

ELECTION November 8, 2022

- 1. The Board of Directors of Crosby Municipal Utility District has called a **maintenance tax** election for November 8, 2022 at the Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532 or at any Harris County polling place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 2. The District's operations are funded solely by water and sewer rates. The District's current taxes can only be used for paying back bonds used to fund large construction projects. The Board is focused on operating efficiently and has not raised water and sewer rates in the last 18 years, however rising costs (salaries, repairs, parts, fuel, electricity, etc.) that affect everyone will require the District to increase revenues this year.
- 3. For example, the District purchases raw water to treat for drinking water from the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) and SJRA has raised it cost 146% over the last 18 years.
- 4. The purpose of the election is to provide a second revenue source for the District's operations by voter authorization of a maintenance tax. Over 95% of all utility districts in Harris County have authorized maintenance taxes. These districts use the maintenance tax collections to supplement water and sewer revenues to reduce increases in water and sewer rates.
- 5. The election would authorize a maintenance tax of up to \$0.25 per \$100 of assessed value; however, if approved the Board of Directors of the District does not anticipate levying the full \$0.25 maintenance tax at this time, but something in the range of \$0.05 (which would be \$50 per year for a \$100,000 house or approximately \$4 per month).
- 6. Without a maintenance tax, the District will be forced to increase its water and sewer rates significantly.
- 7. Crosby MUD debt service tax rate has decreased from \$0.570 in 2013 to \$0.452 today, a 20% drop over the last 9 years. This demonstrates that the Board of Directors, all of whom pay the District's water and sewer rates as well as property taxes, manage the District construction projects conservatively.
- 8. Early voting is at Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532 or at any other Harris County early voting polling place the following days and times:

Monday, October 24 through Saturday, October 29: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Sunday, October 30: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday, October 31 through Wednesday, November 2: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Thursday, November 3: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Friday, November 4: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

9. For more information, please see the District's website at <u>www.crosbymud.org</u> or call 281-328-4242. We strongly encourage you to vote at the election.