



**Travis County Voter Registrar  
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**Record Breaking Numbers!**

**40,000 Voter Registration Applications  
Processed In Time For Early Voting**

OCTOBER 17, 2008 AUSTIN – More than 40,000 applications have been entered into the county's voter registration records in time for the start of early voting on Monday, October 20. ([retrieve deadline photos](#)) Not only have they been entered, the vast majority have been validated by the Secretary of State TEAM system.

"We want everyone to know all applications have been entered in time for early voting. Also, we want them to know there is no question about the validity of voter records," stated Voter Registrar Nelda Wells Spears. "Our data uploads every day to the state-wide voter registration system called TEAM. TEAM verifies each registrant matching name and date of birth with Texas Driver's license data or Social Security data," she said.

The majority of applications were received on October 6 and 7. On the last day to register for the November election, Monday October 6, hundreds of volunteers registered voters all day and up until the midnight deadline.

Travis County now has 603,289 validated registered voters. There are 7734 pending validation from the TEAM system. Once validated, the total number of registered voters in Travis County will be 611,024 registered voters – a record breaking number! Based on the official number used for voting age population, the 2000 census data, the registration rate is 98%.

Certificates are mailed daily ([retrieve image](#)) with a final mailing of 9000 scheduled for Saturday. "We know voters are excited about voting based on the number of contacts we received, both by telephone and email," said Nelda Wells Spears. She adds, "Don't forget, if you don't have your voter certificate, you can cast a ballot with your driver's license or other form of identification." ([retrieve ID list](#))

Anxious voters who wish to confirm their registration status make check online at [www.traviscountytax.org/showVoterSearch.do](http://www.traviscountytax.org/showVoterSearch.do) . If a voter cannot find his or her record on the Travis County database, they may check the Secretary of State's database of all counties at <https://voterinfo.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/SearchSelectionVoter.jsp>

Contact Travis County Voter Registration at 854-9473 or [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org) for voter registration information and assistance. [Retrieve Fact Sheet.](#)