

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

**NOTIFICATION**

*Islamabad, the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023*

**No.3(5)/2022-LGE-S:** - Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 140(A) and 219 (d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Section 219(4) of the Elections Act, 2017, sub-section (2) of Section 34 of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 12 of the Sindh Local Councils (Election) Rules, 2015 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the schedule for Bye-Election of Local Government Elections in Sindh Province on Direct seats of districts **Karachi South, Karachi East and Khairpur**, which have been notified by this Commission vide notification No. F.3(5)/2023-LGE-S dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023 and calls upon the electors of respective local councils and wards of the above mentioned districts to elect their representatives councils and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

No.	Events	No of Days	Dates
1.	<b>Public Notice</b>		<b>06.10.2023</b>
2.	Date for filing of <b>Nomination Papers</b> with the Returning Officers by the candidates	2-Days	09.10.2023 to 10.10.2023
3.	<b>Publication</b> of names of the nominated candidates	1-Day	11.10.2023
4.	Last date for <b>Scrutiny</b> of nomination papers by the Returning Officers	2- Days	13.10.2023
5.	<b>Publication</b> of List of Validly nominated candidates	1-Day	14.10.2023
6.	dates for <b>filing of appeals</b> against decisions of the Returning Officers (Rejecting /Accepting the nomination papers)	2- Days	15-10-2023 to 16.10.2023
7.	Last date for <b>deciding appeals</b> by the Appellate Tribunals	3- Days	19.10.2023
8.	<b>Publication</b> of revised list of candidates	1-Day	20.10.2023
9.	Last date for <b>withdrawal</b> of candidature and publication of revised list of candidates	1-Day	21.10.2023
10.	Allotment of <b>Election Symbols</b> to contesting candidates	1-Day	23.10.2023
11.	<b>Polling Day</b>	After 12 Days	<b>05-11.2023</b>
12.	Consolidation of result till	3-Days	08.11.2023

2. To ensure that elections to the Local Governments are conducted honestly, justly, fairly in accordance with law and to ensure that the corrupt practices are guarded against, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

- (i) *All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall neither announce any development project nor use State Resources in Local Government Elections calculated to influence the elections in favor of a particular candidate;*




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- (ii) If any person in Government Service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of the elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under the law;
- (vii) For Divisions in respect of which election schedule of local government elections has been issued, **no transfers / postings of the government officers and officials** including those of Autonomous Bodies/Authorities shall be made without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results;
- (viii) The Election Officials appointed as District Returning Officers, Returning Offices and Assistant Returning Officers for the Bye-Elections in the above districts by the Commission vide Notification No.....dated.... shall not be transferred or posted till the culmination of election process/notification of returned candidates by the Commission.
- (ix) For Divisions in respect of which election schedule has been issued, **no leave of the government officers and officials** including Autonomous Bodies/ Authorities will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without approval of the Hon'ble Commission.

- Note: i. The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers shall remain open on all public holidays (including Sunday) if any activity provided in the schedule falls on that day.
- ii. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timings will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.
- iii. Polling Hours will be observed from 08:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M
- iv. Appellate Tribunals may start proceedings of hearing/deciding of appeals simultaneously from 15-10-2023 to 19-10-2023

**By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.**

  
**(NAVEED-UR-REHMAN)**  
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