

PRESS RELEASE

POLL CARDS

1 Polling Day is Saturday, 3rd November 2001. Polling commences at 8:00am and closes at 8:00pm.

2 Eligible voters in the contested electoral divisions will begin to receive their poll cards from Friday 26 October. All eligible voters should have received a poll card by Monday 29 October. The poll card will show where a voter needs to go to cast his or her vote. Voters would have to vote in the electoral division corresponding to their NRIC addresses as at 31 August 2001. **Voting is compulsory.**

VOTING

Poll cards are printed in batches of four, to accommodate up to four voters living in the same household. The card should then be cut up as appropriate and distributed among the respective voters. On polling day, bring your poll card and NRIC with you to your designated polling station. On arrival at the polling station, you can identify your specific polling counter (or room) by referring to the polling place number stated on the poll card. Polling officials will be on hand to direct you to the correct place.

4 If you have not received your poll card by 29 October 2001, or have misplaced it, you may check your polling details by logging onto the Elections Department website at www.elections.gov.sg or make an enquiry at a nearby community centre. The hotline for community centres is Tel: 8381266. If you are required to vote, simply note down the location of your respective polling station and polling place number, and go there, with your NRIC, to cast your vote.

5 The following categories of persons will not receive poll cards:-

- a) Voters in uncontested electoral divisions;
- b) Citizens whose names are not in the current Registers of Electors;
- c) Voters who failed to vote at previous Presidential and Parliamentary elections and who have not restored their names to the Registers of Electors;
- d) Citizens who were less than 21 years of age on 31 August 2001;

- e) Persons who were issued with Singapore citizenship certificates or pink identity cards, and thus became Singapore citizens, after 31 August 2001; and
- f) Holders of non-citizen (blue) Singapore identity cards.

6 **VOTING FOR THE ELDERLY & INVALID**

6.1 Voters who are 65 years old and above on 31 December 2001 and invalids will be given priority to enable them to vote expeditiously at the polling station.

6.2 Voters who are 65 years old and above on 31 December 2001 can be identified by the symbol ">>>" printed on their poll cards.

TAN BOON HUAT
RETURNING OFFICER
25 OCTOBER 2001

1700HOURS