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## RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

It is time to VOTE!!

The Travis County Clerk's office has opened up more than 30 early voting locations in Austin and the surrounding area. This is an effort to make it easier for you to cast that ballot. In East Austin there are two familiar locations now open: The Carver Library, 1161 Angelina Str., and Millennium Youth Complex, 1156 Hargrave Str.. Also the Central Austin Library, 710 W. Cesar Chavez is now open.

For other locations you can call the TRAVIS COUNTY CLERK's office. Remember that during the early voting period, you can cast your vote at any of these locations. **Cast that vote before the lines get too long.**

## Can't Look Away From The Eyes Of Texas



Tom Herman | Head football coach at The University of Texas at Austin



By John Harris Jr. VILLAGER Sports Columnist

(VILLAGER) - A lot of University of Texas football fans and alums (mostly white) are upset that Longhorn football players (mostly Black)

aren't standing and singing the school song, known as "The Eyes of Texas," at the conclusion of football games. This despite the fact that UT's administration stated in July that UT athletes, some of whom questioned if the song has racial overtones, were no longer required to stand and sing the song. This was the result of UT athletes in June asking the university to eliminate the song and other symbols around campus to promote racial har-

mony. Things came to a head following Oklahoma's 53-45 overtime win over the Longhorns last Saturday in the Red River Showdown at the Cotton Bowl. An image captured by an Austin television sports anchor showed UT quarterback Sam Ehlinger acknowledging fans during the playing of the school song. Ehlinger was the only player captured in the picture, causing an uproar among fans up-

set with the optics.

In an unusual move that clearly addressed the gravity of the situation, UT football coach Tom Herman opened his weekly press conference not with a rehash of the Oklahoma loss but with these words:

"Before we get started, I do want to address something that continues to be a point of conversation, which is "The Eyes of Texas." I put a lot of thought into this

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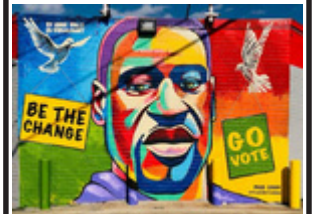
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## Project Connect from Capital Metro will appear on the November 2020 ballot.

It's the comprehensive transit plan designed for the Austin area. The Initial Investment includes:



3 new rail lines



All-electric bus fleet



9 new Park & Ride locations



Transit tunnel under downtown



4 new MetroRapid routes



3 new MetroExpress routes



15 new Circulator Zones

The Initial Investment also includes \$300 million to finance transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies related to Project Connect, which includes neighborhood supportive affordable housing investments along transit corridors.

Visit [ProjectConnect.com](http://ProjectConnect.com) to see the plan and get the facts.

