



Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

REPORT

**Of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the
Local Government Bye-Election
In the Electoral District of Belmont East
Held on Monday 16th July, 2018**

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- (b) the number of rejected ballots;**
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and**
- (d) any other information that it may deem fit to include**



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20th September 2018

Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein
Minister of Rural Development & Local Government
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Kent House
Long Circular Road
MARAVAL

Dear Sir

In accordance with Rule 108(6) of the Election Rules made under section 161(1) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01 (the Act) the Elections and Boundaries Commission (the Commission) is pleased to submit its report on the Bye-Election for the Municipal Electoral District of Belmont East in the Port-of-Spain Corporation, held on Monday 16th July 2018. The rule states as follows:

“The Commission shall immediately after each election, cause to be printed a report giving-

- (a) the number of votes polled for each candidate, by polling divisions;
- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised lists of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that it may deem fit to include,

and shall forthwith forward a copy of the report to the persons respectively set out in subrule (5)(b).”

Appendix I contains the data in respect of items (a) and (b) above, while a summary of the information contained in **Appendix I** is given in **Appendix II**. The data relating to (c) are tabulated in **Appendix III**. Information relevant to (d) can be found below and at **Appendices IV to XI**.

By means of correspondence dated 6th June 2018, from the Secretary to the Cabinet, the Commission was informed that the Honourable Prime Minister had agreed to Monday 16th July, 2018 as the date for the conduct of the Bye-Election in the electoral district of Belmont East in the Port-of-Spain Corporation, as defined in the Schedule to the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2016 (Legal Notice No. 127 of August 25, 2016) consequent on the declaration by the said Corporation of a vacancy in the electoral district. The vacancy arose consequent on the death of Mr. Darryl Rajpaul, Councillor.



Appointment of Returning Officer:

Thereafter, Ms. Jennifer Harvey-Bethel was selected as the Returning Officer for the electoral district by the Commission, and the Writ of Election was duly prepared and delivered to Her Excellency, the President on 6th June, 2018.

On behalf of the Commission, the Chairman officially appointed Ms. Harvey-Bethel as Returning Officer, and presented her with the Writ of Election issued by Her Excellency the President on 7th June 2018. Her office was established at 123 Henry Street, Port-of-Spain.

Electoral Registration:

A period of Electoral Registration, as is required by law, was conducted over the period 8th – 17th June 2018 inclusive. It is to be noted that the exclusion of the public holiday of Eid-ul-Fitr on 15th June 2018 resulted in the nine-day period being extended by one (1) day and, therefore, ended on 17th June, 2018.

Electoral Lists:

The Preliminary List of Electors posted on 8th June, 2018 contained the names of a total of three thousand, two hundred and thirty-four (3,234) electors. Following the Electoral Registration as mentioned above, the number of electors on the Revised List of Electors which was posted on 22nd June, 2018 increased to three thousand, two hundred and thirty-seven (3,237) eligible electors. A supplemental list was not required.

Nomination Day:

On Nomination Day, 25th June 2018, the political parties identified in the table below each fielded a candidate to contest the Bye-Election. All three (3) prospective candidates were duly nominated (see **Appendix VIII**).

Name of Political Party	Abbreviated Initials	Description of Party Symbol
People's Empowerment Party	PEP	The umbrella, three people-like figures holding aloft an umbrella.
People's National Movement	PNM	An oval with a balisier flower inside, at the base the letters PNM and the words People's National Movement.
United National Congress	UNC	The rising sun over the Trinity Hills above the letters U.N.C.

Nomination Day proceedings went smoothly as a result of the preliminary examination of nomination papers held at the office of the Returning Officer on 14th June, 2018.

Polling Stations:

Seven (7) polling stations were established at five (5) locations in the electoral district for the conduct of the poll.

Staffing:

A total of thirty-eight (38) poll-day staff [thirty-six (36) female and two (2) male] were recruited to work in polling stations on poll day, they having undergone training for three (3) days on 20th, 22nd and 23rd June, 2018.

