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VIA EMAIL

October 26, 2026

Ms. Renee McBay
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Re: Supplemental Public Information Act request – Fairfield Hospital District Proposition A ballot styles and corrective ballots (November 3, 2026); supplements my request hand delivered October 23, 2026

Dear Ms. McBay:

Thank you again to you and your staff for your work during early voting. This letter supplements, and does not replace, my Public Information Act request hand delivered to your office on October 23, 2026, concerning the Fairfield Hospital District (FHD) Proposition A ballot language and its correction, communications with the District and the Secretary of State, correction notices, the election services contract, and ballots cast before the correction. Please continue processing that request as submitted.

Thank you also for your October 24 response, which included the original and corrected ballot language, the election notice and order, Election Advisory 2020-23, and a turnout report. Your letter noted that no emails were sent. Because some items were not included and some records may exist in forms other than email, I respectfully ask that the items below be included as well (items 7 through 10).

I am submitting this supplement because of public information that came to my attention after October 23:

1. A public Facebook post by Tony Price, dated on or about October 19–20, 2026, and shared on the Friends of Freestone Medical Center Facebook page, states that when he and Carolyn voted early, the FHD Proposition A item was not on their ballot; that they asked for help; and that each was then issued a paper ballot that included FHD Proposition A.

2. The Friends of Freestone Medical Center page also posted that, because several "Prop A" items appear on Freestone County ballots representing different precincts, voters who reside in the FHD should make sure the ballot issued to them includes the FHD item.

3. A ballot image circulating publicly shows FHD Proposition A wording with a rate figure of $0.115677. On October 23, 2026, the District confirmed to me in writing that the figure should read $0.119848.

4. On the morning of October 23, 2026, while delivering my October 23 request, I observed staff in your office preparing small stickers apparently intended to cover the Proposition A rate figure on ballots, and paper ballots being issued.

I have not verified the social media posts described above, and I make no assertion about what occurred. I am asking only for existing records that would show how ballot styles for FHD territory were assigned and whether any related issue was reported or addressed. The Council takes no position on Proposition A or on any ballot measure.

Under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, I request copies of the following existing records for the period August 1, 2026 to the date your office receives this request:

1. Ballot style, precinct, and split-precinct assignments for territory within the Fairfield Hospital District, including any record showing which ballot styles include FHD Proposition A, and the poll book / electronic pollbook (ePollbook) configuration or ballot-style mapping used to assign ballots to voters residing in FHD territory.

2. Any reports, complaints, incident logs, problem or troubleshooting logs, or communications (including email and text messages) concerning voters residing in FHD territory who were issued a ballot that did not include FHD Proposition A.

3. Any existing record showing the number of such voters and the number of corrective or replacement ballots issued, including paper ballots issued during early voting, and any record describing how those ballots are tracked, secured, reconciled, and counted (for example, ballot or spoiled-ballot logs, reconciliation forms, or provisional or emergency ballot records).

4. Communications between your office and the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division, the ballot or voting-system vendor, or the Fairfield Hospital District (its staff, board members, or counsel) concerning ballot style errors, ballot-style assignment, or the omission of FHD Proposition A from any voter's ballot.

5. Any notices, instructions, guidance, memoranda, or training materials provided to early voting or election day workers concerning FHD ballot styles, verifying that FHD voters receive a ballot that includes Proposition A, or issuing corrective ballots.

6. Records concerning any correction of the FHD Proposition A rate figure on printed or electronic ballots, including any Secretary of State guidance on or approval of the correction method; the text of any stickers or labels used; the date and time corrections began; the number of ballots corrected by sticker or otherwise; whether and when electronic or voting-system ballot definitions were changed; and the number of ballots cast, in person and by mail, before the correction was applied.

7. The election services contract or joint election agreement between the County and the Fairfield Hospital District for the November 3, 2026 election (item 5 of my October 23 request), including any amendments and cost estimates.

8. Any written notice delivered to the Secretary of State under Election Code Section 52.0061 concerning the correction of the FHD Proposition A ballot, and any SOS form, acknowledgment, or written response, including any vendor notice under Section 52.0062.

9. Records of the reprogramming or re-creation of voting-system media by ES&S or the County for the correction, including work orders, invoices, chain-of-custody or seal logs for the media, and records of any pre-election (logic and accuracy) testing conducted after reprogramming, with the dates performed and any public notice of that testing.

10. Any record of corrected ballots sent to voters by mail under Section 86.009, limited to the number of corrected ballots mailed and the date mailed (not voter names, if withheld under Section 87.121), and any notice and record of destruction of incorrect ballots under Section 52.0064.

For every item in this supplement and in my October 23 request, "communications" includes text messages, call logs, voicemails, instant or app-based messages, and notes of phone calls or meetings, whether on County-issued or personal devices or accounts, to the extent they relate to the transaction of official business. Under Government Code Section 552.002, such information is public information regardless of whether the device or account is publicly or privately owned. Your October 24 letter mentioned phone calls with ES&S and the Secretary of State and an in-person meeting with the District, so I ask that any texts, call logs, or written notes of those contacts be searched for and included.

I am not requesting voted ballots, any information identifying how a voter voted, or any information made confidential by law. If records responsive to this supplement are also responsive to my October 23 request, a single production is fine. Batches are welcome, and records may be provided as soon as each is available.

Please provide electronic copies, in native or text-searchable format where available, by email to robert.sharpe@freestonegoodgov.org. If the estimated charges for this supplement will exceed $40, please provide an itemized estimate before incurring the charges, as required by Section 552.2615 of the Government Code. If you believe any portion of the requested information is excepted from disclosure, please release the remainder promptly and identify the exception claimed; I understand that a request for an Attorney General decision must be made within 10 business days of receipt (Section 552.301). I would appreciate a brief acknowledgment that you received this supplement.

If any item is unclear or would be easier to answer in a narrower form, please call me at 713-485-9006 and I will gladly clarify.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Freestone County.

Respectfully submitted,

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