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The Anti-Corruption Commission joins with the Elections Office to launch an Election anti-corruption education campaign

Nomination Day, Monday 1 March 2021, ushered in the official start of the 2021 General Elections Season, which saw the official declaration of fifty (50) electoral candidates contesting for a chance to represent one of the nineteen (19) electoral districts.

Public sentiment leading up to the election season has indicated a desire for more accountability, transparency, better governance and desires to denounce any form of corruption in the Cayman Islands as a whole. On 14 December 2020, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland extended the United Nations Convention Against Corruption to the Cayman Islands. The Convention highlights that whilst corruption can be prosecuted after the fact, the most fundamental approach is one that requires prevention, and enhanced transparency which the Commission has found to be very applicable to the current election season where the financing of election campaigns and political parties are at the forefront and concerns of corruption abound.

The Anti-Corruption Commission and the Elections Office have aligned to launch an anti-corruption education campaign, under the tagline of ACT which stands for Against Corruption Today to promote the participation of the Cayman community to reflect on integrity, transparency and accountability as it relates to the country's public affairs. The campaign addresses voters, candidates and campaign supporters through simplified, attention grabbing graphics and narrative. One specific element presses for accountability by encouraging voters and candidates to affirm a pledge to stand against corruption by denouncing vote buying or selling. The pledge is available for download via the Elections Office website, Facebook page and the Anti-Corruption Commission website, all are encouraged to download, print and take a selfie of themselves with the pledge and post on social media in support of this initiative with the hashtag #ACTCayman2021. Alternatively, pictures can be sent to the Elections Office at office@elections.ky or Anti-Corruption Commission at info@anticorruptioncommission.ky and we'll upload it to the Elections Office Facebook page!

For the complete election education details visit the Anti-Corruption website at <http://www.anticorruptioncommission.ky/education>.

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