Poll-Day Complaint:

The People's Empowerment Party alleged that there were election paraphernalia from the People's National Movement (PNM) and the United National Congress (UNC) still up, in close proximity to polling station entrances.

It is to be noted that the Commission is bound by the terms of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01 (the Act). Any offences under that Act are investigated and prosecuted by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service ("TTPS"). In the case of violations or breaches of that Act, the Commission has no jurisdiction to investigate or prosecute any such breaches.

That being said, the Commission proposes to write to the political parties contesting elections, to request that they remove their election paraphernalia that would have been posted close to polling stations during the run-up to poll-day. A listing of the location of polling stations will be provided to assist in the exercise.

Political parties, in particular those who are signatories, will be reminded to commit to *the Code of Ethical Political Conduct* which was developed by the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour in 2014.

Commission Monitoring:

Members of the Commission visited polling stations in the electoral district to witness the opening and operation of polling stations on poll-day, and were satisfied with the arrangements made by the Returning Officer.

Result of the Poll:

The PNM's candidate, Ms. Nicole Madonna Young, was declared elected by the Returning Officer on 17th July, 2018.

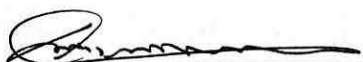
Conclusion:

The Elections and Boundaries Commission is satisfied that the election was conducted according to the Election Rules and the results reflected the will of the electorate.

Yours sincerely



MARK RAMKERRY SINGH
CHAIRMAN



LEWIS W. CHARLES
MEMBER



NOEL KALICHARAN
MEMBER



DANIELLE CHOW
MEMBER



DYLAN KERRIGAN
MEMBER

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BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BELMONT EAST

POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE			NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
		BABB-GONZALES, LIANNA TRINKA U.N.C.	HOLDER, FELICIA P.E.P.	YOUNG, NICOLE MADONNA P.N.M.			
0795	ST. FRANCIS BOYS' COLLEGE NO. 34A BELMONT CIRCULAR ROAD, BELMONT.	32	10	112	154	1	604
0800	BELMONT BOYS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 34B BELMONT CIRCULAR ROAD, BELMONT.	10	1	62	73	0	353
0805	ST. FRANCOIS GIRLS' COLLEGE ST. FRANCOIS VALLEY ROAD, BELMONT.	23	9	82	114	1	519
0810	ST. FRANCOIS GIRLS' COLLEGE ST. FRANCOIS VALLEY ROAD, BELMONT.	23	7	134	164	1	618
*0855	MELVILLE MEMORIAL GIRLS' A.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL ST. MARGARET'S LANE, BELMONT.	20	4	68	92	0	311
	TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD	108	31	458	597	3	2,405

* - Polling Station where the ballots of Special Electors were intermixed (Rule 93 of the Election Rules).

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BELMONT EAST

POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE			NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
		BABB-GONZALES, LIANNA TRINKA U.N.C.	HOLDER, FELICIA P.E.P.	YOUNG, NICOLE MADONNA P.N.M.			
	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	108	31	458	597	3	2,405
0860	BELMONT (ST. FRANCIS) GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL CLIFFORD STREET, BELMONT.	38	8	72	118	1	499
0865	BELMONT (ST. FRANCIS) GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL CLIFFORD STREET, BELMONT.	5	12	64	81	0	333
	TOTALS	151	51	594	796	4	3,237

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a Statement of the Poll showing the number of votes cast for each Candidate, and do on this 17th day of July, 2018
declare NICOLE MADONNA YOUNG elected.

JENNIFER HARVEY-BETHEL
Returning Officer
Electoral District of BELMONT EAST

APPENDIX II

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

SUMMARY OF APPENDIX I

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NUMBER OF THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS	VALID VOTES POLLED	REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	CANDIDATE DECLARED ELECTED AND PARTY AFFILIATION
BELMONT EAST	3,237	796	4	800	NICOLE MADONNA YOUNG - P.N.M.

