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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

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DATE: February 6, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Council's direction to move forward with a two-minute pitch to consider a resolution encouraging the Denton County Commissioners Court to establish countywide vote centers.

BACKGROUND

On October 17, 2023, Council Member McGee presented a two-minute pitch to consider a resolution encouraging the Denton County Commissioners Court to establish countywide vote centers. The Council did not reach the necessary consensus of six Council Members to place the proposal on a future agenda as a resolution. However, the Council directed staff to gather additional information to present back to the Council with a low priority level.

DISCUSSION

"Vote center" is a term used to define a model of voting where a voter can cast their vote at any Election Day polling location instead of just the one that is assigned to their voting precinct. In Texas, it is also called the Countywide Polling Place Program. Currently, Denton County voters can cast their vote at any Early Voting location in the County but must vote at their assigned precinct on Election Day.

To implement a countywide voting program, Denton County must submit an application to the State following the guidelines outlined in Texas Election Code Section 43.007. As of September 2024, the County expressed no intentions to pursue this program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend placing this item on the April 1, 2025 Work Session Agenda for Council consideration and direction.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Informal Staff Report
3. Process Flow Chart

Respectfully submitted:
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Chief of Staff