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Harris County ESD 16 Announces Election Results

Proposition A, Increasing the Tax Rate Cap

(Klein, TX. May 5, 2025) **Harris County Emergency Services District 16, Klein Fire Department** ("HCESD 16" or "KFD") would like to announce the results of the recent election held on May 3, 2025.

Voters in the HCESD 16 area have rejected a proposal by the Emergency Services District to increase the tax rate cap, according to unofficial election results released at 8:47 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

The proposal, which aimed to increase the rate from \$0.05, where it was set in 2010, to \$0.10, the maximum allowed in the State of Texas, was meant to allow the District to respond more adequately to the dramatically increased population and commercial business growth in the Klein area, where emergency calls have increased 300-fold. The proposition was defeated by a margin of 3 votes.

"While we are disappointed in the outcome, we respect the voters' decision. We will continue to explore alternative funding options to ensure the safety and well-being of our community," said Fire Chief Jason Catrambone.

Lance Wilson, ESD 16 Board of Commissioners President added, "We appreciate the community's engagement in this important decision. We will now reassess our budget and prioritize our resources accordingly."

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About Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16, Klein Fire Department

Since 1951, the **Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD)** has provided fire suppression, first responder EMS, and related services within the Klein community's 49-square mile service area in northern Harris County. In September 2022, Harris County Emergency

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Services District 16 ("HCESD 16" or the "District") assumed direct responsibility for those services and now operates as the Klein Fire Department ("KFD"), providing fire and rescue services for the citizens who reside in and pass through HCESD 16.

HCESD 16 is a government entity and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, organized as provided by State Law to protect life and health. The five-member District Board of Commissioners are elected by the voters of the ESD 16 service area and is subject to various state laws, rules, and regulations.