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James M. Fromayan Conference Hall
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Introduction

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Headquarters of the National Elections Commission (NEC) and to this press conference. In today's press conference we will provide information on the following:

1. Training and Deployment of Civic Educators and Gender Mobilizers;
2. Electoral District Consultation and
3. Declaration of Political Campaign

Civic/Voter Education

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the press, I am pleased to announce that the Commission has recruited a total of 36 Civic Educators and Gender Mobilizers for the Representative by-election in Electoral District #13, Montserrado County and the Senatorial by-election in Sinoe County. Training for these civic educators and gender mobilizers will begin on tomorrow October 18 and deployment will commence on October 20, 2018.

Once deployed, the civic educators and gender mobilizers will provide door to door information on the by-elections to residents in the two electoral areas (Montserrado District #13 and Sinoe County).

In furtherance of the CVE initiative for the by-elections, the Civic and Voter Education Section will on October 22, 2018, begin consultation with relevant stakeholders in the areas where the by-elections are being held. Those consultations are intended to create awareness and mobilize citizens to turn out to vote in the by-elections on November 20, 2018.

Deployment of Base Teams

Ladies and gentlemen, in an effort to beef up the manpower need in Sinoe County, the Commission has deployed two base teams to assist the Elections magistrate in the conduct of the Senatorial By-election. One team is deployed in Billibo Creek while the other is in Diyankpo. These teams will assist the magistrates to provide access to the electoral process for locals in those areas.

It was quite a difficult challenge to get the base teams in because of the bad road condition but we are glad they made it finally.

Political Campaign

Members of the press, following the nomination period, which ran from September 24 to October 6, 2018, the Commission today published the list of twelve (12) candidates to contest the Representative by-election in Montserrado County District #13 and four (4) candidates to contest the Senatorial By-election in Sinoe County. Those published are:

Montserrado County District 13

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Party</u>
Davis, Bernice Gbolu Kamara	F	LTP
Flomo Jr., Edward Papay	M	Independent
Kromah, Muhammad Ansumana	M	CLP
Moore, Sepo Sando	M	Independent
Pratt, Richard J.	M	Independent
Roberts, O'neal Oral	M	VOLT
Sicarr, Mama Kiziel Siah	F	VCP
Sossou, Napoleon Monico	M	Independent
Togba, Cornelia Kruah	F	UP
Weah Jr., John Jrogbe	M	CDC
Williams Sr., Henry Quie	M	Independent

Sinoe County

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Party</u>
Chea, Augustine S.	M	CDC
Jarbah, Klahn Gboloh	M	VOLT
Nagbe, Othello Doe	M	CLP
Quioh, Thomas Romeo	M	UPP

However, the Commission on October 15, 2018 received a complaint from Mr. Mohammed Massaquoi, a resident of District #13 against Mr. Sepo Sando Moore. Mr. Massaquoi contends that Mr. Moore has not been domiciled in Montserrado District 13 for one year prior to the by-election as required by law and that he is not a registered voter. The complaint has been forwarded to the Independent Hearing Officer for adjudication. Apart from this, the Commission has received no other complaint on the by-election.

In view of the above, I am pleased on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commission to declare campaign for the Senatorial By-election in Sinoe County and the Representative by-election in Montserrado County District #13 open. The campaign period commences today and will end at midnight on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Candidates in the by-elections are advised to go about their campaign in a peaceful

manner void of violence and in keeping with the laws of Liberia and more specifically those controlling the electoral process. They are asked to submit their campaign schedules to the Elections Magistrates to avoid conflict during the campaign. Parties and candidates listed herein are asked to submit the list of agents that will man the pools on their behalf on November 20, 2018.

I thank you.



Chairperson for Sinoe/Montserrado By-Elections, Cllr. Sarah Toe and Co-chairperson Atty. James Wallace Declaring Political Campaign Open at a Press Conference at NEC'S Headquarters