Special City Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall – 520 East Ocean Blvd. Los Fresnos, TX 78566
https://cityoflosfresnos.com/meetings

NOTICE OF SAID MEETING IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. VISITORS REMARKS

To speak, you must sign in with the City Secretary prior to the meeting. You have a limit of 5 minutes to speak.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation declaring February as Los Fresnos Rodeo Month.
2. Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation declaring June 17, 2027 as International Domestic Workers Day.
3. Recognition of Council Member Albert Escobedo for their years of service to the community.
4. Canvass of November 3, 2026 General Election Returns.
5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution Canvassing the Returns of the General Election held on November 3, 2026; declaring the results for Council Member Place 1; and declaring the necessity of a runoff election for Mayor.
6. Oath of Office for newly elected officials.
7. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Order of Runoff Election and Notice of Runoff Election for the December 12, 2026, City Runoff Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in polling locations, dates, times, and other election-related matters as may be required by the Texas Secretary of State or the Cameron County Elections Office.
8. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to negotiate, execute, and/or amend the elections agreement with Cameron County as necessary; and authorize the City Manager to prepare and present any required budget amendment to appropriate funds for the City's share of election-related costs for the December 12, 2026 Runoff Election.

E. ADJOURNMENT

This is to certify that I, Jacqueline Moya, posted this agenda on the front bulletin board of the City Hall and the city website at www.cityoflosfresnos.com on November 10, 2026 on or before 5:30 p.m. and it shall remain so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

/s/ Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

Persons with any disabilities that would like to attend meetings must notify City Secretary 24 hours in advance so that the City can make arrangements for that disabled person.

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation declaring February as Los Fresnos Rodeo Month.

Recommendation:

Councilmember Escobedo sponsored this proclamation and will present it.

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FEBRUARY AS LOS FRESNOS RODEO MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Los Fresnos proudly recognizes the Los Fresnos Rodeo as a treasured community tradition that celebrates the rich ranching and agricultural heritage of our region and showcases the values, culture, and spirit of South Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Los Fresnos Rodeo was established in 1990 through the vision and dedication of community leaders who sought to create a signature event for Los Fresnos, and what began as an event with seating for 800 spectators attracted more than 1,500 rodeo fans in its inaugural year; and

WHEREAS, through the commitment of volunteers, directors, sponsors, and community supporters, the Los Fresnos Rodeo has grown into the "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas," now featuring approximately 4,668 seats, including reserved seating, box seats, and VIP sky boxes, and welcoming thousands of visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the Los Fresnos Rodeo Committee is a nonprofit organization comprised of dedicated directors and associate directors who work year-round to preserve western traditions, provide family-oriented entertainment, and support the continued success of this premier event; and

WHEREAS, since establishing its scholarship program in 2004, the Los Fresnos Rodeo Committee has awarded more than $243,000 in scholarships to deserving students, demonstrating a lasting commitment to education and the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo has expanded to include concerts featuring nationally known entertainers, a full-size carnival, market days, live music, the annual Rodeo Queen program in partnership with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show, and numerous family-friendly activities that make the event one of the region's most anticipated celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Los Fresnos Rodeo continues to bring positive recognition to the City of Los Fresnos through its growth and achievements, including sold-out performances for five consecutive years and statewide honors from the Texas Pro Rodeo Circuit as one of Texas' outstanding rodeo committees; and

WHEREAS, each February, the Los Fresnos Rodeo, parade, concerts, carnival, and related events bring together residents, businesses, visitors, and community organizations, generating economic activity and fostering community pride throughout the City of Los Fresnos; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, do hereby proclaim the month of February as

"LOS FRESNOS RODEO MONTH"

in the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, and encourage all citizens to celebrate and support the Los Fresnos Rodeo Committee, its volunteers, sponsors, participants, and supporters for their continued dedication to preserving our western heritage, investing in our youth, and strengthening our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, to be affixed this _____ day of February, 2027.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation declaring June 17, 2027 as International Domestic Workers Day.

Recommendation:

Council Member Escobedo has sponsored this proclamation and will present it.

PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY
JUNE 16, 2027

WHEREAS, domestic workers play an essential role in strengthening families, supporting households, and sustaining communities through their work as caregivers, nannies, housekeepers, home care providers, and other in-home service professionals; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers provide vital care for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, helping residents maintain independence, dignity, and quality of life within their homes; and

WHEREAS, domestic work is a skilled profession that contributes significantly to the well-being of families and the economic vitality of communities, making it possible for countless individuals to participate in the workforce and civic life; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million domestic workers across the United States perform this essential work, and the majority are women, many of whom are immigrants and individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds who enrich and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers have historically faced challenges in receiving the same workplace protections and recognition afforded to many other professions, despite the invaluable services they provide; and

WHEREAS, International Domestic Workers Day is observed annually on June 16 to recognize the contributions, dignity, and rights of domestic workers around the world and to promote greater awareness of their importance to families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Fresnos recognizes the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of domestic workers and expresses its appreciation for their contributions to the quality of life and well-being of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2027, as

"INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY"

in the City of Los Fresnos and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the valuable contributions of domestic workers and to support efforts that promote dignity, respect, and fair treatment for all workers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2027.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Recognition of Council Member Albert Escobedo for their years of service to the community.

Recommendation:

I would like to take a moment to personally recognize and thank Council Member Albert Escobedo for his service to the City of Los Fresnos from November 2023 through November 2026. Over the past almost four months, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Escobedo, and I want to sincerely thank him for his support, his willingness to get to know me, and his openness to working together for the benefit of our community. I truly appreciate the time, commitment, and dedication he has given to our City. Mr. Escobedo, it has been a pleasure working with you, and I wish you and your family continued success and many blessings.

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Canvass of November 3, 2026 General Election Returns.

Recommendation:

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution Canvassing the Returns of the General Election held on November 3, 2026; declaring the results for Council Member Place 1; and declaring the necessity of a runoff election for Mayor.

Recommendation:

Mayor and Council, this resolution formally canvasses and certifies the results of the November 3, 2026 General Election. Based on the official election returns, Ms. Eva Abrego Garcia received the highest number of votes for Council Member Place 1 and is declared elected. Additionally, since no mayoral candidate received the required majority of votes, a runoff election between Mayor Alejandro Flores and Ms. Amber Arriaga is necessary. This action allows the City to officially certify the election results and proceed with the runoff election in accordance with state law and our City Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, DECLARING THE RESULTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR MAYOR

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF LOS FRESNOS §

On this the 17th day of November, 2026, the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas convened in a Special Meeting open to the public at the regular meeting place thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor _____
Councilmember Place 1 _____
Councilmember Place 2 _____
Councilmember Place 3 _____
Councilmember Place 4 _____
Councilmember Place 5 _____

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

and the following absent: _____, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had were the following: _____ introduced this Resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____, and the motion carrying with it the adoption of the Resolution prevailed by the following vote: AYES: _____ NOES: _____

The Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas has investigated all matters pertaining to the General Election held on November 3, 2026, including the returns and election records; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the election was duly called, notice was given in accordance with law, proper election officers were appointed, and the election was held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Charter of the City of Los Fresnos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS, TEXAS:

Section 1. Canvass of Election Returns

The City Council hereby officially canvasses and declares the results of the General Election held on November 3, 2026. The City Council finds that there were 2,080 duly qualified votes cast for the office of Mayor and that the candidates received the following votes:

FOR MAYOR

Name of Candidate	Total Number of Votes Received
Amber Arriaga	740
Alejandro Flores	825
Nataly Ramos	515

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FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1

Name of Candidate	Total Number of Votes Received
Eva Abrego Garcia	1,180
Albert "AL" Escobedo	702

Section 2. Declaration of Election Results

The City Council hereby finds and declares that Eva Abrego Garcia received the highest number of votes cast for Council Member Place 1 and is therefore duly elected to serve a three-year term as Council Member Place 1, subject to taking the oath of office and satisfying all other legal requirements.

Section 3. Runoff Election for Mayor

The City Council further finds that no candidate for the office of Mayor received a majority of the votes cast as required by the Charter of the City of Los Fresnos and applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Accordingly, a runoff election shall be held between Amber Arriaga and Alejandro Flores, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office of Mayor in the November 3, 2026 General Election.

The runoff election shall be ordered and conducted on the date prescribed by the Texas Election Code and in accordance with all applicable state laws and the Charter of the City of Los Fresnos.

Section 4. Open Meetings Compliance

It is further found and determined that in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, for at three (3) business days preceding the scheduled meeting time.

A copy of such notice shall be attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting for all purposes.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2026.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

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ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Oath of Office for newly elected officials.

