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Subject: Collin County Election Result Reporting

Gentlemen -

Being a Frisco resident straddling the Denton-Collin County lines, we occasionally see contrasts in "best practices" between the two counties. Reporting election results is an excellent example of such a contrast. I see the contrast each day as we aggregate, prepare and distribute a GOTV report showing precinct level results each day. This helps our neighborhood teams focus on improving turnout (see Friday's report attached).

Denton County posts their voting results each day on their Election Commission web site. The information is available to everyone at the same time and at the same price (free). You simply download the category or categories you are interested. You can immediately conduct needed analysis and match results to your GOTV lists. To see how easy it is, go to the following web site and click on a file.

<http://elections.dentoncounty.com/go.asp?Parent=1291&Link=1279>

Then there is Collin County. Go to the Election Commission web site and.....they tell you to send or bring in an application along with \$4.41 fee. Then they will email you the results each day. Oh, except it doesn't include the election day results. For that I need to make another trip to McKinney and pay another \$4.41 (exact change only). So this year I'll make eight requests (Municipal Election early and election day results, primary early and election day results, runoff early and election day results and federal election early and election day results). You begin to get the picture and at the end of the year I'm out \$35.28. To avoid these charges and inconvenience, the election commissioners have counseled me to find someone else who gets the results and have them forward me their copy - all perfectly legal. By the way, for that price, unlike Denton County, you don't get Friday's results on Saturday, you have to wait until Monday to get the data, thus missing critical weekend block walking and phone banking time.

My ask is this: Direct the Election Commission to post the voting rolls daily on a web site and let people get equal and timely access to the data. Sure, someone else could buy the results and post them in downloadable form on their web site, give public access and circumvent the County. But that could lead to questions of data integrity. So lets do the right thing and have the Collin County Election Commission post the results.

Your consideration of this modest proposal would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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