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## Waco City Council to Postpone May 2, 2020 General Election

WACO, TEXAS (March 31, 2020)

At a special meeting held today, March 31, 2020, the Waco City Council voted to postpone the May 2, 2020, general election for Mayor and Council Members for District I and III. The City of Waco exercised its authority to postpone the general election pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas dated March 18, 2020, that allows political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general election to the next uniform election date occurring on November 3, 2020.

The City of Waco's goal is, and always has been, to conduct a safe and fair election. This decision was made today following the recent extensions of social distancing recommendations by President Trump until April 30, 2020, and following extensions of shelter-in-place orders by the City of Waco City Council and by the McLennan County Commissioners' Court until April 21, 2020.

The City of Waco plans to formally request from the Governor permission to allow political subdivisions to conduct their May 2, 2020, election on the same day as the Primary Runoff Election on July 14 as an option in addition to the November 3 option.

Candidate filing for the postponed election will remain valid for the proposed election and the filing period will not be re-opened for the postponed election.

All applications for a ballot by mail for voters who are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election. Applications for a ballot by mail for voters who submitted applications based on expected absence from the County will not be valid for the postponed election.

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**Members of the public may also email [citysecretary@wacotx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@wacotx.gov) or call 254-750-5750 for staff assistance with submitting a comment card.**

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