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Vacancy on the 2021 Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors

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Hello All,

Tom Abram, who has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors(BOD) since 2014, has submitted his resignation effective February 1, 2021 from the Board. Mr. Abram has been an extremely valuable member of the Board of Directors. Ellis Appraisal District is better for having his leadership, business acumen and willing stewardship!

If you previously submitted a nomination to fill Mr. Pitts vacancy, this will be an entirely new process in compliance with the law, so please follow the timeline below for submitting a nomination for Mr. Abram's vacancy.

The **Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.03(l)** speaks to the process where a vacancy on the BOD is filled. Each taxing unit that is entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body a candidate to fill the vacancy. The unit shall submit the name of its nominee to the chief appraiser within 45 days after notification from the board of directors of the existence of the vacancy, and the chief appraiser shall prepare and deliver to the board of directors within the next five days a list of the nominees. The board of directors shall elect by majority vote of its members one of the nominees to fill the vacancy. Please see the timeline and eligibility requirements for this process.

Here is the timeline to address this vacancy:

- Please have your governing body act to nominate a candidate by resolution(please see attachment) by **Thursday, February 18th**
- Please submit your nominations by **Friday, February 19th** (please also **include a resume with phone and email contact information** for your nominee)
- The list of nominees will be sent to the current Board of Directors
- The Board of Directors will act on **Thursday, February 25th at 4pm** to fill the vacancy from the list of nominees
- You will receive notification of the new member on the Board of Directors

Here is what the **Property Tax Code Sec 6.03(a) and 6.035** says about eligibility:

- To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office.
- An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit.
- An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.
- An individual is ineligible to serve if the individual:
 - is related within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under this title or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under this title in the appraisal district;
 - or owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless:

(A) the delinquent taxes and any penalties and interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement under Section 33.02; or

(B) a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated under Section 33.06 or 33.065

- An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board of directors if the individual has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under this title (for use in an ARB hearing or a tax agent) or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under this title in the appraisal district at any time during the preceding five years.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Kathy

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