NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

TIME AND PURPOSE OF ELECTION: The City of Brownsville, Texas (the "City") will hold a Special Municipal Election between the hours of ***7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.*** on ***Tuesday, November 3, 2026,*** for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Brownsville **fifteen (15) proposed amendments to the City Charter, designated as Propositions A through O**, for approval or rejection:

City of Brownsville, Texas
November 3, 2026
City Charter Amendment Election

Proposition A: Shall Article V, Section 3 of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to require that a City Commissioner automatically forfeits their office if he or she lacks at any time during the term of office any qualification for holding the office prescribed by the Charter or by law; fails to meet the residency requirements for election to office; is convicted of a felony; fails to attend three consecutive regular Commission meetings without being excused by the Commission; violates the prohibited personal financial interest provision set forth in Article V, Section 4, or any other provisions of this Charter that prescribe forfeiture; or fails to attend six consecutive or non-consecutive regular Commission meetings in any twelve-month period with or without being excused by the City Commission?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition B: Shall Article V, Section 3 of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to state that if the Mayor or a City Commission Member is convicted of any criminal offense other than a felony or Class C Misdemeanor, the City Attorney shall file a petition for Declaratory Judgment with the District Courts of Cameron County for a determination on whether the crime is one involving moral turpitude; and if it is determined by the District Court Judge that the Mayor or Commission Member was convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, then the City Commission shall automatically order a recall election at the next allowable election date under the Texas Elections Code and dispense of the certified recall petition required under Section 5(a) of the City Charter?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition C: Shall Article V, Section 4 of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to require a candidate for City Commission, or a current office holder, to not be personally delinquent in the payment of any taxes or other liability due the city or be disqualified by reason of any provision of any other section of the City Charter?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