Recommendation:

ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve the Order of Runoff Election and Notice of Runoff Election for the December 12, 2026, City Runoff Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in polling locations, dates, times, and other election-related matters as may be required by the Texas Secretary of State or the Cameron County Elections Office.

Recommendation:

Good evening, Mayor and Council Members,

- This item is to formally approve the Order and Notice of Runoff Election scheduled for December 12, 2026.
- As Council is aware, the November 3 election resulted in a runoff for the position of Mayor between incumbent Alejandro Flores and Amber Arriaga.
- This action will allow the City to move forward with the necessary preparations and coordination with the Cameron County Elections Office.
- The item also authorizes our City Secretary to make any necessary administrative adjustments to polling locations, dates, times, and other election-related matters, as required by the Texas Secretary of State or Cameron County Elections Office.
- This will help ensure the City remains in compliance with applicable election requirements and that the runoff election is conducted in an orderly and timely manner.

Staff recommends approval of the Order and Notice of Runoff Election.

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NOTICE OF CITY OF LOS FRESNOS RUNOFF ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE DESEMPATE DE LA CIUDAD DE LOS FRESNOS)

To the registered voters of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Los Fresnos, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2026, for voting in a Runoff Election for the office of Mayor of the City of Los Fresnos. The candidates entitled to appear on the runoff ballot are: Amber Arriaga and Alejandro Flores (Notifiquese por la presente que las casillas electorales indicadas a continuación estarán abiertas de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de diciembre de 2026, para votar en una Elección de Desempate para el cargo de Alcalde de la Ciudad de Los Fresnos. Los candidatos que aparecerán en la boleta electoral son Alejandro Flores y Amber Arriaga.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCIÓN DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Precinct 3
Los Fresnos Community Center
204 N. Brazil Street
Los Fresnos, Texas 78566

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the location listed below. Early voting will begin on November 30, 2026 and continue through December 8, 2026: Los Fresnos Community Center, 204 N. Brazil Street, Los Fresnos, Texas 78566
(La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se llevará a cabo en el lugar indicado anteriormente. La votación anticipada comenzará el 30 de noviembre de 2026 y continuará hasta el 8 de diciembre de 2026.)

Date (fecha)	Hours (horas)
Monday, November 30, 2026 through Friday, December 4, 2026 (lunes 30 de noviembre de 2026 al viernes 4 de diciembre de 2026)	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5, 2026 (sábado 5 de diciembre de 2026)	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 7, 2026 through Tuesday, December 8, 2026 (lunes 7 de diciembre de 2026 al martes 8 de diciembre de 2026)	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Elections Administrator
P.O. Box 3587
Brownsville, Texas 78523
Email: elections@co.cameron.tx.us
Website: www.cameronvotes.com
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on December 1, 2026. (Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones del 1 de diciembre de 2026.)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on: December 1, 2026
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberá recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el: (1 de diciembre de 2026))

Issued this 17th day of November, 2026.
(Emitido este 17 de noviembre de 2026.)

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

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ORDER OF RUNOFF ELECTION
(ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN DE DESEMPATE)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on December 12, 2026, for the purpose of conducting a runoff election for the office of Mayor of the City of Los Fresnos. The candidates entitled to appear on the runoff ballot are: Amber Arriaga and Alejandro Flores
(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección de desempate el 12 de diciembre de 2026 para el cargo de Alcalde de la Ciudad de Los Fresnos. Los candidatos que aparecerán en la boleta electoral son:) Amber Arriaga and Alejandro Flores

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on weekdays at the Los Fresnos Community Center, 204 N. Brazil Street, Los Fresnos, Texas for the December 12, 2026 Runoff Election, beginning on November 30, 2026 and ending on December 8, 2026.
(La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en el Centro Comunitario de Los Fresnos, ubicado en 204 N. Brazil Street, Los Fresnos, Texas para la Elección de Desempate del 12 de diciembre de 2026, comenzando el 30 de noviembre de 2026 y terminando el 8 de diciembre de 2026.)

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Monday, December 7, 2026 through Tuesday, December 8, 2026 (lunes 7 de diciembre de 2026 al martes 8 de diciembre de 2026)	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The polling place for Election Day voting, shall be: (La casilla electoral para el Día de la Elección, será:)

Los Fresnos Community Center
204 N. Brazil Street
Los Fresnos, Texas 78566

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán por correo deberán enviarse a:)
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Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on: December 1, 2026
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberá recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el: (1 de diciembre de 2026))

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

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Member of Council Place 1

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Member of Council Place 2

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Member of Council Place 3

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Member of Council Place 4

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Member of Council Place 5

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ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to negotiate, execute, and/or amend the elections agreement with Cameron County as necessary; and authorize the City Manager to prepare and present any required budget amendment to appropriate funds for the City's share of election-related costs for the December 12, 2026 Runoff Election.

