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GECOM RESPONDS TO CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS

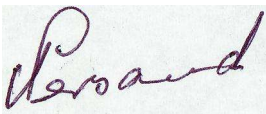
The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has noted with concern that the full page advertisement which called for a boycott of the upcoming elections could serve to discourage persons from becoming registered. In this regard, GECOM wishes to make it absolutely clear that becoming registered is a legal requirement with which eligible persons must comply.

GECOM would like to remind the public that an important consequence of registration is the acquisition of a National Identification Card. Potential registrants must recognize that one can use an ID card for much more than just voting.

A National Identification Card can be used for the following:

1. To obtain a Police Clearance.
2. To transact business at a Bank.
3. To secure a Driver's Licence.
4. To transact business at a Post Office.
5. To secure a Loan.
6. To conduct any Hire Purchase Transaction.
7. To identify yourself when seeking employment.
8. To collect National Insurance benefits.

DO NOT BOYCOTT REGISTRATION.



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