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Proposition D: Shall Article V, Section 13 of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to provide that the mayor's annual pay be set at the rate of sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($62,500) and that the city commissioners' annual pay be set at the rate of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), with such compensation applicable only to individuals elected to office for the first time after the effective date of this charter amendment, and not to currently serving elected officials?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition E: Shall the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended by adding section 21-B to Article V, providing for the appointment of a city secretary and defining the duties and powers of the office of the city secretary, including the obligation to attend all meetings of the City Commission and keep accurate minutes of its proceedings; engross and enroll all laws, resolutions and ordinances of the City Commission; preserve and keep in order all books, papers, documents, records and files of the City Commission of the executive departments; and keep a record of all commissions and licenses issued and shall countersign the same; appoint such assistants and staff as may be approved in the adopted budget of the City; have custody of the seal of the City and shall affix sample to such documents and, obligations of the City as he/she may be legally authorized to do?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition F: Shall the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended by adding section 21-C to Article V, providing for the appointment and removal of a City Auditor and defining the duties and powers of the Office of the City Auditor, including the obligation to conduct, or cause to be conducted, financial, fiscal compliance, and financial procedure audits, as well as performance, investigative, and other audits, of all city departments, offices, agencies, created entities, corporations, and programs; serve as an advisor to the Audit and Oversight Committee and report to them administrative and operational functions of the Office of the City Auditor?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition G: Shall Article V of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to add Section 22-B, Merit Hiring to add that city employees or appointed officials shall be selected or hired on the basis of the merit principle?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition H: Shall Article V, Section 28(A) of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to allow the City Commission to appoint 7 members instead of 5 members to the Audit and Oversight Committee, with each City Commissioner making a nomination for appointment to the Committee when a vacancy exists by virtue of a term-limit, resignation, death, or other incapacity?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition I: Shall Article V, Section 28(A) of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to authorize the Audit and Oversight Committee to engage external auditors, as the committee requires, in carrying out its responsibilities to include the authority to hire and terminate external auditors and advisors, as well as the responsibility to approve services and fees paid to such resources?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition J: Shall Article V of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to add Section 35, Municipal Campaign Finance, to require the City Commission to enact new laws, consistent with federal and state law, that regulate campaign finances for locally elected City office by: (1) requiring candidates and candidate committees to disclose campaign contribution amounts, donor information, campaign expenditures, and financial obligations; and (2) establishing limits on campaign contributions and expenditures for candidates for locally elected City office, together with public access to required disclosures and penalties for violations as permitted by federal and state law?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition K: Shall Article V of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to add Section 36, Code of Ethics; Ethics Board, requiring the City Commission to create an Ethics Board and adopt conflict of interest and disclosure rules via ordinance through the adoption of an Ethics Code for elected officials, appointed officials, and city employees?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition L: Shall Article VII of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to add Section 3-A, Initiative, establishing an initiative process allowing qualified voters of the City to propose ordinances not in conflict with the Charter or state law; requiring that an initiative petition be signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the City; establishing petition circulation, affidavit, and filing requirements; providing procedures for certification of petition sufficiency and amendment of petitions; requiring the City Commission to consider proposed ordinances and take final action within thirty days; requiring that initiated measures be submitted to the voters if not passed by the Commission or if passed in a different form; establishing ballot requirements for initiated ordinances and for alternative ordinances proposed by the Commission; authorizing initiated ordinances adopted by the voters to be amended or repealed after two years; permitting multiple measures to be submitted at the same election; prohibiting the initiation of the same subject for two years after defeat; and prohibiting initiative elections from being held more frequently than once every six months?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition M: Shall Article VII of the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended to add Section 3-B, Referendum, establishing a referendum process that allows qualified voters to require that ordinances of a general nature be submitted for voter approval before taking effect; requiring that a referendum petition be signed by at least ten percent of the registered and qualified voters of the City; providing procedures for submitting and certifying referendum petitions; authorizing the City Commission to amend proposed ordinances before an election; establishing the ballot language for such elections; and permitting ordinances adopted by referendum to be amended or repealed by the City Commission after six months?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition N: Shall the City Charter of the City of Brownsville be amended by adding Section 35 to Article V, to be entitled the "Brownsville First Jobs & Contracts Policy," to establish requirements and guidelines for City-funded contracts, including provisions related to contractor compliance with applicable laws, safety training, documentation of good-faith efforts to hire local workers, preferences permitted by state law for small and local businesses, creation of a Local Jobs & Business Access Program, transparency measures, and periodic review and reporting, all as set forth in the proposed amendment?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

Proposition O: Shall the City's Charter Article I through VII, except Article VI, Utilities Board, of the City of Brownsville, be amended to revise or eliminate provisions that have been superseded by state law and to update or eliminate archaic language to current usage?

FOR [ ]
AGAINST [ ]

PLACE OF ELECTION: The Special Municipal Election will be conducted in conjunction with the **November 3, 2026 General and Special Elections administered by Cameron County**. On Election Day, qualified voters may cast their ballot at any designated Cameron County Vote Center. Election Day voting will be conducted from **7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

The City of Brownsville Election Day Vote Centers located within Brownsville are set forth in this Notice. For the complete and most current list of Cameron County Vote Centers, including locations outside the City of Brownsville, voters should consult the Cameron County Elections & Voter Registration Department.

EARLY VOTING: Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted October 19 through October 30, 2026, at the dates, times, and locations identified in this Notice. Voters should consult the official City of Brownsville and Cameron County Elections information for the most current voting locations and hours.

The City of Brownsville Early Voting and Election Day voting locations have been set forth in this notice. For Cameron County voting locations OUTSIDE the City of Brownsville, please see the following: Department of Elections Voter Registration - Cameron County

ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS AND POLLING LOCATIONS:

VOTE CENTER	ADDRESS	CITY
Benavides Elementary School	3101 McAllen Rd.	Brownsville
Bob Clark Social Service Center	9901 California Rd.	Brownsville
Brownsville Public Library	2600 Central Blvd.	Brownsville
Burns Elementary School	1974 E. Alton Gloor Rd.	Brownsville
Cameron County Courthouse Judicial Complex	954 E. Harrison St.	Brownsville
Cameron Park Community Center (El Centro Cultural)	2100 Gregory Ave.	Brownsville

