**What is a Municipal Utility District (MUD)?**

**Consider running for a MUD position in your district!**

A Municipal Utility District (MUD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas authorized by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide water, sewage, drainage, solid waste and recycling, and other utility-related services within the MUD boundaries. It can also help provide funding for park development and additional security.

Municipal Utility Districts are run by **five-member boards.** These board members are elected by registered voters living in that specific MUD. Board members act in a similar capacity **as city council members in a municipality**. They tend to the affairs of the district and ensure that all water and wastewater facilities that the district constructs are in operation and properly maintained. In lieu of a full-time paid staff, districts contract with professionals, such as financial advisors, attorneys, bookkeepers, engineers and operators, to aid the district in its operation.

How vested are you in your community? Is it your desire to keep your community a viable place to live and enjoy? If so, why not run for a MUD Director’s position for your district? Elections are held every even number year. Please check with your MUD to see if there are any upcoming elections. The next election is scheduled for **May 2018**. You don’t have to be affiliated with a party; the top vote getters win the elections. However, it would be *great* to have democrats serving on MUD Districts inFort Bend County. This would be a great intro into politics for*newcomers* to the political scene who want to make a difference in their community. New MUD Directors will receive training!

**To qualify to run for a director position, a person must be (1) at least 18 years old, (2) a resident of Texas and (3) either a qualified voter in the MUD or an owner of taxable land in the MUD. CALL your MUD. office today to see how to sign up for May’s election.**

If you have any other questions, please contact *Jennifer Jacobs, VET Chair – Fort Bend County Democratic Party* and precinct chair for Precinct # 1058 at (281) 236-1643 or jjnassoc@gmail.com.