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ABC13/KTRK-TV HOUSTON TO HOST TOWN HALL EMPOWERING
TEXANS TO VOTE EARLY IN THE 2020 ELECTIONS

**'YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE: Countdown to Early Voting' Will Stream Live
Thursday, Sept. 3 (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. CDT)**

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ABC13, Houston's news leader, is bringing together election officials and community organizations in a "[YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE: Countdown to Early Voting](#)" town hall, **THURSDAY, SEPT. 3 (7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT)**. The town hall will be hosted by ABC13's Eyewitness News reporter Miya Shay and will inform Houstonians what they need to know [to exercise their right to vote](#) amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shay and the panel of experts will take your questions about voting in the 2020 presidential election, dispel myths about mail-in ballots in Texas, and share how activists are working to register voters, and fight voter suppression in underserved communities.

Panelists for the town hall include the following:

- Chris Hollins, Harris County clerk
- John Oldham, Fort Bend County Election administrator
- Dr. Annie Benifield, League of Women Voters-Houston
- Debbie Chen, OCA-Greater Houston
- Irfan Ali, Honorary Secretary of the Ismaili Council for the Southwestern U.S.

- Stephanie Gómez, Texas Civil Rights Project

As voters prepare to cast their ballots in this pivotal election, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended the normal course of action for election administrators and civic organizations alike. While Texas grapples with the virus, activists told Eyewitness News they have pivoted to drive-thru and virtual voter registration events out of an abundance of caution and safety.

NRG Park [announced](#) this week, it has been designated as the headquarters of the Harris County Clerk's Office for the 2020 presidential election and will offer early-voting and drive-thru voting.

In Harris and Fort Bend counties, election officials are working to innovate the ways to vote, seeking to expand early voting dates, hours and locations, encouraging at-risk voters to submit absentee ballots, and substituting older election workers susceptible to coronavirus infections with students ready to assist precincts across the region.

For voters in Texas, time is of the essence. The deadline to [register to vote](#) in the 2020 presidential election is Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. Qualified voters must [request absentee \(mail-in\) ballots](#) no later than Friday, Oct. 23, 2020.

The virtual town hall will air **THURSDAY, SEPT. 3 at 7:00 p.m. CDT**, on ABC13.com, streaming on ABC13's [Facebook Live](#), [YouTube](#), [ABC13's app](#) and [ABC13's connected TV apps](#) on Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Android TV and Roku.

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