Del Castillo-Morningside Elementary School	1025 Morningside Rd.	Brownsville
Dora Romero Elementary	9705 Cajun Blvd.	Brownsville
El Jardin Elementary School	6911 Boca Chica Blvd.	Brownsville
Homer Hanna High School	2615 Price Rd.	Brownsville
Hudson Elementary School	2980 FM 802	Brownsville
J.T. Canales Elementary School	1811 International Blvd.	Brownsville
James Pace High School	314 W. Los Ebanos Blvd.	Brownsville
Judge Reynaldo G. Garza at Southmost Elementary School	5245 Southmost Rd.	Brownsville
Mariano Gonzalez Sr. Elementary School	4350 Jaime Zapata Ave.	Brownsville
Oliveira Middle School	444 Land O' Lakes Dr.	Brownsville
Olmito Elementary School	2500 Arroyo Blvd	Brownsville
Perkins Middle School	4750 Austin Rd.	Brownsville
R.L. Martin Elementary School	1701 Stanford Ave.	Brownsville
Raul A. Besteiro Jr. Middle School	6280 Southmost Rd.	Brownsville
Russell Elementary School	800 Lakeside Blvd.	Brownsville
Sharp Elementary School	1439 Palm Blvd.	Brownsville
Simon Rivera High School	6955 FM 802	Brownsville
Skinner Elementary School	411 W. St. Charles St.	Brownsville
Southmost Public Library	4320 Southmost Rd.	Brownsville
UTRGV Main (BMAIN) Salon Cassia	1 W University Blvd.	Brownsville
Veterans Memorial Early College High School	4550 US Military Hwy 281	Brownsville
Yturria Elementary School	2955 W. Tandy Rd.	Brownsville

EARLY VOTING DATES AND POLLING LOCATIONS:

LOCATION	ADDRESS
Main Office: Cameron County Courthouse Judicial Complex	954 East Harrison Street Brownsville, Texas
Brownsville Public Library-Main Branch	2600 Central Blvd. Brownsville, Texas
Brownsville Public Library-Southmost Branch	4320 Southmost Blvd. Brownsville, Texas
Texas Southmost College -Youth Center	600 International Blvd. Brownsville, Texas
Brownsville Community Health Center- New Horizon Medical Center	191 E. Price Road Brownsville, Texas
Good Shepherd Community Church	300 W. Morrison Rd. Brownsville, Texas

DATES	TIME
All Early Voting Locations – Weekdays: Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026 Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026 Monday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 30, 2026	 9:00 am to 7:00 pm 8:00 am to 8:00 pm 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

ELECTORS: Application for ballot by mail should be mailed to the Early Voting Clerk:

Mr. Remi Garza
Cameron County Elections Department
P.O. BOX 3587
BROWNSVILLE, TX 78523-3587

Applications for ballot by mail may also be sent by fax or e-mail to Fax (956) 550-7298 or e-mail: elections@co.cameron.tx.us. If you fax or e-mail your application to the early voting clerk, you must also mail the original application so that the clerk receives it no later than the fourth business day after the clerk receives your faxed or emailed application. An application can be requested or printed at: https://www.cameroncountytx.gov/elections/index.php/register-to-vote-vote-by-mail/

APPLICATION FOR EARLY VOTING BALLOT BY MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026, AND SAID BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

ELECTORS: All qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote at said election.

ISSUED this 23rd day of September, 2026.

John Cowen Jr.
John Cowen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Mayra A. Rios
Mayra A. Rios, City Secretary

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MAYRA RIOS EMAIL MAYRA.RIOS@BROWNSVILLETX.GOV SHARED VIA LINK	SENT 24 SEP 2026 12:39:35 VIEWED 24 SEP 2026 20:25:45 SIGNED 24 SEP 2026 20:28:07	 IP ADDRESS 216.194.176.166 LOCATION BROWNSVILLE, UNITED STATES