**Draft speech for talking at a**

**Denton County Commission meeting**

**and map**

**Please put this in your own words before speaking to the Denton County Commissioners Court in the public input session at 9 am on Tuesday mornings in the new Denton County Administration, 1 Courthouse Drive, Denton (just past Aldi's on 288)**. **Bold items are for your information.**

My name is **XXXXX**, I am a registered voter in Denton County. I live at **(your home address**).

**(This would be a good place to add a) how long you’ve voted in Denton County, particularly if it’s quite a while, and b) if you are — or have been — an election worker in Denton County.)**

I am here today to ask that you quickly take action to set up voting centers in Denton County so we can vote at any polling place in the county on Election Day, just as we do for early voting.

We are blessed with a very secure voting system with paper ballot backup, yet every year, thousands of legally registered voters in our county lose their right to vote on Election Day because our county does not have voting centers on Election Day, as more than 90 other counties in Texas do. On Election Day now, many Denton voters do their research, then show up at a polling place, only to find that it’s not in their particular precinct.

These voters may be coming from work, on their way to work, picking up kids from school, running errands — doing things that busy people have to do every day. They are Republicans and Democrats and Independent voters.

This is REALLY confusing to people who move here from our neighboring counties of Dallas, Tarrant and Collin, where voting centers have been in place on Election Day for years.

**(If this has happened to you or someone you know, add that anecdote here.)**

I hope you’ll act on this soon, so all voters in our county will be able to take advantage of this in time for the very important election this November. Thank you for your time.

Location of the Denton County Administrative Courthouse off Loop 288 near Aldi's. Take the Lillian Miller exit off I-35, turn left onto Loop 288 going north, then right onto Courthouse Drive.

