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Good morning, Hudspeth County,

Election Day has passed, and I want to sincerely thank our election judges and clerks and staff for their dedication, as well as those who reached out with thoughtful questions and kind words.

I'd like to briefly clarify concerns about results reporting. In the State of Texas, voting machines cannot generate results before 7:00 p.m. when polls close. This is established by state law and cannot be overridden at the local level. The Texas Secretary of State does not open Election Night Reporting until 7:00 p.m. Early voting totals are the first numbers available. Election Day results are gathered and posted once all precincts have reported and the totals are verified to ensure accuracy and avoid confusion.

While larger state and national elections may have watch parties and media commentary throughout the day, those discussions often involve projections, not official results being released before polls close. Official results in Texas are not posted during voting hours.

Under Texas Election Code §65.016, counties must post results "as soon as practicable" after the election meaning timely and accurate, not necessarily immediate or partial. Counties have discretion in how and when totals are released to ensure clarity and prevent misunderstanding. There isn't a specific mandate that they must publish partial results

immediately the moment any votes are counted; the requirement is to make results available promptly.

The public has always been welcome to wait at the courthouse. Results are posted online, shared with those present as they become available, posted at our office, and copies are provided upon request. This election followed the same consistent process as every other.

Accuracy and compliance go hand in hand. Constructive questions are always welcome, and I appreciate everyone who remains engaged in our local elections.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda Sanchez", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Brenda Sanchez  
County & District Clerk