Recommendation:

Good evening, Mayor and Council Members,

- This item is to authorize the City Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend our existing election services agreement with Cameron County for the December 12 runoff election.
- Our existing agreement already includes provisions for a runoff election, allowing us to continue utilizing Cameron County's election services.
- Cameron County has provided an estimated total election cost of $32,121.10, which includes election personnel, equipment, supplies, administrative expenses, and other related services.
- The County's proposal reflects a deposit of $12,672, leaving an estimated balance of $19,449.10. We anticipate receiving an invoice from Cameron County for the required payment.
- This authorization will also allow us to prepare and present any necessary budget amendment for Council consideration to cover the City's share of election expenses.
- This will ensure we can meet the County's requirements and proceed with the runoff election without unnecessary delays.

Staff recommends approval of this item.

REPORT OF CONTRACTED EXPENSES FOR THE COUNTY ELECTIONS SERVICE CONTRACTS

ELECTIONS SERVICES FOR December 12, 2026 ELECTION
COUNTY, CAMERON, TEXAS, CONTRACTING City of Los Fresnos

ELECTION	RUNOFF	RECOUNT
☑ ESTIMATE	☐ ESTIMATE	☐ ESTIMATE
☐ FINAL COST	☐ FINAL COST	☐ FINAL COST

SECTION A

A1 TAB 1	Letter from Administrator, Report of Contracted Expenses, Deposit	
A2 TAB2	Jurisdiction voter turnout	2,500
A3 TAB 3	Number of election day polling places (excluding early voting)	1
A4 TAB 4	Number of early voting stations	1
A5 TAB 5	Number of Ballots (include early voting ballots; do not include sample/test ballots)	4,000
A6 TAB 6	Number of Poll Workers	12

SECTION B		
B1 TAB 7	Personnel-Overtime, Extra Help, Additional Extra Help, IT Technical Support, Security, Early Voting, Election Day, Trainings, Delivery, Ballot Boards, Central Count, Phone Banking (6004, 6005, 6006, 6007, 6008, 6011, 6012)	$ 20,000.00
B2 TAB 8	Election Supplies (6014, 4607)	$ 500.00
B3 TAB 9	Transportation of Voting equipment, supplies and mileage (6016, 6050)	$ 100.00
B4 TAB 10	Professional Services (6045)	$ 0.00
B5 TAB 11	Network Communications & Mobile Phones (6048, 6047)	$ 51.00
B6 TAB 12	Postage (6049)	$ 50.00
B7 TAB 13	Advertising (6054)	$ 500.00
B8 TAB 14	Printing & Binding (Ballots Only 6055)	$ 1,000.00
B9 TAB 15	Real Estate & Equipment Rental (6068, 6069)	$ 0.00
B10 TAB 16	Rental of County owned equipment per unit or electronic voting system equipment installed at the polling locations and central Counting station (DS200, DS450 and Automarks (4607)	$ 3,000.00
B11 TAB 17	Data Processing (6077)	$ 3,500.00
B12 TAB 18	Miscellaneous (any expenses legally necessary for the conduct of the election which cannot be reported elsewhere in the report)(6014,6025, 6033)	$ 500.00

SECTION B CONTINUED

Total Cost of Contracted Expenses	$ 29,201.00
County Election Services Contract Admin Fee (up to the total contracted expenses)	$ 2,920.10
Total Cost of Contracted Election	$ 32,121.10
Applied Deposit	$ 12,672.00
Final Amount Due	$ 19,449.10

I,**Remi Garza**, Elections Administrator, Hereby Certify that the cost on this invoice are true and correct representation of the actual expenses directly attributable to the election services provided to Cameron County, Texas City of Los Fresnos contracting entity and the 10% general supervision fee consistent with Section 31.100, Texas Election

