Parker County Democratic Voters,

AS YOU KNOW, EARLY VOTING BEGINS TOMORROW, Tues. Feb. 16 and runs through Feb. 26 . Click here to find your early voting sites and times:

Many good Democrats may be tempted to "cross-over" to vote in the upcoming Republican primary due to the number of contested **Republican** races on the Parker County ballot. ***PLEASE DON'T DO IT!!!***

And here's why:

Funding from Secretary of State for the 2012 Primary will be based on the number of voters we get to the polls in 2010. The more Democrats who vote in the primary, the more resources we will have at the county level.

Voting numbers count--in the Democratic Primary as a large factor, state & national party officials and statewide candidates consider numbers when deploying staff and resources to RED counties like ours. By voting in the Democratic Primary, you are ensuring that **Parker County gets the respect** it deserves from these groups. The more respect we get, the more chances we have to make meaningful contributions to electing more Democrats in Texas in the future.
Texas Democratic Party is running a **great slate of Democratic candidates** and we've got several contested statewide primary races. When Texas elects her next Democratic Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Land Commissioner, Supreme Court and Appeals Court Justices, and our own U.S. Congressman from District 30....don't you want to have had a say in who those people are?
If you vote in the Republican primary, you will swear to this statement on your ballot: ***"I am a Republican and I understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."*** Honestly, could you sleep at night after swearing to that?
Voting in the Republican primary **tells the Texas Republican Party you approved of Perry's failed policies**, http://www.txdemocrats.org/2009/10/05/top-ten-rick-perry-failures/, Kay Bailey Hutchison's flip-flopping, **http://www.txdemocrats.org/2009/10/19/whos-the-real-kbh/** and ignored the state agency scandals of the Perry Administration
http://www.txdemocrats.org/2009/11/02/top-ten-state-agency-scandals/
Voting for your favorite Democratic gubernatorial candidate now directly affects who is on the ballot in November, and the **winning party in November determines for the next four years which party will be the local Presiding Election Judges** and which party will consist of Alternate Judges in charge of elections at the local level. "Presiding Election Judges" are the final arbiters of any election-related disputes within the pollsite during an election. We've not had Democratic Presiding Judges in Parker County since Ann Richards was Governor!
If you vote in the Republican primary you **won't be able to attend** our Precinct caucuses on March 2, the County or State conventions, or to serve as a Democratic precinct chair or participate in official Democratic Party business.

JUST IN CASE YOU NEED MORE REASONS:

CONGRESSIONAL and LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING IN 2011: Another reason it's crucial we elect more Democrats this November and preserve every Texan's voice in their representation.
http://lubbockonline.com/stories/020910/loc_560323934.shtml Texas's next Governor and her representatives/senators will preside over the upcoming Redistricting process, which determines for the next 10 years what our electoral districts will look like.

Remember the last time Texas redistricted? Do you want that to happen again? Now DO you? **http://lubbockonline.com/stories/020910/loc_560323934.shtml**

We Democrats need to stick together! If you vote in the Democratic Primary, we will have updated demographic data to use so we can continue to build our Voter Activation Network (the envy of the nation's political organizations) and to in turn, elect more Democrats! If you vote in the Republican primary, you will be considered a Republican and will receive Republican Party-generated mail and communications for the next two years at least.
VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY! EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TODAY!

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* Pollsite locations for voting on March 2 can be found here and also the contact list for Democratic Chairpersons by voting precinct can be found here.