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Attention All Editors

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RETURNING OFFICERS RECEIVE THEIR WRITS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The fifty-five persons who have been appointed to serve as Returning Officers for the August 14, 2023 Local Government Elections were presented with Writs of Election, issued by the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, giving them the authority to cause a poll to be taken in their respective electoral districts on behalf of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC).

In her Opening Remarks to the Returning Officers and some prospective Election Clerks, Mrs. Fern Narcis-Scope, Chief Election Officer thanked the attendees for their commitment to civic duty and reminded them of the importance of transparency and integrity in building the public's trust and confidence in the electoral process in support of fair and free elections.

Mrs. Danielle Chow, Commissioner who addressed the attendees acknowledged that the management of Local Elections was probably the most daunting and demanding logistical operation of all of the elections, which the EBC managed, noting that for this election, there are one hundred and forty-one (141) electoral districts, over two thousand (2,000) prospective polling stations and more than thirteen thousand (13,000) prospective polling day staff to be managed. This exercise was underpinned with well-established and defined electoral processes and controls, which were established by the law and best practice.

Commissioner Chow acknowledged the high level of experience and skills within the group including significant electoral experience and invited the Returning Officers to be true Partners in Democracy with EBC. She was encouraged by a continuing interest in fostering democracy in the country with newer persons joining the group.



The Returning Officers were presented with their Writs, which were transmitted in accordance with Election Rule 3 of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01. at the National Academy for the Performing Arts on Sunday 11th June, 2023.



Returning Officers for the Local Government Elections receive their Writs of Elections
(Front L-R: Commissioner Roslyn Khan Cummings, Fern Narcis-Scope Chief Election Officer, Commissioner Danielle Chow and Commissioner Wendell Wallace)

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