



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 08/21/2023

Item Title: Official Notice and Order X Action  
BISD VATRE Information  
Discussion

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## BACKGROUND:

Official Notice and Order for the Brownsville Independent School District VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election) scheduled on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal implications for the election provided to the Board of Trustees for approval once the election expenses in the contract are collaborated with the Cameron County Administrator.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion, consideration and possible action to adopt an election Order for a (VATRE) Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election on November 7, 2023.

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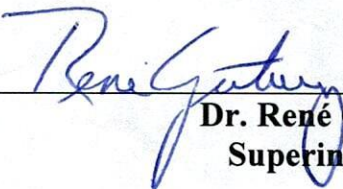
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Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. René Gutiérrez  
Submitted by: Superintendent

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

  
Dr. René Gutiérrez  
Superintendent



**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

**FOR VOTER AUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX RATE  
RATIFICATION**

*THE STATE OF TEXAS*                    )  
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*COUNTY OF CAMERON*                )  
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On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District convened with sufficient members present to constitute a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees were the following:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tex. Tax Code § 26.08(a), if a school board adopts a tax rate above its Maintenance and Operations rollback tax rate, it must hold an election to ratify that rate; and,

**WHEREAS**, a proposed 2023 tax levy upon all the real property situated within the limits of the Brownsville Independent School District and all personal property which was owned within said district on the first day of January 2023, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, of a Maintenance and Operations Tax at the rate of \$0.7892 DOLLARS on each ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100TH (100.00) DOLLARS of assessed valuation of said taxable property will be levied for the Tax Year 2023 for general school purposes and to pay the current operating expenses of said School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, which tax, when collected, shall be appropriated to and deposited in and to the credit of the Maintenance and Operating Fund of said school district.

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a the \$0.7892 /\$100.00 tax rate will result in the need for an election under the provisions of Texas Tax Code § 26.08, which the board by separate resolution will call for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a date at least seventy-eight (78) days from the adoption of the tax rate, and this Election Order.

**WHEREAS**, adopting such Maintenance & Operations tax rate would raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's maintenance and operations tax rate.



**WHEREAS**, prior to the adoption of the District's 2023 Maintenance & Operations tax rate, and pursuant to Tex. Educ. Code § 11.184(b-1), the District has not yet completed an "efficiency audit." The District is located in an area declared a disaster area by the Governor under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, within the two-year period prior to the date of this Order. However, such an efficiency audit has been commissioned

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for this Board to pass an Order establishing the procedure for conducting said Maintenance & Operations Tax Ratification Election:

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT;**

**Section 1.** An election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voter approval of the Board's adoption of Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$0.7892 per \$100.00 valuation.

**Section 2.** Places and times for Election Day voting are as set forth in the list of election day polling places to be approved by the Cameron County Elections Department and published by such Office in accordance with the Texas Election Code. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote on Election day at any early voting location.

**Section 3.** Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning Monday, October 23, 2023, and continuing through Friday, November 3, 2023, at the Places and Times for early voting to be approved by the Cameron County Elections Department and published by such Office in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Any qualified voter for the Maintenance and Operations Tax Ratification Election may vote early by personal appearance at any early voting location.

**Section 4.** The Ballot language for such election shall be as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

**Section 5.** Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Remi Garza, CERA  
Cameron County Elections Administrator  
1050 E. Madison Street  
Brownsville, Texas 78520



**Section 6.** The Presiding Election Judges and an Alternate Presiding Election Judge appointed to serve at said polling places shall be appointed in conformance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

**Section 7.** An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Texas Election Code.

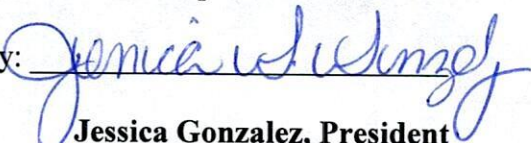
**Section 8.** Remi Garza, Cameron County Elections Administrator, is appointed as early voting clerk in compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. Remi Garza will be clerk and appoint other early voting clerks as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting at the main location.

**Section 9.** The Superintendent shall publish an Election Order and Notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in Cameron County, Texas.

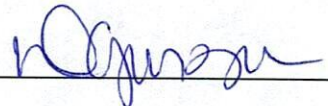
It is further found and determined that in accordance with an Order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the Central Administrative Office in this School District, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

The call for election was moved and seconded and passed in regular session of the Board of Trustees. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.

Brownsville Independent School District

By:   
**Jessica Gonzalez, President**  
**Board of Trustees**

**ATTEST:**

By:   
**Denise Garza, Secretary**  
**Board of Trustees**



# Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election Ballot for School Districts

For Brownsville Independent School District Date November 7, 2023  
(Name of School District) (Date of Election)

## OFFICIAL BALLOT

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

FOR  AGAINST

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$ \$1.030964 in  
(Adopted Tax Rate)

Brownsville Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result  
(Name of School District)  
 in an increase of minus 15.173924 (insert percentage increase in maintenance and operations  
 tax revenue under the adopted rate as compared to maintenance and operations tax revenue in the  
 preceding tax year) percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year  
 as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$ minus 10,431,345 (insert dollar amount  
 of increase in maintenance and operations tax revenue under the adopted tax rate as compared to  
 maintenance and operations tax revenue in the preceding tax year).

## POLLING PLACES FOR THE BROWNSVILLE ISD NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION

Part 4	Villareal Elementary School	7700 Lakeside Blvd.	Olmito
5, 72	Hudson Elementary School	2980 FM 802	Brownsville
6, 37, 45	J.T. Canales Elementary School	1811 International Blvd.	Brownsville
Part 7, 68	Rivera High School	6955 FM 802	Brownsville
8, 9	Cameron County Courthouse Judicial Complex	954 E. Harrison St.	Brownsville
10, 69, 70	Cromack Elementary School	3200 E. 30th St.	Brownsville
11, 12, 47	Russell Elementary School	800 Lakeside Blvd.	Brownsville
13, 15, 38, 97	Sharp Elementary School	1439 Palm Blvd.	Brownsville
Part 14, 60, 82	El Jardin Elementary School	6911 Boca Chica Blvd.	Brownsville
16, Part 48, 90, Part 91	Yturria Elementary School	2955 W. Tandy Rd.	Brownsville
Part 17	La Paloma Elementary School	35076 Padilla St.	San Benito
46, 71, 86	Gonzalez Elementary School	4350 Jaime Zapata Ave.	Brownsville
Part 49	San Benito Community Bldg.	210 E. Heywood St.	San Benito
53, 77	Garza Elementary School	200 Esperanza Ln.	Brownsville
54, 73	Burns Elementary School	1974 Alton Gloor Rd.	Brownsville
61,76	Hanna High School	2615 Price Rd.	Brownsville
62, 75	James Pace High School	314 W. Los Ebanos Blvd.	Brownsville
63	Oliveira Middle School	444 Land O' Lakes Dr.	Brownsville
Part 74	Cameron Park Community Center	2100 Gregory Ave.	Brownsville
98	Benavides Elementary School	3101 McAllen Rd.	Brownsville