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PRESS RELEASE – CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Chatham County Board of Elections is diligently working to prepare for the May 19, 2020 General Primary, Non Partisan General Election, and rescheduled Presidential Preference Primary. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has directed that all 6.9 million active Georgia voters will be mailed absentee ballot request forms for the May 19th election. We encourage voters to vote by absentee mail.

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As we work to finalize the ballots, we have a change in the race for Third District County Commissioner. Following a residency challenge, Democratic Candidate Weslyn Mahogany Bowers has withdrawn from the race. Incumbent Commissioner Bobby Lockett and challenger Brian Reese, both Democrats, remain on the ballot. There is no Republican candidate. As such, the May 19, 2020, Primary will determine who will win this County Commission seat in the November 3, 2020, General Election.

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The voter registration deadline is April 20, 2020. Voters may request an absentee ballot through the Board of Registrars and online. The State of Georgia began sending absentee ballot request forms to each of the 6.9 million voters, today, March 31st. Early in-person voting is scheduled to begin on April 27th, and voters can also vote in-person on Election Day May 19th; ~~however~~ However, all voters are encouraged to consider voting by absentee ballot in this election due to COVID-19 health concerns.

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The Board of Elections would like to thank all voters for their patience and understanding through these trying times. Additionally, we thank our dedicated staff and poll workers. Staff is diligently working to prepare ballots, train poll workers, and prepare and deploy Georgia's new voting system, all while taking every precaution available through this extraordinary health crisis. We are proud of their efforts and proud to serve our precious elections process with them.

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