Remi Garza
County Elections Administrator

11/6/26
Date

REPORT OF CONTRACTED EXPENSES FOR THE

COUNTY ELECTIONS SERVICE CONTRACTS

ELECTIONS SERVICES FOR November 3, 2026 ELECTION

COUNTY, CAMERON, TEXAS, CONTRACTING City of Los Fresnos

ELECTION	RUNOFF	RECOUNT
☑ ESTIMATE	☐ ESTIMATE	☐ ESTIMATE
☐ FINAL COST	☐ FINAL COST	☐ FINAL COST

SECTION A

A1 TAB 1	Letter from Administrator, Report of Contracted Expenses, Deposit	
A2 TAB2	Jurisdiction voter turnout	
A3 TAB 3	Number of election day polling places (excluding early voting)	2
A4 TAB 4	Number of early voting stations	18
A5 TAB 5	Number of Ballots (include early voting ballots; do not include sample/test ballots)	
A6 TAB 6	Number of Poll Workers	100

SECTION B		
B1 TAB 7	Personnel-Overtime, Extra Help, Additional Extra Help, IT Technical Support, Security, Early Voting, Election Day, Trainings, Delivery, Ballot Boards, Central Count, Phone Banking (6004, 6005, 6006, 6007, 6008, 6011, 6012)	$ 7,000.00
B2 TAB 8	Election Supplies (6014, 4607)	$ 1,500.00
B3 TAB 9	Transportation of Voting equipment, supplies and mileage (6016, 6050)	$ 500.00
B4 TAB 10	Professional Services (6045)	$ 500.00
B5 TAB 11	Network Communications & Mobile Phones (6048, 6047)	$ 500.00
B6 TAB 12	Postage (6049)	$ 150.00
B7 TAB 13	Advertising (6054)	$ 500.00
B8 TAB 14	Printing & Binding (Ballots Only 6055)	$ 2,000.00
B9 TAB 15	Real Estate & Equipment Rental (6068, 6069)	$ 500.00
B10 TAB 16	Rental of County owned equipment per unit or electronic voting system equipment installed at the polling locations and central Counting station (DS200, DS450 and Automarks (4607)	$ 3,000.00
B11 TAB 17	Data Processing (6077)	$ 1,000.00
B12 TAB 18	Miscellaneous (any expenses legally necessary for the conduct of the election which cannot be reported elsewhere in the report)(6014,6025, 6033)	$ 1,000.00

SECTION B CONTINUED

Total Cost of Contracted Expenses	$ 18,150.00
County Election Services Contract Admin Fee (up to the total contracted expenses)	$ 1,815.00
Total Cost of Contracted Election	$ 19,965.00
Applied Deposit	$ 0.00
Final Amount Due	$ 19,965.00

I, **Remi Garza**, Elections Administrator, Hereby Certify that the cost on this invoice are true and correct representation of the actual expenses directly attributable to the election services provided to Cameron County, Texas City of Los Fresnos contracting entity and the 10% general supervision fee consistent with Section 31.100, Texas Election

Remi Garza
County Elections Administrator

07/08/26
Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS § Contract No.

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS
CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

FOR A JOINT ELECTION TO BE HELD WITH CAMERON COUNTY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

I. JURISDICTION

The City of Los Fresnos (the Participating Authority) has called an election for November 3, 2026 in one (1) county election precinct (s) and proposes to open one (1) Election Day polling location (s).

II. ADMINISTRATION

Cameron County agrees to coordinate, supervise and handle all aspects of administering the election as a joint election in accordance with provisions in the Texas Election Code and as outlined in this agreement. The Participating Authority agrees to pay Cameron County for equipment, supplies, services and administrative costs as outlined in this agreement. The Cameron County Elections Administrator will serve as administrator for the Election; however, the Participating Authority remains responsible for the lawful conduct of their elections and for the notice to their electorate of any changes in single-member district boundaries from previous elections.

III. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

The Participating Authority will be responsible for preparation, adoption and publication of all required election orders, resolutions, notices and any other pertinent documents required by their pertaining governing bodies.

Preparation of necessary bilingual materials for notices and preparation of the text for the official ballot will also be the responsibility of the Participating Authority. The Participating Authority will provide a copy of their election notices to the County Elections Administrator.

IV. VOTING LOCATIONS

The County Commissioners' Court will select and arrange for the use of and payment for all voting locations. Voting locations will be, whenever possible, the usual voting locations for the precincts. The proposed voting locations are listed in Attachment "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. In the event a voting location is not available, the Elections Administrator will arrange for the use of an alternate location with the approval of the Participating Authority. The Elections Administrator will notify the Participating Authority of any changes from the locations listed in Attachment A.

