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## INTRODUCTION

**October 1, 2018**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Headquarters of the National Elections Commission and to this Press Conference. In today's press briefing we will update you on the Montserrado County District #13 Representative By-Election and the Sinoe County Senatorial By-Election.

**This Press Briefing will focus on the following:**

1. Nomination of Candidates for the Two By-Elections
2. Replacement of Lost and Damaged V.R. Cards.
3. Funding from the Government of Liberia;
4. Procurement Process;
5. Recruitment and Training of Poling Staff
6. Pre-Election Campaigning

### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Nomination of candidates for the By-Elections commenced on Monday, 24 September 2018 and will end on Saturday, 6, October 2018.

Currently seven (7) Independent Aspirants have picked up Nomination Packages for Montserrado County District # 13 Representative By-Election.

Also, a total of 9 Political Parties have picked up Nomination Packages for both the Sinoe Senatorial By-Election and the Montserrado Counties By-Election.

The Commission will on Monday, October 8, 2018 publish a Provisional List of candidates for the two by-elections.

### REPLACEMENT OF LOST VR CARDS

The replacement of lost or damaged Voter Registration Cards starts today, October 1<sup>st</sup> in both Sinoe and Montserrado Counties, and will end on Friday, 5, October 2018.

Those wishing to replace their V.R. Cards will have to appear at the Commission's local Magisterial Offices in Brewerville and Bentol Cities respectively to begin the replacement process for Montserrado County.

For Sinoe County, you will report to our local office in Greenville.

### **FUNDING FOR THE BY-ELECTIONS.**

I am pleased to announce that the Government of Liberia has paid to the National Elections Commission the sum certain of USD1.2 million representing total cost of the two By-Elections.

At this stage, the Commission will like to thank the Government of Liberia for meeting its obligation to the Commission.

### **PRECAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES**

In line with Section 5.2; Sub-Section-2, b, c, and d, of the Election Regulations and Guidelines, Political Campaign for the By-Elections in Sinoe and Montserrado Counties, will start on 17, October 2018 and will end on 18, November 2018.

Notwithstanding, the Commission has sadly noticed that some individuals have started pre-campaigning by putting up banners and other promotional materials.

The Commission says this is straightly against the elections law and all those involved must bring down those banners no later than Wednesday, 3, October 2018. The application of any individual failing to adhere to the law referred to will not be considered.

### **PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

Procurement plans have been prepared and forwarded to the Public Procurement and Concession Commission, PPCC for review.

### **RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF POLLING STAFF**

Recruitment and Training of nearly 1, 200 polling Staff for the two By-Elections will start on Thursday, 11, October 2018. About 700 Poll workers will be needed for the 136 Polling Places in Sinoe County, while 460 will be needed for the 89 Polling Places in District #13 in Montserrado County.

Additionally, 40 Civic and Voter Educators and Gender Mobilizers will be recruited, trained and deployed across Sinoe County and District # 13 in Montserrado.

**I THANK YOU.**