

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF VAL VERDE

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TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF

VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS

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TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of Val Verde Texas on November 7, 2017, CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000 TO PURCHASE, DESIGN, ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE, IMPROVE, AND EQUIP COUNTY SPORTS, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF, ALL in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County, Texas on August 16, 2017, which order reads substantially as follows:

**AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAL VERDE COUNTY,  
TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN VAL VERDE  
COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
ELECTION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO  
SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the *Court*) of VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS (the *County*) hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the County shall be authorized to issue bonds of the County in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct various capital improvements within the County necessitates that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the County; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS  
THAT:

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in the COUNTY OF VAL VERDE, TEXAS on the 7th day of November, 2017 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is not more than 90 nor fewer than 78 days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the County:

PROPOSITION A

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of making permanent public improvements or other public purposes, to wit: designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping County park, recreation, sports, and open space improvements, making park, recreation, and open space additions, and acquiring lands and rights-of-way necessary thereto, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with the law; and any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of said bonds; and shall the Commissioners Court of the County be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?”

SECTION 2. One or more County election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the County election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to the scheduled Election Day, or as soon thereafter as

is reasonably practicable, the County will identify and formally approve the appointment of the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for this Election, together with any other necessary changes to election precincts and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the County.

A. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two qualified voters of the County to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the Election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on Election Day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This office or place shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Texas Election Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations; dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be determined by the County Clerk (the *Clerk*), as identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the County to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 3. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the County shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4. The County shall also utilize a Central Counting Station (the Station) as provided by Section 127.001, et seq., as amended, Texas Election Code. The Clerk, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager and Presiding Judge of the Station and may appoint Station clerks and establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Court hereby appoints the Clerk, or the designee thereof, as the Tabulation

Supervisor and the Clerk, or the designee thereof, as the Programmer for the Station. Lastly, the Clerk will publish notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition(s) which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PURCHASE, DESIGN, ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE, IMPROVE, AND EQUIP COUNTY SPORTS, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

SECTION 6. All resident, qualified voters of the County shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and, on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and as may be required by law. To the extent required by law, all Election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as a proper notice of the Election. This notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) at three public places within the County and at the County Courthouse not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, the first of these publications to appear in such newspaper not more than 30 days, and not less than 14 full days prior to Election Day. In addition, during the 21 days prior to Election Day, the County shall, in a prominent manner, maintain such notice on its Internet website.

SECTION 8. As required by and in accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the County, as of its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$32,445,000.00; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such County debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$5,142,825.74; and the County levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.0411 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The County estimates an ad valorem debt service tax rate of \$0.1172 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation if the bonds that are the subject of the Election are approved and are issued (taking into account the outstanding County bonds and bonds that are the subject of this Election, but not future bond authorizations of the County). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the County estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing estimated tax rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance, and do not serve as a cap on any County ad valorem tax rate or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 9. The Court authorizes the County Judge, or the designee thereof, to negotiate and enter into a joint election agreement or agreements with any other political subdivisions with territory within the County who are also conducting elections on Election Day in accordance with the provisions of

the Texas Election Code, as amended, as determined to be necessary or desirable, and to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Court is evidenced herein.

SECTION 10. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Court.

SECTION 11. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 12. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 15. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, and it is so ordered.

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all the matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

/s/ Generosa Gracia-Ramon  
County Clerk,  
Val Verde County, Texas

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**Exhibit A**

**ELECTION PRECINCT AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS**

Election Day: November 7, 2017

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Commissioner Precinct Number 1**

Composed Of Election Precinct Numbers 10, 11, 12 & 13

POLLING LOCATION: Del Rio Joe Ramos Memorial  
1105 East De La Rosa St.  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

PRESIDING JUDGE: Ruby Nieto

**Commissioner Precinct Number 2**

Composed Of Election Precinct Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24

POLLING LOCATION: Del Rio Civic Center  
1915 Veterans Blvd.  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

PRESIDING JUDGE: Angelita Lowe

**Commissioner Precinct Number 3**

Composed Of Election Precinct Numbers 30, 31, 32 & 33

POLLING LOCATION: Northside Baptist Church  
1100 Amistad Blvd/Echo Valley  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

PRESIDING JUDGE: Gerald Mc Crary

**Commissioner Precinct Number 4**

Composed Of Election Precinct Numbers 40, 41, 42 & 43

POLLING LOCATION: St. Joseph Church Hall  
510 Wernett Street  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

PRESIDING JUDGE: Juanita De La Paz

**Exhibit B**

**EARLY VOTING**

Early voting begins Monday, October 23, 2017 and ends on Friday, November 3, 2017.

Early Voting Clerk:  
Generosa (Janie) Gracia-Ramon  
Val Verde County Courthouse  
400 Pecan Street, 1st Floor  
P.O. Box 1267  
Del Rio, Texas 78840-1267

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: Linda Polanco

**Early Voting Polling Place:**  
Val Verde County Courthouse  
400 Pecan Street, 1st Floor  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday, October 23, 2017 through Friday, October 27, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, October 30, 2017 through Wednesday, November 1, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 2, 2017 through Friday, November 3, 2017	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for voting by mail should be mailed to be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, October 27, 2017. Applications should be sent to:

Generosa (Janie) Gracia-Ramon  
P.O. Box 1267  
Del Rio, Texas 78841-1267  
email: [elections@valverdecountry.org](mailto:elections@valverdecountry.org)

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