The Elections Administrator may send the Participating Authority a final version of Attachment A which reflects the actual locations to be used on the day of the election if changes become necessary.

V. ELECTION JUDGES, CLERKS AND OTHER ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate for each polling location under the advisement of each Participating Authority. The Election Administrator shall arrange for the training and compensation of all presiding judges and clerks. The proposed election judges are listed in Attachment "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. If a person is unable or unwilling to serve, the Elections Administrator will name a judge for the precinct.

The Elections Administrator will send the Participating Authority an updated version of Attachment "B", which reflects the names of judges who were sent the letter requesting services for this election, and a final version of Attachment "B" which reflects the names of the judges who actually presided on the day of the election.

The election judges are responsible for picking up election supplies at the time and place determined by the Elections Department (which will be set forth in the election judge letter requesting services for this election.)

For Election Day staffing of the Polling Locations, the presiding judge will receive up to $17.00 per hour, alternate judge up to $16.00 per hour and the election clerks up to $15.00 per hour (for a maximum of 16 hours). The election workers will receive compensation for attending the election training session and $60.00 for delivery of ballots and supplies to the designated sites after the polls close.

The Elections Administrator will employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies and equipment during the period of early voting and on Election Day.

VI. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND PRINTING

The Elections Department will arrange for the delivery of programmed and tested equipment to the voting locations. The Participating Authority will provide current district maps. The Elections Administrator will instruct the election judges in the reporting precincts that may have more than one ballot style on the procedures to properly conduct the election.

The Participating Authority will furnish the Elections Administrator with a list of candidates and or propositions showing the order and the exact manner in which their names and/or proposition(s) are to appear on the official ballot. The list will be delivered to the Elections Administrator as soon as possible after the Participating Authority has determined ballot positions. The Participating Authority will be responsible for proofreading and approving the ballot in so far as it pertains to that authority's candidates and/or propositions.

VII. EARLY VOTING

Remi Garza, Elections Administrator, will be appointed as early voting clerk in compliance with Section 31.097 of the Texas Election Code. Deputy early voting clerks will be appointed as needed to conduct early voting at the main and branch locations. Each early voting supervisor will receive up to $17.00 per hour and the clerks up to $16.00 per hour. The early voting supervisor and the clerks will receive compensation for attending the election training session and $30.00 for delivery of election supplies to the designated sites.

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday from Monday, October 19, 2026 through Friday, October 30, 2026, and on the intervening weekend(s) depending on location. Please see locations, dates and hours of operation listed for each location in Attachment C:

Persons voting by mail will send their request and voted ballots to: Cameron County Elections Department
P. O. Box 3587
Brownsville, Texas 78523.

All ballots voted by mail will be prepared for counting by an early voting ballot board appointed in accordance with Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code.

The Participating Authority agrees to appoint Laura Lee Ortiz as presiding judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. A list of members will be furnished to the Participating Authority. The Early Voting Ballot Board will convene as the Late Ballot Board to consider properly postmarked overseas military ballots to be delivered, corrected ballots by mail and any provisional ballots cast.

VIII. RETURNS OF ELECTIONS

The Elections Department will be responsible for establishing and operating the Central Counting Station to receive and tabulate the voted ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this agreement.

The Participating Authority, in accordance with Sections 127.002, 127.003, and 127.005 of the Texas Election Code, appoints the following Central Counting Station officials:

Manager	Remi Garza, County Elections Administrator
Presiding Judge	Deborah Sloss
Tabulating Supervisor	Mary Vasquez

The manager or his representative will deliver timely cumulative reports of the election results as precincts are tabulated. The manager will be responsible for releasing cumulative totals and precinct returns from the election to the participating authorities, the press, and general public. Cameron County will operate an election result center (Central Count) to release election results at the County Courthouse, Central Jury Room, 974 East Harrison, Brownsville, Texas. The Participating Authority, upon request, may require release of returns be given only at a specified location other than from the result center.

The Cameron County Elections Department will prepare the unofficial canvass report after all precincts have been counted, and will deliver a copy of the unofficial canvass to the Participating Authority as soon as possible after all returns have been tabulated. Each participant will be responsible for the official canvass of their elections.

IX. ELECTION EXPENSES

A general administrative fee not to exceed 10% of the total cost of the election shall be assessed as authorized by the Texas Election Code, Sec. 31.100.

