

**Hernandez Wins by Skin of His Teeth in June 12 Runoff for District One
Both Sides Increase Precinct Turnout in Effort to Win**

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Former City Council Member defeated Lubbock businessman Glen Robertson by a narrow ten vote margin June 12 in which more voters participated than in the Mayoral-Council-School Board races of May 8. Robertson, aided by Linda DeLeon, the outgoing City Council member for District One, gained 161 more votes than May 8 while Hernandez won 145 more votes in a turnout of 10.4% of the registered voters in District One. In May, 8.9% of District One voters went to the polls compared to a county-wide turnout of 9.4%, a figure which shows that both campaigns benefited from door to door canvassing and telephone calling.

District One voters also took advantage of early voting with 1,119 voters (73.9%) of 1,517 total voters casting ballots at United Supermarket Stores and other venues and only 395 (26.1%) going to the polls on election day. On May 8, 73.6% of 1,298 voters cast early ballots and 26.4% on election day.

Robertson Does Best in the Far North and the Far South

Robertson's biggest gains came in Precinct One (Wolffarth and Hillcrest neighborhoods) where he increased his support by 28 votes while Hernandez lost 41 votes. In Precinct Two the Arnett-Lubbock Country Club area, Robertson won 70 more votes while Hernandez gained 16 more voters.

In the southern end of the district, DeLeon's support increased Robertson's share of the vote from 107 of 149 votes (76.4%) votes in May to 154 votes (88.1%) out of 174 votes. The increased participation rate in the district shows up in the turnout of 14.25% of 1,228 registered voters in the O. L. Slaton neighborhood casting ballots last Saturday compared to 140 (11.6%) May 8.

Hernandez Keeps Guadalupe and Increases Support in McWhorter

Hernandez' greatest support came from McWhorter (Precinct 3) where 184 voters (84.4%) cast ballots for him compared to 135 voters (70.8%) in May. Robertson went from 27 voters on May 8 to 34 voters (15.6%) last Saturday but that modest increase paled to Hernandez' support in the neighborhood north of Fourth Street and west of University.

Hernandez also got a big boost in Precinct 4 (Cavazos Middle School-Jackson) where he went from 71 voters (68.3%) May 8 to 110 (80.2%) June 12. In the Guadalupe neighborhood, Robertson nibbled away at Hernandez' lead, gaining ten more votes on June 12 than his 22 in May while Hernandez lost three voters (147 votes compared to 150 votes in May 8 but those votes were 82.1% of that neighborhood of homeowners who traditionally are the highest voting neighborhood among Hispanic voters...

Table I

Voter Turnout and Support for Glen Robertson and Victor Hernandez, June 12, 2010

Precinct and Name	Turnout	Robertson			Hernandez		
		Early	Election	Percent	Early	Election	Percent
1 Wolffarth	13.6%	182	25	59.3%	111	31	40.7%
2 Arnett	12.8	110	65	65.1	55	27	31.9
3 McWhorter	8.2	32	2	15.6	148	38	84.4
4 Cavazos	10.7	22	5	19.7	86	24	80.3
5 Guadalupe	28.8	34	8	17.9	111	38	82.1
8 Ramirez	0.1	2	3	83.3	1	0	16.7
10 St. Paul-Lubbock HS	8.1	48	17	72.2	19	6	27.8
17 Dupre	6.7	24	13	56.9	21	7	43.1
18 O L Slaton	14.2	86	58	88.1	18	4	11.9
114 Grace Hos.@Wolf.	5.1	10	6	41.0	13	10	59.0
Totals	10.4%	540	212	49.7%	579	183	50.3%