



A Note from your Rescom



COMMUNIQUE 19-2024

SPECIAL VOTING PROCESS

The IEC will be presiding over the casting of special votes in the Lifestyle Centre on 27 and 28 May. The IEC has advised us that due to the number of residents casting special votes, voting is likely to take place over two days. However, we advise you not to rely on that. Before you decide to wait until the last minute on 28 May to come and vote, please phone reception and check the status of the voting. **We will be giving all voters a sticker with a number on it to create a virtual queue so that the process is as comfortable as possible.**

It is expected that there will be two voting booths provided, each with an IEC team monitoring them, set up in the Lifestyle Centre lounge.

For clarification, the voting process is summarised below:

- **Show your green, bar-coded, South African ID book or a temporary identification certificate to the IEC voting officer.**
- The voting officer checks that your name appears on the voters' roll.
- Once the voting officer is satisfied that you have the correct ID, are a registered voter and have not already voted, your name is marked off the roll, your ID is stamped on the second page, and your thumbnail is inked.
- The voting officer stamps the back of the correct number of official ballot papers (in our case, three) and gives them to you.
- **You must make sure that the ballot papers are stamped because unstamped ballot papers will not be counted.**
- At the same time, you will be given two envelopes: one blank and one with space for your name and ID.
- Take your ballot paper/s and envelopes to an empty ballot booth, mark the ballot papers, fold them and place them in the blank envelope.
- **Insert your name and ID number on the second envelope, place the first envelope into this envelope, and place it in the ballot box.**

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Once the voting has been completed, the ballot box is sealed and taken to the voting station for our district in Lombardy Road. The first step in the counting process for special votes is to check the envelopes with the names and ID numbers against the voters list on which those casting votes have been marked off. The envelopes reflecting names are then set aside before the blank envelopes containing the marked ballot papers are opened, and the ballot papers are added to the other ballot paper from the district for counting. There is thus no process that the name of the voter can be linked to a marked ballot paper.

Best

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Chairman