Final election expenses will be determined within 90 days after the election. The Elections Administrator will provide each Participating Authority a final accounting in writing of all funds deposited into their account and an accounting of all payments from each Participating Authority's account.

If additional funds are needed, the Elections Administrator will bill each Participating Authority in accordance with the expense formula previously agreed to by the Participating Authority. Any amount remaining will be refunded accordingly to each Participating Authority.

In the event of cancellation of this election, the Elections Administrator may assess charges for costs incurred and services rendered in preparation for the election.

X. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

The Participating Authority agrees to deposit with the Cameron County Elections Administrator, by no later than August 28, 2026, a sum equal to 60% of the total estimated cost (Attachment D) of election expenses to be paid to Cameron County as administrator of the election. The final payment to be paid within 30 days after receipt of the summary of final cost submitted to the Participating Authority by the Office of the Elections Administrator. The funds will be placed in a special election account to be used by the County for paying expenses as outlined in this agreement. No funds will be expended by Cameron County except for supplies and services outlined in this agreement, or except as may be agreed to, in writing, by the Participating Authority.

The estimated cost is $ 19,965.00. The amount to be deposited is $ 11, 979.00. Deposits should be delivered to:

Remi Garza
County Elections Administrator
1050 E. Madison St.
P. O. Box 3587
Brownsville, Texas 78520

XI. RECORDS OF THE ELECTION

Remi Garza, Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed general custodian of the voted ballots and all records of the Election as authorized by Section 271.010 of the Texas Election Code.

Access to the election records will be available to each Participating Authority as well as to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Government Code, at the Elections Department, 954 E. Harrison, Brownsville, Texas, at any time during normal business hours. The Elections Administrator shall ensure that the records are maintained in an orderly manner, so that records are clearly identifiable and retrievable per records storage container.

Records of the election will be retained and disposed of in accordance with the records retention schedules which may have been adopted by each Participating Authority, and in accordance with the provisions of Title 6, Subtitle C, Chapters 201 through 205, Texas Local Government Code, including the minimum retention requirements established by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. If records of the election are involved in any pending election contest, investigation, litigation, or Texas Public Request, the Election Administrator shall maintain the records until final resolution or until final judgment, whichever is applicable. It is the responsibility of any Participating Authority to bring to the attention of the Elections Administrator any notice of any pending election contest, investigation, litigation, or Texas Open Records Request which may be filed with a Participating Authority.

XII. RUNOFF ELECTION

In the event a runoff is necessary, the agreement will automatically be extended to cover the runoff. The Elections Administrator will provide participants in the runoff election with an estimate of funds to be deposited in a runoff election account. The funds must be deposited no later than seven (7) days after the runoff estimate figures are received from the Elections Administrator.

XIII. CONTRACT WITHDRAWAL

The participants may withdraw from the election contract in accordance with Sections 2.051, 2.052 and 2.053 of the Texas Election Code. Any expenditure incurred prior to withdrawal shall be billed separately and shall be removed from the contract (see also Section IX of this contract).

XIII. NOTICE

Whenever this agreement requires any consent, approval notice, request or demand, it must be in writing to be effective and shall be delivered to the party intended to receive it as shown below:

Remi Garza
County Elections Administrator
P. O. Box 3587
Brownsville, Texas 78523

Jacqueline Moya
City Secretary
520 E. Ocean Blvd.
Los Fresnos, Texas 78566

Executed on this 14 day of July, 2026.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Eddie Treviño Jr.
County Judge

Date

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY
City of Los Fresnos

Alejandro Flores
Mayor

7/14/26
Date

ATTEST:

7/14/26
Date

REMI GARZA, CERA
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

June 23, 2026

House Bill 2524, SOS Election Advisory No. 2009-14
RE: Conducting Criminal Background Check

PURPOSE:

To secure and ensure the purity of the Elections conducted by the Cameron County Elections/Voter Registration Department.

Certification:

The Cameron County Elections/Voter Registration Office Certifies that a criminal background check has been conducted, in compliance with Texas Election Code § 129.051 (g), enacted by the 81st Texas Legislature in House Bill 2524 and which went into effect on September 1, 2009, on all employees, permanent and temporary, that may program, test, perform maintenance, transport equipment, or perform maintenance, transport equipment, or perform technical support on the voting system equipment for all election has been performed by the Cameron County Office of Human Resources. We report no findings that would prevent our department employees from performing their assigned duties.

Remi Garza, Elections Administrator

7/9/26
Date