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Pair of Saturday voter registration sessions set at MCC

MURPHY (September 2, 2016) With the close of the Olympics, attention is now centered on this year's national and local elections, as citizens are set to choose the President, members of Congress, state legislators, state and county judges, and more.

"In addition, the City of Murphy has placed 15 amendments to the City Charter on the ballot," says City Secretary Susie Quinn. "Citizens will either approve or reject these proposed changes on November 8."

In order to fully participate in the electoral process, citizens must be registered to vote. To facilitate registration, the City of Murphy is cooperating with a local resident to conduct two free voter registration sessions on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 8.

Murphy resident and certified Deputy Voter Registrar Maggie Whitt will be donating her time on both Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road. She will assist citizens who live anywhere in Collin County in completing their registration.

In addition, Barbara Harless, chair of the Charter Review Commission, will host an hour-long review of the 15 proposed amendments on the same two days at 10 a.m. in the same location. Handouts and light refreshments will be provided.

"Anyone who is a US citizen 18 years of age or older may register to vote," said Whitt. "It does not cost any money, and there are no out-of-the-ordinary requirements. All we need is for the individual to show up in person with either a driver's license number or a valid Social Security number."

Whitt says that persons wishing to modify their registration, by changing the name or address on their voter registration card, must also undergo the same process as new registrants.

"When people move or get married, divorced or widowed, their name or address may change, and that requires a new registration," she said. "If the name or address on the voter rolls is not the same as the identification they provide at the polling location, they may be required to use a provisional ballot to vote. A new registration can eliminate that process."

The registrations on both Saturdays are more than 30 days before the November 8 election, fulfilling the time requirement between voting and registering. Parking is available behind the MCC.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.