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“Ballot By Mail Voters May Receive Multiple Ballots Based On Election Eligibly.”

Brownsville, TX- The Cameron County Elections Office has begun mailing Ballots to voters who requested a mail-in ballot for the May 6, 2023 Local Elections. A total of 1,158 ballots were delivered to the Post Office for distribution and voters should expect to receive them this week. Voters who are qualified for multiple jurisdictions will be receiving multiple ballot packets, one for each entity. Voters in the San Benito community and the surrounding areas may receive up to three ballots if they qualify for the City, School District and the Navigation District Elections. In the Laguna Madre area they may receive two ballots for the School District and the Navigation District Elections.

Voters are encouraged to read and follow all the instructions included in the packet to return their ballots properly. Particularly of importance is the inclusion of Identification Numbers on return envelopes, use of the secrecy envelope and signing across the seal once you place it in the return envelope. Voters are reminded not to remove or tear perforations as they seal the return envelope as it could expose protected information and damage the signature. It is recommended that voters also process one ballot packet at a time to prevent the wrong ballot being returned in the wrong carrier envelope.

Remi Garza, Elections Administrator stated, “Voters should be on the lookout for their ballots this week. If you receive more than one ballot packet, please exercise care when preparing to return the ballots to our office. It is important to return the correct ballot in the correct return envelope. Each return envelope has the election identified by name on the flap just above the signature line when it is sealed. With recent changes to the ballot by mail process voters and anyone providing assistance should carefully read all instructions and the information included in the packets. Please do not hesitate to call or visit our website for return instructions.”

Once voters have marked and sealed their ballots, they can place a stamp on the return envelope and drop it off at any post office or mail box. They can also use a common carrier, such as FedEx and UPS or any commercial carrier in our community. Voters can only hand deliver ballots on Election Day, May 6<sup>th</sup>, with proper Identification at the Cameron County Elections Office, located at 1050 E. Madison St, Brownsville, TX. The Office will be open from 7:00 am till 7:00 pm all day to accept the ballots that day.

Mr. Garza concluded by stating, “We hope everyone will take a moment to review all instructions provided with their ballot. With the changes to the law, the packets will look

different and require additional information. We recognize that there is a lot of material included, but the best way to insure your vote is counted is to follow all of the instructions. While voters will have new opportunities to cure certain defects found on on their return envelopes this year, it is best to avoid any complications.”

Returned ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, May 6, 2023, and received in my office before 5:00 pm on May 8, 2023. The ballots will be reviewed by the Early Voting Ballot Board before they are accepted and counted.

For additional information, please contact the Cameron County Elections Office at 956-544-0809 or via email at [elections@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.cameron.tx.us). Information can be found at [cameronvotes.com](http://cameronvotes.com).