APPENDIX III

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

**NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
AND ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS (EXTRACTED FROM REVISED LIST)
BELMONT EAST	3,237	18

APPENDIX IV

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE
BELMONT EAST	3,237	800	24.7

APPENDIX V

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF POLLING STATIONS	NO. OF ELECTORS	AVERAGE PER POLLING STATION	NO. OF VOTERS	AVERAGE PER POLLING STATION
BELMONT EAST	7	3,237	462	800	114

APPENDIX VI

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

RESULTS OF THE POLL IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE WINNER

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PARTY AFFILIATION	VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR CANDIDATES	MARGIN OF VICTORY
BELMONT EAST				
LIANNA TRINKA BABB-GONZALES	U.N.C.	151	18.9	443
FELICIA HOLDER	P.E.P.	51	6.4	
NICOLE MADONNA YOUNG	P.N.M.	594	74.2	
REJECTED BALLOTS		4	0.5	
TOTAL VOTES CAST		800	100	

APPENDIX VII

BYE-ELECTION TO THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

COMPOSITION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ELECTORS (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS AS AT 21 ST JUNE, 2018	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ELECTORS		ELECTORATE
		ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	
BELMONT EAST	3,237	0	0	3,237

APPENDIX VIII

BYE-ELECTION TO THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED
IN COLUMN HEADED "PARTY AFFILIATION" THE ABBREVIATIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:-

P.E.P. - PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT PARTY P.N.M. - PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT U.N.C. - UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PARTY AFFILIATION	SYMBOL
BELMONT EAST	LIANNA TRINKA BABB- GONZALES	137 BELMONT CIRCULAR ROAD, BELMONT	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	U.N.C.	THE RISING SUN OVER THE TRINITY HILLS ABOVE THE LETTERS U.N.C.
	FELICIA HOLDER	26 CARR STREET, BELMONT	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	P.E.P	THE UMBRELLA, THREE PEOPLE-LIKE FIGURES HOLDING ALOFT AN UMBRELLA
	NICOLE MADONNA YOUNG	8 BOISSIERE LANE, BELMONT	GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR	P.N.M.	AN OVAL WITH A BALISIER FLOWER INSIDE, AT THE BASE THE LETTERS PNM AND THE WORDS PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT

APPENDIX IX

BYE-BYE-ELECTION TO THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

NAMES OF RETURNING OFFICER AND BYE-ELECTION CLERK

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF RETURNING OFFICER	OCCUPATION	NAME OF ELECTION CLERK	OFFICIAL ADDRESS
BELMONT EAST	JENNIFER HARVEY-BETHEL	DIRECTOR - FINANCE & ACCOUNTS (AG.)	KARL BAIRD	123 HENRY STREET, PORT-OF-SPAIN

APPENDIX X

BYE-ELECTION TO THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018 PARTICULARS, REFUND OR FORFEITURE OF CANDIDATES' DEPOSITS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES POLLED	1/8 OF TOTAL NO. OF VOTES POLLED	REFUND OR FORFEITURE OF DEPOSIT ACCORDING TO BYE-ELECTION RULE 13 (2)		
			CANDIDATE'S NAME	VOTES RECEIVED	REFUND/FORFEITURE
BELMONT EAST	796	100	LIANNA TRINKA BABB-GONZALES	151	REFUND
			FELICIA HOLDER	51	FORFEITURE
			NICOLE MADONNA YOUNG	594	REFUND

APPENDIX XI

BYE-ELECTION TO THE PORT-OF-SPAIN CORPORATION, 2018

RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED DURING THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION : 8TH-17TH JUNE, 2018

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS EFFECTED	NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS	
		INTERNAL	EXTERNAL
BELMONT EAST	0	03	01