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The Honorable Carlos H. Cascos  
Texas Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 12887  
Austin, TX 78711-2887  
secretary@sos.texas.gov

*Sent via email*

**Re: Outdated Information for Voter ID Requirements – Statewide**

Dear Secretary Cascos,

We write to notify you that there are multiple instances of outdated and incorrect voter ID information being distributed at early voting locations. We have been contacted by several community groups and have read multiple reports on social media that the outdated versions of the posters listing the voter ID requirements are still hanging in early voting locations, causing confusion. Because these incidents are not limited to a single early voting location, or even a single county, we ask that your office intervene to immediately inform all county election officials of the importance of removing the incorrect signage.

To illustrate, I have attached an email containing a photo of the inaccurate poster. We have heard reports that early voting locations are still displaying the posters in Bexar, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Hays, McLennan, and Travis Counties, at minimum. As you can see from the attached photo, the old posters do not explain the current methods for voting without a photo ID, as required in the current order from the Court.<sup>1</sup>

We have also received reports of incomplete information being given to voters while standing in line that they must have their photo ID ready. These troubling stories have come from Harris and Denton Counties. At best, the information was misleading. At worst, it was intentional voter suppression.

Due to the recent changes to the law and the potentially confusing requirements, it is critical that the State take every possible precaution to avoid turning away eligible voters, even if unintentionally. We respectfully request that the Secretary of State alert the election officials in each Texas county to this violation and inform them that they must instruct poll workers to check for and remove outdated signage immediately. We ask that you also emphasize the need for complete and accurate verbal instructions.

Please advise TCRP by the end of the day today, October 25, 2016 whether you will take steps to remedy these violations. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Cassandra Champion at (512) 474-5073 ext. 113 or [champion@texascivilrightsproject.org](mailto:champion@texascivilrightsproject.org).

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<sup>1</sup> See Order Regarding Agreed Interim Plan for Elections at 1-2, *Veasey v. Abbott*, No. 2:13-cv-00193 (S.D. Tex. Aug. 10, 2016).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassandra Champion". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light beige rectangular background.

Cassandra Champion

Attorney

Texas Civil Rights Project