

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CARSON §

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Groom Independent School District has ordered the postponement of its general trustee election, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as provided in the Order Postponing May 2, 2020 General Trustee Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Groom Independent School District, a verbatim copy of which is printed below.

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WHEREAS, state and local health officials have strongly recommended that people avoid mass gatherings and attempt to stay distant to avoid the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the District is impacted by this state of emergency and is concerned that the emergency will impact students, parents, staff, the community and the Election; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a proclamation suspending the operation of section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020 to move their general and special elections for 2020 to the next uniform election date of November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office for the directors, and (ii) to suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed its election to November 3, 2020 (the “Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation provides that pursuant to Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, a political subdivision has the authority to make the decision to postpone its election until November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an Executive Order prohibiting social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and closing schools until April 3, 2020, and on March 31, 2020 the Governor issued another Executive Order that, among other things, extended the school closure to May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Governor’s March 13, 2020 disaster declaration, the Proclamation and the Governor’s Executive Orders of March 19 & March 31, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the District believes it is in the best interest of the District and the citizens residing within its boundary to postpone the Election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (“Postponed Election”); and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise its authority pursuant to the Proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.
2. The Election originally called to occur on May 2, 2020 is hereby postponed to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.
3. The candidate filings for the Election will remain valid for the Postponed Election, and the filing period will not be re-opened for the Postponed Election.
4. All Applications for Ballots by Mail (“ABM”) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability remain valid for the Postponed Election.
5. All ABMs for voters who submitted ABMs based on expected absence from the County are NOT valid for the Postponed Election.

6. Trustees who currently hold public offices that are scheduled to be on the ballot for the Election will continue to exercise their duties until new officers, if elected, take their oaths of office following the Postponed Election.
7. On or before August 17, 2020, the Board will Order an Amended Order of Election reflecting any changes to polling places and/or election officials, as necessary, for the Postponed Election.
8. All relevant deadlines and timelines for the November 3, 2020 uniform election date shall apply to the Postponed Election, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - October 5, 2020 - Voter registration deadline.
 - October 23, 2020 - Deadline to submit an ABM.
 - October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020 – Days for early voting by personal appearance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of April, 2020.

/s/
Board President

ATTEST:

/s/
Board Secretary