent response, the Secretary of State has the discretion to determine how this process proceeds.

Additionally, please be advised that the complaint makes allegations regarding residential address used for registration that may be in violation of Section 15.051 of the Texas Election Code. Chapter 15 provides a process by which your office can act to address these possible violations. A failure to perform your required duties could result in the Secretary of State's office withholding of Chapter 19 funds as authorized under the Texas Election Code.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-(VOTE) 8683.

Sincerely,

Christina Adkins
Director of Elections

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